

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



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Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates



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Thank you!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Your City employees do great work that often go unnoticed to the majority of the public. The KUDOS CELEBRATION is an employee recognition event that simply says "thanks".

It's about giving Kudos to employees for their hard work and achievements. The celebrations are triggered by the number of KUDOS an employee receives over a certain amount of time. When an employee is celebrated, the department gets to celebrate with them - Team Heights.

Our 1st celebration occurred within the Police Department with an ice cream social gathering.



Human Resources Department

- The Municipal Court will be promoting two employees on October 1st. Catharina Hoffman will be promoting to the position of Court Administrator and Andrea Contreras will be promoting to the position of Clerk of the Court.
- The Fire Department will be promoting Justin Elliott to the position of Driver/Pump Operator on October 1st.
- The Police Department will be promoting Stephanie Hall to the position of Executive Assistant on October 1st.
- Code Enforcement will be welcoming a new employee on October 1st. David "Alex" McCoy will be promoting to the position of Code Enforcement Officer.
- Fire Department Driver/Pump Operator Brandon "Cody" Newman will be retiring from the City on October 27th after 18 years with the City.

The City is taking applications for the following positions:

**NOW
HIRING**

Telecommunicator
Senior Equipment Operator
Part Time Recreation Aide
Firefighter/Paramedic



Library Department

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library is getting ready for a **Spooky October!**

From zombie hunts, spooky story writing classes, Haunted Heights Kids' fun, to a discussion with a cryptozoologist! There is something for everyone. For a full list of the Library's programs for fall, visit the website at www.harkerheights.gov/library

Central Texas Altrusa is working with the Library to hold a Book Swap at the Library on Saturday, October 1st! Do you own books that you would like to trade for others? Are you looking for new reading materials and suggestions? Come and go 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.! Bring a book or more and swap!

Did you know that the Library offers an app to display our Online Card Catalog?

Just download the Librista app, search for our Library, and use your Library card to access your account!

The Library offers a variety of age appropriate programs for preschoolers and their families! Space is limited. Seating is on a first come/first served basis.



Wednesday, September 28th – Books Are Great! Storytime for ages 3-6 years and their families. Drop by for music, stories, and more!

Thursday, September 29th at 9:00 a.m. – Let's Take A Walk for ages 3-6 years and their families! Drop by for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes.

Thursday, September 29th at 10:00 a.m. – Let's Take A Walk Toddler Time for ages 0-3 years and their families. Drop by for a lively morning of songs, stories, and fun!

Though September is almost over, there is still 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.



Library Department

Do you need volunteer hours for work, school, or clubs? Do you want to give back to the community? The Library accepts volunteers ages 12 and up all year long!

Email: Lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov.



Parks and Recreation Department

ATHLETICS

- Tonight, September 27, 2022, kicks off 2022 Ability Soccer for children ages 5-22 with special needs hosted at Summit Soccer Complex! Those interested in volunteering can complete a volunteer application at the Rec Center.



- Registration for 2022 Ability Basketball which is for children ages 5-22 with special needs hosted at the Harker Heights Recreation Center opens September 27, 2022, and closes on November 7, 2022.
- Volunteer Youth Basketball Coaches are needed for the 2022 Youth Basketball league. Volunteer today to help the youth of our community.
- Last Saturday, September 24, 2022, wrapped up the first month of the Variation of Control Basketball Classes. Registration for the month of October is open already! Thank you to the 33 participants who signed up.



ACTIVITIES CENTER

- Go Heights will be conducting an all levels hike on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Dana Peak Park (3800 Comanche Gap Road in Harker Heights). No registration is required. Meet at the 90 degree turn before the park gatehouse.
- The Activities Center will be hosting a City Staff Hike on Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Dana Peak Park (3800 Comanche Gap Road in Harker Heights). We will be hiking to the top of Dana Peak. No registration will be required. Meet at the 90 degree turn before the park gatehouse.

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SENIOR RECREATION

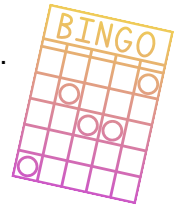
If you are 50 & up and like to play cards, come join the many different card games being offered at the Recreation Center.



Pinochle is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Spades every Tuesday from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Canasta on Thursdays from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.



- Wednesday Wellness Walks will be returning in October. Every first and third Wednesday of the month, seniors ages 50+ are invited to join us at Carl Levin Park (400 Miller's Crossing) for an outdoor walk from 8:00 am – 9:00 am. Participants will meet by the pool.
- Active Seniors (50+) are invited to PLAY every Thursday for Senior P.E. from 12:00 pm – 1:45 pm. They will participate each week in a variety of old and new recreational activities.
- October's BINGO will be on Thursday, October 20 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.
- Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, October 20 at 5:00 pm. The restaurant has not been determined at this point but the details will be settled by October 1, 2022. 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.

RECREATION CENTER

- 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 10:00 am – 11:00 am, Hapkido on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 pm – 8:45 pm, and Swordplay: Recreational Fencing on Thursdays from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
- Continue to check in with the Recreation Center for new and exciting classes.





SPECIAL EVENTS

- The Fall Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm throughout the City of Harker Heights. Residents are invited to host a garage sale at their homes or are welcome to shop around the city. A map with those who registered their garage sales is available on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. Online copies will be located on <https://bit.ly/harkerheightsevents> and print out copies will be available for free pick up at the Activities Center (400 Indian Trail) or at the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing).



- The City of Harker Heights will be overrun by zombies on October 7 and October 8 and we need your help in stopping them! Registration is required for the Zombie Hunt which opens on September 29, 2022 on CivicRec and will offer various time slots on October 7 and October 8. Participation in the Zombie Hunts will be by reservation only.
- Get into the **SPOOKY** spirit by decorating your home or business in the Haunted Heights Outdoor Lighting and Decorating Contest! Registration will be opening in October and will be free to enter. More details will follow. For more information email sgibbs@harkerheights.gov.
- Bring your family to the spook-tacular Haunted Heights! This event will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Carl Levin Park on 400 Miller's Crossing. Activities include family-fun activities, games, vendors, and more. Be sure to wear your costume to go trick-or-treating!
- Applications continue to be accepted to be a vendor at Haunted Heights. Vendors can provide an added component to the event (such as a game, activity, or a themed photo op) or can sell items that are Halloween/fall or pirate themed items.



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