

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

AUGUST 24, 2021

PET ADOPTION CENTER

A citizen called to thank the **Pet Adoption Center** for "the professionalism and true love of animals that is shown every day." He was very grateful for the PAC's help in finding his two lost dogs, Max and Marty.

A citizen called to thank **PAC Adoption Coordinator Rose Ramon** for going above and beyond in helping her adopt her amazing new dog, Ruffles. She appreciated Rose's kindness in meeting their family's needs when it came to adopting a new pet. She said the whole experience was great, Ruffles is perfect for their family and wanted to share her good news with everyone.

Officers Angel Abbey and Ashleigh Palma were thanked for their quick action by a citizen for securing her lost dogs and making sure they were safe and sound. She was relieved that her beloved pets were uninjured and spoiled with treats and love until she could pick them up.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The **Human Resources Department** welcomed a new employee.

Jordan Marjonen was hired for the position of **Part Time Student Clerical Assistant** on August 12th.

The **Parks Department** welcomed a new employee. **Ryenn Reader-Morice** was hired for the position of Part Time Recreation Aide on August 17th.

The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Drainage Light Equipment Operator
Streets Light Equipment Operator
Wastewater Maintenance Technician
Utilities Superintendent
Water Service Worker
Part Time Recreation Aide

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant Leach, Officer Valdez, and Officer Basinger were thanked by a citizen whose husband passed away in March. She said the officers comforted her while EMS personnel were working on her husband.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A citizen called to thank **Megan Leighman and Damon Sprouse** for sitting with her mother while her father was being transported to the ER. She expressed that her mother was very distraught, and the medics sat and talked to her, which calmed her down. They plan on bringing goodies and a thank you card to the crew that answered the call!

LIBRARY

The **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library** is pleased to support our families as our community heads back to school whether that be in-person, online, or through traditional homeschooling. The Library offers a wide variety of resources and services for preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and secondary education! Visit our **Virtual Library** at www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/virtuallibrary for an array of e-books, online encyclopedias, research databases, and more! For assistance accessing these resources, please call the Library at 254-953-5491 or e-mail reference@ci.harker-heights.tx.us.

August 23rd – 27th is ***Mystical Creatures Week for Our Virtual Children's Programs***. Access these and other virtual offerings on the Library's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary/>.

Special Events on the Library's Facebook Page!

Wednesday, August 25 th at 10:15 a.m.	Tales with Scales: A Mythical Creatures Storytime
Wednesday, August 25 th at 2:00 p.m.	Science Time
Thursday, August 26 th at 10:15 a.m.	Mermaids and More Storytime
Thursday, August 26 th at 6:00 p.m.	Medieval Family Time
Friday, August 27 th at 10:15 a.m.	Magical Guest Reader!
Saturday, August 28 th at 11:00 a.m.	Dragon Eggs Stories and Kids Craft

There's still time to celebrate summer in our "**Coawabunga -- READ!**" **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library Summer Reading Club**. The Summer Reading Club runs through Labor Day! Just join the club at harkerheights.readsquared.com. Explore our reading club for reading logs, reading lists, challenges and more. Feel free to log any reading, writing, or listening and keep reading all year long!

The Library continues to offer **contactless curbside pick-up** of materials, a large collection of in-house and online resources, and online only and full access Library cards. Though the building itself is open for walk-ins, patrons can call 254-953-5491 or e-mail reference@harkerheights.gov to reserve materials to be picked up at the side of the Library in the drive through area. E-mail your name, card number if available, titles and authors of items that you want, and the best way for the Library to contact you when your items are ready! **Curbside pick-up** is available all open hours by appointment. The drop box for returning materials will continue to be open 24/7. For additional information, please visit our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary/> or call 254-953-5491. To look at the Library's catalog online, please visit <http://67.79.126.39/opac/hhpl/index.html#menuHome>

Do you need to use a **computer with Internet access**? Call 254-953-5496 to reserve a time to use our Library's computers. The Library also offers **FREE wireless internet access** during all open hours. The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library's normal operating hours are currently 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

ACTIVITY CENTER

The Harker Heights Activities Center invites the community to participate in the **Community Wide Garage Sale** on Saturday, October 2nd from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Citizens of Harker Heights can register to have their garage sale time and address listed on the **City Map**. Registration opens on September 1st on <https://bit.ly/harkerheightsevents>. For more information, please call Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493.

The **Farmers Market** continues every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at City Hall on 305 Miller's Crossing. Stop by and pick up some back-to-school treats! For information about the market, visit <http://bit.ly/heightsfarmersmarket> or call 254-953-5493.

The Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program will be hosting **Bingo** at the Activities Center on Thursday, August 26th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Stop by to try your luck!

PARKS AND RECREATION

Later this Fall, the Parks and Recreation Department will transition to using **CivicRec Recreation Software** for all registrations and reservations. All users will need to create an account, and more info on how to do so will be released soon.

The **Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool** is officially closed for the season. Though it was a fairly limited season, we are so thankful for our staff and patrons that made this summer great!

The next **I Love My Parks Day** will be on Saturday, September 25th from 9a-11a! (location and project TBD) Volunteers will help to enhance an area within our parks system; whether through trash clean up, planting, or other small-scale beautification projects. Call the Recreation Center at 254-953-5657 for more info or to RSVP!

Fall Youth Soccer is ongoing at Summit Soccer Complex with nearly 450 participants!

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.

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.