

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD

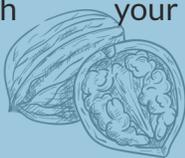
Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park



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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, or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



HPCAN Blood Drive Scheduled

HPCAN has a blood drive coming up, scheduled for March 22, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins will be taken as space allows. Reservations to donate can be made online at https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/138174. The blood drive will be held at the HPDPS.

WaterSmart is free and helpful

The Town of Highland Park has partnered with WaterSmart to provide 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.

With the WaterSmart Portal, residents can:

- Track daily water use.
- See how your household water use compares to similar Town water customers.
- Receive notifications when your daily consumption exceeds the prior day's consumption by the volume threshold you set.
- Get bill forecast notifications.
- Receive leak alert notifications.

Signing up for WaterSmart is easy! Send an email to ContactCustomerService@hptx.org to request an emailed link to register for WaterSmart.

Award Winning Service from Town Departments

The **Highland Park Harvey R. "Bum" Bright Library** is a recipient of the "2022 Achievement of Library Excellence Award" from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA), an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League.

To successfully receive the "Achievement of Library Excellence Award", a library must exhibit excellence by providing services to underserved and special populations; marketing in innovative ways; pursuing collaborative efforts; continually enhancing its services; supporting literacy, digital inclusion, and workforce development; providing cultural, topical, and educational programming; and comprehensively training its staff. Of the 542 public libraries in Texas, only 73 received this award in 2022. With this honor, the Highland Park Library is now in the top 15% of all public libraries in the state.



The Town of Highland Park's **Finance Department** has been awarded the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and also received the "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for its budget for the same fiscal year. These awards are received from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This was the Finance Department's 40th year to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement and their 26th year to earn the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.



The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating clear communication of its financial story and motivating potential users to read the report. The "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

The Town Council receives monthly and annual financial reports at Town Council Study Sessions. Monthly and annual financial reports, budgets, as well as other financial reporting are available at <https://www.hptx.org/216/Budget-Financial-Reports>.

HP Department of Public Safety

Scam Alert



Scams don't stop, so be alert!

Scammers are out in full force. Remember to never provide identifying information like your Social Security Number, Driver's License, or Date of Birth. If you receive a phone call, text message, or email from a company that is asking for this information, verify you are speaking with that company and not a scammer. One way to do this is to get the caller's name and state you will call them back. Look up the company name they are claiming to be with on the internet or via an old bill and call the number listed on the website or bill. Lately, people are receiving legit-looking emails and text messages from PayPal and AT&T.

Another red flag is when someone asks you to pay in gift cards. Companies, police departments, and the IRS will not ask you to pay in gift cards; the IRS does not make phone calls. Instead, they send notices via mail. If a police agency claims that you have a warrant out for your arrest or that one of your family members needs to be bonded out, take down the agency's name, the warrant number, and the person who called you. Then, hang up, find the non-emergency number for that agency from the internet, and call that number to confirm the information is true.

These scams are affecting people all over so feel free to share this information with your family and friends.

DART Around Town

GoLink, DART's personalized on-demand service, allows you to book rides in advance using its GoPass app or by calling 214-515-7272. Serving riders throughout the Park Cities, GoLink does not operate on a fixed schedule. It's entirely on demand. To use GoLink, you simply schedule your trip in advance to head to work, run an errand, or connect to DART buses and trains.



To see the GoLink zone that includes all of Highland Park, visit https://www.dartzoom.org/en/golink-on-demand/ParkCities_NBN . Each GoLink zone provides service to a rail station or transit center for connections to other DART services, with the Mockingbird Station being the nearest rail stop to the Town. For more information about GoLink, please <https://dart.org/guide/transit-and-use/golink> .

NOW HIRING

Stay cool, work at the HP Swimming Pool

HIRING FOR ASSISTANT MANAGERS,
LIFEGUARDS, AND CONCESSION
ATTENDANTS

Lifeguard starting pay \$15.16/hr
Certifications are paid for
Flexible schedule

APPLY NOW!
WWW.HPTX.ORG/JOBS



DPS 101

FOR HP RESIDENTS
2023

CLASSES 5:30 - 7:30 PM
MARCH 23
MAY 4
AUGUST 24
NOVEMBER 9



**You Will
Will Learn**



- Get an in-depth overview of HPDPS
- Get hands-on understanding of the skills required to be a HP Public Safety Officer

FIRE - POLICE - EMS - DISPATCH



This program is a collaboration between



Highland Park
Community League

For more details, contact us:

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RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE

Course for Women

**LIMITED TO 20
PARTICIPANTS**

contact
Lt. Jessa Russell
jrussell@hpdps.org
214-559-9487

for more
information or to
register

📅 **April 25, 26 & May 2, 3**

🕒 **6:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

📍 **HPDPS & Armstrong Elem.**

- ✓ Basic self defense techniques
- ✓ Situational Awareness
- ✓ Taught by HPDPS Officers
- ✓ Hands-on training

➤ To register contact
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Highland Park DPS
4700 Drexel Drive, Highland Park, TX 75205

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Winter Reading Challenge - Adults, there is still time to finish the Winter Reading Challenge by March 11, 2023, and enter the drawing to win a Kindle Paperwhite. Read or listen to three books and record the titles. Attendance at any adult library program or event during the challenge also counts. Sign up and record your progress at [hptx.beanstack.com](https://www.hptx.org/beanstack.com).

Not sure what to read next? Get personalized book recommendations from the Library Book Coach, <https://www.hptx.org/FormCenter/Library-3/Book-Coach-112>. Let Library staff be your Book Coach and help you find spot-on reads! Simply complete an online form to tell Library staff about your reading preferences. Then you will receive a list of books especially for you, usually by the next Library business day.

Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum - Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m. to noon - Families come in all shapes and sizes and so does creativity. The Meadows Museum, located at 5900 Bishop Blvd., invites kids and their grown-ups to drop by the first Saturday of the month to get creative together. This program is presented in collaboration with the Highland Park Library, and designed and facilitated in part by the Meadows Museum Student Collective. This program is free with regular museum admission and designed for children ages four to nine, but all are welcome. See the Meadows Museum website, <https://meadowsmuseumdallas.org/>, for information about each unique session.

Eggcellent Event with Professor Pop's Bubble Show and Egg Hunt - Spring is coming to Highland Park! Join the Town's Parks Department and the Highland Park Library to celebrate on Friday, March 31 at 10 a.m. in Prather Park, which is located at the corner of Euclid and Drexel. The event will feature a special bubble performance with Professor Pop, Easter egg hunts for babies and preschoolers, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be canceled. Registration is not required but is appreciated. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/professor-pops-bubble-show-tickets-554770031097?aff=register>



Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo - On Friday, March 17 at 2 p.m. in Prather Park, take a walk on the wild side with the HP Parks Department, the HP Library, and the Dallas Zoo. This educational program allows audience members to get up close and personal with 6 - 7 ambassador animals from around the world. Suitable for ages 5 and up. Registration is not required, but appreciated, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-adventures-tickets-529440800687>.



Touching of animals is not guaranteed, and, for the safety and comfort of audience members and animals, food is not permitted. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be canceled.

Tall Tails - Wednesday, March 29, 4:30 p.m. - 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 paw-some audience to practice their literacy skills. Tall Tails is offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



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/>.

Mini-Golf in the Library is Back - Drop by the Library Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18 to play a few holes of putt-putt inside the Library. See how books, bookends, and more can be transformed into mini-golf obstacles. All ages are welcome to participate.



Learn as You Stroll with a New StoryWalk® - The Town's Parks Department and the Library are happy to bring another StoryWalk® opportunity to Prather Park for Spring Break. Read a story, page by page, while walking through the park. Enjoy the book *Ten Little Caterpillars* by Bill Martin, Jr. and illustrated by Lois Ehlert. Join the adventures of the caterpillars as they are out and about in our big, wide world. Plus, the title contains intriguing information about all of the caterpillar stars.



The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

To-Go Craft Kits - Fly into spring with a suncatcher butterfly craft. This craft kit is appropriate for all ages. Reserve a kit for pick up during Spring Break, March 14 through 18, by emailing vrice@hplibrary.info. Kits are available while supplies last.



New Resources at the HP Library

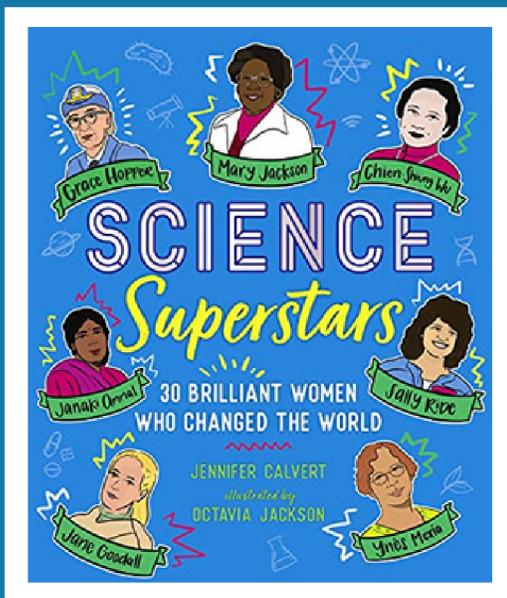
Grow Your Love of Nature - Nurture curiosity about the natural world with a plant kit. Each kit includes a field guide and magnifying glass, along with several activities to encourage exploration. You can choose from different plant categories, including Flowers, Trees, and Mushrooms. Plant kits are available for checkout with an adult library card. Recommended for ages 6 and up, one kit per account. Made possible through donations to the Kay Harrington Gilbert Fiske collection.

National Geographic Kids Online - Explore amazing adventures in science, nature, culture, archaeology, and space. This database is best for children ages 6 to 14. The collection includes the complete run of the magazine from the first issue in 2009 to the present; as well as books, videos, and colorful photos. Log in with your library card number and PIN, <https://link.gale.com/apps/NGMK?u=txshrp100180>.

S.T.E.M. Learning Kits - Dive into the world of science, technology, engineering, and math with one of these educational and fun kits. Funding generously provided by The Friends of the Highland Park Library through a grant from La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas.

Merge Cube and AR/VR Headset Kits - Using the camera on any mobile device, the Merge Explorer app, and a Merge Cube, you can hold digital 3D objects in the palm of your hand. Kits now include AR/VR Goggles that work with iOS and Android smartphones. Funding for these resources generously provided by The Friends of the Highland Park Library, through a grant from La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas, and the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation.

HP Library: What to Read Next



March is Women's History Month. Library staff have designed in-Library displays of titles to celebrate poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and memoirs by women. The title [Science Superstars: 30 Brilliant Women Who Changed the World](#) by Jennifer Calvert will introduce you to 30 remarkable women whose passion and dedication to all things science led to groundbreaking discoveries, vital medicine, essential technology, and cutting-edge inventions. Discover the triumphs, curiosity, and hard work of female trailblazers whose love of science spurred revolutionary advances.

To view Women's History Month exhibits and collections online 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, please visit <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>.

MARCH CALENDAR



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 at the Library, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

Every Friday at 10:00 AM: Toddler Story Time at the Library - Please see calendar below for locations this month.

Every Friday at 10:45 AM: Preschool Story Time - Please see calendar below for locations this month.

- March 3, Friday** **Toddler & Preschool Story Time in the Park** - Library
10:00 & 10:45 a.m. Toddler and Preschool Story Times will take place in Prather Park. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled.
- March 4, Saturday** **Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum**
10:00 a.m. This program is free with regular museum admission and designed for children ages four to nine, but all are welcome.
- March 7, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**
8:00 a.m. Meeting & Study Session will be on the second floor of Town Hall. Agendas are made available online by the Friday afternoon before the meeting at <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>
- March 10, Friday** **Toddler & Preschool Story Time** - Library
10:00 & 10:45 a.m. Toddler and Preschool Story Times will take place in Town Hall, Second Floor.
- March 11, Saturday** **Gardening For Children** - Library
2:00 p.m. Suitable for all ages. Registration closed. Class is full.
- March 17, Friday** **Toddler & Preschool Story Time** - Library
10:00 & 10:45 a.m. Toddler and Preschool Story Times will take place in Town Hall, Second Floor.
- March 17, Friday** **Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo** - Library
10:45 a.m. Suitable for ages 5 and up. Registration is not required, but appreciated, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-adventures-tickets-529440800687>.
- March 17 & 18** **Mini-Golf in the Library** - Library
Friday & Saturday Drop by the Library to play a few holes of putt-putt inside the Library. All ages are welcome to participate.
- March 24, Friday** **Toddler & Preschool Story Time in the Park** - Library
10:00 & 10:45 a.m. Toddler and Preschool Story Times will take place in Prather Park. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled.
- March 25, Saturday** **Kumihimo Braiding Fiber Art Workshop** - Library
10:00 a.m. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration closed. Class is full.
- March 29, Tuesday** **Tall Tails** - Library
8:00 a.m. Tall Tails will be offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.
- March 31, Friday** **Eggcellent Event with Professor Pop's Bubble Show and Egg Hunt** - Library
10:00 a.m. Held in Prather Park. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be canceled. Registration is not required but is appreciated.



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