

# 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.



## Are You WaterSmart?

Currently, the Town of Highland Park allows residents to water their landscape on the following days:

- Even number addresses: Sundays & Thursdays
- Odd number addresses: Saturday & Wednesday

Lawn irrigation is still not permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1 through October 31; but hand watering and soaker hoses are permitted.

### Helpful Website for Lawn Watering: [Water My Yard](#)

The [Water My Yard website](#) was created by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and designed to provide homeowners guidance on when and how much to water to use for their landscaping. Residents and business owners who don't know the precipitation rate can calculate it by answering a few questions about their type of sprinkler system. Then, click on "Sign Up for Weekly Email" to begin receiving an email with watering recommendations.

### How To Be WaterSmart

Anyone with a Town Water Utility Account can sign up to be WaterSmart. WaterSmart is an online Customer Water Use Portal helping residents monitor water consumption while at home or away, avoid costly leaks, and contribute to the Town's water-saving goals. To sign up, just email or call Customer Service at (214) 521-4161 and ask how you can get a link emailed to you to register your account. It really is that easy to start saving water and money!

# HP Department of Public Safety

## A Few Things to Remember



### Safety Reminder - Crosswalks

When parking your vehicle on the street please be sure to follow the Texas Traffic Code which states do not park:

- in front of a public or private driveway
- within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- within 20 feet of a (marked or unmarked) crosswalk at an intersection
- within 30 feet on the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway

Please be advised that the space in an intersection from curb to curb that is natural for pedestrians to cross, whether marked or not, is considered a crosswalk. Texas designated these laws for the safety of drivers and pedestrians. When vehicles park too close to intersections it is difficult for drivers to see the cross traffic and traffic control devices.



### Garage Sale Ordinance

It's spring-cleaning time and many residents want to sell their unwanted items. Please remember the Town Ordinance allows residents to conduct a maximum of two personal property sales (garage sales/estate sales) in a calendar year from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for two consecutive days. One sign, not more than three square feet in size, may be displayed on the resident's property to promote the sale. The property for sale is not allowed to be displayed in front of the home or in a public right-of-way.

### Flood Warning Detection Signs

**From Engineering Services:** The Town has placed warning detection signs around the Wycliffe Avenue area to assist motorists during weather events. To read more about the detection signs, please scan the QR code.



## Public Works Week: Ready & Resilient



May 15-21, 2022

Public works professionals are always **READY** to serve their communities and **RESILIENT** as ever in their abilities to pick themselves up off the ground after encountering challenges. Public works superheroes help keep communities strong by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces,

parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities great places to live and work. "Ready & Resilient" highlights the ability of these professionals to perform regular public works duties and be ready at a moment's notice to react as first responders during natural disasters and overcome trials seen in the field. So join us in celebrating these superheroes!



## Talking Books Program Now Available

The Talking Book Program (TBP) provides digital audio, large print, and Braille books and magazines to Texans who cannot read standard print due to qualifying visual, physical, or reading disabilities, whether permanent or temporary. All equipment and services are free.

The Highland Park Library is a new demonstration site for the TBP. The HP Library has a digital player and cartridge demonstration, as well as information about the TBP, including brochures and applications.

TBP has served Texans with disabilities since 1931, and Texas was one of the first states to join the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Library of Congress. The TBP provides:

- Thousands of titles in a variety of categories
- A digital audio player on loan
- Personalized service from reader consultants
- Free return postage

Visit the Library to get more information and try out the digital audio player. Or, call the TBP directly at 1-800-252-9605, click on the website [www.TexasTalkingBooks.org](http://www.TexasTalkingBooks.org), or send an e-mail to [tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov).

**Thank you to the Friends of the Highland Park Library  
for funding the Sharing Literacy book donation program.**

## Fold3 Access Available from the HP Library

New to the Highland Park Library's online databases, **Fold3** provides convenient access to U.S. military records, including the stories, photos, and documents of the men and women who served.

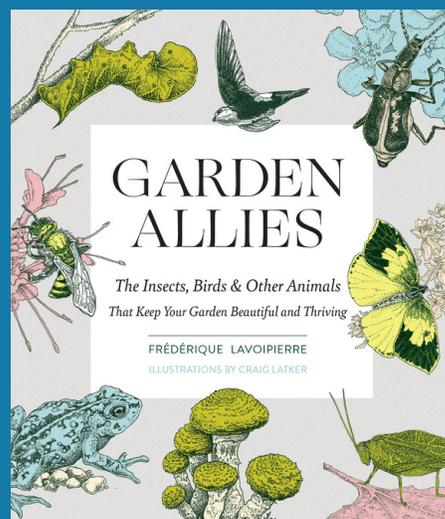
The Library will offer an in-person class on using Fold3 to identify military collections to supplement family history research, locate records by conflicts, and navigate interactive Memorial Walls. The class, for adults 18 and up, will take place on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m. at the Library. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-fold3-tickets-318211217317?aff=HPL>. Funding for Fold3 Library Edition is generously provided by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation.

**Need a library card?** There is no charge for a library card if you are an employee of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit the Library's website, <https://www.hptx.org/145/Library-Cards>, or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.



## What To Read Next

With spring in full bloom, it may be time to boost your gardening IQ. The title [Garden Allies: The Insects, Birds & Other Animals That Keep Your Garden Beautiful and Thriving](#) by Frédérique Lavoipierre is a handy guide featuring short, engaging essays introducing common garden creatures. Craig Latker's detailed illustrations are sure to pique readers' curiosity about the many living things inhabiting their yards. "As we turn our attention to the soils in which our gardens grow, we discover a new world to explore," and that world is full of creatures more amazing, bizarre, and beneficial than anyone could imagine.



For more titles like this one, be sure to browse the Home and Garden sections of the Library's nonfiction collection. The Library is open Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday - Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

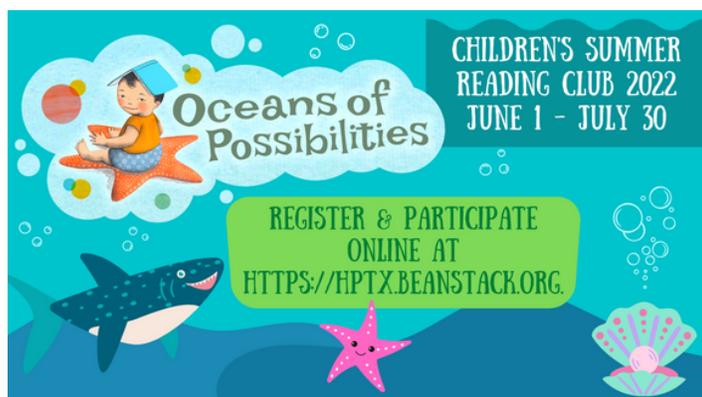
**Ocean in A Bottle Craft Kit** - Families, relax and unwind with an Ocean in a Bottle sensory craft kit. Kits include a mini glass bottle, sand, decorative shells, and more! This craft is for school-aged children and up. Please email [icollins@hplibrary.info](mailto:icollins@hplibrary.info) to reserve and pick up a kit at the Highland Park Library.



**Ocean Origami** - Families, join origami expert Andrea Tosten for Ocean Origami on Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Use your imagination to create easy, colorful origami fish, a boat, and more! Please email [icollins@hplibrary.info](mailto:icollins@hplibrary.info) to register. Seating is limited.



**Sea Monsters Unearthed: Life in Angola's Ancient Seas** - After the South Atlantic Ocean basin formed 120 million years ago, mosasaurs, plesiosaurs and sea turtles moved in and thrived along Africa's southwest coast. Project PaleoAngola scientists have uncovered the fossils of these real-life sea monsters, shedding light on this period in Earth's history—and on ocean ecosystems today. SMU Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences, Louis Jacobs, discusses this work, exhibited at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, and how their multinational team of scientists have advanced our understanding of Angola's rich fossil history. This lecture will take place on Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sea-monsters-unearthed-life-in-angolas-ancient-seas-tickets-312008795707?aff=HPL>.



### Save the Date, Summer Reading Starts June 1.

Preregistration is open now for the 2022 Children's Summer Reading program, Oceans of Possibilities, at <https://hptx.beanstack.org/reader365>. Programs are available for ages 0 - 5 and readers in 1st - 6th grades. Starting June 1, participants can start logging their minutes read, activities completed, and events attended to earn points, badges, and certificates. For more information on the summer reading programs and special events, please visit [www.hplibrary.info](http://www.hplibrary.info).

**Thank you to Christine McKenny of Allie Beth Allman & Associates  
for sponsoring summer reading.**

# MAY 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 & 10:45 AM:** Story Time at the Library, meets on the 2nd Floor in the Council Meeting Room

**All month Ocean In A Bottle Craft Kit** - Library  
Please email [lcollins@hplibrary.info](mailto:lcollins@hplibrary.info) to reserve and pick up a kit at the Highland Park Library.

**May 3, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session**  
**8:00 a.m.** Meeting & Study Session will be an in-person meeting at Town Hall. Masks and social distancing practices are highly encouraged.  
<https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

**May 7, Saturday Ocean Origami** - Library  
**2:00 p.m.** Please email [lcollins@hplibrary.info](mailto:lcollins@hplibrary.info) to register.

**May 7, Saturday Park Cities Recycling Event** - 3001 University Blvd.  
**8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** No registration required. Shredding services available. Recycling for electronics will be accepted. Donations accepted as well.

**May 14, Saturday HHW Collection Event** - 3801 Lexington Ave.  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Registration encouraged at [www.hptx.org/recreation](http://www.hptx.org/recreation).

**May 14, Saturday Sea Monsters Unearthed: Life in Angola's Ancient Seas** - Library  
**11:00 a.m.** Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sea-monsters-unearthed-life-in-angolas-ancient-seas-tickets-312008795707?aff=HPL>.

**May 17, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & New Council Member reception**  
**8:00 a.m.** Meeting & reception will be an in-person at Town Hall. Masks and social distancing practices are highly encouraged. There will be no Study Session this day.  
<https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

**May 27, Friday Regular Season Swim Season Opens**  
Lap Swim will be Tues-Sun, 7-10 am, and Open Swim is 10 am - 8 pm.

**May 28, Saturday Memorial Day Cook-out at the Pool**  
**11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.** Parks and Recreation staff will be grilling burgers and hot dogs for pool guests. Drink and sides available at the concession stand for purchase.



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