

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



AUGUST 22, 2023

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

Human Resources Department

The Parks Department promoted Duston Wilson to Crew Leader on August 5th and welcomed new employee Kimberly West to the position of Part Time Recreation Aide on August 15th.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

- Animal Services Officer
- Police Officer Trainee
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Light Equipment Operator
- Maintenance Technician
- Maintenance Technician II
- Senior Equipment Operator
- BPAT/CSI and Water Distribution Flushing Technician
- Collections Operator
- Inventory/Line Locator
- Water Service Worker



The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library started the year off right with new programs and initiatives, and we are happy to keep going!

School has started, and the Library is excited about all that the Fall will be bringing our way!

The Library has a wealth of information, books, and more at our Virtual Library at <https://harkerheights.gov/library>! Visit for education, information, entertainment, and more! Take a look at our World Book Online, research from the TexShare Databases, magazines and newspapers from PressReader, Overdrive and SimplyE e-books and e-audiobooks, Tumblebooks for kids and teens, and more! All you need is your Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library Card!

Our weekly preschool program schedule has changed for the Fall. Join us for one or more of these early literacy programs for your children. No registration is necessary for these regular programs, but space is limited. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. – Baby-time just for babies ages 0-18 months and their special adult – Learn rhymes, songs, and signs with this lap-sit program. Older siblings may not attend this program.
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. – Story-time for children ages 3-6 years and their families – Enjoy stories, rhymes, activities, and more!
- Thursdays at 9 a.m. – Story-time for children ages 3-6 years and their families – Enjoy stories, rhymes, activities, and more!
- Thursdays at 10 a.m. – Toddler Time for children ages 0-3 years and their families – These stories, songs, activities, and more are just right for our little learners!

Let's have a Swing Dance for the Whole Family at the Library on Friday, August 25, 2023, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Dress up or just come as you are! You don't even have to bring a partner! Just come ready to learn to swing dance or to show off your talents! No experience is necessary.



Open Sew at the Library is Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 2-4 p.m. Try your hand at machine sewing! Bring your own machine, or use ours. Learn the basics of sewing, or bring in a project on which you need help or some advice. Even if you have a machine that you have never taken out of the box, bring it! We will get it out and start you on your road to sewing.



Maker Space is ready for creators or all ages! Come see what you can make out of whatever is there. You never know what items will be available, so bring your imaginations! The Maker Space is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We are also accepting donations of craft and school supplies to make available to our patrons. Just drop them off at the Library anytime that we are open.

Open Game Day at the Library and Activities Center has moved to Mondays and Fridays from 12-3 pm! From video games to card games to board games, there is something for everyone in the whole family!



Celebrate Colors with our story-time series! Visit the Library Wednesdays at 10 a.m. & Thursdays at 9 a.m. for Story-time for children ages 3-6 and their families or at 10 a.m. for Toddler Time for ages 0-3 and their families. Each week we will enjoy books, crafts, activities and more while focusing on a particular color! We kick off our series the week of August 23, 2023, with a Rainbow of Colors! Join us each week through October for a focus on a different color.



The Library is expanding its Dungeons and Dragons session offer. We have groups for ages 10-14 years and ages 14 through adult. If you are interested in playing D&D, then e-mail lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov to find out more information.



You still have time to sign up and log your books for the 2023 Find Your Voice Summer Reading Club for kids, teens, and adults! Our theme encourages patrons to find positive ways to express themselves. Sign up NOW for the reading club either at the Library or online at harkerheights.readsquared.com. You can count all the books that you have read and listened to ALL SUMMER LONG! Our Library will offer an array of book discussions, performers, science times, caregiver workshops, and more! Check out our full summer program booklet at <https://harkerheights.gov/libraryspecialevents>. The Book Club officially ends on Monday, September 4, 2023.





ATHLETICS

- Ability Pickleball for children with special needs kicked off Monday, 7/17. We have partnered with Heights Athletic Club to be able to offer pickleball.
- Registration for Ability Soccer for children with special needs begins in September. Space is still available!

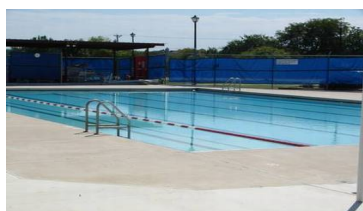


- Youth Volleyball and Flag Football will wrap up this month. THANK YOU to all of the players and coaches for making these great seasons!
- Fall Youth Soccer begins this week with nearly 500 players between the ages of 4 and 14!



AQUATICS

- The Carl Levin Park Pool is officially closed for the season! THANK YOU to our 2023 Aquatics Staff for keeping our community cool this hot summer!



SENIOR RECREATION

- **Join us for Crafty Connection on Monday, August 28 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 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.**
- **Save the date for Grand Day @ Rec Center. Grand Day will be on Saturday, September 9 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Celebrate National Grandparents Day at the Recreation Center. Seniors can bring their grandchildren, great grandchildren, and /or V.I.P. for fun activities, games, and more. RSVP by calling 254-953-5683 or sign up at the Recreation Center by the deadline of September 4. Let us know how many will attend and age of child.**



Parks & Recreation Department

RECREATION CENTER

- The new session for Folklorico ages 6 – Adults started on August 7. Both class sessions are full. The instructor is excited to offer a fall session every Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. & 7:25 p.m. – 8:35 p.m. The class will be ending the session with a recital on October 25.



- Open Gym Summer Hours are:
 - Mondays & Tuesdays 2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Basketball
 - Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: 12U Open Gym
 - Thursdays 2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Volleyball
 - Fridays 2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Wheelchair Basketball



SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The Harker Heights Farmers Market season continues through October from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We are always looking for new vendors. For more information, contact Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493.



GET OUTDOORS (GO) HEIGHTS

- **Community Gardens:** Plots are available at Carl Levin Park Community Garden & Kern Park Community Garden. Rentals are for six months or one year. To pay and register for your plot, please go to the Harker Heights Rec Center, 307 Miller's Crossing.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Community Services will be hosting a Coffee with a Cop event at Juicy Joy Deli & Coffee on August 24th from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**



- **National Night Out will be on Tuesday, October 3rd.**



FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Our Training Chief offered a Fire Safety Class to the employees of First National Bank. For more information about training, contact the Fire Department at 254-699-2688.**



Finance Department



ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
January	\$425,468.44	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59	\$246,908.71
February	\$473,232.50	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74	\$239,620.03
March	\$457,827.45	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11	\$267,408.59
April	\$404,428.51	\$450,611.99	\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05	\$214,513.90
May	\$577,032.32	\$457,447.36	\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28	\$311,719.63
June	\$508,923.56	\$559,624.69	\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93	\$271,114.94
July	\$549,266.57	\$593,523.31	\$474,837.86	\$433,747.64	\$285,381.75
August		\$626,576.19	\$473,342.17	\$380,976.99	\$356,562.37
September		\$733,557.95	\$575,867.17	\$466,173.61	\$320,090.38
October		\$550,329.57	\$615,499.23	\$433,650.72	\$399,497.35
November		\$597,938.12	\$488,924.69	\$305,732.61	\$358,146.37
December		\$529,760.67	\$540,030.51	\$380,537.34	\$275,957.76

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

AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS



	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
January	\$104,768.73	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16	\$85,442.31
February	\$120,067.52	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11	\$73,765.91
March	\$114,106.26	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41	\$71,751.84
April	\$98,130.13	\$110,142.69	\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65	\$65,920.26
May	\$128,587.47	\$111,214.36	\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54	\$88,378.47
June	\$117,678.21	\$126,583.78	\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21	\$74,513.43
July	\$116,990.27	\$127,979.57	\$114,493.61	\$121,025.84	\$93,483.23
August		\$136,631.66	\$121,311.92	\$113,130.64	\$107,866.92
September		\$153,943.37	\$128,969.57	\$137,771.86	\$106,122.80
October		\$120,331.11	\$133,559.38	\$123,306.75	\$120,968.81
November		\$131,364.63	\$109,105.34	\$94,961.20	\$97,515.15
December		\$114,240.31	\$115,096.07	\$116,508.98	\$99,255.97



KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
January	\$14,230.92	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25	\$16,084.10
February	\$17,296.49	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02	\$16,019.68
March	\$13,010.92	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01	\$12,078.00
April	\$12,552.09	\$13,777.77	\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99	\$11,636.59
May	\$16,807.66	\$14,264.27	\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43	\$15,446.69
June	\$16,308.52	\$17,616.84	\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19	\$14,092.62
July	\$16,201.62	\$19,794.27	\$13,973.86	\$21,778.38	\$18,147.78
August		\$17,131.77	\$13,053.66	\$17,566.80	\$20,613.07
September		\$21,855.49	\$15,046.80	\$24,119.28	\$18,407.61
October		\$17,549.59	\$19,801.71	\$18,037.50	\$19,399.15
November		\$17,225.45	\$14,707.98	\$15,206.33	\$20,304.92
December		\$19,102.03	\$14,030.94	\$14,953.30	\$15,822.59

NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT



	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
January	3,798	3,565	3,245	2,719	2,406
February	3,811	3,566	3,290	2,759	2,471
March	3,852	3,555	3,293	2,880	2,519
April	3,922	3,603	3,321	2,819	2,552
May	3,927	3,654	3,364	2,847	2,533
June	3,960	3,698	3,396	2,931	2,588
July	4,061	3,695	3,461	2,976	2,582
August		3,747	3,505	3,069	2,622
September		3,746	3,523	3,072	2,669
October		3,789	3,536	3,127	2,664
November		3,757	3,548	3,186	2,695
December		3,749	3,533	3,201	2,715