

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD



Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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- Movie Night in the Park
- Town Hall Holiday Closures
- Food & Coat Drive
- Annual Tree Lighting
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- Library Upcoming Programs
- November Town Calendar

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, November 8 | 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!



MOVIE NIGHT *in the Park*

Join us for a screening of **Up** on Friday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Flippen Park (4421 N. Versailles Ave.)! Popcorn will be provided, so just bring your favorite snacks, blankets, and lawn chairs for a cozy evening

★★★ under the stars! ★★★

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happy fall

TOWN HALL CLOSURES

Veterans Day*
Tuesday, Nov 11

Thanksgiving Day*
Thursday, Nov 27

Day After Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov 28

*Library closed



HPCAN, PARK PLAZA HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION & THE MOODY YMCA



DROP OFF LOCATIONS
TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK,
HIGHLAND PARK DPS & MOODY YMCA



FOOD & COAT DRIVE



TO BENEFIT VICKERY MEADOWS FOOD PANTRY

**Vm Food Pantry
Clothes Closet**
a project of the vickery meadow neighborhood alliance

**MOST
NEEDED
ITEMS:**

**COOKING OIL, FLOUR, SUGAR, CANNED
MEATS, EASILY OPENED AND PREPARED
PACKAGED FOOD FOR THEIR CLIENTS WHO
ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.**



**OCTOBER 27 -
NOVEMBER 15**

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT KELLE HALL:
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

SHOWTIME AT 7:00 PM

FLIPPEN PARK
(4421 N. VERSAILLES AVE)

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for a movie night under the stars featuring **Up!**





ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Ring in the holiday season as we gather to light the Landmark Pecan Tree! Enjoy sweet treats, warm drinks, festive activities, and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!

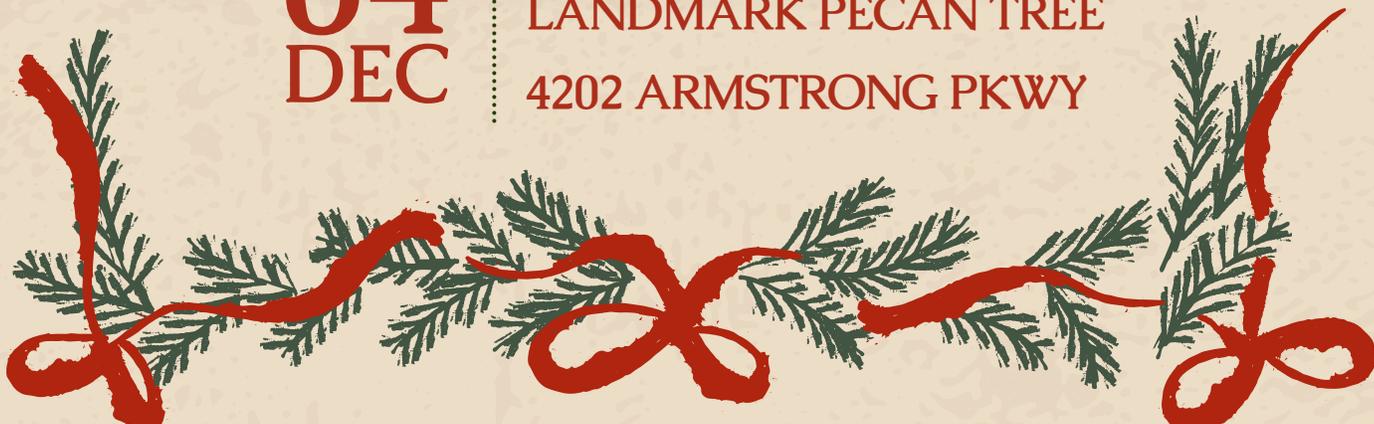
At the event, we'll also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Holiday Toy Drive to help spread a little extra cheer this season.

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LANDMARK PECAN TREE

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THE HIGHLAND PARK
LIBRARY

Busy schedule? No problem—great author events now come to you!

The Library's Virtual Author Talk Series brings bestselling, award-winning, and internationally acclaimed authors straight to you. These free, online events happen two to three times a month and feature a wide range of fiction and nonfiction titles so there's always something to pique your interest.

Whether you're tuning in during your lunch break or catching up later in the evening, the events spotlight an exciting mix of writers and thought leaders from around the globe. Featured authors include Philippa Gregory, Lisa Jewell, Freida

McFadden, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Jodi Picoult, and more. Explore the full lineup of live and on-demand talks and register anytime at the [Library's Virtual Author Talk Series webpage](#). We'll save you a virtual seat.

These events are brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and generously funded by the Friends of the Highland Park Library.

The Highland Park Library proudly serves as the community's connection to lifelong learning.



AUTHOR TALKS

Live and On Demand

Library Programs: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

- Adult Program
- Children's Program
- Teen Program
- All Ages

Meadows Museum Presents: Images of Mexico - Tuesday, November 4 at 5:30pm | 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Join us for a presentation at the Highland Park Library from Meadows Museum on their current exhibitions. Laura Wilson's *Roaming Mexico* offers an expansive and intimate view of Mexican life. Wilson's photographs present not a singular narrative but a colorful tapestry of contrasts, depicting a Mexico that is equally rural and urban, religious and secular, timeless and ever evolving. The images exemplify Wilson's gift for capturing the poetic beauty in the everyday moments, from manual labor to street festivals. Running concurrently with *Roaming Mexico* will be *Manuel Álvarez Bravo: Visions of Mexico*, featuring photographs by one of the most significant figures in Latin American photography, drawn from the collections of the Meadows Museum, the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, and the Dallas Museum of Art. Bravo's work is distinguished by its striking compositions that draw from surrealist, modernist, and documentary traditions, often juxtaposing the everyday with the enigmatic.



Together, these two exhibitions offer a powerful view of Mexican life across the 20th and 21st centuries, expressed through distinct yet resonant visual voices. Learn more about the exhibits here: [Meadow Museum Upcoming Exhibits](#)

After the presentation, join the Library for a docent-led tour of the collection on **Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 pm** at the **Meadows Museum**. Suitable for ages 18+. To register for the presentation and tour, please contact Pamela at 214-559-9345. Program participants may also register for the museum tour on the evening of the program at the Library.

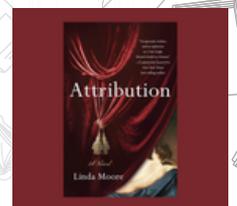


The program is presented in partnership between the Meadows Museum, the Friends of SMU Libraries, and the Highland Park Library.

Bucky the Cowgirl - Saturday, November 8 at 2pm | 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Join Margaret Clauder, also known as Bucky the Cowgirl, for a rootin'-tootin' good time in her *Wild About the West* program. This veteran storyteller, puppeteer, and ventriloquist, will weave a tall Texas Tale about Hound Dog the Kid. Is he a bank robber? Worse! He's a book thief! Hound Dog has stolen books and we have to track him down and teach him that not only does crime not pay, but he can get FREE books with his library card! Music, magic, and mirth abound in this funny show, so dust off your boots, spurs, and cowboy hats, and get ready for a wild adventure! Suitable for all ages. [Registration](#) is required.

Lunch Bunch Book Club - Wednesday, November 12 at 12pm | Meadows Museum
This month, we will be reading *Attribution* by Linda Moore. For this special event, we will meet at the Meadows Museum (5900 Bishop Blvd.) for a discussion with the author and a docent-led tour of the art collection mentioned in the novel. Suitable for adults 18+. As space is limited, please call 214-559-9345 to reserve your spot.



Adult Crafting Hour - Saturday, November 15 at 10am | 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Join other craft enthusiasts for some fun and fellowship! This month, we'll be making a festive book wreath! Suitable for adults 18+. As supplies are limited, please call 214-559-9345 to reserve your spot.



Avoiding Scams - Saturday, November 15 at 1pm | 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Scams targeting older adults generate billions of dollars in losses each year. Criminals often view this age group as more trusting and easier to persuade, making awareness and prevention especially important.

Join David Beasley, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Better Business Bureau serving Dallas, for an informative presentation on the most common scams affecting older adults. Learn how these schemes work and gain practical tips to help protect yourself and your loved ones. Suitable for adults 18+.



STEAM Cinema - Saturday, November 15 at 3:30pm | 2nd Floor Town Hall

Join us on the third Saturday of each month for a family-friendly film paired with a fun activity or craft! Each month features a new theme designed to promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) concepts and encourage scientific exploration. Recommended for ages 6+. As supplies are limited, [registration](#) is required.



Mommy & Me Yoga - November 19 & 26 at 10am | 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Bond with your baby while nurturing your body and mind in this gentle 60-minute yoga practice, designed for parents and caregivers with babies 8 weeks to 1 year old. This program incorporates soothing movements, stretches, massage, and postural exercises to promote relaxation and connection. Through swaying, lifting, interactive play, and sweet songs and rhymes, you'll support your baby's development while engaging in mindful movement yourself. This event is presented in partnership with the Moody Family YMCA. [Registration](#) is required.

Benefits: Strengthens the bond between parent and baby, supports baby's motor skill development and coordination, enhances postpartum recovery and reduces stress, encourages relaxation and better sleep for both baby and parent, and creates a supportive community of parents.

What to bring: A yoga mat for your comfort and a soft blanket for your baby.

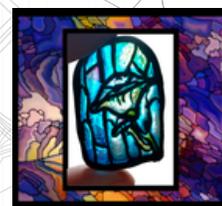
Important note: A waiver form will be sent upon registration and must be submitted to votterbine@hplibrary.info no later than one week before the program.



Teen Make-and-Take Stained Glass - Sat, Nov. 22 at 3:30pm | 2nd Floor Town Hall

Join the Highland Park Library to learn how to create convincing faux stained glass out of liquid polymer clay! This versatile, easy-to-use medium can be transformed into stunning decorations, trinkets, and jewelry.

Participants will make a practice piece and then design their creation to take home and finish baking! Suitable for teens and tweens ages 10+. [Registration](#) is required.



Mahjong Open Play - Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 4:30pm-6:30pm | 1st Floor, Library
All experience levels welcome. Suitable for adults 18+. No registration required.



Tall Tails - Wednesday, November 26 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.



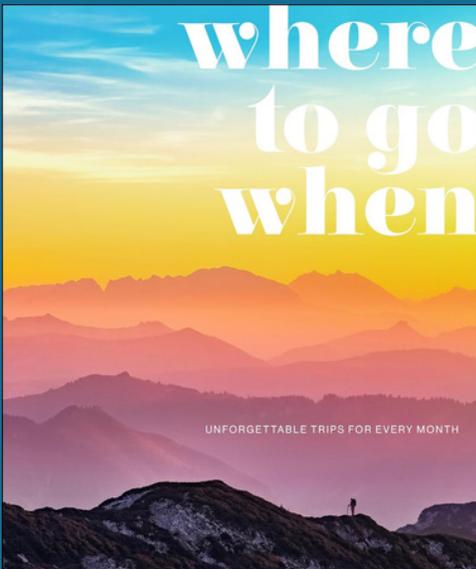
About Canine Companions:

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/>.

Ukulele for Beginners - Saturday, November 29 at 10am | 2nd Floor, Town Hall
Participants will learn four chords, how to tune your instrument, and a strumming pattern. Suitable for adults 18+. To register, please call Pamela at 214-559-9345.



WHAT TO CHECK OUT NEXT?



A travel dream is witnessing the magic of fall colors in the great outdoors; but why stop there? Let your imagination take flight with **Where to Go When** by Steph Dyson, the ultimate guide to planning unforgettable journeys year-round. This inspiring book features over 100 breathtaking destinations, brought to life through vivid photography and expert insights. Organized by month, each chapter helps you discover the best places to visit at the perfect time, turning your travel dreams into a curated wish list for every season.

Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are a resident of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit the [Library Card Webpage](#) or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Request an appointment with a librarian for one-on-one help with various topics.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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

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.*

November 4, Tuesday **Town Council Meeting & Study Session** - Council Chambers
Agendas are made available [online](#).

5:30 p.m. **Meadows Museum Presents: Images of Mexico** - 2nd Floor, Town Hall
Suitable for adults 18+. Call the library at 214-559-9345 to register.

November 6, Thursday **Yoga in the Park** - Lakeside Park
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration is encouraged, click [here](#) to sign up.

7:00 p.m. **Meadows Museum Tour: Images of Mexico Collection** - Meadows Museum
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November 7, Friday **Movie Night in the Park** - Flippen Park (4421 N. Versailles Ave.)
7:00 p.m. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for a cozy Movie Night in the Park!

November 8, Saturday **Park Cities Recycling Event** - 3001 University Blvd.
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. No reservation required.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Bucky the Cowgirl** - 2nd Floor, Town Hall
Suitable for all ages. Registration is required, click [here](#) to sign up.

November 11, Tuesday **Town Hall Offices and Library Closed in Observance of Veterans Day**

November 12, Wednesday **Lunch Bunch Book Club** - Meadows Museum (5900 Bishop Blvd.)
12:00 p.m. Suitable for adults 18+. Registration is required, call 214-559-9345 to sign up.

November 15, Saturday **Last Day of the Food & Coat Drive**
Drop off locations: Town Hall, Highland Park DPS, and Moody YMCA

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1:00 p.m. **Avoiding Scams** - 2nd Floor, Town Hall
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3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Steam Cinema** - 2nd Floor, Town Hall
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4:30 p.m. **Tall Tails** - 2nd Floor, Town Hall
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November 27, Thursday **Town Hall Offices & Library Closed for Thanksgiving Day**

November 28, Friday **Town Hall Offices Closed (Library is Open)**

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