

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



**JUNE 24, 2025**

*Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates*

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- ❖ The **Parks Department** welcomed a new employee on May 29th.

**Kalena Armani, Jr.** was hired for the position of **Lifeguard**.

- ❖ The **Fire Department** welcomed a new employee on June 9th.

**Kaydence Palacios** was hired for the position of **Firefighter/EMT**.

- ❖ The **Police Department** welcomed a new employee on June 20th.

**Jayla Tyner** was hired for the position of **Police Officer Trainee**.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

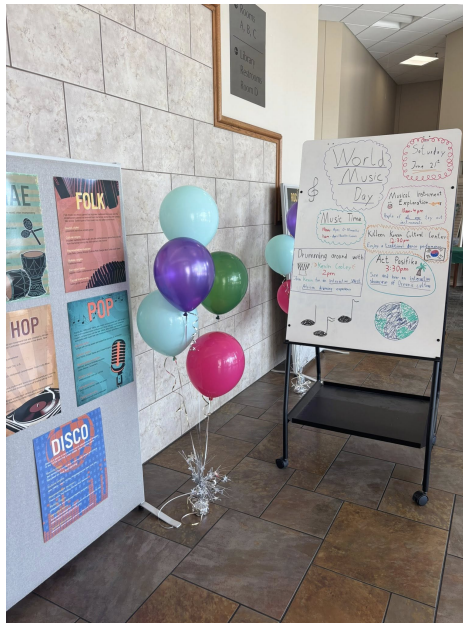
- ❖ Police Officer Trainee
- ❖ Firefighter/EMT (Paramedic Preferred)



## THE STEWART C. MEYERS HARKER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The Library's World Music Day on Saturday, June 21, 2025, was a huge success! We actually started the night before with a "Silent" Cosplay Night. Attendees wore headphones and chose their own music as well as volume for the evening. Our Library volunteers rocked! Saturday's events included free play with a variety of instruments, Music Times, and performances for the Killen Korean Culture Center, Drumming Around With Kevi Cooley, and Act Pasifika!

Our attendees were able to try their hand at playing instruments in each of the programs.



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/libraryspecialevents>. 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!



# The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

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.

## BenAnna Band

Wednesday, June 25 | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

Visit the Library to sing along and move and groove to BenAnna Band! Registration is not required for this family event. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.



## Game Day: Board Games, Video Games

Wednesday, July 2 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us for board games, video games, and more! Registration is not required. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.



**Our early literacy programs for our younger patrons** are looking at the joy of playing pretend! The week of June 23rd will focus on pretending to be musicians. The week of June 30th will focus on writers and authors!

## **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!

## **Crochet a Trinket Pouch**

**Tuesday, 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.





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## Art with Miss Heather

Wednesdays June 25 | July 9 and 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.

## Book Discussion Club for adults | Select Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

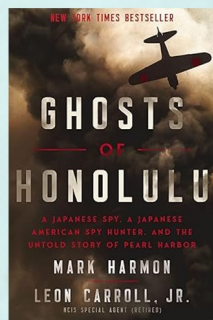
Meet with us in-person at the Library or virtually for a discussion of the month's book. For an invitation to our virtual meeting, please e-mail [lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov](mailto:lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov)

June 26	Ghosts of Honolulu by Mark Harmon
July 17	Hidden Pictures by Jason Rekulak
August 21	The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams.

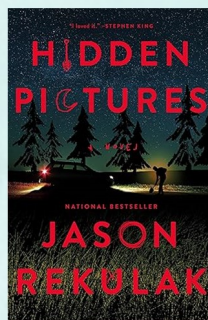
## Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library Summer 2025 Book Discussions

Join our book discussion club for adults! Enjoy a lively discussion in person at the Library and/or online at 6:30 pm!

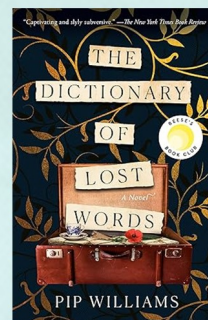
Just e-mail [lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov](mailto:lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov) for an invitation to our virtual meeting or drop in the Library for the in-person meeting!



Thursday, June 26



Thursday, July 17



Thursday, August 21

**June is Audiobook Appreciation Month!** Listen to a good book! The Library offers a variety of resources including books on CD, books in Playaway (MP3 Player) format, and downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks! Download from the Library's Overdrive service by using 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. Through the end of July we are also offering the "Boundless" app through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Just download the app and use your library card number and your PIN number (usually your last name in all lower cap letters immediately followed by the last four digits of your library card number or just the last four digits of your library card number.)

**Overdrive**

E-Books and E-Audiobooks



Libby.



**Boundless App**

# Parks & Recreation Department

## RECREATION CENTER

The **Recreation Center and Activities Center** will be **CLOSED** Tuesday July 1, 2025, from 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm for the Employee Recognition Ceremony. The Recreation Center will reopen Tuesday, July 1 at 5:00 pm for evening activities. The Activities Center will return to normal business hours on Wednesday, July 2, 2025.

The **Recreation Center and Activities Center** will be **CLOSED** Friday, July 4, 2025, and Saturday, July 5, 2025, in observance of Independence Day. Both centers will resume normal business hours on Monday, July 7, 2025.

## ABILITY SPORTS



**Ability Pickle Ball and Tennis registration** opened June 2. The session will be at the recreation center July 7 -August 4 on Mondays from 6-7 p.m.



## SPORTS

**Youth fall soccer registration is open.** The season will start in September 2025. New for the fall soccer league the department is partnering with the ASYMCA for the U10, U12 and U14 divisions.

Registration is open for **youth basketball camps.** The camps will be held at the Recreation Center July 7-9, and July 14-16.



The sports division continues to support the **KISD HARP food drive** within the sports seasons. Every participant is encouraged to bring in one canned good or non-perishable item to donate to the HARP.

## AQUATICS

- ❖ **Carl Levin Park Pool hours** for open swim have been adjusted for the 4th of July holiday. The hours are Friday, July 4 – Sunday, July 6, 2025, from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm each day.
- ❖ **Pool Season 2025 Passes** are 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 open, 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.
- ❖ **The pool season** is currently open through August 2025. The hours for the 2025 Open Swim are Tuesday – Friday from 1 pm – 7 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 10 am – 6 pm. Daily entry fee at the gate is cash only and based on age and resident or non-resident status.



**Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool: 400 Miller's Crossing**  
**OPEN SWIM HOURS**  
Pool Season: June 3 - August TBD, 2025 (CLOSED 6/19)  
July 4<sup>th</sup> adjusted hours 10:00 am-6:00 pm  
Tuesdays-Fridays: 1:00 pm-7:00 pm  
Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00 am-6:00 pm  
CLOSED Mondays for maintenance.  
Gate Admission: Cash Only  
Pool Passes on sale at the HH Rec Center.  
For more info: 254.953.5657

**Harker Heights Parks & Recreation**  
Creating Community

## 2025 SWIM LESSONS

All classes meet Tuesday-Friday for two weeks. Classes are approximately 45 minutes in length. Parents are encouraged to attend lessons. Classes will have a 12 person maximum per level. Children ages 6 month to 15 years are eligible to register.

### LEARN-TO-SWIM

All Sessions are 45 minutes

**Session 1: June 3- June 13**  
9:00am - Level 0 (Starfish)  
10:00am - Level 1 (Frogs)  
11:00am - Level 2 (Minnows)  
12:00pm - Level 3 (Seahorses)

**Session 2: June 17 - June 27**  
9:00am - Level 3 (Seahorses)  
10:00am - Level 2 (Minnows)  
11:00am - Level 2 (Minnows)  
12:00pm - Level 1 (Frogs)

**Session 3: July 1 - July 11**  
9:00am - Level 3 (Seahorses)  
10:00am - Level 0 (Starfish)  
11:00am - Level 1 (Frogs)  
12:00pm - Level 2 (Minnows)

**Session 4: July 15 - July 25**  
9:00am - Level 3 (Seahorses)  
10:00am - Level 3 (Seahorses)  
11:00am - Level 4/5 (Crocs/Dolphins)  
12:00pm - Level 2 (Minnows)

**Session 5: July 29 - August 8**  
9:00am - Level 4/5 (Crocs/Dolphins)  
10:00am - Level 3 (Seahorses)  
11:00am - Level 2 (Minnows)  
12:00pm - Level 2 (Minnows)



**REGISTRATION OPENS**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 17TH**  
**AT 9:00AM.**

\*\*All refunds and transfers must be requested at least 7 days before the session begins. A \$5 administrative fee is charged for all refunds.





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## 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. June's activity is Ping Pong and July's activity will be Pickleball.



Due to the closure on June 19, our regularly scheduled **BINGO** has moved to the last Thursday in June (June 26, 2025) from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.



**Mahjong** is a new activity added to the Senior Recreation program. This tile-based game based on Chinese characters and symbols is like the Western card game rummy. Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and luck. Seniors are invited to visit the Recreation Center every Tuesday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.





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## SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

**July is Parks and Recreation Month.** The department will be hosting Parks Bash on Saturday, July 12th 10a-1p at Kern Park. There will be games, hotdogs, inflatables, sno-cones, and more. This is a free community event.



**Popsicles in the park** on the first four Wednesdays in July. The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the Vision Initiative Achieve mentorship program. VIA will be out from 10am-12pm at different locations, handing out free popsicles.

- ❖ July 2-Carl Levin- 400 Miller's Crossing
- ❖ July 9-Purser- 100 West Mountain Lion
- ❖ July 16-Kern- 400 South Ann Blvd
- ❖ July 23-Pool- 400 Miller's Crossing



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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 is 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](mailto:farmersmarket@harkerheights.gov).



The **First Fridays Music Series** will take a break for July and August returning on Friday September 5. Additional concerts are scheduled for Friday October 3 and Friday November 7. The events will be held at the Carl Levin Amphitheater from 7:00pm- 9:00pm. 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, September 5- Purple Hull
- ❖ Friday, October 3- Lucas Miller
- ❖ Friday, November 7- Glen Meloy



# Parks & Recreation Department

## GO Heights!

Join us for another summer of the **Play in the Dirt Program**. Participants ages 8-12 will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty and receive hands-on gardening education in this free program with Texas A&M Better Living for Texans and Bell County Master Gardeners. Program meets every Friday in June at Carl Levin Community Garden. Pre-Registration Required. Register online through Civic Rec or visit us at the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing



**Back for the summer is our Girls Outdoors program.** This month's theme Wild Signs gives girls ages 6-12 the opportunity to learn about animals found at Purser Family Park with Central Texas Master Naturalists and make their own track print to take home. The program meets June 26, 2025, from 10am-11am at Purser Family Park. Pre-Registration Required. Register online through Civic Rec or visit us at the Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights TX.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our **Healthy Homes** division is currently accepting supplies for the Back to School Drive from now through July 31st.



The poster features a blue background with a white central area. At the top left is the Harker Heights Police Department logo. To the right is a blue backpack filled with school supplies. The title 'Healthy Homes BACK TO SCHOOL DONATION DRIVE' is prominently displayed. Below this, a list of appreciated items is provided, accompanied by a yellow pencil holder icon. To the right of the list, the text 'ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW THRU JULY 31ST' is shown, followed by the donation location. At the bottom right, a 'QUESTIONS?' section provides contact information, with a colorful school supplies icon.

**Healthy Homes**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**DONATION DRIVE**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED:**

- Clear or Mesh Backpacks
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Pens
- Scissors
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Composition Notebooks
- Folders with brads
- Crayons
- Colored Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Pouches
- Erasers

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW THRU JULY 31ST**

Donations can be dropped off at the  
Harker Heights Police Department  
402 Indian Trail Drive  
Harker Heights, TX 76548

**QUESTIONS?**

Please contact the Healthy Homes Office at  
254-953-5439/2900

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



The poster features a photograph of a Harker Heights Police patrol car in front of the department's building. To the right of the photo is a text box with the event details. At the bottom, a yellow banner provides the dates, times, and a note about lunch and snacks.

**2025 YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY**

2-DAY SUMMER ACADEMY

FOR RESIDENTS OF HARKER HEIGHTS AGES 10-13

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ASAP

**JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**9AM - 3PM**  
LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED

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