

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

## JULY 27, 2021

### FINANCE:

#### ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59	\$246,908.71	\$218,947.04	\$206,796.66
February	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74	\$239,620.03	\$253,982.29	\$236,977.51
March	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11	\$267,408.59	\$250,722.14	\$235,074.35
April	\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05	\$214,513.90	\$210,496.91	\$222,213.44
May	\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28	\$311,719.63	\$281,788.14	\$237,661.01
June	\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93	\$271,114.94	\$320,454.59	\$277,447.25
July		\$433,747.64	\$285,381.75	\$300,335.69	\$264,027.39
August		\$380,976.99	\$356,562.37	\$394,788.59	\$315,042.76
September		\$466,173.61	\$320,090.38	\$364,257.96	\$335,909.50
October		\$433,650.72	\$399,497.35	\$306,871.13	\$259,944.22
November		\$305,732.61	\$358,146.37	\$286,085.34	\$304,085.96
December		\$380,537.34	\$275,957.76	\$249,823.02	\$288,913.21

\*As of April 26, 2021, automatic credit card drafts are now part of the online utility bill payment totals.

#### AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16	\$85,442.31	\$71,651.41	\$63,517.28
February	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11	\$73,765.91	\$73,106.50	\$65,287.37
March	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41	\$71,751.84	\$70,641.47	\$63,132.72
April	\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65	\$65,920.26	\$65,855.79	\$53,341.98
May	\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54	\$88,378.47	\$75,977.68	\$69,002.02
June	\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21	\$74,513.43	\$80,826.26	\$73,118.18
July		\$121,025.84	\$93,483.23	\$88,910.75	\$68,079.48
August		\$113,130.64	\$107,866.92	\$102,878.90	\$82,558.92
September		\$137,771.86	\$106,122.80	\$92,411.37	\$81,133.99
October		\$123,306.75	\$120,968.81	\$98,509.88	\$74,733.23
November		\$94,961.20	\$97,515.15	\$84,134.74	\$82,189.99
December		\$116,508.98	\$99,255.97	\$71,988.89	\$67,035.66

#### KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25	\$16,084.10	\$13,632.13	\$9,827.05
February	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02	\$16,019.68	\$14,010.94	\$9,177.19
March	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01	\$12,078.00	\$15,753.68	\$8,907.02
April	\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99	\$11,636.59	\$11,598.52	\$10,716.67
May	\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43	\$15,446.69	\$15,516.51	\$14,330.94
June	\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19	\$14,092.62	\$17,806.76	\$16,168.08
July		\$21,778.38	\$18,147.78	\$20,001.21	\$13,094.46
August		\$17,566.80	\$20,613.07	\$22,002.97	\$14,250.07
September		\$24,119.28	\$18,407.61	\$20,300.64	\$17,280.54
October		\$18,037.50	\$19,399.15	\$15,677.88	\$14,414.46
November		\$15,206.33	\$20,304.92	\$15,970.14	\$16,433.70
December		\$14,953.30	\$15,822.59	\$12,904.99	\$16,649.96

**NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	3,245	2,719	2,406	2,506	2,171
February	3,290	2,759	2,471	2,522	2,161
March	3,293	2,880	2,519	2,516	2,199
April	3,321	2,819	2,552	2,502	2,248
May	3,364	2,847	2,533	2,482	2,301
June	3,396	2,931	2,588	2,439	2,326
July		2,976	2,582	2,407	2,411
August		3,069	2,622	2,380	2,370
September		3,072	2,669	2,370	2,373
October		3,127	2,664	2,305	2,443
November		3,186	2,695	2,357	2,433
December		3,201	2,715	2,387	2,458

**ASSESSMENT BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

**PAVING ASSESSMENT:**

**Balance**

Polk, Billy (deceased)                      242 E Cardinal                      \$ 17,21720

*No payments were made for the Paving Assessments.*

**WILDEWOOD ASSESSMENT:**

**Balance**

Eaton, Donald (deceased)                      921 Ashwood                      \$ 8,428.18

Rickets, Tommie                      936/940 Lemonwood                      10,322.39

Total Wildewood:                      \$18,750.57

*No payments were made for the Wildewood Assessment.*

**DEMAN DEPOSITS REFUNDED AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

**Total Number of Accounts**

**Balance**

796                      \$ 43,780.00

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

The **Parks and Recreation Department** welcomed two new employees, as well as had one promotion. **Kayla Williams** was hired for the position of cashier on July 16<sup>th</sup>. **Madeline Sims** was hired for the position of lifeguard on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Cashier **Zoe Johnson** was promoted to lifeguard on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The **Fire Department** welcomed a new employee. Library Clerk **Eunice Myers** was promoted to Fire Department Secretary on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

The City is currently accepting applications for the positions of:

- Part Time Student Clerical Assistant
- Telecommunicator
- Light Equipment Operator/Drainage
- Light Equipment Operator/Streets
- Maintenance Technician/Wastewater
- Utilities Superintendent
- Water Service Worker
- Light Equipment Operator/Parks
- Part Time Lifeguard
- Part Time Recreation Aide

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

A citizen stopped in to thank **C-Shift** for the EMS care she received from them. She was very grateful for their compassion and aid and thanked them with homemade pies.

Congratulations to **Hunter Ringo** and **Tanner Fleet** on completing their one-year probationary period!

## LIBRARY

**Enjoy Creature Teacher Belinda Henry!** The Library will host two programs on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.! This program invites you to experience the world of fauna! You never know who you'll meet in this live-animal show! Call 254-953-5491 to register! Child Care Centers are welcome!

**Thank you City Departments and Community Members for a GREAT BIG Truck Day!** Our community came out in droves to enjoy this day!

The Library is promoting **writing and authorship** with a variety of programs for various ages.

1. Join our **Writers Support Group** on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Share your works with fellow authors. No registration is necessary.
2. Library patrons are enjoying our **NEW Writing Workshops!** Professor Heather Chandler from Temple College will help encourage the fun in writing. The workshops began last week and continue on Thursdays through July 29th. Children ages 8-10 meet at 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Teens ages 12-14 meet 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. We can't wait to see what our young authors will produce.
3. Get ready for our upcoming **Local Author Fair** on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Meet local authors. Purchase their works and get your own signed copies. Enjoy authors for children's young adult, and adult titles! No registration is necessary to visit the fair. If you are an author who would like to be a part of the fair, then please e-mail [clink@harkerheights.gov](mailto:clink@harkerheights.gov) for more information.
4. Log the time that you spend writing as part of our **Cowabunga-READ Summer Reading Club!** Sign up at [harkerheights.readsquared.com](http://harkerheights.readsquared.com) to count your hours!

The popular **A-List Club for special needs young adults and adults** returns in August! Look for this club on its NEW DAY OF THE WEEK on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The group is designed to welcome special needs young adults in the Library, to encourage exploration of interests, and to promote social interaction. No registration is necessary.

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library plans programs throughout the summer, and we want to celebrate with a **full slate of in-person programs, reading clubs, performers, and more!** *Most in-person programs will require registration!*

Adults, teens, and children enjoy a variety of in-person and virtual programs! Check out a full list of program at <https://harkerheights.gov/libraryspecialevents> .

Check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> or our website at <https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/departments/library> for special programs and new additions! We add programs, so check back often.

## ACTIVITY CENTER

The City of Harker Heights will be hosting a **Street Dedication Ceremony for Freddie Nichols Sr.** on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. off Stillhouse Lake Rd. Turn onto Prospector Trail. Then turn right on Freddy Nichols Sr. Drive. The dedication will be on the intersection of Freddy Nichols Sr. Drive and Cesarina Street. Mr. Nichols was the first African American Police Officer for the City of Harker Heights and served the community from 1972 – 1985. The ceremony will take place within the subdivision of Cedarbrook Ridge off of Stillhouse Lake Road. For more information, please call 254-953-5493.

Bring your family to **Splash Bash at KERN PARK!** This family friendly event will be held Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and will have water activities including a water balloon fight, music, water inflatables, and more! For more information, call 254-953-5466.

Check out the **Farmers Market** for fresh produce or a homemade item! The market is held every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at City Hall on 305 Miller's Crossing. For more information, please contact Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493.



Members of the Senior Recreation Program can still register for the **Sunflower Memo Board Craft Kit!** This kit includes supplies to create a sunflower memo board for your notes. Limited supply available. Please call 254-953-5493 to reserve yours and a time to pick it up at the Activities Center.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Officer Andrew Barnstable** was commended by a traffic violator for his professionalism and respect he exhibited during a recent traffic stop. The violator said "Officer Barnstable's actions and attitude reflected admirably, credibly, and positively on your agency and his chosen profession".

**Detective Chris Hinckley** was thanked by family members of a deceased citizen for being considerate in taking all of the family's calls during their tough time. The family said "We thank him for all he did for us".

**Detective Chris Hinckley** was commended by the fiancé of a deceased citizen for being very kind and compassionate throughout the entirety of the case. She said he made himself available to her when she needed answers and he went above and beyond. She was greatly appreciative of Detective Hinckley's helpfulness and his ability to help make an unbearable situation more bearable.

**Officer Lonnie Clark, Officer Melissa Wolfe, Officer Josh Wood, and Officer Diamante Parra** were thanked by a citizen for the tireless service and assisting those in need. The citizen was very thankful for those officers coming to her aid and for the quality of service they provided her and her family, and said "Please let them know the work they did mattered!".

*Great job!*

## PARKS AND RECREATION



### July is Parks and Recreation Month!

- Tuesdays at 11a: Popsicles in the Park at various locations. Check Facebook for details
- Wednesdays: Library Activities
- Thursday, July 29: Movie in the Park – Jurassic Park
  - Dino activities start at 8p, movie starts at 8:45p
  - Iron Gauntlet Brauhaus will be on site selling craft beer to adults 21 and over!
- Saturday, July 31: Splash Bash at Kern Park



### NEW HOURS

The **Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool** is now open Tuesday – Sunday!

The **Kern Park Community Garden** is up and running with renters and a communal planting area. Stop by to see what our community is growing!

Check out our new **Urban Forestry** page on the HHPRD website!

The **Carl Levin Park Native Pocket Prairie** is in full bloom! Stop by to see native pollinator species that are helping to keep the Monarch and Bee populations thriving in our area.



Our first **adult slow-pitch softball season** in almost two years is officially underway!

**Open Gym times for Basketball and Pickleball** have reopened. Occupancy is limited. For details, visit the Parks website or call the Rec Center at 254-953-5657.

**Fall Youth Soccer** registration closes this Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>!

