

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



APRIL 22, 2025

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

HUMAN RESOURCES

Congratulations to Ethan Ogas!

- ❖ **Ethan Ogas** graduated from the **Police Academy** on April 11th.

The Finance Department will be welcoming a new employee on April 28th.

- ❖ **Nathaniel Trimble** will be transferring to the position of **Utility Billing Clerk**.

The City of Harker Heights has been selected as a **VETS Indexes Recognized Employer in the 2025 VETS Indexes Employer Awards!**

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

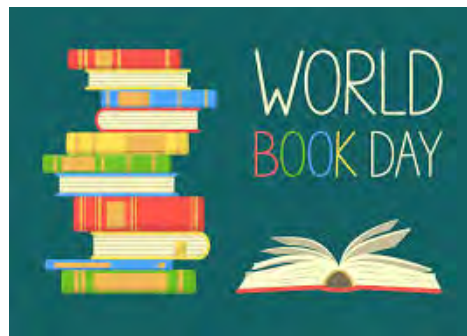
Assistant Finance Director
Police Officer Trainee
Heavy Equipment Operator
Water Service Worker
Maintenance Technicians
Light Equipment Operator
Firefighter/EMT (Paramedic Preferred)
Summer Student Library Page
Seasonal Lifeguards
Seasonal Water Safety Instructor
Seasonal Aquatics Cashiers
Seasonal Aquatics Supervisor



THE STEWART C. MEYERS HARKER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The Library continues with its Spring celebrations with National Jazz Month, National Poetry Month, Stress Awareness Month, Earth Day, World Book Day, and more! We are also getting prepared for a May month filled with programs, new materials and more! Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> for booklists, virtual programs, and activities!

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, is World Book Day! The Library of course loves BOOKS! Drop by the Library all week long for booklists, programs, and more! We invite all citizens to help overcome barriers to reading for pleasure. Take a few minutes to either read or listen to a good book. Remember, audiobooks are not cheating! We all love to hear others read a story!



Celebrate Jazz with Storytime on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 10am and Thursday, April 24 at 9am. Children ages 3-6 and their families enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities to work on literacy skills, fine and gross motor skills, and social emotional learning. **Toddlers ages 0-3 and their families join in on Thursday, April 24 at 10am.**

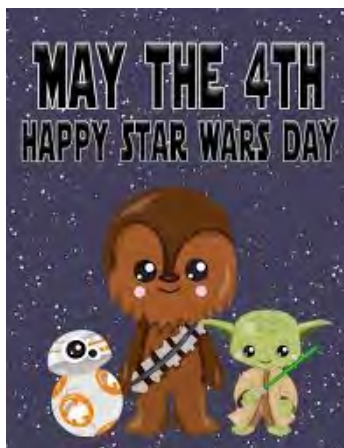


The Friends of the Library are holding their **Spring Book Sale** at the Library Friday, April 25, 2025, from 2-6pm and Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 8am-1pm. Friends members get early entry on Friday, April 25 from 1-2pm. Memberships are sold onsite! Here's your chance to get books, audiobooks, puzzles, movies, and more at low prices! Most hardbacks are \$2.00, and most paperbacks are \$1.00. This year the Friends will have a special section of vintage and collectable books as well!



May the Fourth Be With You! The Library invites you to celebrate Star Wars and all things science fiction from May 1-3, 2025! Drop by the Library and visit our Facebook page for booklists, online programs, in-person storytimes, and more!

- ❖ **Out of this World Storytime** – Thursday, May 1 at 9am – Children ages 3-6 years and their families come for stories, rhymes, and songs from the stars!
- ❖ **Out of this World Toddler Time** – Thursday, May 1 at 10am – Children ages 1-3 years and their families come for stories, rhymes, and songs from the stars!
- ❖ **Star Wars Day at the Library** – Saturday, May 3 – 2-4pm – The forces of light and dark come together! Enjoy light saber training, fencing demonstrations, arts and crafts, star science, and more! Come dressed in costume or a science or science fiction t-shirt, or just come as you are!
- ❖ **We have virtual May the Fourth Be with You Programs on our Facebook page!** Take a look on Wednesday, April 30 at 2:00 as Ms. Heather leads us in some space science. Keep watching for more Star Wars fun on our Facebook page through May 4, 2025!



The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

Seniors ages 50 and up are invited to our **“Mystery Masquerade” Senior Prom** on Saturday, May 10 from 4-7pm! The Harker Heights Senior Recreation program, the Library, and Chaparral High School are working together to present a night to remember! There’s no dress code. Seniors ages 50 years and up come in party wear, dressed to the nines, or just as you are. We will enjoy light snacks, music, photo ops, and more!



The Library’s Summer Reading Club is coming this June 2025! Everyone of all ages can join this free **“Level Up -- READ”** summer reading club! Read on your own and/or attend one or more of our many upcoming programs! From special presenters, to 3D printing, to Harry Potter night, to cosplay, the Library will have something for everyone.



The Library offers a variety of ebooks and electronic audiobook resources **available to you 24/7**. Take a look at the Library’s collection through Overdrive. Use your library card number to access Overdrive at <https://ctdl.overdrive.com>, or download the free “Libby” app to access the collection on your device.

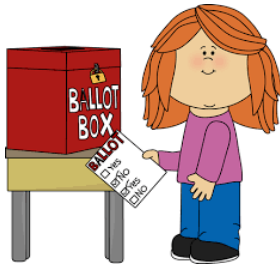


Parks & Recreation Department

RECREATION CENTER

The Recreation Center will be an early voting location for the General Election from April 22-25, 2025, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, April 28 & 29, 2025 from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm and on Election Day Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.

Swordplay: Recreational Fencing will be hosting a Spring tournament for Harker Heights & Belton students on Saturday, April 26, 2025, starting 12:30 pm at the Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing.



ABILITY SPORTS

Ability pickleball & tennis registration will begin June 2. The session will run from 7 July-4 Aug.



The Pickleball
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SPORTS

The **Sports and Athletics** division officially started a food drive to encourage every participant to bring in 1- canned good item to donate to the HARP.

Volleyball season practices started on April 14. The first games will be Saturday May 31st, 2025, starting at 9am.

Youth soccer registration will begin May 27th. The season will start in September 2025.

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



AQUATICS

- ❖ Staff are busy hiring part-time Lifeguards, Aquatics Cashiers, Aquatics Supervisors, and Water Safety Instructors (WSI).
- ❖ Swim Lessons signup will begin May 17th beginning at 9am. New this year citizens will be able to register online.
- ❖ Dive into Summer Safety event will take place on May 17th 10am-2pm at Carl Levin Pool. There will be several vendors and businesses participating in the event.



SENIOR RECREATION

- ❖ **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. April's activity walks and games at Carl Levin Park weather permitting. IN the event of inclement weather, the group will meet at the Recreation Center. Kailie Gomez, Outdoor Coordinator, will join them on April 24 to teach the seniors the use of walking sticks and provide a fishing game.



Crafty Connection will be on Monday, April 28, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The craft project is a decorative pot for plants. Space is limited; registration is required and can be done in person at the Recreation Center.

SENIOR RECREATION

Come celebrate **Older Americans Month** during the month of May at the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

- ❖ **Kickoff: Lunch & Movie** – Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 11:30 am; Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail; space is limited; pre-registration required.
- ❖ **Lunch & Learn** – Friday, May 16, 2025, from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm; Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing; space is limited; pre-registration required.
- ❖ **Ice Cream Social** – Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm; Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing; registration not required.
- ❖ **Games Galore** – Tuesday, May 27, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm; Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing; registration not required.

Senior citizens (ages 50+) are invited for a prom designated for them only. The **Senior (50+) Prom** is presented in part by Harker Heights Parks & Recreation, Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library, and Chaparral High School Chick-fil-A Leader Academy Students. The dance will take place on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Harker Heights Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail. This year's theme is Masquerade, and we will celebrate with music, dancing, photos, and light refreshments. Admission is free and registration is not required. Seniors are encouraged to submit their own prom/dance photo to nbroemer@harkerheights.gov by May 6, 2025. The photos will be included in a slide show presented during the prom.



Parks & Recreation Department

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the 2025 Season of the Harker Heights Farmers Market. The market will be held on Saturdays, May 3 - July 26, break from August 2 - September 27, then continue to run on Saturdays from October 4 - December 6, 2025.

The market will be held at the Harker Heights City Hall parking lot at 305 Miller's Crossing.

For those interested in being a vendor at the Farmers Market, please follow the link below to the Farmers Market web page on the City of Harker Heights Website.

Link to Farmers Market Webpage: <https://www.harkerheights.gov/index.php/programs/farmers-market-2>

For updates or more information, please visit the [Harker Heights Farmers Market Facebook](#) page or email farmersmarket@harkerheights.gov.



Harker Heights Memorial Ceremony & Remembrance Walk 2025 will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 9:00 am Carl Levin Park Amphitheater, 400 Miller's Crossing. The City of Harker Heights and the Harker Heights Veterans Council will host a Memorial Ceremony and Remembrance Walk. The walk will be around the park trail following the ceremony. The ceremony will feature a traditional wreath laying to honor those who gave their lives. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will move indoors to the Harker Heights Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing.



The City of Harker Heights is excited to announce the **First Fridays Music Series** a concert series that will be held on the First Friday at the Carl Levin Park Amphitheater. Five additional concerts are scheduled for Friday, May 2, Friday, June 6, Friday September 5, Friday October 3 and Friday November 7. The events will be held from 7:00pm- 9:00pm. The First Friday's series will showcase talented musical performing groups. Glen Meloy will be the featured act for the concert on May 2. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Families and friends are invited to the park for free music, food vendors, and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a picnic on the amphitheater lawn.

- ❖ Friday, May 2- Glen Meloy
- ❖ Friday, June 6- First Calvary Division Pop Band from Fort Cavazos
- ❖ Friday, September 5- Purple Hull
- ❖ Friday, October 3- Lucas Miller
- ❖ Friday, November 7- Harker Heights High School



Parks & Recreation Department

GO Heights!

- ❖ Over twenty-five volunteers helped plant nine Living Legacy trees for Arbor Day at Carl Levin Park on April 16th .
- ❖ Volunteers will be helping with an **Earth Day cleanup** and planting at the Activities Center/ Library on April 22nd from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Volunteers will be weeding and helping extend the pollinator garden.



- ❖ There will be a park clean at Dana Peak Park Saturday, May 3rd at 9am in conjunction with the **Keep Texas Beautiful Great Texas Trash Off.**

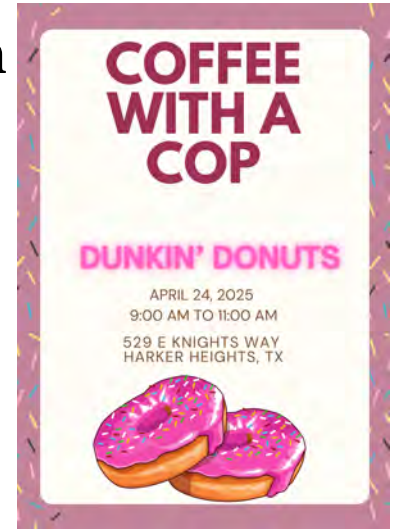


On May 14th from 6pm-7pm there will be a Youth Hike and Nature Quest at Dana Peak Park. The class is for ages 6-12 and pre-registration is required.

Join us May 9th , June 13th and July 11th for **Wild Ones Nature Play Program.** Tailored to ages 4yrs-7yrs participants will explore nature materials that promote creativity, imagination, and critical thinking. The program will meet from 9a-10a at Carl Levin Park Community Garden. Pre-registration is required.



❖ **Coffee with a Cop will be held at Dunkin Donuts located at 529 E Knights Way on April 24th from 9:00am to 11:00am.**



Harker Heights Police Department Health Fair: Saturday, May 17th from 11am to 2pm at the Activities Center.



Harker Heights Police Department Youth Academy will be June 25th and June 26th for children ages 10 years to 13 years old.



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	\$500,095.41	\$534,106.66	\$473,232.50	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94
March	\$594,505.36	\$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	\$120,398.04	\$122,733.86	\$120,067.52	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33
March	\$127,692.41	\$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	\$13,417.71	\$14,866.27	\$17,296.49	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25
March	\$14,914.95	\$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	4,481	4,192	3,811	3,566	3,290
March	4,511	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

ASSESSMENT BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

PAVING ASSESSMENT:

BALANCE

Polk, Billy (deceased)/Phillip Sueoka 242 E. Cardinal \$23,250.91

No payments were made for the Paving Assessment.

WILDEWOOD ASSESSMENT:

BALANCE

Rickets, Tommie 936/940 Lemonwood \$13,940.66

No payments were made for the Wildewood Assessment.