

CITY MANAGER'S COUNCIL REPORT



JULY 8, 2025

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

Human Resources Department

- Congratulations to Ashlyn Brooks for her promotion to Executive Assistant on June 21st!
- Congratulations to Ethan Quigley for graduating from the Police Academy on June 27th!
- The Public Works Department welcomed a new employee on June 24th.
- Orlando Calderon De La Rosa was re-hired for the position of Collections Operator.
- The Parks Department welcomed a new employee on June 30th.
- Angela Egan was hired for the position of Lifeguard.
- The Human Resources Department welcomed a new employee on July 7th.
- Angela Sabino transferred from the library to the position of Human Resources Clerk.
- The Police Department will be welcoming new Police Officer Trainee.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

Police Telecommunicator
Firefighter/EMT (Paramedic Preferred)
Heavy Equipment Operator
Light Equipment Operator
Maintenance Technician
Recreation Aide
Water Service Worker



The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

The Library's **Game Day** on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, was challenging in all the best ways! In the morning we worked on a variety of small and gross motor skills as well and cooperative learning as we tackled large size games, movement games, and strategy board games! In the afternoon we looked at Games with a Twist! All games required upper level thinking skills and encouraged looking at things in new and exciting ways!

Wednesdays July the first part of August are the days 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.

Lucas Miller the Singing Zoologist



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Wednesday, July 9 | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. | 2:00 p.m.

Sing, dance, and learn with Lucas Miller the Singing Zoologist! Registration is not required. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

Junior Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color

Wednesday, July 16 | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

We will 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.

Princesses, Princes, and Librarians! Our early literacy programs for our younger patrons are looking at the joy of playing pretend! The week of July 7th will focus on pretending to be royalty. We may even see some DRAGONS as well! The week of July 14th will focus on librarians which are like kings and queens of books or maybe even more like dragons who love their hoards of books!

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.

New Sewing Classes!

Kids Love to Sew Two-Part Workshop!

(Registration required.)

Mondays, July 14 & 21, 2025 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Kids ages 7-12 years old sign up to learn to sew a simple project on a sewing machine! Bring your own machine or use one of ours! Space is limited! Call 254-953-5491 to register today.

Kids Intermediate Sewing Two-Part Workshop!

(Registration Required.)

Mondays, July 28 and August 4, 2025, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Bring your own machine or use one of ours! Kids ages 7-12 work on a project! Sewing experience is required. Call 254-953-5491 to register beginning July 14.

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

Your invited to **A Night at Hogwarts: A Harry Potter Celebration**

Friday, July 25 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 26 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Families spend an evening at Hogwarts! Choose your house, practice spells, make a wand, and more! Meet costumed characters, dress in costume, or come just as you are! Space is limited, and registration is required. Please call (254) 953-5491 to register beginning 07/11/25.

Gamers' Gathering

July 11 & August 1 | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Gamers Gather! Head into Room C to create community connections, play board games, card games, and video games! Registration is not required for this come and go program. We cannot wait to see you there!

Art with Miss Heather

Wednesdays 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 | The Third Thursday of each month | 6:30 p.m.

Meet with us in-person at the Library or virtually for a discussion of the month's book. *Our book for July 17, 2025 is Hidden Pictures by Jason Rekulak.* Recently out of rehab, Mallory Quinn takes a job as a babysitter for Teddy, a sensitive and curious five-year-old. Though Mallory immediately loves her new life, her nightly runs, her own living space, and especially Teddy, Mallory becomes worried when Teddy's artwork becomes increasingly more sinister. When Mallory learns that her cottage was the site of a murder years ago, she begins to suspect that the drawings are messages from the dead.

Introducing Princh, our new printing solution!

We have implemented Princh, a new printing solution, at our Library. With this solution it is now possible to easily and securely print from a mobile phone, tablet, or laptop, both remotely and at the Library. Just drop in at the Library or visit to find out more <https://harkerheights.gov/remote-printing>

There's still time to join and enjoy our **"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!

Parks & Recreation Department

SENIOR RECREATION

- The "Old Glories" Granny Basketball team is heading to Fort Worth July 11-13, 2025, to participate in the 2025 National Granny Basketball Tournament. We wish them the best of luck.
- Seniors are invited to visit the Recreation Center every Tuesday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. To play Mahjong. This tile game based on Chinese characters and symbols is like the Western card game rummy. Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and luck.
- 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. July's activity will be Pickleball.
- BINGO will be on Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.
- Ladies Night Out will be on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The group will be visiting Taco Cowboy in Belton. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own meal. Registration is preferred and can be done in person at the Recreation Center.
- Lunch & Learn is scheduled for Friday, July 18, 2025, from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm. Space is limited; pre-registration required by calling 254-953-5657 or in person at the Recreation Center.

RECREATION CENTER

The Harker Heights Recreation Center will be hosting an **Ability Tennis Fun Day** on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. The Parks & Recreation Department was awarded the USTA Texas Grow the Game Grant (GTG). The grant is designed to help boost new and existing tennis programs in communities throughout Texas. With the grant funds, the department will be offering an Ability Tennis Fun Day for participants with special needs for all ages. The fun day is free to register, and space is limited to 30 participants. Register online <https://secure.recl.com/TX/harker-heights-tx/catalog> or in person at the Harker Heights Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, TX 76548).

ABILITY SPORTS

Ability Pickleball and Tennis be held on Mondays July 7 -August 4 from 6-7pm at the Recreation Center.

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 the final two youth basketball camps of the summer. The camps will be held at the Recreation Center July 7-9, and July 14-16.

AQUATICS

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 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 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 for purchase, 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. Staff and VIA will be out from 10am-12pm at different locations, handing out free popsicles.

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



Parks & Recreation Department

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.

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

GO HEIGHTS

- Learn about "Insects in the Home & Garden" with Bell County Master Gardeners on Tuesday July 8, 2025 from 6pm-7:30pm at the Harker Heights Activities Center (400 Indian Trl).
- 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).

Wild Ones Nature Play will be Friday July 11th and Friday July 18th for youth ages 4-7. In this unstructured program youth 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 visit the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing).

Make your own Sun Print using special paper that allows you to make nature prints using the sun. The program meets July 17, 2025, from 10am-11am at Purser Family Park. Ages 6+
Pre-Registration Required. Register online through Civic Rec or visit the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing)



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Economic Development Report

JUNE 2025 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued **zero (0)** new commercial permits within the month of June.

The City issued **one (1)** commercial remodeling permit within the month of June.

- 608 S. Ann Blvd. (Bountiful Blessing Ministry)
 - Valued at \$300.00

To date in calendar year 2025 (January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025) the City has issued a total of twelve (12) commercial permits: three (3) new commercial permits, and nine (9) commercial remodeling permits.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued a total of **four (4)** permits for single-family residential construction within the month of June.

- The Village at Nolan Heights Subdivision
 - Valued at \$814,586.00

The City issued **zero (0)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of June.

To date in calendar year 2025 (January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025) the City has issued a total of fifty-four (58) residential permits: thirty-seven (41) new single-family permits, seventeen (17) new two-family permits, and zero (0) new multi-family permits.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

As of June 30, 2025, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **36,076** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020, was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 1,003 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.

JUNE 2025

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Monthly Summary

June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	88	67.69%
Other*	20	15.38%
Outside Storage	16	12.31%
Building Inspection	4	3.08%
Brush	2	1.54%
Basketball Goal	0	0.00%
Boat	0	0.00%
Bulk Items	0	0.00%
Fencing	0	0.00%
Grass Parking	0	0.00%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	0	0.00%
Junk Vehicle	0	0.00%
Maintenance	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%
Tires	0	0.00%
Trailer	0	0.00%
Trash	0	0.00%
Tree limbs	0	0.00%
Total	130	100.00%

Fiscal Year Summary

October 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	383	36.00%
Grass Parking	194	18.23%
Other*	161	15.13%
Outside Storage	147	13.82%
Bulk Items	71	6.67%
Brush	39	3.67%
Basketball Goal	11	1.03%
Trailer	11	1.03%
Fencing	10	0.94%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	10	0.94%
Maintenance	7	0.66%
Building Inspection	6	0.56%
Tree limbs	5	0.47%
Tires	4	0.38%
Junk Vehicle	2	0.19%
Skirting	2	0.19%
Trash	1	0.09%
Boat	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Total	1,064	100.00%



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