

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

Human Resources Department



The City showed it's love to the employees for all they do by providing snow cones, spinal screenings, wellness information, mini massages, fruit and water, in honor of National Feel the Love Day on September 7th.

The Library welcomed a new employee on August 20th. Kylee Sharp Gonzalez was promoted to Part Time Library Clerk.

The Police Department promoted five (5) employees on August 27th. Betiale Hawkins was promoted to Chief of Police, Sonja Clay was promoted to Deputy Chief, Benjamin Duiker was promoted to Commander, Michael O'Hala was promoted to Sergeant and Destinee Barton was promoted to Victim/Witness Coordinator. On September 17th, Desiraye Torres will be promoted to Healthy Homes Youth Specialist. Congratulations to All!

The Parks and Recreation Department welcomed a new employee on September 3rd. Kaily Funez-Lenon was promoted to Part Time Recreation Aide.

The City is taking applications for the following positions:



- Telecommunicator
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Light Equipment Operator
- Maintenance Technician
- Water Service Worker
- Part Time Recreation Aide
- Police Officer Trainee
- Firefighter/Paramedic

Library Department

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library is excited about a fall filled with programs, services, and collections! For a full list of the Library's programs for fall, visit the website at: www.harkerheights.gov/library
Returning are Game Time, Maker Space, Chess Club, Teen Writing, and more!

The Library offers a wide variety of e-books and e-audiobooks through its Overdrive subscription. All you need is your Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library Card to access the collection provided in the Central Texas Digital Consortium. Download the Libby app to get started!

Join the Book Discussion Group! The Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Library at 6:30 p.m. to talk about a wide array of books! Drop by Thursday, September 16th, for discussion of "Blue-Skinned Gods" by S.J. Sindu! In Tamil Nadu, India, a boy is born with blue skin. His father sets up an ashram, and the family makes a living off of the pilgrims who seek the child's blessings and miracles and believing young Kalki to be the tenth human incarnation of the Hindu god Vishnu. Those who wish to join this discussion virtually, e-mail lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov for an invitation to the online club!

Celebrate Stories all week long at the Library!
Enjoy these age appropriate programs. Space is limited. Seating is on a first come/first served basis.

Wednesday, September 14th – Fall for Books! Storytime for ages 3-6 years and their families. Drop by for music, stories, and more!

Thursday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m. – Welcome Fall! for ages 3-6 years and their families! Drop by for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes.

Thursday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. – Welcome Fall! Toddler Time for ages 0-3 years and their families. Drop by for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes!

Thursday, September 15th from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Fall Foraging in the Maker Space– See what you can make with what is in the room!

Saturday, September 17th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Fall Foraging in the Maker Space – What wonders can you create?

Join the Library at the Harker Heights Farmers Market at 305 Miller's Crossing on Saturday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m. for "Let's Play" stories, activities, crafts, and more! No registration is required. Just bring the whole family for a morning of fun!

Library Department

September is Library Card month! This is a great time to get a library card for you and/or your children! What do you need to bring to get a library card? Just drop in with your valid picture ID and something that has your name and address on it. That could be your picture ID if the correct address is listed. Have you just moved? That's OK! Just find something like a bill, a rental contract, your bank statement – anything on paper or that you can bring up on your phone to show us where you live now. Anyone living in Bell or Coryell Counties can get a card. People age 17 or under will need a parent or legal guardian to get a card.



The Library and Activities Center joined forces to present "Camp Half-Blood" at the first "Giganticon" over Labor Day weekend. Celebrating the popular children's and teen fiction "Percy Jackson" series, the Library, the Activities Center, and their volunteers entertained and informed the hordes of self-proclaimed "geeks" with archery, camp crafts, interactive play, and more!

Police Department

2022 National Night Out will be on October 4, 2022.

The Citizen's Police Academy 2022 class will begin on October 11, 2022.

The 5th B.A.B.Y. program class will be graduating on September 21, 2022.



Parks and Recreation Department

Visit the City Hall Farmers Market this Saturday for PLAY HEIGHTS SATURDAY from 9am-1pm! Enjoy fun and free kids activities that utilize sports and games to encourage movement and play!

ACTIVITIES CENTER

- The Maker Space continues its open times into the school year. (Wednesdays and Thursdays 3pm-7pm and Saturdays 1pm-4pm.) Stop by anytime and see the amazing community project the public is building called Cardboard City (located in the hall). This entire city is built from cardboard and has so many little surprises in it. The public is encouraged to add their artistic abilities to this ever growing and changing project.
- Community Gardens: Don't forget that the Kern Park Community Garden is a FREE garden open to the public. Rentals are for six months or one year. Stop by the Recreation Center on 307 Miller's Crossing or the Activities Center on 400 Indian Trail to sign up. For more information, contact Kailie Gomez at kgomez@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5465.

Parks and Recreation Department

ATHLETICS

- Registration for 2022 Ability Soccer which is for children ages 5-22 with special needs hosted at Summit Soccer Complex opened on August 15th closes on September 27th.
- Fall Youth Soccer games started last Saturday at Summit Soccer Complex. Nearly 500 youth from across the community are participating!
- Youth Basketball registration is ongoing until October 6 for kids between the ages of 6-12.

SENIOR RECREATION

- The Recreation Center with the assistance of Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library celebrated National Grandparents Day on September 10, 2022. Grandparents brought their grandchildren to Grand Day @ Rec Center. Participants enjoyed a variety of games, crafts, activities, and snacks. Thank you to the talented Erica Rossmiller for her assistance with stories and activities on our Grand Day.
- Active Seniors (50+) are invited to PLAY every Thursday for Senior P.E. from 12pm – 1:45pm. They will participate each week in a variety of old and new recreational activities.
- Join us as we watch a new video series on the “Turning Points in Modern History” during Lifelong Learning on Thursdays from 11am – 12pm.
- September’s BINGO will be on Thursday, September 15 from 1pm – 2:30pm at the Recreation Center.
- Join with others for good food and conversation on Thursday, September 15th for Ladies Night Out. This month the ladies will be visiting Yank Sing Chinese Buffet in Killeen. 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.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Due to popular demand, the Parks and Recreation Department has added a second community garage sale to our yearly calendar! The Fall Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 1. Register your sale online (visit our Facebook page or website for the link).

Parks and Recreation Department

RECREATION CENTER

- Adaptive Chair Yoga is one of the gentlest forms of yoga. The class meets on Mondays from 10:00 am – 11:00 am and it is centered around using a chair, wheelchair, or other mobility device. Chair Yoga is offered to ages 18 years old and up with a fee of \$12 per class (\$10 per class - -55+ Senior).
- The youth are invited to join in one of the two recreation classes being offered at the Recreation Center. Tae Kwon Do Beginners & Advance classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays for ages 6 and up for the monthly fee of \$40 non-residents and \$35 residents. Swordplay: Recreational Fencing classes are on Thursdays for ages 7 to adults for the monthly fee of \$50.
- Adults can sign up for three of our recreation classes. There is Adaptive Chair Yoga on Mondays from 10 am – 11 am, Hapkido on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 pm – 8:45 pm, and Swordplay: Recreational Fencing on Thursdays from 6 pm – 7pm.

Boards & Commissions

The Harker Heights Arts Commission greeted and spoke with guests at the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Food, Wine, and Brew Fest.

The Arts Commission handed out bags that they encouraged attendees to decorate!



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FINANCE:

ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59	\$246,908.71	\$218,947.04
February	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74	\$239,620.03	\$253,982.29
March	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11	\$267,408.59	\$250,722.14
April	\$450,611.99	\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05	\$214,513.90	\$210,496.91
May	\$457,447.36	\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28	\$311,719.63	\$281,788.14
June	\$559,624.69	\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93	\$271,114.94	\$320,454.59
July	\$593,523.31	\$474,837.86	\$433,747.64	\$285,381.75	\$300,335.69
August	\$626,576.19	\$473,342.17	\$380,976.99	\$356,562.37	\$394,788.59
September		\$575,867.17	\$466,173.61	\$320,090.38	\$364,257.96
October		\$615,499.23	\$433,650.72	\$399,497.35	\$306,871.13
November		\$488,924.69	\$305,732.61	\$358,146.37	\$286,085.34
December		\$540,030.51	\$380,537.34	\$275,957.76	\$249,823.02

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

AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16	\$85,442.31	\$71,651.41
February	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11	\$73,765.91	\$73,106.50
March	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41	\$71,751.84	\$70,641.47
April	\$110,142.69	\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65	\$65,920.26	\$65,855.79
May	\$111,214.36	\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54	\$88,378.47	\$75,977.68
June	\$126,583.78	\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21	\$74,513.43	\$80,826.26
July	\$127,979.57	\$114,493.61	\$121,025.84	\$93,483.23	\$88,910.75
August	\$136,631.66	\$121,311.92	\$113,130.64	\$107,866.92	\$102,878.90
September		\$128,969.57	\$137,771.86	\$106,122.80	\$92,411.37
October		\$133,559.38	\$123,306.75	\$120,968.81	\$98,509.88
November		\$109,105.34	\$94,961.20	\$97,515.15	\$84,134.74
December		\$115,096.07	\$116,508.98	\$99,255.97	\$71,988.89

KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25	\$16,084.10	\$13,632.13
February	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02	\$16,019.68	\$14,010.94
March	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01	\$12,078.00	\$15,753.68
April	\$13,777.77	\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99	\$11,636.59	\$11,598.52
May	\$14,264.27	\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43	\$15,446.69	\$15,516.51
June	\$17,616.84	\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19	\$14,092.62	\$17,806.76
July	\$19,794.27	\$13,973.86	\$21,778.38	\$18,147.78	\$20,001.21
August	\$17,131.77	\$13,053.66	\$17,566.80	\$20,613.07	\$22,002.97
September		\$15,046.80	\$24,119.28	\$18,407.61	\$20,300.64
October		\$19,801.71	\$18,037.50	\$19,399.15	\$15,677.88
November		\$14,707.98	\$15,206.33	\$20,304.92	\$15,970.14
December		\$14,030.94	\$14,953.30	\$15,822.59	\$12,904.99

NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	3,565	3,245	2,719	2,406	2,506
February	3,566	3,290	2,759	2,471	2,522
March	3,555	3,293	2,880	2,519	2,516
April	3,603	3,321	2,819	2,552	2,502
May	3,654	3,364	2,847	2,533	2,482
June	3,698	3,396	2,931	2,588	2,439
July	3,695	3,461	2,976	2,582	2,407
August	3,747	3,505	3,069	2,622	2,380
September		3,523	3,072	2,669	2,370
October		3,536	3,127	2,664	2,305
November		3,548	3,186	2,695	2,357
December		3,533	3,201	2,715	2,387



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Economic Development Report

AUGUST 2022 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued two (2) commercial construction permits within the month of August.

- 800 W. Central Texas Expressway, demolition & remodel
 - Valued at \$450,000.00
- 201 E. CTE, Suite #670, Tenant Finish Out
 - Valued at \$25,000.00

To date (August 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of twenty (20) commercial permits totaling \$23,465,552.00 in project valuation for calendar year 2022.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City has issued a total of seven (7) permits for single-family residential construction within the month of August.

- 1 Single Family Permit in The Ridge
- 5 Single Family Permits in Cedarbrook Ridge
- 1 Single Family Permit on North Side

The City has issued a total of **thirteen (13)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of August.

- 13 Duplex Permits in The Enclave at Indian Trail

To date (August 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of one hundred-fourteen (114) residential permits in calendar year 2022; ninety-three (93) single-family permits, twenty-one (21) two-family permits, and zero (0) multi-family permits.

As of August 31, 2022, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **34,683** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020 was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 534 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

August 1 thru August 31, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass Parking	27	45.00%
Outside Storage	10	16.67%
Bulk Items	9	15.00%
Grass	4	6.67%
Other*	3	5.00%
Brush	2	3.33%
Trash	2	3.33%
Basketball Goal	1	1.67%
Boat	1	1.67%
Tree limbs	1	1.67%
Building Inspection	0	0.00%
Fencing	0	0.00%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	0	0.00%
Junk Vehicle	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%
Tires	0	0.00%
Trailer	0	0.00%
Total	60	100.00%

*For Fiscal Year 21-22 the category "Other" includes the following:
Stormwater Contamination; Illegal Dumping; Storage Containers;
Lack of Permit for Work; Façade Maintenance; Heavy Vehicles;
Parking on the Grass; & Unpermitted Use of Property

**As of May 2022, Heavy Vehicle Parking is longer included in the "Other" Category.

***As of June 2022, Parking on the Grass (Grass Parking) is no longer included in the "Other" Category

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	597	29.08%
Other*	593	28.88%
Outside Storage	339	16.51%
Bulk Items	177	8.62%
Brush	87	4.24%
Trailer	55	2.68%
Grass Parking	51	2.48%
Basketball Goal	41	2.00%
Trash	28	1.36%
Tires	27	1.32%
Fencing	25	1.22%
Tree limbs	15	0.73%
Boat	7	0.34%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	6	0.29%
Junk Vehicle	3	0.15%
Building Inspection	2	0.10%
Skirting	2	0.10%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%

Total 2,053 100.00%

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