

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT JULY 13, 2021

HUMAN RESOURCES:



The **Parks and Recreation Department** welcomed two new lifeguards. **Peyton Brazzil** and **Keeshawn Patterson** were hired on June 28th.

Fire Department Secretary Betty Delong promoted to Executive Assistant on June 28th.

LIBRARY:

BIG Truck Day! The Library is excited to announce the return of a “fan favorite” for our **Summer Reading Club**. The Library hosts a vehicle extravaganza on Wednesday, July 14th! Come and go from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to see **Big Trucks** and work vehicles from the **Fire Department, Public Works, the Police Department, Municipal Courts, Parks and Recreation, Waste Management, Fort Hood**, and more! Also take a break from the heat with inside activities and games! Care centers are welcome! No registration is necessary.



Scuba and Science at the Library – July 14th at 2:00 p.m. – Visit the Library for an in-person program led by **Bill Ford** from **Scuba Divers Paradise**. Take a look at diving equipment. Afterwards, try an underwater science experiment! No registration is necessary.

Check out the **NEW Writing Workshops!** **Professor Heather Chandler** from **Temple College** will help encourage the fun in writing. The workshops will be held on Thursdays, July 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Children ages 8-10 meet at 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Teens ages 12-14 meet 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Space is limited. Please call 254-953-5491 to register!

Choose Your Own Adventure! It's up to you. **Ms. Heather** reads a chapter of a popular book every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Everyone votes to make a decision for our next move. The next week, Ms. Heather will read the winning chapter!

What makes a great mystery? Adults and older teens read and discuss “The Magpie Murders” by **Anthony Horowitz**. Enjoy this bestseller as a book, audiobook, e-book, or e-audiobook! Meet on Thursday, July 15th with a lively group of fellow readers. The **Book Discussion Club** meets every third Thursday of each month in-person at the Library. Registration is not necessary. If you would like to attend virtually, please e-mail lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov to join via your internet connection.

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:

Pick up fresh produce and local flowers from the **Harker Heights Farmers Market!** The market is 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.



Popsicles in the Park! Visit the Purser Family Park on 100 Mountain Lion Road on Tuesday, July 13th starting at 11:00 a.m. for free popsicles for your family.



The **Harker Heights Activities Center** is hosting the **Pet Supplies Donation Drive** for the **Harker Heights Pet Adoption Center** from now until July 24th. Supplies can be dropped off to the Harker Heights Public Library and Activities Center on 400 Indian Trail in Harker Heights during all open hours.

Supplies that are needed are: leashes, collars, cat and dog food, and towels. For more information, please contact Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493.

The City of Harker Heights will be hosting a **Street Dedication Ceremony** for **Freddie Nichols Sr.** on Wednesday, July 28th starting at 8:00 a.m.

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.

An invitation card for the Street Dedication Ceremony for Freddie Nichols Sr. The card features the Harker Heights logo, a photo of Freddie Nichols Sr. in a police uniform, and the following text: "YOU ARE INVITED TO THE STREET DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR FREDDIE NICHOLS SR. WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021 8:00 AM Within the subdivision of Cedarbrook Ridge off Stillhouse Lake Road in Harker Heights, Texas 254-953-5493 sgibbs@harkerheights.gov".

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SENIOR PROGRAMS

Members of the **Senior Recreation Program** can 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.

The **Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program** is starting the **Watercolor Class** with **Joe Friddle**. This class is every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 254-953-5493 to sign up for this class. The cost is \$5.00 per class that you attend. You may pay in advance if you like.

The **Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program** is having fun with **BINGO!** Bingo will be Thursday, July 15th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Harker Heights Activities Center on 400 Indian Trail.

The **Senior Recreation pinochle players** have expanded their game times to Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. No registration is necessary. Just come for the fun!

PARKS AND RECREATION:

HPRD has partnered with **Variety Children's Charity of Texas** and **Heart of Central Texas Independent Living** to offer the **iCanShine Bike Camp for children with special needs** this week at the Recreation Center!



The **Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool** is open for reduced Open Swim hours from Friday - Saturday.

Applications are currently being taken for pool staff. **Lifeguards** are still needed!



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!

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.



July is Parks and Recreation Month!

Last Thursday evening: Parks and Rec Fest was a fantastic success! Patrons were able to venture through Carl Levin Park while enjoying activities provided by Parks and Rec, the Activities Center, and the Public Library!

- Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.: 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 8:00 p.m., Movie starts at 8:45 p.m.
 - Iron Gauntlet Brauhaus will be on site selling craft beer to adults 21 and over!
- Saturday, July 31: Splash Bash at Kern Park

