

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.



Annual Pet Registration Reminder

Have you registered your pet for 2024 yet? Per Town Ordinance 2.01.013, all pets must be registered every January. Residents can download the one-page form or can complete the registration online at www.hptx.org/pet. Annual registration is \$20.00 per unneutered/unspayed dog or cat, or \$10 for each neutered/spayed dog or cat. Proof of current rabies vaccination is also required at time of registration. Completed forms and payment can be mailed or dropped-off at Town Hall, or emailed to Customer Service. Emailed registrations will have the annual fee included on the next utility bill after the application is received.

Please remember to keep all dogs on leashes and to pick up their “deposits” when in the parks or out for walks! To view the Town’s ordinances concerning pets, please visit <https://ecode360.com/39245879>. For more information, call Customer Service at 214-521-4161.



The Public Works Pipeline

Department of Engineering Services

Utility Tree Trimming

Spring is just around the corner, and Oncor is preparing to do scheduled vegetation maintenance in and around Town. Here are a few things to know.

Oncor's planned vegetation maintenance (VM) program is essential to delivering safe and reliable electric service. As the electric delivery provider, Oncor is responsible for ensuring proper clearance from the power lines. When maintenance has been scheduled within the Town, the Oncor representative's goal is to contact all residents, and two separate attempts will be made to make contact. Door notifications will be left at the residence, along with contact information. Resident notifications will begin approximately two weeks before a scheduled project commences. Should someone come to your door requesting access to your property for the reason of tree trimming, Oncor's contractors names should be visibly marked on their uniforms and vehicles. When in doubt, you can always call the HPDPS for assistance.

Oncor trims to industry standards and will be pruning those affected trees 10-feet as a rule; however, cuts could go as far back as to the trunk in some cases so as not to jeopardize the tree's health. It is standard procedure for Oncor tree trimmers to use cuts in the shape of "V" or "L" depending on the proximity of the trees to the power lines, the type of tree, etc. It should also be noted that Oncor contractors properly clean utensils from oak tree to oak tree, and do paint cuts made when completed; however, this is limited to oak trees only. Oncor is committed to providing safe, reliable electric service to our customers. This work is an example of that commitment.

Visit Oncor's FAQ page for residents about their Vegetation Maintenance Program, <https://www.oncor.com/content/oncorwww/us/en/home/about-us/safety.html#separator-c2e92a5184>.

Should power go out during storms, or other reasons, residents can report a power outage or check the status of a previously reported power outage via an online reporting tool at [oncor.com](https://www.oncor.com). You can also call Oncor at 888.313.4747. If you have signed up for My Oncor Alerts, text OUT to 66267 (ONCOR). To register for My Oncor Alerts, text REG to 66267.

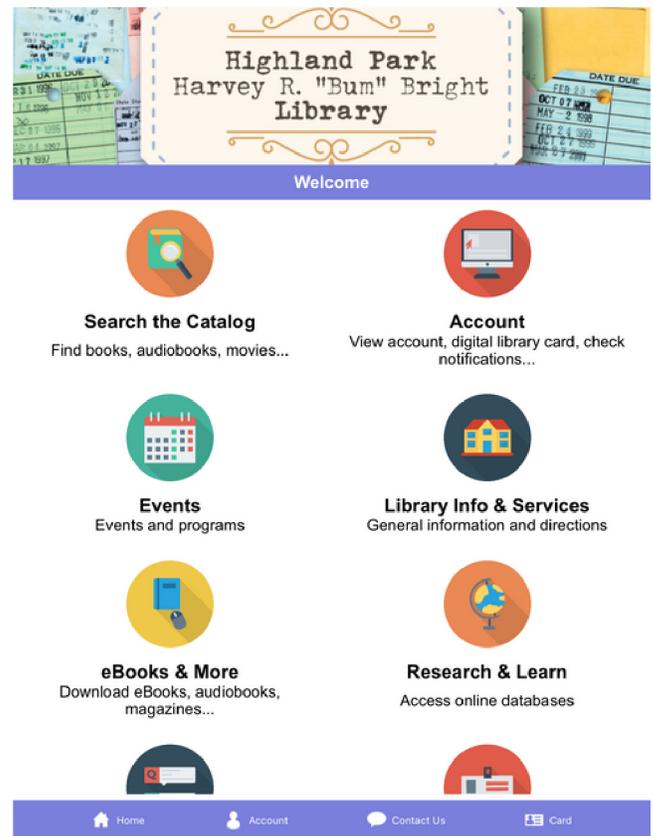
To be notified or stay up-to-date on Town announcements and other alerts, you can sign up for service by visiting <https://www.hptx.org/409/Notify-Me> ; or by following the Town's X (formerly Twitter) feed at [@HP_Texas](https://twitter.com/HP_Texas) and [@HPDPS_TX](https://twitter.com/HPDPS_TX).

Let's Get Digital!

The HP Library mobile app is here! Instant access to the Library is now easier than ever. Check out what you can do with the new mobile app:

- Browse the Library's collections
- Reserve books and other materials to pick up
- Access your account details and see current due dates

Add a digital version of your library card's barcode to the app; you'll never be without your card again. The app also includes the ability to link multiple library accounts to view them all from the same device. To download the App, search for "HP Library Texas" while browsing the [Apple](#) and [Android](#) app stores.



Check Out these Mobile-Friendly Sites for Town Departments and Services

CivicRec - Create a CivicRec account to purchase your annual tennis and pool permits, reserve the tennis and pickleball courts, or purchase visitor passes to being guests to the HP swimming pool. Register for swim lessons, clinics, and other activities as they become available with this mobile-friendly site, <https://www.hptx.org/recreation>. For assistance, please call Customer Service during normal business hours at 214-521-4161.

WaterSmart - WaterSmart provides an online, customer water use portal that helps residents monitor their water consumption while at home or away, avoid costly leaks, and contribute to the Town's water-saving goals. For more information on how to sign up, please visit <https://tx-highlandpark.civicplus.com/830/WaterSmart>.

HP4U - Do you see an issue in Town that needs to be fixed, such as a pot hole or downed tree in the park? HP4U is the resident portal to inform Town staff of what needs to be taken care of. You can log issues and concerns with the Town and HPDPS using your computer at <https://user.govoutreach.com/highlandpark/support.php?cmd=shell>. Residents can also download and report issues using the [Apple](#) or [Android](#) app as well.

HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum - Saturday, February 3, at 10:30 a.m.

Families come in all shapes and sizes and so does creativity. The Meadows Museum 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 SMU student Museum Experience Ambassadors. 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/education/family-programs/>, for information about each unique session, which will include browsing artwork with museum staff, a craft activity, and a story time.



Unicorn Show - Saturday, February 17, at 2:00 p.m.

Meet Bella Benettia, The Queen of the Unicorns, during her visit to the Highland Park Library! In this show, Bella will perform unicorn magic tricks and lead songs about unicorns. She will also teach the real children she meets the unicorn games she learned when she was young! Suitable for all ages. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-unicorn-show-tickets-794672395527?aff=register>.



Jason Morgan, author of *A Dog Called Hope* - Wednesday, February 21, at 12:00 p.m.

SSgt Jason Morgan is an exceptional public speaker using his story to motivate groups and individuals. His talks stress never giving up in the face of adversity and focusing on your abilities, no matter what they are, to live a life of purpose and help others. Adults 18 and up. Registration not required, but appreciated, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jason-morgan-a-dog-called-hope-tickets-761411812227?aff=HPL>.



Diamond Painting - Saturday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Discover the art of diamond painting and find your next craft obsession. Combining the concepts of mosaic art and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting uses tiny rhinestones on adhesive to create a glittering, multi-dimensional picture. Every participant will be provided with a small kit and a frame to display the finished piece. Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/785422619197?aff=oddtcreator>



Cookie Decorating for Teens - Saturday, February 24, 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy this fun class, presented by Sweets on a Stick, as we learn how to turn plain sugar cookies into works of art. Each participant will be given the materials to decorate 4 cookies, each with a different design. All supplies, ingredients, and instructions will be provided. Suitable for teens and tweens ages 10 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-cookie-decorating-tickets-794518725897?aff=register>.

Tall Tails - Wednesday, February 28, at 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 pawsome audience to practice their literacy skills. 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/>.

Challenge Yourself This Year at the Library

Say it isn't snow! The Winter Reading Challenge ends soon. - Adults age 18 and older can complete the challenge by March 9, 2024, to enter the raffle drawing for prizes. Sign up and record your progress at hptx.beanstack.com. Read or listen to three books and record their titles for your chance to win one of five winter reading-themed gift bags.

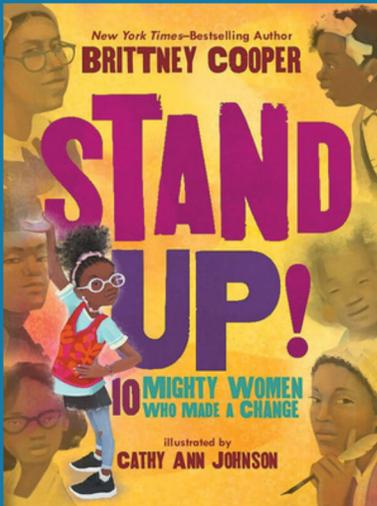
- Books may be from outside the library's collection, but must be adult or YA level.
- Attendance at any adult library program or event during the challenge also counts. Just select the corresponding Activity Badge in Beanstack to earn credit for the event.
- The prize drawing will be held after the challenge ends on March 9, 2024.

PressReader now includes the *NEW YORK TIMES* - Download select digital newspapers, including The Dallas Morning News, The New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, and the New York Post, as well as magazines. Discover over 6,000 publications from over 100 countries in 60+ languages. To access PressReader away from the Library, visit PressReader on your computer or tablet through a web browser or the Pressreader app, <https://tx-highlandpark.civicplus.com/170/eBooks-More>. Login with your library card and PIN through the "Library or Group" option.

This service 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 a resident 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.

What to Check Out Next?



February is Black History Month. Library staff have designed in-Library displays of titles to celebrate poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and memoirs by Black authors. The book *Stand Up!*, by Brittney Cooper, tells the story of ten historic female figures who changed the world by standing up for what's right, including legendary Civil Rights activists like Ruby Bridges and Rosa Parks and spanning to contemporary role models. Cooper's enlightening text depicts both famous and unsung Black women who took a stand and made the world a better place for future generations.

To view Black 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://blackhistorymonth.gov/>.

The Library is open on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday - Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WORK AT THE HIGHLAND PARK SWIMMING POOL



COMPETITIVE STARTING PAY

- ▶ CONCESSION ATTENDANT \$12.19/HR
- ▶ LIFEGUARD \$15.16/HR
- ▶ LEAD LIFEGUARD \$20.00/HR
- ▶ SWIM INSTRUCTOR \$20.00/HR

**LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION &
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Apply Online: www.hptx.org/jobs



HP SWIMMING POOL

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HP CAN TOILETRY DRIVE

Benefiting DISD's Homeless Education Program



Park Plaza



FEBRUARY 12 – MARCH 2

Collection Spots:

- HP Town Hall
- HPDPS Lobby
- Moody Family YMCA
- Park Plaza Condominiums

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

2-in-1 shampoo/conditioners, body wash, deodorant, tooth brushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shaving cream, brushes and combs, washcloths, feminine products.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/23OTFWGS237UN/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Every Tuesday at 11:45 AM: Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

Every Thursday at 10:00 AM: Baby Bounce, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

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Third Thursday at 12:00 PM: Mindful Movement - Yoga in the Park, meets in Prather Park.

Every Friday at 10:00 AM: Toddler Story Time, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

Every Friday at 10:45 AM: Preschool Story Time, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

- Tickets will be required for entry to Story time on Fridays. Tickets are free and will be handed out each Friday at the Library Circulation Desk.

February 3, Saturday Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum - Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd
10:30 a.m. Free, with regular museum admission.

February 6, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session
8:00 a.m. Agendas are made available online <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>.

February 12 - March 2 Toiletry Drive - benefiting DISD Homeless Education Program
Drop off full-size donations at Town Hall, DPS Lobby, Moody YMCA, Park Plaza; or order from the Amazon wishlist https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/23OTFWGS237UN/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

February 15, Thursday Mindful Movement Yoga - Prather Park
12:00 p.m. This class will move to the DPS Training Room if the weather is not suitable to be outside. No registration required.

February 20, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session
8:00 a.m. Agendas are made available online <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>.

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12:00 p.m. Adults 18 and up. Registration appreciated, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jason-morgan-a-dog-called-hope-tickets-761411812227?aff=HPL>.

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4:30 p.m. Eventbrite registration required for this Library Program. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebsoporgprofile>.



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