

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



MARCH 26, 2024

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

Administration Department

City offices will be CLOSED Friday, March 29, 2024, in observance of Good Friday.

On the day of the Eclipse, April 8, 2024, City offices will be temporarily closed between the hours of 12pm-2pm.

Human Resources Department

The Police Department welcomed a new employee on March 18th. Bianca Ceja Cebreros was hired for the position of Telecommunicator.

The City is currently taking applications for the following position:

- BPAT/CSI and Water Distribution System Flushing Technician
- Inventory/Line Locator
- Maintenance Technicians
- Senior Equipment Operator
- Wastewater Collections Operator
- Police Officer Trainee
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Student Library Page



RECREATION CENTER & ACTIVITIES CENTER

- The Recreation Center will be **CLOSED** on Friday, March 29, 2024, and Saturday, March 30, 2024, in observance of **Good Friday and Easter**.

ATHLETICS

- The **2024 Youth Sports Schedule** has been released and can be found on the Parks & Recreation website!
 - **Youth Tee Ball, Softball, and Baseball** opening weekend is on April 13th.
 - **Youth Volleyball** registration will open March 25th until May 8th, if does not fill up before that date.



AQUATICS

- **Lifeguard** and other summer job opportunities are now available on the City website!
- **Swim Lesson** registration begins May 11th.



SENIOR RECREATION

- Thank you to our **Lunch & Learn** guest speakers Fire Chief Shannon Stephens and Library Director Lisa Youngblood. The Senior community appreciated the presentation on the upcoming Solar Eclipse. They said it was informative and enlightening
- The **Granny Basketball** team Old Glories hosted a day of multiple games at the Recreation Center this past Saturday. They had a total of four teams playing: with teams coming from Conroe and Georgetown.
- **Active Seniors** (50+) are invited to PLAY a variety of recreational activities and games on Thursdays from 12:00 pm – 1:45 pm at the Recreation Center. Each month will be a new activity to keep you moving and having fun. March's activity will continue to be Basketball and April's activity is Pickleball.



- Seniors 50+ are invited to kick off the Masters at the **Mini Golf Masters** by playing miniature golf at the Recreation Center on Thursday, April 11 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Recreation Center.



- April's **BINGO** will be Thursday, April 18 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.



- **Ladies Night Out** is on Thursday, April 18 at 5:00 pm. The restaurant will be determined. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own supper. Registration is required and can be done over the phone by calling 254-953-5683 or in person at the Recreation Center.
- Join us for **Crafty Connection** on Monday, April 22 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Seniors can bring a craft project they are working on at home to socialize and show other crafters. If participants don't have a craft project, they don't have to worry a craft will be available for them at the Recreation Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The **2024 Farmers Market Application** for vendors is now available! The Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department is excited to continue the great tradition of the Farmers Market. The season will start on Saturday, May 4 at City Hall on 305 Miller's Crossing and will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. The application is located on the Farmers Market webpage (https://www.harkerheights.gov/index.php/programs/farmers-market-2?fbclid=IwAR2SsFAOCDkpX0vrWTYTxAAWtiUOeLi6q4j5O_CqwkUK0zGUOwKPIE2tpsU). To stay up to date with the Farmers Market,



follow the Harker Heights Farmers Market Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/HeightsFM/>.

Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department is excited to host the **Harker Heights Arts Festival**, a two-day event full of colors, textures, and inspiration. Held at the Carl Levin Park Amphitheater at 400 Miller's Crossing on both Saturday, April 6 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Sunday, April 7 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm, the public is invited to join for this creative weekend leading up to the once-in-a-lifetime experience: the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse on April 8. Visit the park the weekend before the eclipse for a variety of festivities, including free art activities, shopping with art vendors, live music performances, and more. Artists who are interested in selling their artwork at the event are encouraged to apply to be a vendor, along with any vendors who wish to sell food or tasty treats. Vendor participation is free, and the application along with additional festival details can be found on <https://harkerheights.gov/336-art-in-the-park>. The deadline to apply to be a vendor is March 31, 2024.



Parks & Recreation Department

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library is partnering with the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation's Activities Center to host an **ART SHOW** from April 1 - 8, 2024. Located on 400 Indian Trail in Harker Heights, visitors will enjoy a temporary 2,600 square foot exhibit in the main Activities Center ballroom. Artists who would like to have their artwork in the exhibit can submit their artwork for this show by applying before March 27. Application and participation in the art show is free. Information for the Art Show and application can be found on <https://harkerheights.gov/336-art-in-the-park>.

GET OUTDOORS (GO) HEIGHTS

- The **Family Hike** at Mother Neff State Park originally scheduled for March 16, 2024 was postponed due to the weather. The new date will be Saturday June 8, 2024. Registration will open early May. Register through Civic Rec or by visiting the Recreation Center (307 Millers Crossing).



POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Community Services Division is currently accepting applications for the Citizen's Police Academy that is set to begin on April 15, 2024.

Healthy Homes will be hosting a Free Children's Pop-Up Clinic on April 27th at 9am - 12 pm at the Harker Heights Activities Center.



The 2024 Bell County Peace Officer Memorial ceremony will be hosted by the Harker Heights Police Department at the Harker Heights Activities Center on May 15, 2024 at 9 a.m.



The Exchange Club recognized Police Officer of the Year, Pablo Virgen, on March 25, 2024.