

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



MAY 27, 2025

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

HUMAN RESOURCES

The **Parks Department** welcomed new seasonal employees.

- ❖ **Haiyan Chen** was hired for the position of **Aquatics Cashier** on May 16th.
- ❖ **Vincent Palmisano** was hired for the position of **Lifeguard** on May 16th.
- ❖ **Bianca Alexander** was hired for the position of **Water Safety Instructor** on May 23rd.

The **Public Works Department** welcomed a new employee on May 19th.

- ❖ **Daniel Carmichael** was hired for the position of **Drainage Light Equipment Operator**.

The **Police Department** welcomed a new employee on May 27th.

- ❖ **Latedra Sather** was hired for the position of **Telecommunicator**.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:


Animal Services Officer
Fire Chief
Heavy Equipment Operator
Maintenance Technicians
Firefighter/EMT (Paramedic Preferred)
Seasonal Lifeguards



THE STEWART C. MEYERS HARKER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The Maker Space and the Stew and Mari Meyer Story Walk are officially re-opening! Join us Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 10am for a fun Grand Reopening! While we will begin with kids' ribbon cutting at 10am, this come and go event lasts from 10am – 3pm. Take a look at our newly redecorated room! See what you can make with the available materials! The Maker Space will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am -3pm and Saturdays from 10am – 1pm. If you would like to donate craft items for the Maker Space, please feel free to drop them off at Library anytime that the Library is open. Also, here's your chance to take a stroll around the Library to read the displays in our Story Walk. May and June displays let us know what animals we might find in our area. We look forward to changing those out, so you never know when a new story might appear! The Library would like to give a big thank you to the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department. They refinished our Maker Space floors, painted the walls, moved furniture, and set the Story Walk signs!



Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library
Mari and Stew Meyer 
Story Walk Reopening
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 10:00 am
400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights



Take a stroll around the Library and read a story or learn about our world! Enjoy our newly improved Story Walk! Take a break on our benches and enjoy the outdoors!



Everyone of all ages can join this free **“Level Up -- READ” Summer Reading Club and Program Series!** Read on your own and/or attend one or more of our many upcoming programs! From special presenters, to World Music Day, to cosplay night, to Harry Potter programs, the Library will have something for everyone. We sent our Summer Reading Club program booklets to elementary aged children in Harker Heights and Nolanville area schools. The booklets are also available at the Library and online at <https://harkerheights.gov/librarispecialevents>. Sign up for the virtual part of our club at our Readsquared website at <https://harkerheights.readsquared.com>. There you can sign up for the club, log your books and/or hours, earn virtual badges, complete missions, and see booklists!



Wednesdays in June, July, and the first part of August is the day for our **special guests, science programs and more!** Join us each Wednesday morning for performances, exhibitions, crafts, and more! Times change depending on the program or performer. Join us each afternoon at 2:00 pm for some ecology science. Registration is not required for these programs, though seating is on a first come basis.

Big Truck Day! Summer Kick Off Party!

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Harker Heights Community Park (1501 FM 2410, Harker Heights!)
Sensory-friendly with less loud noises 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Our most popular program has grown so much that we have MOVED to Harker Heights Community Park where we have more space and more parking! Stop by the Library for **BIG TRUCKS**. See fire engines, police vehicles, street machines, Mayor Blomquist and his Cybertruck, Metaverse Game Truck, a bounce house, and more! Register for the Library's Summer Reading Club! This is an outdoor only event. In case of rain, check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> for updates. Be sure to bring water and utilize sunscreen! Don't miss our sensory-friendly half hour from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for patrons who would rather avoid some of the noise!

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A Pair of Pirates: Color Your World!

Wednesday, June 11 | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

A Pair of Pirates will guide you and your pirate crew on a journey filled with songs of the sea and nautical fun. Get ready for an interactive show filled with opportunities to wiggle and dance! Registration is not required. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

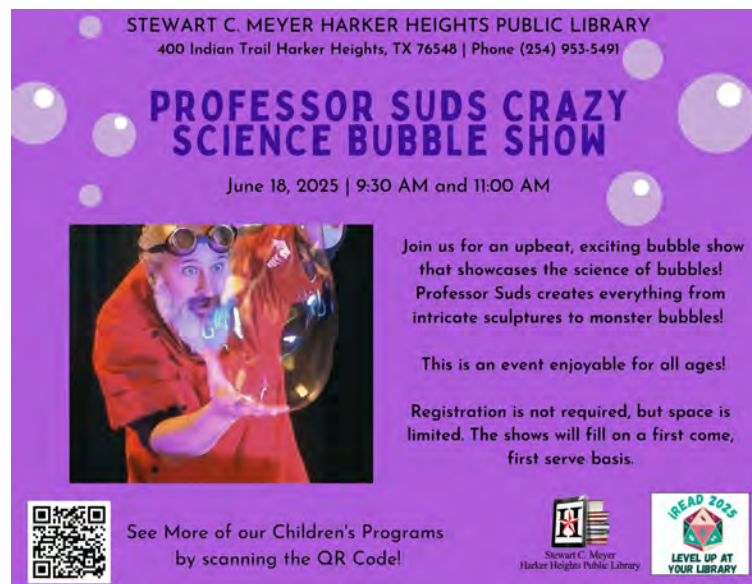


Professor Suds Crazy Science Bubble Show

Wednesday, June 18 | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

Join us for an upbeat, exciting bubble show that showcases the science of bubbles! Professor Suds creates everything from intricate sculptures to monster bubbles! Registration is not required for this family event. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

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Our **early literacy programs** for our younger patrons have changed slightly for June and July 2025!

- ❖ **Babytime Lapsit Program** | Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - Babies and their adults will sing songs, rhymes, and learn fingerplays! Classes will fill on a first come, first serve basis. For children ages 0-18 months. No older siblings, please.
- ❖ **Storytime for Preschoolers** | Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.
 - Visit the Library each week for a variety of stories, songs and more! Registration is not required. Classes will fill on a first come, first serve basis. For children ages 3-6 years old and their families.
- ❖ **Toddler Time Stories** | Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - Visit the Library each week for a variety of stories, songs and more! Registration is not required. Classes will fill on a first come, first serve basis. For children ages 0-3 years old and their families.
- ❖ **Family Storytime** | 2nd Thursday of Each Month at 6:30 p.m.
 - The entire family is invited to visit the Library for stories and songs! Registration is not required. Classes will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

The Library won't leave out teens and adults during its summer programs! Take a look at some of these upcoming programs designed for them!

Art with Miss Heather

Wednesday, June 11 | June 25 | July 9 | July 23 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we make crafts. Each class will be a different project and supplies will be provided. Registration is required and will be available 2 weeks prior to each class. Please call (254) 953-5496 For ages 14 & up.



Teen Writing Workshop

Wednesday, June 18 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Miriam Manifest will be hosting a writing workshop for teens ages 14 & up. Registration is required. If you are interested, please call (254) 953-5496 beginning June 4th.



Crochet a Trinket Pouch

Tuesday, June 17 & June 24 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Take your crochet to the next level by learning how to crochet in the round to make a cute pouch for your gaming die or other trinkets. Bring your own yarn and hooks or use ours. For ages 14 and up. Please register by calling 254-953-5491.



Do you want to give back to the community? **Volunteer for the Library!** The Library offers an array of opportunities including virtual volunteering, volunteering on a regular schedule, volunteering for special events, and a little of all of these. Volunteering is a great way serve your town while you build your resume, experiences, and contact lists. E-mail Lisa at lyoungblood@harkerheight.gov for more information. In most cases Library volunteer hours count towards service time needed to fulfill class, club, and other requirements.

The Library offers a variety of magazine, newspaper, and journal resources **available to you 24/7**. The Library has 24/7 access to e-magazines through PressReader. Get access to more than 7,000 of the world's top newspapers and magazines as soon as they're available on shelves. There are no limits on downloads. They are yours to keep forever. To access PressReader, download the app or go to <https://pressreader.com/catalog>. Select "Library or Group" and then search for Harker Heights Public Library. Use your library card number and pin to log in. Due to a system upgrade, your pin will be either your last name + the last four digits of your library card, OR it may be your last name only. You can then set up a personalized account with your email and create a password.

Parks & Recreation Department

RECREATION CENTER

Congratulations to Rec Aides Calla Hoffman and Ae’Vah White for graduating this past weekend from Harker Heights High School.

Good luck to them on their future endeavors.

ABILITY SPORTS

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



SPORTS

Volleyball games will begin Saturday May 31st, 2025, with over 180 participants.



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.



AQUATICS

- ❖ **2025 Pool Season Passes** are currently on sale in person only at the Harker Heights Recreation Center. The options are individual pass (Res. \$50 / Non-Res. \$70), family pass (Res. \$70 / Non-Res. \$135), or senior (50+) pass (Res. \$25 / Non-Res. \$35).
- ❖ **Learn-to-Swim Lessons** registration is currently open to register children ages 6 months – 15 yrs. old online or in person at the Recreation Center. The fee is Res. \$50 and Non-Res. \$60. All classes meet Tuesday – Friday for two weeks beginning June 3rd.
- ❖ **The regular 2025 Pool Season** starts Saturday, May 31 and goes through August 2025. The pool was opened for the Memorial Day weekend. The hours are Tuesday – Friday from 1 pm – 7 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 10 am – 6 pm. Daily entry fee at the door is cash only and based on age and resident or non-resident.



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. May's activity is volleyball. June's activity will be Pickleball.



The Senior Rec program wrapped up Older Americans Month. The seniors enjoyed the many events offered each week. Thank you to Amy Sargent with UnitedHealthcare for sponsoring the Lunch & Movie, Senior (50+) Prom, and the Ice Cream Social.

Parks & Recreation Department

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The **Harker Heights Farmers Market** is open. The market will be held on Saturdays, through July 26. There will be a break during the summer then continue 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 webpage 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.



The **First Fridays Music Series** concert series will be held on the First Fridays at the Carl Levin Park Amphitheater. Four additional concerts are scheduled for 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 Calvary Division Pop Band from Fort Cavazos will perform on June 6. 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, June 6- First Calvary Division Pop Band from Fort Cavazos
- ❖ Friday, September 5- Purple Hull
- ❖ Friday, October 3- Lucas Miller
- ❖ Friday, November 7- Glen Meloy



Parks & Recreation Department

GO Heights!

Learn about “**Gardening with Herbs**” with Bell County Master Gardener’s on Wednesday June 11, 2025, from 6pm-7:30pm at the Harker Heights Activities Center (400 Indian Trail).

The class is free and open to ages 8 and up. Registration is encouraged; walk-ins are welcome. Register through Civic Rec or visit the Recreation Center (307 Miller’s Crossing).

Join us for another summer of “**Play in the Dirt**” at Carl Levin Community Garden. This program is in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife, Bell County Master Gardeners, and Better Living for Texans. The program provides hands-on learning to introduce garden education to youth throughout the month of June. Ages 8-12. Pre-Registration Required. Register through Civic Rec or visit the Recreation Center (307 Miller’s Crossing).



Wild Ones Nature Play will be held on Friday June 13th. In this unstructured program youth ages 4-7 will have the opportunity to explore open-ended natural materials that promote creativity, imagination, and critical thinking. The program meets from 9am-10am at Carl Levin Park Community Garden. Pre-Registration Required. Register through Civic Rec or through our online system.

Learn how to geocache in a hands-on program at Purser Family Park on Saturday June 14th from 10am-12pm. Registration is not required. For start times of each session and more information, visit the event page on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Harker Heights Police Department **Healthy Homes** division held their first **Health Fair** on May 17th which served close to 200 patrons. There were 10 mammograms done at no cost, 50 eye vision checks with a referral for a child to get glasses at no cost to the family, provided 60 bike riding helmets for children, and conducted 40 sugar screenings with multiple pre-diabetic diagnoses.



The Harker Heights Police Department is holding their **2nd annual Youth Police Academy** on June 25th and 26th from 9am – 3pm.



HARKER HEIGHTS POLICE

2025 YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

2-DAY SUMMER ACADEMY

FOR RESIDENTS OF HARKER HEIGHTS AGES 10-13

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ASAP

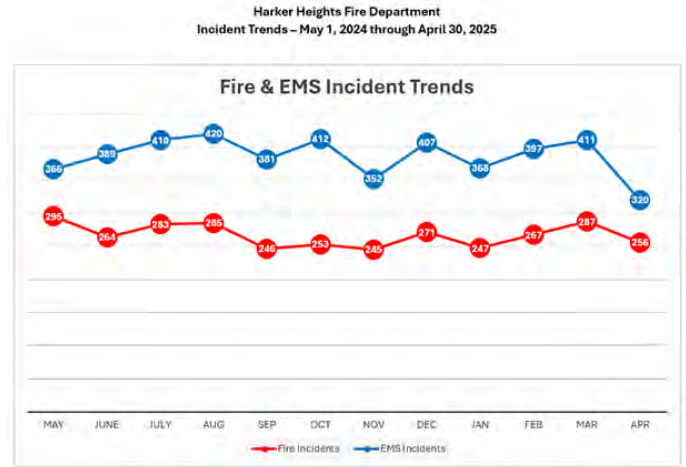
JUNE 25th & 26th
9AM - 3PM
LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED

Community Services
254-953-5400
402 Indian Trail
Harker Heights, TX 76548

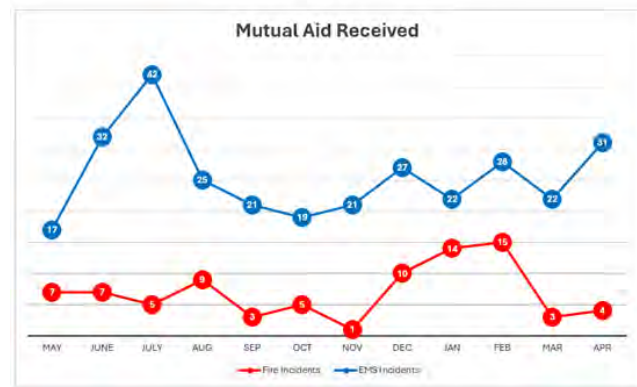
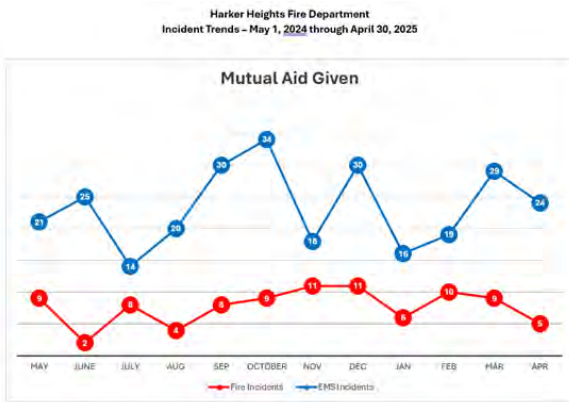
FIRE DEPARTMENT

HHFD Performance Report – April 2025

- ❖ Yearly Incident Totals
- ❖ EMS – 4,633
- ❖ Fire – 3,199
- ❖ Monthly Average
- ❖ EMS – 386
- ❖ Fire – 266



HHFD Performance Report – 2025



HHFD Performance Report – Turn Out Times

- ❖ NFPA 1710 – Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression, EMS, and Special Operations by Career Fire Departments
- ❖ Turnout Time (Fire) = 80 Seconds
- ❖ Turnout Time (EMS) = 60 Seconds
- ❖ Response Time (Fire) = 320 Seconds
- ❖ Response Time (EMS) = 540 Seconds

UNIT I.D.	AVG. TURN OUT TIME (SECONDS)
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Engine 41	63
Truck 42	88
Battalion 41	20
Medic 41	78
Medic 42	57