

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD



Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the Monarch Herald, your source for updates on new services, events, activities, and other important information in the Town of Highland Park. We aim to keep you informed and engaged with our community. If you have suggestions for topics you'd like to see covered, please let us know. Contact Sofia Tarango, Administrative Assistant, at starango@hptx.org or call (214) 559-9308 with your ideas and recommendations.



Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Residents may place their Christmas tree on the parkway before 7:00 a.m. on regular brush collection days:

- West of Preston Road: Mondays and Thursdays
- East of Preston Road: Tuesdays and Fridays

Please ensure all decorations, especially tinsel, are removed from the tree as it will be mulched at the landfill. Additionally, residents are reminded not to block the tree with parked cars to allow the sanitation crew easy access for collection.

Thank you for your cooperation!

2025 Tennis Permits

A new year means it is time to renew your tennis court permit! You can purchase your permit online at hptx.org/recreation. Permits are \$40 per person and are valid for the entire year. To purchase a permit, you must be a resident of the Town of Highland Park. Residents are required to have a valid permit to reserve and use the tennis and pickleball courts.

Courts	Location
Tennis Court 2	5300 Drexel Drive - Hackberry Creek
Tennis Courts 3, 4, 5*	4525 Edmondson Avenue - Fairfax Park
Tennis Court 7	4501 St. Johns Drive - Davis Park
Tennis Court 8*	4814 Abbott Avenue - Abbott Park

**Courts 5 and 8 are also striped for pickleball*

Tennis Court 1 remains under construction until Spring 2025

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

TOWN HALL OFFICES & LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED





HPDPS to Host Self-Defense Courses in January & February:

The Highland Park Department of Public Safety (DPS) will host a **Women's Self-Defense Course** and a **Senior Self-Defense Course** beginning this month. Both courses are free of charge, and you do not have to be a resident of Highland Park to attend.

Self-defense techniques are perishable skills, so we welcome any former participants to attend for refresher training. For those that may encounter a scheduling conflict, accommodations can be made to ensure all participants feel confident with the course material.

Women's Self-Defense Course

- **Participants:** Females aged 14 and older
- **Schedule:** A 12-hour course held over four sessions
 - **Dates:** Tuesdays—January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
 - **Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Armstrong Elementary School, 3600 Cornell Avenue



Senior Self-Defense Course

- **Participants:** Females and males aged 55 and older
- **Schedule:** A 10-hour course held over five sessions
 - **Dates:** Thursdays—January 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
 - **Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Moody Family YMCA, 6000 Preston Road

Registration Details

To register, participants should complete the [registration form](#) and email it to Lt. Jessa Russell at jrussell@hpdps.org, or drop the form off at:

Highland Park DPS
4700 Drexel Drive
Attention: Lt. Jessa Russell

For participants under 18 years old, a signed parental consent form is required. Former attendees do not need to complete a new registration form but should email Lt. Russell to confirm their intent to attend.

These courses provide an excellent opportunity to learn or refresh essential self-defense skills, and Highland Park DPS looks forward to welcoming participants.

Discover Local Treasures: Check Out Museum Passes at the Library Today!

The Library now offers two exciting museum passes available for cardholders to borrow.

Texas Discovery Gardens

Texas Discovery Gardens is a place where both children and adults can discover and learn about sustaining the natural world. Its vision is to provide a safe, natural oasis where the Dallas community and visitors can explore, experience, entertain, and educate themselves.

The pass will provide **FREE** admission for up to two (2) adults (18 and older) and two (2) children (under 18) in the same party, for a single visit. Please note: excludes gift shop discounts, classes, and the Lektrik Light Show.

The pass is not valid during the State Fair of Texas.

Meadows Museum

The Meadows Museum, a resource of Southern Methodist University, is dedicated to advancing knowledge and understanding of art, with a special focus on Spanish art and works of great aesthetic and historical importance.

The pass will offer **FREE** admission for up to two (2) adults (18 and older) and an unlimited number of youth (under 18) in the same party, for a single visit. It includes access to the permanent collection and any special exhibitions on display.

➤ For more information or to reserve a pass, please contact the library at 214-559-9400. ➤



The Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Winter may have arrived, but there's still plenty of time to escape into a great book! Register now and embark on your next literary adventure. Read or listen to three books and record their titles to complete the challenge. Attendance at any adult library program or event also counts! Simply select one of the program Activity Badges to earn credit for attending an event.

Complete the challenge to be entered into a drawing for one of five winter reading-themed gift bags. The drawing will take place after the challenge ends on March 15, 2025.

Sign up for the challenge at hptx.beanstack.com and start reading today!

Lunch Bunch Book Club

The second Wednesday of every month.
Bring your lunch!

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Envisioning 2025 with Vision Boards - Saturday, January 4 at 1pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall
Manifest your goals and dreams for 2025 by creating a one-of-a-kind vision board. Suitable for adults 18+. [Registration](#) is required.

Lunch Bunch Book Club - Wednesday, January 8 at 12pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall
This month, we will be reading Olympus, Texas by Stacey Swann. She will be joining us virtually to answer questions. Feel free to bring your own lunch to eat while we discuss the book. No food is provided. Suitable for adults 18+. [Registration](#) is appreciated but not required.

Potato Latkes with Personal Chef Scotty MAC - Saturday, January 11 at 11 am, 2nd Floor Town Hall
Enjoy a memorable culinary experience with Chef Scotty as he demonstrates how to make delicious Potato Latkes. Suitable for adults 18+. [Registration](#) is required.

Family Day - Saturday, January 11 at 2 pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall
Families can join the Highland Park Library for an afternoon of fun! Supplies will be provided for open ended crafting and play, and families can mingle with each other. While families are having fun, the SMU KID Lab will delve into their research into childhood development. Suitable for all ages. [Registration](#) appreciated but not required.

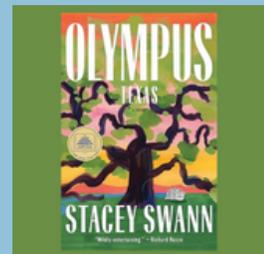
About the SMU KID Lab - The SMU Kids in Development (KID) Lab operates under Southern Methodist University's Department of Psychology and studies how young children grow and learn. Their research focuses on the cognitive and language development of young children, with special interest in technology and digital media.

Dig Those Dinosaurs - Friday, January 17 at 2 pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall
Discover fossils, follow dinosaur tracks and piece together prehistoric clues. Children and parents are welcome to participate in this STEM workshop that focuses on education and fun. This program is available through the Highland Park Library's partnership with the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. Suitable for ages 5+. [Registration](#) is required.

Teen Light Up Embroidery - Saturday, January 25 at 2 pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall
STEM meets textiles in a vibrant introduction to embroidery. Participants will learn to make star-studded pieces that actually light up with the help of embedded electronics. Each teen will get to take home their creation, along with materials needed to finish their work. Suitable for ages 10+. [Registration](#) is required.

Tall Tails - Wednesday, January 29 at 4:30 pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall
Spend one-on-one time and read a story with a furry friend! Children of all reading levels are encouraged to get to know one of Canine Companion's future service dogs. These dogs will one day work alongside people with disabilities to help increase their independence. Each child will get 15 minutes of reading time with their pawsome audience to practice their literacy skills. [Registration](#) is required.

About Canine Companions - Canine Companions was established in 1975 and is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. With six training centers spread across the US, Canine Companions is the largest provider of service dogs in the world. More can be read about their extraordinary work here: <https://canine.org/about/>.



What to Check Out Next?



With a new year often comes a word that can be dreaded for some... **organizing**. The Library has books and tools to support you on your organizing journey. Check out *Love Your Home Again: Organize Your Space and Uncover the Home of Your Dreams* by organizing experts and mother-daughter duo Ann Lightfoot and Kate Pawlowski. This book encourages readers to rethink how they live and work in their spaces, offering practical and personalized organizing solutions.

Tired of junk drawers and containers? You might want to borrow a label maker! The Brother P-touch labeler is lightweight, portable, and easy to use, and it even comes with label tape to get you started. The Library is here to help you transform your space and simplify your life.

Yard Waste Management

Effective yard waste management plays a vital role in maintaining the beauty of our community. This year, the leaf drop has been particularly significant in our area. It's important to keep the street gutters in front of your home clear of debris, as this helps reduce pollution in our waterways.

When leaves accumulate in your gutter, please bag them and place the bags on the front parkway for Wednesday's front collection.

For more information on preventing stormwater pollution, click [here](#).

To learn more about yard waste management, click [here](#).



Need a library card? Town of Highland Park residents can get a library card for free. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit www.hplibrary.info or call (214) 559-9400 for more details



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January 25 @ 2 p.m.

Suitable for ages 10 and up

Please visit our website or email vprice@hplibrary.info to register



JANUARY CALENDAR



Every Tuesday at 11:45 AM: Mindful Meditation - Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.
Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:00 PM: Mindful Movement - Yoga - Class meets at Dyckman Park.
Every Thursday at 10:00 AM: Baby Bounce, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.
Every Thursday at 10:45 AM: Baby Bounce, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.
Every Friday at 10:00 AM: Toddler Story Time, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.
Every Friday at 10:45 AM: Preschool Story Time, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.
***Tickets are required for entry to Story Time on Fridays. Tickets are free and available at the Library Circulation Desk each Friday.*

January 4, Saturday **Envisioning 2025 with Vision Boards** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Suitable for adults 18+. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/envisioning-2025-with-vision-boards-tickets-1106727314189?aff=HPL>.

January 7, Tuesday **Town Council Meeting & Study Session** - Town Hall Council Chambers
8:00 a.m. Agendas are made available online <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>.

January 8, Wednesday **Lunch Bunch Book Club** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Suitable for adults 18+. Registration is encouraged at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-lunch-bunch-book-club-tickets-1092772444799?aff=affiliate8>.

January 11, Saturday **Potato Latkes with Personal Chef Scotty MAC** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Suitable for adults 18+. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/potato-latkes-with-personal-chef-scotty-mac-tickets-1106495410559?aff=affiliate9>.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Family Day** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
Suitable for all ages. Registration is encouraged at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1104712808749?aff=oddttdcreator>.

January 17, Friday **Dig Those Dinos** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Suitable for ages 5+. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dig-those-dinos-tickets-1104906307509?aff=register>.

January 20, Monday **Town Hall offices and Library closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

January 21, Tuesday **Town Council Meeting & Study Session** - Town Hall Council Chambers
8:00 a.m. Agendas are made available online <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>.

January 25, Saturday **Teen Light Up Embroidery** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Suitable for ages 10+. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-light-up-embroidery-tickets-1104915274329?aff=register>.

January 29, Wednesday **Tall Tails** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



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