

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

HUMAN RESOURCES

- ❖ City staff attended the Central Texas Career Quest – Pathways to Your Future on January 14, 2025 at the Cadence Bank Expo Center.
- ❖ City staff attended the 2nd Annual Career Fair at the Castle at Harker Heights High School on January 22nd.
- ❖ City staff attended the MEGA Career Fair Winter 2025 on January 28th.
- ❖ City staff attended the Senior Student Job Fair at Chaparral High School on February 1st.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

- ❖ Director of Planning and Development
- ❖ BPAT/CSI and Water Distribution Flushing Technician
- ❖ Heavy Equipment Operator
- ❖ Water Service Worker
- ❖ Maintenance Technicians
- ❖ Light Equipment Operator
- ❖ Summer Student Library Page
- ❖ Seasonal Lifeguards
- ❖ Seasonal Water Safety Instructor
- ❖ Seasonal Aquatics Cashiers
- ❖ Seasonal Aquatics Supervisors



THE STEWART C. MEYERS HARKER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The Library celebrates a month of kindness in February! Filled with displays, Facebook posts, programs, and more, the Library's offerings encourage others to commit Random Acts of Kindness. The Library has offered patrons options for spreading kindness to others through reminders for small acts of kindness, calendars, videos regarding the science of kindness, and more. February 9-15, 2025 is Random Acts of Kindness Week. Monday, February 17, 2025, is a special Random Acts of Kindness Day! While we endeavor to #SpreadKindness each and every day, the Library has quite a few in-person programs designed to encourage kindness!!



Let's Be Kind is the theme for our **Maker Space!**

See what you can make with the supplies that are there!

Come and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am – 3pm and Saturday from 10am – 1pm to make cards, kindness rocks, and more!



Preschoolers and their parents are invited to learn a little about kindness as well! Our storytellers use these programs to work on vocabulary such as the days of the week and the months of the year. **Wednesday, February 12 at 10am – Be Kind Storytime** (ages 3-6 and their families) – Enjoy an early literacy treat with music and more at the Library! **Thursday, February 13 at 9am – Kindness is my Superpower Storytime** (ages 3-6 and their families) – Enjoy songs, rhymes, vocabulary, and age-appropriate activities for education and fun! **Thursday, February 13 at 10am – Kindness is my Superpower Toddler Time** (ages 0-3 and their families) – Enjoy songs, rhymes, vocabulary, and age-appropriate activities for education and fun!

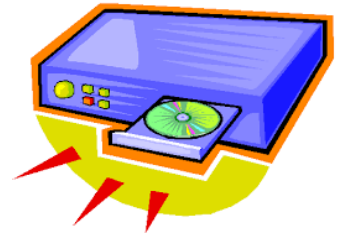


It's Family Night at the Library! – Join us in the Library each 2nd Thursday night of the month at 6:30pm for stories, songs, activities and more. Take this opportunity to play and learn together!

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

The Library and volunteers will be hosting children's activities at **Anime Sunika**, a local anime and Asian food festival, to be held at the Cadence Expo Center on Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16, 2025. The Library uses these opportunities to encourage families to interact and to provide relatively calm building activities. Our theme this year is classic cartoon! Expect to see Scooby Doo, Kim Possible, and more kid favorites in our booth!

Do you have books, DVDs, music, games, or other items that you would like to donate? Just drop them off anytime that the Library is open. The Friends of the Library is accepting donations for the annual book sale. The Friends are unable to accept magazines, encyclopedias, spiral bound materials, folders or files of items, or textbooks.



As a Family Place Library, the Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library offers parenting information on through **FREE ParentTV** on-line videos. ParentTV is a virtual library of parenting resources right at your fingertips. Real and relatable information from parenting experts, in an easy to watch video format. Login with your Library card number and the last four digits of your library card number or your last name in all lowercase letters followed by the last four digits of your library card number. Visit <https://library.parenttv.com/library/familyplace>.

A purple rectangular graphic for ParentTV for Libraries. At the top, the text "ParentTV" is in large white font, with "for Libraries" in smaller white font below it. In the center, the phrase "Available Here Now" is written in a yellow cursive font. Below this, there are illustrations of a desktop monitor, a laptop, and a smartphone, all displaying the ParentTV website interface. At the bottom, the text "On-demand parenting support videos from world renowned experts, at the click of a button." is written in white. At the very bottom, the tagline "When parents are supported....children thrive." is written in a white cursive font.

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Parks & Recreation Department

RECREATION CENTER

The Recreation Center is **closed** until Sunday, February 16, 2025, for maintenance and deep cleaning. The center will return to normal business hours on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Pickleball, wheelchair basketball, and volleyball activities will be cancelled during the week.

The Recreation Center and Activity Center will be **CLOSED Monday, February 17, 2025, in observance of Presidents' Day**. Both centers will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.



THE HARKER HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER & ACTIVITIES CENTER
HAPPY
Presidents
DAY

CLOSED



Presidents Day - Monday, Feb. 17, 2025

The centers will resume normal business hours on Feb. 18, 2025.



ABILITY SPORTS

Ability Basketball league starts February 24. There is still limited space available.

SPORTS

Anyone interested in being a **coach** for youth softball/baseball/T-ball should submit a coach's packet on-line or at the recreation center.

- ❖ **Youth Volleyball Camp** (Spring Break) registration is open and filling fast.

Youth Basketball Camp (June 9-11, June 16-18, July 7-9, July 14-16) registration is open with limit availability.



SENIOR RECREATION

During the week of February 10 – 14, 2025, all the Senior Programs will move the Activity Center while the Recreation Center is undergoing maintenance. **Granny Basketball and all open gym activities will be cancelled for the week.**



Active Seniors (50+) are invited to PLAY a variety of recreational activities and games on Thursdays from 11:00 am – 12:45 pm at the Recreation Center. Each month there will be a new activity to keep participants moving and having fun. February's activity is cornhole. The class on February 13, 2025, will be held at the Activity Center and the activity for the day will be Wii games.



February's **BINGO** will be on Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.



Ladies Night Out will be on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The group will be visiting Big Hoss BBQ in Killeen. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own meal. Registration is preferred and can be done in person at the Recreation Center.



Crafty Connection will be on Monday, February 24, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The craft project is a bird house. Space is limited; registration is required and can be done in person at the Recreation Center.

Parks & Recreation Department

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the **"We Love Our Schools Food Drive"** to benefit the Killeen ISD H.A.R.P. (Homeless Awareness Response Program) from now to the end of March 2025. Donation boxes are located at the Activity Center lobby on 400 Indian Trail, at the Recreation Center lobby on 307 Miller's Crossing, and at City Hall on 305 Miller's Crossing. Items that are needed include: Pasta, rice, mac and cheese, starches, non-perishable snacks, ramen noodles, can openers, and canned veggies. High needed items are peanut butter, chili, soup, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned meat, and beans. For questions regarding the food drive, please contact Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493 or email sgibbs@harkerheights.gov.



The **Harker Heights Arts Festival** will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Carl Levin Park. Vendor applications for local artists will be opening soon. Follow the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspr/> for upcoming vendor opportunities.



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SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

It's time for spring cleaning. The **Spring Community Garage Sale** will be on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm throughout the Harker Heights City Limits. Residents are invited to participate and host a garage sale at their own home on this day. Residents and non-residents are also welcome to shop around the city and try their luck at finding unique items. Residents have the option to register their sale on the **Community Garage Sale City Map**, however registration is not required.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/harkerheightsevents>. Please note: A CivicRec account is required to register. Registrations are not submitted until after a participant has received a receipt.

For questions, email sgibbs@harkerheights.gov.



GO Heights!

There are volunteer opportunities available with the Get Outside Program. Make new friends while sharing your passion with others. Volunteer with our hiking programs, nature education, or teach outdoor skills to those in your community. We welcome both individuals and groups. For more information contact kgomez@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5465.



615
January 2025
Calls For Service

HARKER HEIGHTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT



247
Fire Incidents



368
EMS Incidents



6
Mutual Aid Given



16
Mutual Aid Given



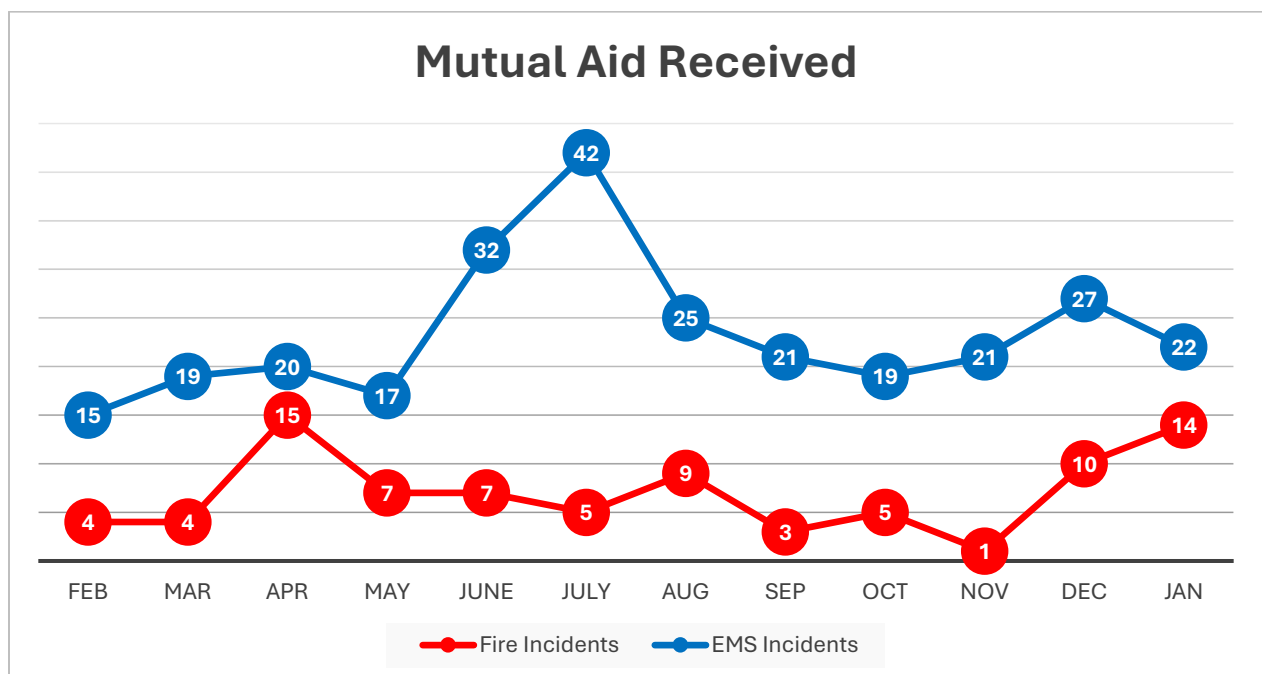
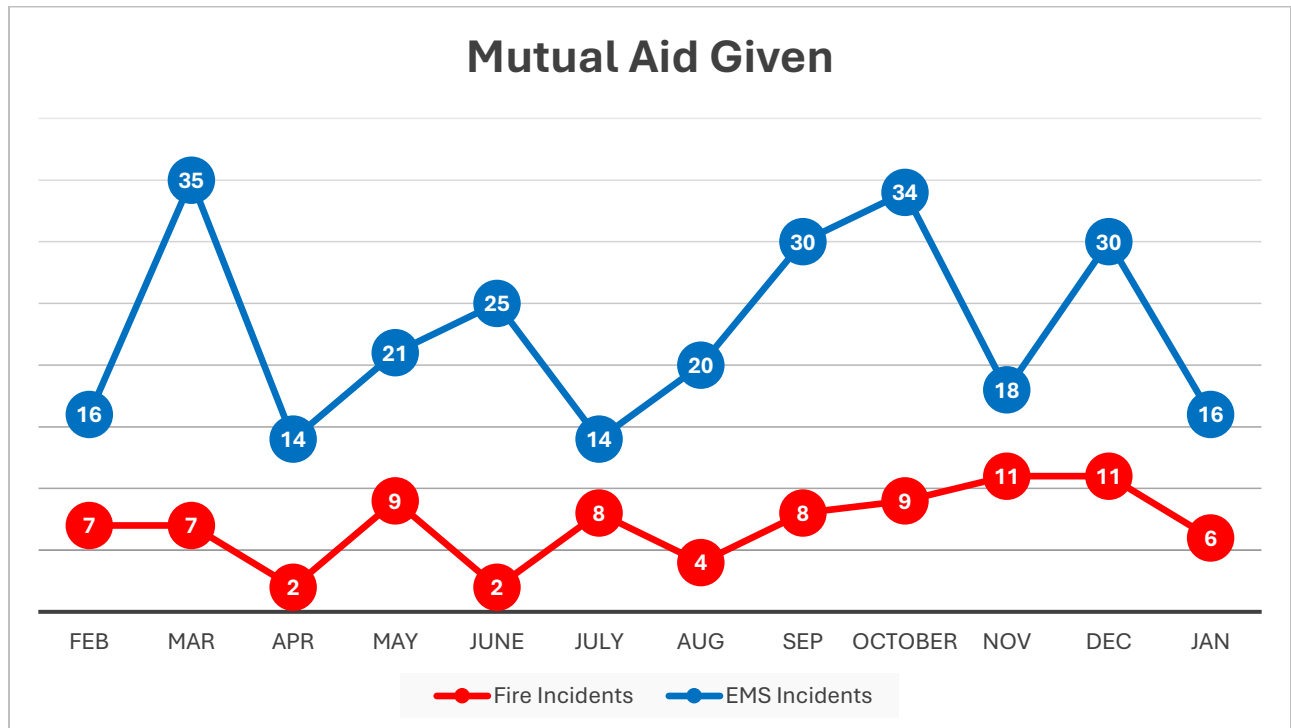
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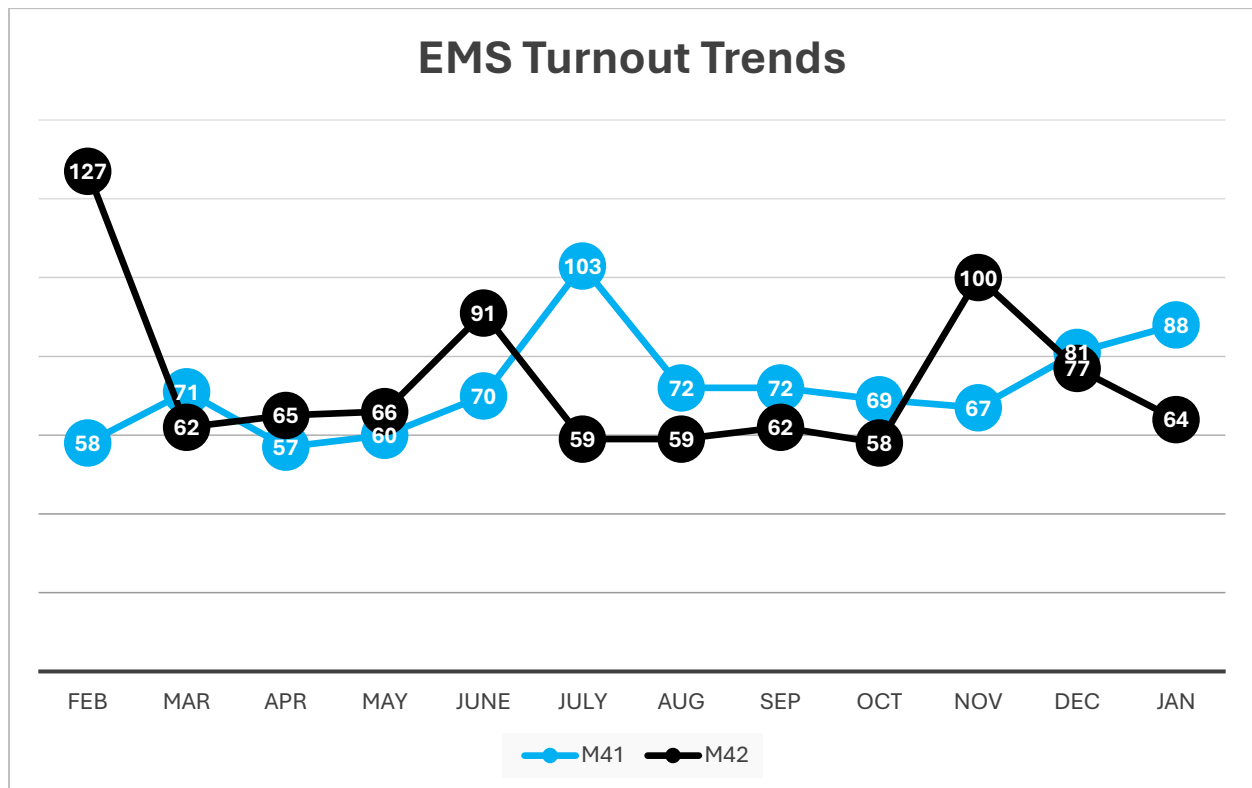
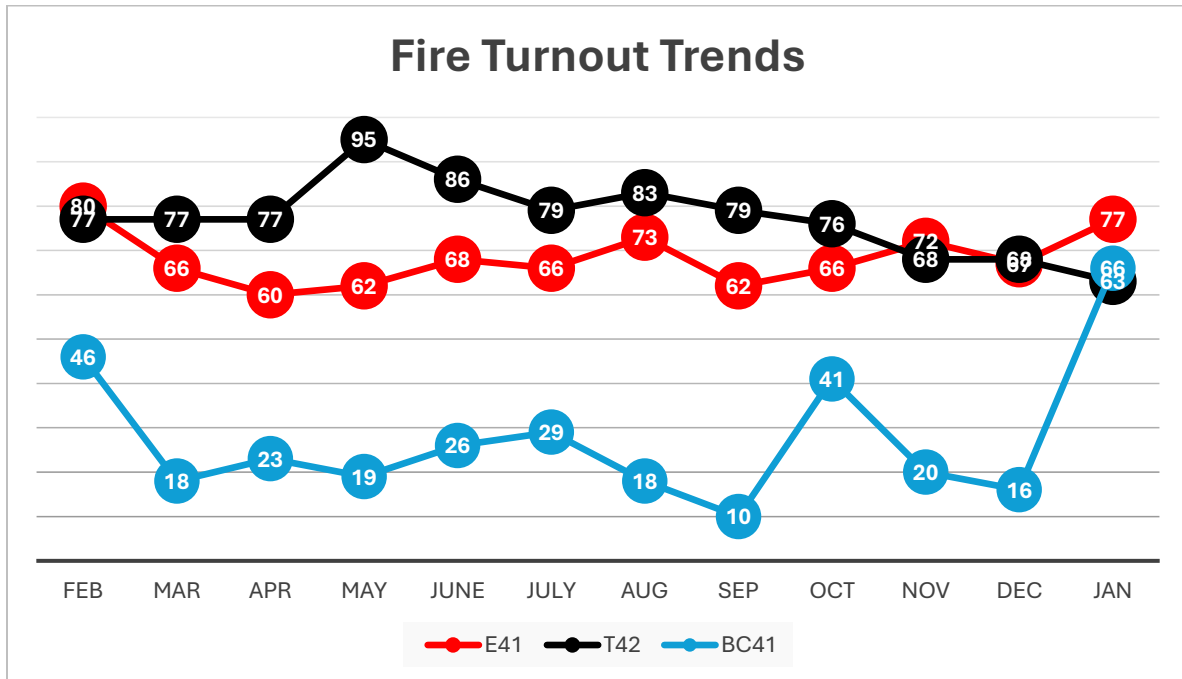
Harker Heights Fire Department

Incident Trends – February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025



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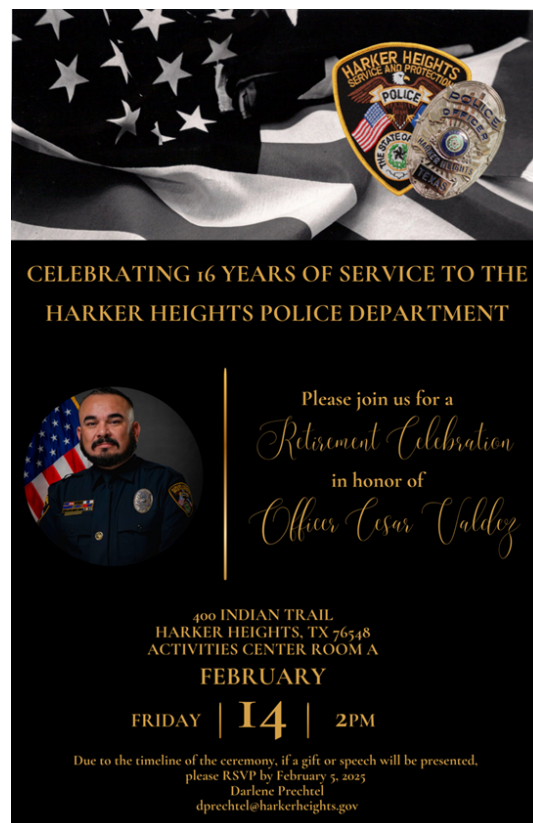
Turnout Trends – February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025



In partnership with HEB, Hot Cocoa with a Cop will take place on February 27th from 4pm – 6pm at HEB in Harker Heights.



Officer Cesar Valdez is retiring February 14, 2025, after 16 years of dedicated service to the City of Harker Heights. The ceremony will be held in the Harker Heights Activities Center Room A at 2 pm.





Finance Department



ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	\$601,807.73	\$458,586.58	\$425,468.44	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93
February		\$534,106.66	\$473,232.50	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94
March		\$505,890.78	\$457,827.45	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90
April		\$449,213.99	\$404,428.51	\$450,611.99	\$341,911.77
May		\$470,065.16	\$577,032.32	\$457,447.36	\$455,951.18*
June		\$455,755.87	\$508,923.56	\$559,624.69	\$457,853.17
July		\$632,588.50	\$549,266.57	\$593,523.31	\$474,837.86
August		\$648,863.93	\$700,084.97	\$626,576.19	\$473,342.17
September		\$623,481.36	\$732,809.66	\$733,557.95	\$575,867.17
October		\$741,027.48	\$640,193.47	\$550,329.57	\$615,499.23
November		\$698,851.87	\$644,238.19	\$597,938.12	\$488,924.69
December		\$626,161.64	\$560,893.99	\$529,760.67	\$540,030.51

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

AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS



	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	\$153,706.27	\$111,335.93	\$104,768.73	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54
February		\$122,733.86	\$120,067.52	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33
March		\$113,274.41	\$114,106.26	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62
April		\$97,246.60	\$98,130.13	\$110,142.69	\$126,015.15
May		\$109,383.84	\$128,587.47	\$111,214.36	\$114,615.29
June		\$103,002.72	\$117,678.21	\$126,583.78	\$117,093.13
July		\$128,211.92	\$116,990.27	\$127,979.57	\$114,493.61
August		\$140,993.30	\$160,801.83	\$136,631.66	\$121,311.92
September		\$133,158.99	\$149,676.66	\$153,943.37	\$128,969.57
October		\$163,763.26	\$140,226.20	\$120,331.11	\$133,559.38
November		\$133,455.63	\$141,456.45	\$131,364.63	\$109,105.34
December		\$137,429.14	\$117,512.11	\$114,240.31	\$115,096.07



KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	\$17,951.79	\$15,526.79	\$14,230.92	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61
February		\$14,866.27	\$17,296.49	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25
March		\$16,016.08	\$13,010.92	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18
April		\$13,150.82	\$12,552.09	\$13,777.77	\$14,514.82
May		\$11,855.53	\$16,807.66	\$14,264.27	\$12,642.08
June		\$16,060.62	\$16,308.52	\$17,616.84	\$13,961.69
July		\$16,487.65	\$16,201.62	\$19,794.27	\$13,973.86
August		\$19,529.80	\$21,416.32	\$17,131.77	\$13,053.66
September		\$15,348.97	\$21,162.07	\$21,855.49	\$15,046.80
October		\$22,682.46	\$16,367.61	\$17,549.59	\$19,801.71
November		\$18,150.19	\$20,801.21	\$17,225.45	\$14,707.98
December		\$15,997.56	\$15,884.88	\$19,102.03	\$14,030.94

NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT



	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	4,452	4,165	3,798	3,565	3,245
February		4,192	3,811	3,566	3,290
March		4,222	3,852	3,555	3,293
April		4,264	3,922	3,603	3,321
May		4,256	3,927	3,654	3,364
June		4,307	3,960	3,698	3,396
July		4,318	4,061	3,695	3,461
August		4,369	4,021	3,747	3,505
September		4,372	4,054	3,746	3,523
October		4,382	4,092	3,789	3,536
November		4,404	4,105	3,757	3,548
December		4,435	4,128	3,749	3,533