



# City of University Park THE ARBOR



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Tuesday, April 16**  
**5 p.m.**  
**City Hall,**  
**Council Chamber**

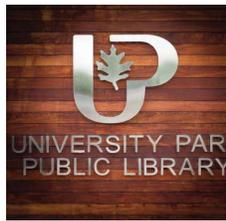
**Tuesday, May 7**  
**5 p.m.**  
**City Hall,**  
**Council Chamber**

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## New and exciting things at University Park Public Library



University Park Public Library is celebrating National Library Week (April 7-13) with new services and programs for kids, teens and adults!

### “Book-Club-In-A-Bag”

The library now has 10 different sets of a Book-Club-In-A-Bag. Each bag contains eight copies of a popular title, along with discussion questions, author bios, and a list of other books that might be of interest to the group. The library can also assist book clubs



by offering discussion questions for many other books.

After a member of a club has checked out a bag, it can remain out for five weeks. Library Director Sharon Perry chose the books based on their popularity, timely subject, or the book’s ability to evoke lively discussion. Among the list of Book-Club-In-A-Bag titles are: *A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza and *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. Book-In-A-Bag sets will change titles every five to six months.

Sharon is also pleased to visit with your book club about library events and upcoming book releases, issue library cards to eligible residents, and take suggestions for future book club sets. Of course, any book club is

welcome to meet in the library. For more information, email [sperry@uptexas.org](mailto:sperry@uptexas.org)

### New programs for kids ages 6 and up

The library recently introduced “Elementary Explorers,” a monthly STEAM program for students in grades 1 through 6. This hands-on program focuses on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The last two programs will take place at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 28. During the April program, each student will build a “Sprout House” using kitchen sponges, toothpicks, and seeds. Along with discovering the best way to build a sturdy structure, kids will learn about germination, the process a seed goes through on its way to becoming a plant. Each house should sprout seeds within a week!

Now, through the end of May, on the first Thursday of the month, at 3:30 p.m., the library will host “Game Day” for tweens and teens. Students ages 10 and up are welcome to bring their own games from home, or choose from a selection of board games, cards, and dominoes. This is a great opportunity for tweens and teens to unwind from the school day and connect over common interests.

Please take a moment or two to look at University Park Public Library’s calendar each month for more fun and educational

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## Help the City Fight the Bite



This month households across the Park Cities will receive a door hanger listing simple steps residents can take to control mosquitoes. The effort is centered on eliminating standing water.

To control mosquito breeding:

- Don't over irrigate
- Change water in wading pools, pet dishes and birdbaths several times a week
- Keep backyard pools clean
- Keep unnecessary plant growth cut back
- Cover trash containers so they will not collect water
- Use automatic sprinkler systems wisely
- Clean or replace clogged roof gutters and downspouts

To protect yourself and family members:

- While outside during dawn and dusk hours wear long sleeve, loose and light-colored clothing
- Use insect repellents that contain DEET

Residents are urged to report standing water locations to City staff. Dial 311, or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 214-987-5488. Residents can also call to arrange for a free property inspection and onsite advice on how to control mosquitoes.

Throughout the summer and early fall, when mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus or are especially plentiful, the City will use our website and social media to provide residents with timely information on targeted overnight fogging efforts conducted to control the mosquito population.

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## 2019 Citizen of the Year search underway

*Nominations accepted until June 3*

The City is accepting applications for the 2019 Citizen of the Year Award. The City Council created the award to boost public awareness and appreciation for the many residents who work, often behind the scenes, to better the city's quality of life. Rather than acting out of a need for recognition, these residents are driven by a desire to contribute to their community. Whether beautifying our neighborhoods, increasing local opportunities for our youth, or raising money for various worthy projects, all demonstrate an exceptional level of citizenship.



the honoree will be presented with a plaque and a special Citizen of the Year gift during a brief ceremony at the Goar Park Gazebo.

Nominees for Citizen of the Year must:

- Be a University Park resident;
- Have worked to improve the quality of life in University Park.

Current and former Mayors and Councilmembers are not eligible for this award. If you have questions about the nomination process, please call Steve Mace at 214-987-5301 or email him at: [smace@uptexas.org](mailto:smace@uptexas.org).

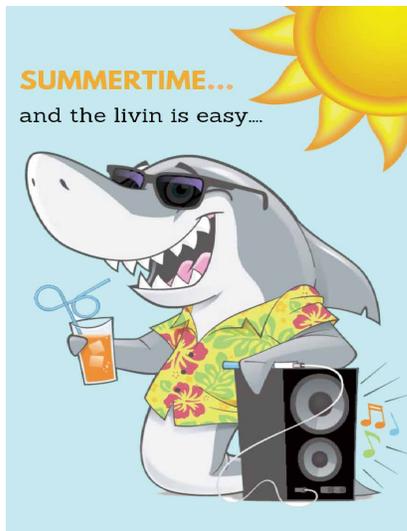
To nominate a resident of any age, click on the Residents section of the City's website at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org). Then click on the Citizen of the Year option. From there you can complete the application form and submit it online. Nominations must be received by Monday, June 3.

Recent Citizen of the Year honorees:

2018 - Randy James  
2017 - Jerry Washam  
2016 - Eddy Moore

A panel of residents will select and notify the honoree the week of June 10. Along with riding in the July 4th Parade,

# Head to the Holmes Aquatic Center this summer!



Time to get your pool passes for summer 2019! They are on sale at the City's Peek Service Center and online from the City's website at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org). From the homepage click on the Parks and Rec icon, and then, Pool.

The purchase of a season pass covers admission fees for the full pool season. Beginning May

1, you can also purchase pool passes at City Hall or UP Public Library.

**First time applicants must purchase pool passes at the Peek Service Center.** For additional details, go to the City's website at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org). From the homepage click on the Parks and Rec icon. Then, click on Pool.

## UP Resident      Non-UP Resident

(within HPISD)

Renewal	\$50	Renewal	\$100
New Pass	\$70	New Pass	\$120
Senior Pass (60+)	\$40	Senior Pass (60+)	\$80
Active Military Pass	\$40	Active Military Pass	\$40



- **Pass prices are per person**
- The City does not offer family passes
- Children 5 and under are admitted free and do not need a pass
- All pass fees apply to adults, and children 6 and over
- Passes will be sold at half-price beginning on July 15

## Summer swim lessons & swim team sign-ups

This summer the Holmes Aquatic Center will provide swimming lessons and swim team opportunities for kids of all ages. To sign up, go to the City's website homepage ([uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org)). Click on the Parks and Rec icon. Then, Pool Programs.



Shark School offers two-week sessions starting June 3 and running through August 1. Each two-week session has a registration cut-off date.

On the first day of each session instructors will evaluate each child, and, based on their current swim skills, place them in the most appropriate class. All classes start at 9 a.m. and end at 9:50 a.m. Classes are held Monday through Thursday. Program fee is \$150.

Swim lesson rules:

- Lesson are offered to children 3 and up, who are fully potty-trained

- If your child is unable to attend the full two-week session, sign-up is not recommended
- Weather-related make-up lessons classes will be held on Fridays

Take your swimming to the next level by joining the Makos Swim Team. The Makos compete against local country club and municipal swim teams in a **fun, no pressure summer league!** To be eligible for the team,



your swimmer must be 5 to 17 years old, able to swim 25 meters in both Freestyle and Backstroke and be a resident of UP or be enrolled in HPISD. The season runs from May 28 through July 12. Program fee is \$300

and includes team suit, cap, t-shirt, meet entry fees and awards. For practice information, meet dates and general team information, go to the City's website homepage ([uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org)). Click on the Parks and Rec icon. Then, Pool Programs.

# City news briefs

## Classic & Antique Car Show - April 27 at Burleson Park



If you are a fan of classic and antique cars, mark Saturday, April 27 on your calendar. Dozens of vehicles in various classifications will be on display at Burleson Park. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On-site registration and parking starts at 8:30 that morning. Club participation

is welcome. Added attraction – During the event, The Friends of the UP Public Library will host a book sale.

### Event Admission - Free

**Early Registration** - Until April 25 - \$25 for cars and trucks, \$15 for motorcycles. First 100 entrants receive a custom dash plaque.

**Registration Day of Event** - \$35 for cars and trucks, \$25 for motorcycles.

All show proceeds will benefit the Park Cities Historic & Preservation Society Scholarship Program.

The event's rainout date is Saturday, May 4. Need more information? Email: [carshow@PCHPS.org](mailto:carshow@PCHPS.org)

## Post garage sale details on City's website



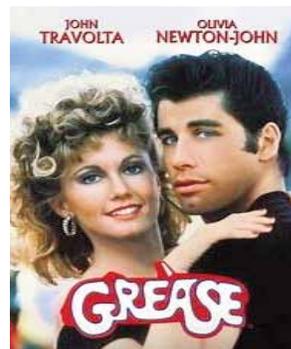
Residents can advertise garage and estate sales on the City's website ([uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org)). To access the weekly list, click on the Resident Online Center icon, then on the Garage Sales tab. The list shows address, dates and hours of operation for each sale.

To post the information, residents can submit a service request using the website's Resident Online Center, or they can call 311. All requests must be made one week in advance of the sale date. Please note the following when conducting a garage or estate sale:

- Sales cannot be located in the front yard.
- Sale hours must be between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Each property is limited to a maximum of two sales per year.
- Only one sign (maximum 2 square feet) can be displayed on a sale site. Additional signs cannot be placed on neighboring properties, utility poles or on the City's rights-of-way.

## Movie in the Park - May 3

Join us in Goar Park on Friday, May 3 for **Grease**. Can Danny, Sandy, the T-Birds and Pink Ladies all find happiness? Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and find out.



The event starts at 6 p.m. The fun will include bounce houses, a food truck or two and free popcorn. The **movie begins at 8:15 p.m.**

Event sponsor:



## Public Library

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activities for kids of all ages. Go to the City's website homepage at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org). Click on the library icon, then click on Library Catalog.

### University Park Public Library App

Don't forget to download our app to make your library experience more fun and convenient. You can check your library account, place books on hold, and see what programs are planned. The app can be found in either the Google Play Store or the App Store; search for UPTXLIB.