

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



JUNE 25, 2024

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates



Thursday, July 4, 2024

City Offices will be **closed** in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2024

Trash service will run one day late **AFTER** the holiday. For Example, Thursday's routes will run on Friday. Friday's routes will run on Saturday. Services will resume their normal schedule the week of July 8th.

Human Resources Department

The Public Works Department promoted an employee. Davin Dick was promoted to the position of FOG Collections/Field Supervisor on June 8th.

The Library welcomed a new employee on June 12th. Emily Weems was hired for the position of Summer Library Page.

The Pet Adoption Center welcomed a new employee on June 18th. Jeesoo Min was hired for the position of Part Time Receptionist/Clerk.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

- Animal Services Officer
- Customer Service Clerk
- Part Time Recreation Aide



Take a look at our ever-growing wooden plank creations! You, too, can be involved in this summer reading club special by reading, listening, and writing! Add a plank for every book or every hour that you read, listen, or write! Sign up for the Library's free "Read, Renew, Repeat" Summer Reading Club and Program Series for all ages! The summer reading club booklets are available at the Library and online at <https://harkerheights.gov/libraryspecialevents>. Visit the reading club 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! You can count ALL THE BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS that you have read since the beginning of summer even if you sign up now!



Each week at the Library promises new and exciting experiences. 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.

Junior Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

Join us on a fun and interactive learning adventure that introduces attendees to the wonders of science! With the help of audience volunteers, we'll demonstrate several exciting experiments and learn to ask questions, make predictions, and draw conclusions based on our observations! Registration is not required for this event. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.



Weather Wonders with “Meteorologist Maggie”

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

Water and the water cycle is what drives the weather on Earth. In this program children will not only learn in a fun and engaging way how the water cycle works, they will learn about all kinds of weather phenomena including rain, snow, hail, and tornadoes! Registration is not required for this event. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.



Our early literacy programs for our younger patrons this summer are all about taking care of our Earth, our community, our families, and ourselves! Each week we explore a new way to make the world a better place!

- Babies ages 0-18 months and their families come for BabyTime on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Children ages 3-6 years and their families come for Storytime on Thursdays at 9 a.m.
- Toddlers ages 0-3 and their families come on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Registration is not required for these programs.

We have so much for teens and adults this summer! Take a look at some of these upcoming programs designed for them!

Art with Miss Heather

Wednesday, June 26 | July 3, 17, 24, 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Ages 14 & up

Join us as we make crafts using items that can easily be up-cycled. Each class will be a different project and supplies will be provided. Registration required for each class. Please inquire.



Writers' Support Group for Adults

Wednesdays | July 10 | August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Get writing ideas and tips on your own work. Discuss plot twists, cliffhangers, and more! This program is for patrons ages 18 and up. Registration is not required.



Local Author Fair

Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come support local authors of all ages and genres! See their books, and ask about the writing process!

Local authors and illustrators, if you are interested in being involved in the program, please e-mail hheilman@harkerheights.gov for more information!

Volunteer Opportunities at the Library

Do you want to make a difference in the community? Then volunteer at the Harker Heights Public Library! By volunteering you can serve your community, build your resume, get volunteer hours for classes and clubs, and learn job and school skills. Please e-mail Lisa Youngblood at lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov or ajorgenson@harkerheights.gov to inquire further and start your volunteer journey! For ages 12 years old and up.



Do you like to fix things yourself? The Library offers the online databases for vehicle repair, home improvement, and gardening available to you 24/7. Our TexShare Databases from the Texas State Library and Archives Commissions provide these resources. Visit the Library's website at <https://harkerheights.gov/library>. Choose Find Information in the right-hand column and click on TexShare databases. Choose "Harker Heights Public Library," and use TX76548 as your password. Choose to look by subject and then choose "do-it-yourself."



RECREATION CENTER

Open Gym Summer Hours from June 10 – August 16, 2024

- Mondays
 - ❖ 9:00 am – 11:45 am: Pickleball (all ages)
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Basketball (all ages)
- Tuesdays
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Volleyball (ages 10 & under)
- Wednesdays
 - ❖ 9:00 am – 12:45 pm: Basketball (all ages 15 & under)
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Basketball (all ages)
- Thursdays
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Volleyball (ages 11+)
- Fridays
 - ❖ 9:00 am – 11:45 am: Pickleball (all ages)
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Wheelchair Basketball

The Recreation Center & Activities Center will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, July 4, 2024, in observance of **Independence Day**.



The Recreation Center will be a location for the upcoming **Variety's iCanShine Bike Camp** from July 15 – 19, 2024. The camp is utilizing adaptive bicycles and a specialized instructional program. Variety of Texas and iCanShine help local children with special needs become lifelong independent riders



Parks & Recreation Department



ATHLETICS

Ability Bowling will have an end of season party on July 8th at the Activity Center.



Youth Soccer registration is now open until 7/17.

Ability Pickleball registration is still open and will begin in July at the Heights Athletic Club.



AQUATICS

Open Swim Hours:

- ❖ Wednesday-Friday: 1:30pm-7:00pm
- ❖ Saturday & Sunday: 11:00am-7:00pm

OPENING DAY: MAY 29, 2024

OPEN SWIM HOURS
Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool: 400 Miller's Crossing

Wednesday-Friday: 1:30 pm-7:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Gate Admission: Cash Only
Pool Passes will go on sale
June 3rd at the HH Rec Center.



Swim Lessons session 2 has begun.

Senior Swim will be on Fridays from 12:00pm-1:00pm.
Might be canceled due to make ups for swim lessons.



SENIOR SWIM

EVERY FRIDAY
12-1PM
AGES 50+

CARL LEVIN POOL
25 PERSON MAX
FREE
SENIOR PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED





SENIOR RECREATION



- **Active Seniors** (50+) are invited to **PLAY** a variety of recreational activities and games on Thursdays from 12:00 pm – 1:45 pm at the Recreation Center. Each month will be a new activity to keep you moving and having fun. June's activity is Ping Pong and July's activity will be Volleyball and Badminton.

- ❖ **Senior Swim** is offered free for Seniors (50+) every Friday from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (except on days swim lesson has a makeup or pool closed). Participants would need to have a current senior program membership check in card to enter. Visit the Harker Heights Recreation Center to receive your free senior program membership check in card. There will be no Senior Swim on July 5, 2024.



- ❖ July's **BINGO** will move to a new week for July. It will be on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.



- ❖ **Ladies Night Out** for July will be on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 5:00 pm. The restaurant at this time is not decided. 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.
- ❖ **Lunch & Learn** will take place on Friday, June 19, 2024, from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Felicia Holland, Aging in Place Coordinator with the area Habitat for Humanity. Registration will open July 1, 2024, and can be done in person or on the phone at 254-953-5683.

Parks & Recreation Department

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Visit the **Harker Heights Farmers Market** every Saturday in June and July! Between the hours of 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, the market offers a variety of treats such as fresh produce, meat, eggs, jams, jellies, pickles, baked goods, hand crafted items, and more. Vendors pick and choose the weekends that they wish to be at the market, so some weekends may have different vendors than previous weekends. Follow the Harker Heights Farmers Market on Facebook for updates of the 2024 season on <https://facebook.com/heightsFM>. For more information or vendor applications, email sgibbs@harkerheights.gov or visit <https://harkerheights.gov/parksandrec>.



Join the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department as we kick off Parks and Recreation Month during the month of July!

The **Parks Bash** will be held on:

Saturday, July 6, 2024 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
at Kern Park on 400 S Ann Blvd in Harker Heights.

Bring your friends and family for a fun, free event that will include inflatables, yard games, and free hot dogs!



GET OUTDOORS (GO) HEIGHTS PROGRAMS

Activities Center Maker Space

Explore your creative side at the Harker Heights Activities Center, where innovation meets community. Whether you're into arts, crafts, technology, or DIY projects, we have the resources and programs to help you bring your ideas to life. Open Tuesday-Thursday 10am – 3pm and Saturdays 10am – 1pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

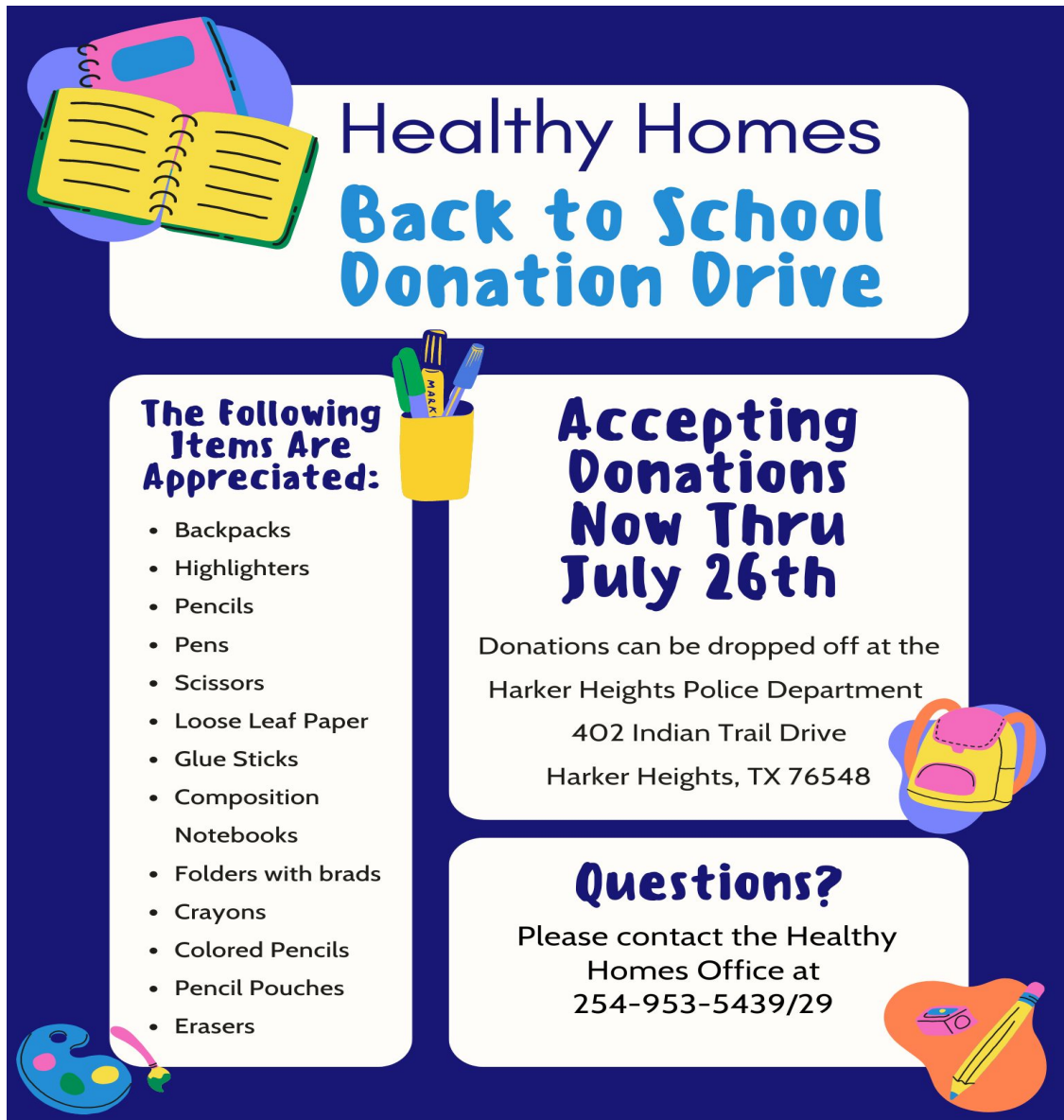
- A citizen came in to thank the Fire Department by providing the crews Nothing Bundt Cakes.
- A gentleman stops by regularly to bring the crews sandwiches. His wife mentioned that making sandwiches gives them something to do and they enjoy bringing them to the Fire Department.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Services hosted a Youth Police Academy June 20-21, 2024, and 16 children graduated from the program.

Healthy Homes is currently accepting donations for their annual Back to School Drive. Donations will be accepted until July 26th.



The graphic features a dark blue background with white rounded rectangular boxes containing text. It is decorated with colorful illustrations of school supplies: a pink and blue notebook, a yellow notebook, a yellow pencil holder with pens and pencils, a yellow backpack, a paint palette, and a pencil.

Healthy Homes Back to School Donation Drive

**The Following
Items Are
Appreciated:**

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

**Accepting
Donations
Now Thru
July 26th**

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
254-953-5439/29