

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD



Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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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.



Park Cities Recycling Event

 Saturday, May 3 | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 3001 University Blvd,

Drop off documents for shredding, gently used items for donation, and electronics for recycling. No reservation needed!

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-Off Event

 Saturday, May 10 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 3801 Lexington Avenue (HP Pool parking lot)
 HP Residents Only

Accepted items include unused paint cans, chemicals, old cleaners, and any items labeled with hazardous signal words such as *Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Flammable, Reactive, Corrosive, or Toxic.*

Reservations are encouraged by calling Customer Service at (214) 521-4161 during business hours or online at www.hptx.org/recreation.



Water Smarter: When and How to Water Your Lawn

Maintaining a beautiful landscape benefits the entire community, but watering responsibly is just as important. Efficient watering helps conserve resources while keeping your yard healthy.

When Can I Water?

- Hand-watering and soaker hoses are permitted at any time.
- Even numbered addresses: Sundays & Thursdays before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.
- Odd numbered addresses: Saturday & Wednesday before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.

How Do I Know if I'm Watering Too Much or Too Little?

Highland Park residents can use the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Water My Yard program for expert guidance. The tool collects local weather data through an extensive network of weather stations and rain gauges to recommend optimal watering schedules. Learn more at [WaterMyYard.org](https://www.watermyyard.org).

For additional water conservation tips, visit the Town's [website](#).

DIVE INTO THE 2025 Swim Season

Get ready to soak up the sun, cool off in the pool, and enjoy another fantastic season of swimming!

Beginning **Monday, March 31**, you can purchase your 2025 Swimming Pool Permit and register for Private Swim Lessons and the Swim Conditioning Program.



Permit Details:

- Cost: \$60/person for families up to 4 members (\$30 for each additional family member when in the same transaction).
- Valid: April 15 – November 26

To purchase your permit and register for programs, visit: www.hptx.org/recreation.

View the full 2025 Swim Season Schedule [here](#).

For more information on aquatics programs, visit: [HP Swim Programs](#).

HIGHLAND PARK SWIMMING POOL



SWIM PERMITS

\$60/person

Up to 4 Family Members

(\$30/person for extra family members when purchased in the same transaction)

DAY PASSES

Day passes available for residents and their guests

\$7/person/day

SWIM CONDITIONING PROGRAM

Master competitive strokes, dives, starts, flip turns, and endurance!

Participants must swim the length of pool and back to qualify.

\$70/week or \$350/full program

May 27th - Aug 1st (except week of July 1)

Tues-Fri | 10:30am-11:30am

Ages 6+

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Enjoy personalized instruction with our private swim lessons!

\$280/2 weeks

May 27th - August 1st

Tues-Fri | 30-minute daily sessions

Ages 4+

Purchase permits and register for classes beginning March 31st at hptx.org/recreation



DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

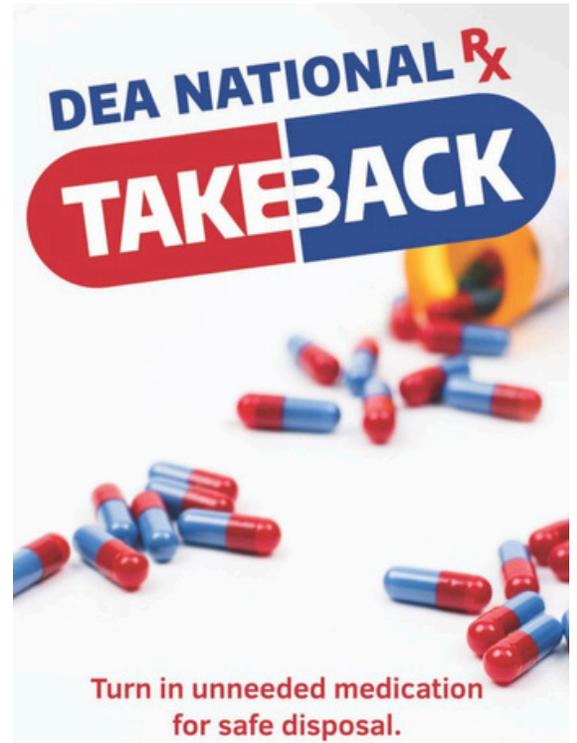
The DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day offers a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications while raising awareness about the risks of medication misuse. Since its launch in 2010, this initiative, in collaboration with state, local, tribal law-enforcement agencies and community partners, has successfully removed over **19 million pounds** of prescription medications from circulation.

Upcoming National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Event

 Saturday, April 26 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

 Town Hall, 4700 Drexel Drive

Clear out your medicine cabinet by dropping off expired, unused, or unwanted medications at the designated collection site in front of Town Hall. Please note: Sharps (e.g., needles, syringes) cannot be accepted due to disposal restrictions.



Year-Round Take-Back Drop Box

For those unable to attend the event, Highland Park DPS provides a year-round secure drop-box located in the DPS lobby, accessible 24/7. Safely dispose of over-the-counter and prescription drugs to prevent environmental contamination or reduce the risk of harm to others.

MINDFUL MEDITATION

Tuesdays | 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
HPDPS Training Room

YOGA IN THE PARK

First Thursdays of the Month
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Lakeside Park



Toiletry Drive

BENEFITING DRESS FOR SUCCESS DALLAS

Mission: To empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools that help them thrive in work and in life.

*** NEW ITEMS ONLY, FULL SIZE PREFERRED ***

Mascara, lip gloss, lip stick, perfume or body spray (samples and/or bottles), fingernail polish and remover, manicure products (nail files, clippers, etc.), eyeliner, eye shadow, blush, foundation, makeup brushes and sponges, face powder, hairspray, combs and hairbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion

All shades of beauty products wanted.

Will also accept new or gently used interview attire in all sizes.

March 23 - April 12

Donations may be dropped off at:

HP DPS Lobby, HP Town Hall Entrance,
Moody Family YMCA



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THE HIGHLAND PARK LIBRARY

Celebrate National Library Week at the Highland Park Library!

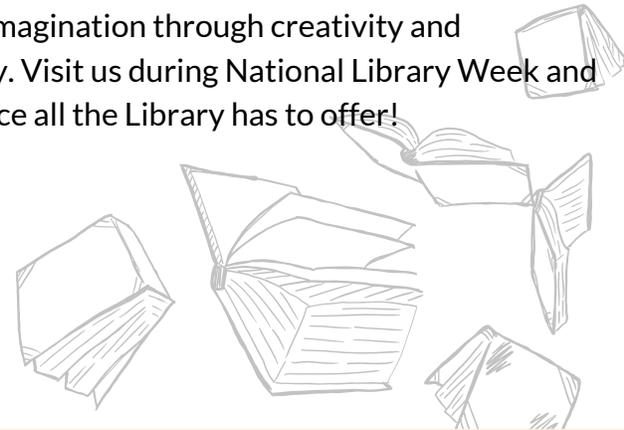
National Library Week (NLW) is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The Highland Park Library encourages everyone in the community to visit and explore the many resources it offers.

The theme for this year's NLW is Drawn to the Library! What draws people to libraries? Everything! From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programs, and more. Libraries foster connection, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning for all.

Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, the Library provides essential resources to educate, inspire, and connect.

Library staff actively advances and strengthens the facilitation of communication, discussion, deliberation, and community engagement through access to diverse collections, high-quality programs, technology instruction, and assistance in finding reliable information from trusted sources.

The Highland Park Library serves as the community's connection to lifelong learning and powers imagination through creativity and discovery. Visit us during National Library Week and experience all the Library has to offer!



Drawn to the Library

National Library Week

April 6-12, 2025



Library Programs: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

— Adult Program
— Children's Program
— All Ages

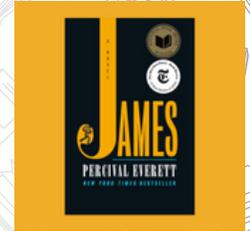
Hospice 101 - Saturday, April 5 at 1pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall

Learn all about hospice care basics in a relaxed and informative setting! A presenter from Faith Presbyterian Hospice will be present to answer any of your questions regarding end-of-life care. [Registration](#) is encouraged.



Lunch Bunch Book Club - Wednesday, April 9 at 12pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall

This month, we will be reading *James* by Percival Everett. Feel free to bring your own lunch to eat while we discuss the book. No food is provided. Suitable for adults 18+. [Registration](#) is encouraged.



DIY Rainbow Scratch Art - Wednesday, April 9 at 3:30pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall

Celebrate National Library Week by expressing your appreciation for your library through beautiful rainbow art! Learn how to make a scratch art template and create your own colorful designs. Suitable for ages 6+. [Registration](#) is required.



An Eggcellent Time in the Park - Friday, April 11 at 10am, Davis Park

Pop by to experience Professor Pop's Bubble Show! Watch as he creates bubbles inside bubbles, square bubbles, giant bubbles (some as big as cars!), and even bubble-themed magic tricks. Along with the show, bring your basket for an eggciting egg hunt and explore the hidden treasures of Davis Park. You might even spot a very special bunny! This event is made possible through partnership with the Highland Park Parks & Recreation Department. This program will be held in place of Story Time and in the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled. Suitable for all ages.



[Registration](#) is encouraged.

Self Defense 101 - Saturday, April 12 at 12pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall

Learn concepts and techniques for personal protection. Please wear gym clothes and tennis shoes for this class. Suitable for Adults 18+. [Registration](#) is required.



Family Day - Saturday, April 12 at 2pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall

Families can join the Highland Park Library for an afternoon of fun! Families can enjoy open-ended crafting and play with provided supplies while mingling with one another. Meanwhile, researchers from the SMU KID Lab will share insights into their work on childhood development. Suitable for all ages. [Registration](#) is required.



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

Mahjong Open Play - Tuesday, April 15 and 29 at 4:30pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall

If you are interested in participating, please call the library at 214-559-9345 to sign up.



Adult Crafting Hour - Saturday, April 19 at 10am, 2nd Floor Town Hall

This crafting hour will take place on the third Saturday of the month. Join other craft enthusiasts for some fun and fellowship! No registration is required.



Honeybee Show-and-Tell - Saturday, April 19 at 2pm, Davis Park

Learn about Earth's great pollinators! Hear firsthand from an experienced beekeeper about honeybee biology, beekeeping, and much more. Attendees will get to see bees in a real mobile hive and taste some honey. Please know that real bees will be present during this presentation. Any allergies are the responsibility of attendees or attendees' caregivers/guardians. Suitable for ages 5+. [Registration](#) is required.



Adult Spelling Bee - Saturday, April 26 at 2pm, 2nd Floor Town Hall

Put your spelling skills to the test for a chance to claim bragging rights! Winners will advance to compete against University Park Public Library at a later date. Open to ages 18+, with teams of 2-4 members. Team pre-registration is required by calling the library at 214-559-9400. Solo participants are encouraged to sign up and will be paired with others to form a team.



Tall Tails - Wednesday, April 30 at 4:30pm, 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.

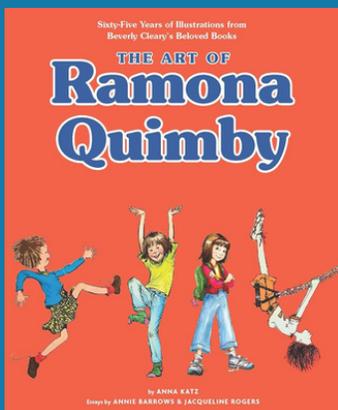


About Canine Companions- Canine Companions was established in 1975 and is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. With six training centers spread across the US, Canine Companions is the largest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

<https://canine.org/about/>.



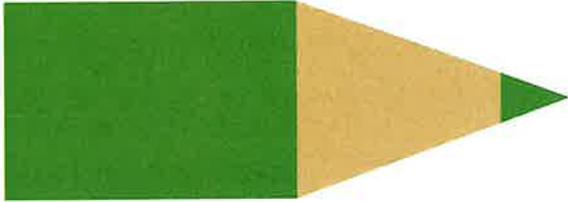
WHAT TO CHECK OUT NEXT?



The Art of Ramona Quimby is a delightful and visually captivating celebration of the beloved Ramona Quimby series, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the evolution of the illustrations that have accompanied Beverly Cleary's iconic stories over the past six decades. Authored by Anna Katz, this book is a must-read for fans of the Ramona series, children's literature enthusiasts, and anyone who appreciates the art of storytelling through illustration.

MEADOWS MUSEUM

Family Programs!

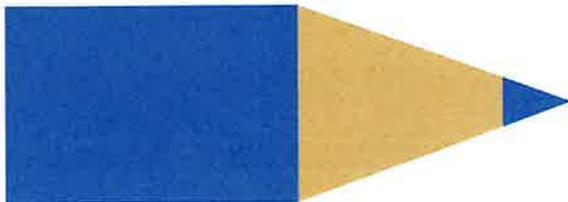


SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2:00–4:00 P.M.



Family Day: 60th Birthday Bash!

You're invited to the Meadows Museum's 60th birthday party! Enjoy art-making activities, games, and interactive gallery experiences while celebrating the museum's six decades. And yes, there will be cake!

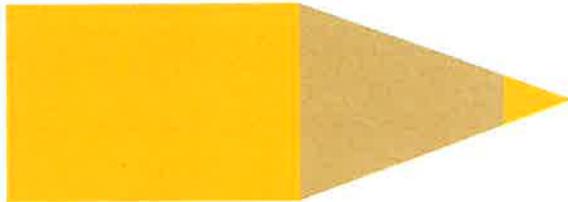


THIRD SATURDAYS, 3:30–4:30 P.M.

Children's Drawing from the Masters*

Children ages 7–11 and their adults learn to draw with artist Desireé Vaniecia, exploring a different technique each month.

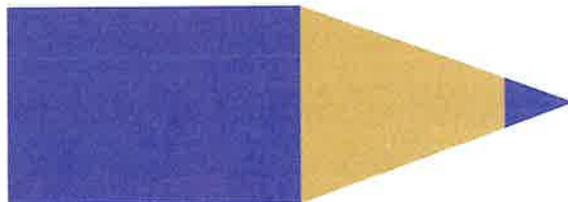
Free for youth 18 and under



SECOND TUESDAYS, 9:00–10:00 A.M.

Preschool Playdate*

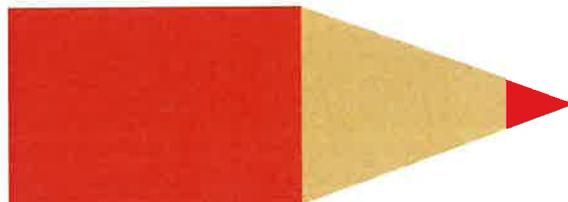
Children ages 2–5 and their adults enjoy songs and story time led by Highland Park Library, look at a work of art, and experience a new art-making process. *Free for youth 18 and under*



SECOND WEEKEND OF THE MONTH, 1:00–3:00 P.M.

Sensory Cart

Stop by the Sensory Cart in the galleries to explore art through the multiple senses. *Free for youth 18 and under*



FOURTH WEEKEND OF THE MONTH, 1:00–4:00 P.M.

Open Studio

Drop by the Education Studio each month for the opportunity to explore materials and create art projects inspired by works on view at the museum. *Free; does not include museum admission*

DETAILS AND TICKET LINKS HERE:

***Advance registration required for these programs**

Free admission is offered to all youth 18 and under through August 31, 2025, thanks to a grant from Fichtenbaum Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee.



APRIL CALENDAR



Every Tuesday at 11:45 AM: Mindful Meditation - DPS Training Room, Third Floor

Every 1st Thursday of the month at 12:00 PM: Mindful Movement - Yoga in the Park - Lakeside Park

Every Thursday at 10:00 AM: Baby Bounce - meets in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor Town Hall)

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Every Friday at 10:00 AM: Toddler Story Time - meets in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor Town Hall)

Every Friday at 10:45 AM: Preschool Story Time - meets in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor Town Hall)

***Tickets are required for entry to Story Time on Fridays. Tickets are free & available at the Library Circulation Desk each Friday.*

March 31, Monday Registration opens for 2025 Swim Permits & Pool Programs
Register at www.hptx.org/recreation.

April 1, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session - Council Chambers
8:00 a.m. Agendas are made available [online](#).

April 3, Thursday Yoga in the Park - Lakeside Park
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. No registration required. This class will move to the DPS Training Room if the weather is not suitable to be outside. No registration required.

April 5, Saturday Hospice 101 - 2nd Floor Town Hall
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration is encouraged, click [here](#) to sign up.

April 9, Wednesday Lunch Bunch Book Club - 2nd Floor Town Hall
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April 12, Saturday Self Defense 101 - 2nd Floor Town Hall
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Suitable for adults 18+. Registration is required, click [here](#) to sign up.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Family Day - 2nd Floor Town Hall
Suitable for all ages. Registration is required, click [here](#) to sign up.

April 15, Tuesday HP Pool Opens for Preseason
View the full 2025 Swim Season Schedule [here](#).

8:00 a.m. Town Council Meeting & Study Session - Council Chambers
Agendas are made available [online](#).

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mahjong Open Play - 2nd Floor Town Hall
Call the library at 214-559-9345 to register.

April 18, Friday Town Hall Offices & Library Closed



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APRIL CALENDAR



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April 26, Saturday **National Prescription Drug Take-Day Event** - Town Hall
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. No registration required.

2:00 p.m. **Adult Spelling Bee** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
Call the library at 214-559-9400 to register.

April 29, Tuesday **Mahjong Open Play** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call the library at 214-559-9345 to register.

April 30, Wednesday **Tall Tails** - 2nd Floor Town Hall
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