

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD



Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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This newsletter is a service to the residents of the Town of Highland Park to keep you informed of new services, events, activities, and other important information. If there is anything you would like to see covered in the newsletter, please let us know. Contact Holly Russell, Management Assistant at [hrussell@hptx.org](mailto:hRussell@hptx.org), or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



Library Recognized for Excellence

The Library received confirmation from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA) that the Library has qualified for a 2021 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award. Of the 565 public library systems in Texas, the Highland Park Library is one of only 59 who have earned this year's award. With this honor, the Highland Park Library is in the top 10% of all public libraries in the State. To receive the award, a library must submit an application that shows they exhibit excellence in 10 service areas, including: (1) Provide services to under-served populations, (2) Provide enhanced service to the public, (3) Provide current marketing materials, (4) Provide cultural, topical, and educational programming for adults and families, (5) Provide literacy support for all ages, (6) Conduct a Summer Reading Program, (7) Invest in collaborative efforts with community organizations, (8) Support workforce development, (9) Support digital inclusion, and (10) Establish professional staff training.

 **Storytime is back
at the Highland Park Library!** 

**Starting March 11, Storytime will be each
Friday at 10 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
2nd Floor Town Hall.**

This storytime is designed for all ages.

HP Department of Public Safety

Go Directly to the First Responders



Alarm Monitoring by HPDPS

The Highland Park Department of Public Safety offers direct alarm monitoring for residential and commercial properties, which bypasses the need for a separate monitoring center and typically speeds up response time in case of an activation. The fees are \$28 for alarm signal monitoring by landline telephone, \$35 for cellular line service, or \$35 for a cellular line with landline service as backup. All alarm fees are conveniently billed through utilities.

While the HPDPS offers monitoring service, it does not offer the alarm system or installation. Homeowners will need to purchase a system and have it installed. There is no need to sign up for third party monitoring through the alarm companies, but homeowners may certainly do so. By signing up for direct alarm monitoring, alarm notifications go straight to the HPDPS and not to a company that will contact emergency services on the homeowner's behalf.

No matter which monitoring service is utilized, the Town of Highland Park requires that residents and businesses within the town limits of Highland Park register their alarm. The fee is \$48 annually.

To register your alarm system or sign up for direct alarm monitoring by the HPDPS, please visit <https://www.hptx.org/198/Alarm-Services> for more information and the application.

Security Camera Systems

Whether you are a residence or a business, registering your security camera system can help Detectives with HPDPS investigate criminal offenses that have occurred in town, if your cameras recorded a suspect or suspect vehicle without your knowledge. The information you provide regarding your camera system will be for official use only and will remain confidential. This information will not be distributed except as required by law, or a court order. This program is voluntary, and you can withdraw from it at any time.

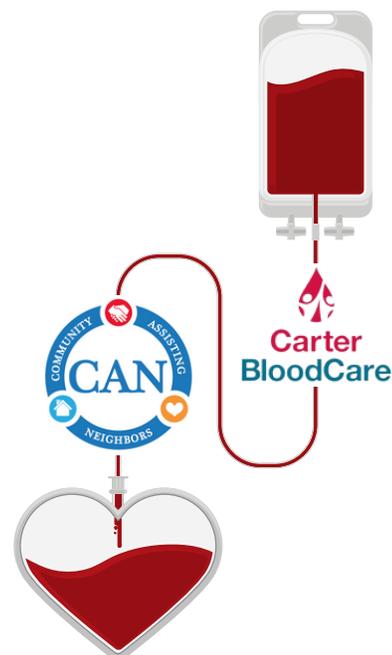
GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

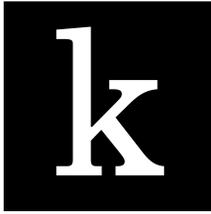
HPCAN BLOOD DRIVE

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE AND HELP SAVE LIVES

March 23, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Highland Park DPS - Training Rm

https://ww2.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129867
or scan the QR Code to schedule an appointment





Need Some Streaming Options for Spring Break Road Trips? Look no farther than the Library's newest online resource, Kanopy. Kanopy is a video streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and kid favorites. Kanopy partners with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS, and more to bring access to thoughtful entertainment.

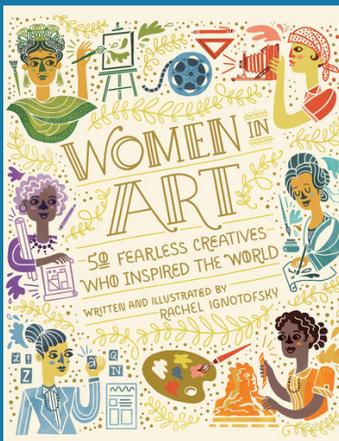
You can stream Kanopy on any of your favorite devices. Kanopy is accessible via mobile and tablet apps for iPhone and Android. You can also access Kanopy on your Desktop, and SmartTV apps like Roku, AppleTV, and Fire Stick.

To get started, visit <https://hplibrary.kanopy.com> and select the "Add Library Card" button on the lower left. Enter your library credentials and start streaming!

For information on setting parental controls with Kanopy Kids, visit <https://help.kanopy.com/hc/en-us/articles/360003268334-Kanopy-Kids>.

Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card for residents of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/hplapply> or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

HP Library: What to Read Next



March is Women's History Month. *Women in Art: 50 Fearless Creatives Who Inspired the World* by Rachel Ignatofsky profiles pioneering female artists from the 11th century to the present day. This title covers women artists across numerous artistic mediums, includes illustrations for each artist introduced, and features infographics to discuss key points in art history, as well as women's history. Although the work is written with a youth audience in mind, it is great for adults too! If this title sounds interesting to you, be sure to check out the other titles in the series: (1) *Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World* and (2) *Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win*.

Please visit <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>, which is a joint project from The Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Gallery of Art, the National Park Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, to view Women's History Month exhibits and collections online.

Job Opportunities

The Town of Highland Park posts all available job opportunities at <https://www.hptx.org/jobs>. You can view details of each posting and apply for positions at this link. For information about working with the Town, please visit the Human Resources page at <https://www.hptx.org/99/Human-Resources>. For information about working with the HP Department of Public Safety, please visit <https://www.hptx.org/475/Career-with-Highland-Park-DPS>.



In need of a cool summer job? Apply to work at the HP Swimming Pool!

The Town of Highland Park is seeking applicants for this summer at the Swimming Pool. If you would like to apply, please visit [hptx.org/jobs](https://www.hptx.org/jobs). The deadline to apply is mid-March!

Positions Available

- Building Inspector - Department of Development Services. Full-time position.
- Plans Examiner/Development Services Coordinator - Department of Development Services. Full-time position.
- Public Safety Officer Apprentice - Department of Public Safety. Full-Time position.
- Senior Accounting Technician - Finance Department. Full-time position.
- Concessions Attendant - Parks & Recreation (Pool). Seasonal position.



HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Teen Watercolor Workshop - Join us for an in-person Watercolor Workshop on Saturday, March 5, at 2 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Learn the basics of watercolor and paint your own project. Plus, learn the basics of hand-lettering so you can ink a favorite quote or word to add to your painting. All materials are included in this workshop. Please email icollins@hplibrary.info by Friday, March 4 to register. Limited seating.



The Sculpture and Art of the Dallas Arboretum - Over the years, the Arboretum has added a number of outdoor sculptures and art to the grounds. The names, artists, locations, and stories behind the sculptures and artwork will be presented in an informative tour of the gardens. This in-person presentation by Margaret Duncan of the Dallas Arboretum Speakers Bureau will take place on Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sculpture-and-art-at-the-dallas-arboretum-tickets-260638866867?aff=HPL>.



Organize Your Home - Let's get organized! Join professional organizer, Sarah Ellis, for tips on how to clear the clutter and create the space of your dreams. Learn how to set realistic goals, how to let go, and what you can do to stay motivated. Whether you want to take on an unruly closet or create a more usable kitchen, discover the strategies and products to get the most out of your home. This in-person presentation will take place on Saturday, March 26, at 11 a.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/organize-your-home-tickets-266410319437?aff=HPL>.



Spring Break Fun - The Library and the Parks and Recreation Department are partnering together to create learning fun for an amazing Spring Break, March 15 through 19.

- **StoryWalk® in Prather Park** - Follow a story as you stroll through Prather Park and learn about *Growing Vegetable Soup* with Lois Ehlert's classic children's book. StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, formerly of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.
- **Spring Activity Kits** - Starting March 15, families may reserve a Spring To-Go Activity Kit, while supplies last. Activities include planting seeds in a mini terracotta pot you can paint, as well as bringing seeds to the Library garden on St. Johns Drive to plant in a raised bed courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Dallas Zoo Animal Adventures** - Join us for an in-person Dallas Zoo Animal Adventures presentation on Thursday, March 17 at 2 p.m. in Prather Park. Corner of Euclid and Drexel. This 45-minute educational program will feature 6-7 ambassador animals including birds, mammals, and reptiles! Weather permitting. Event may be cancelled due to weather.

MARCH CALENDAR



All Month Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM: Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

Every Thursday at 11:30 AM: Mindful Movement. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

Every Thursday at 10:00 AM: Baby Bounce, virtual, on the Friends of the Highland Park Library's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheHighlandParkLibrary>.

Every Thursday at 10:00 & 10:45 AM: (Beginning March 11) Story Time at the Library

March 5, Saturday Teen Watercolor Workshop - Library

2:00 p.m. All materials are included in this workshop. Please email lcollins@hplibrary.info by Friday, March 4 to register. Limited seating.

March 12, Saturday The Sculpture & Art of the Dallas Arboretum - Library

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2:00 p.m.

Dallas Zoo Animal Adventures - Library

Located in Prather Park. Weather permitting. Event may be cancelled due to weather.

March 23, Wednesday

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

HPCAN Blood Drive - HPDPS Training Room 3rd Floor

Sign up online at Carter Bloodcare website. Walk-ins welcome.

March 26, Saturday

11:00 a.m.

Organize Your Home - Library

For ages 18 and up. Registration is required,

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[aff=HPL](#). A HP Library Card is required to access this digital service.



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