

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



## OCTOBER 22, 2024

*Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates*

### HUMAN RESOURCES

The City is currently taking applications for the following position:



- ❖ Firefighter/Paramedics
- ❖ Police Officer Trainees
- ❖ Light Equipment Operators
- ❖ BPAT/CSI and Water Distribution Flushing Technician
- ❖ Heavy Equipment Operator
- ❖ Water Service Worker
- ❖ Maintenance Technicians
- ❖ Senior Equipment Operator

### PET ADOPTION CENTER (PAC)

The entire Pet Adoption Center was celebrated by several citizens for their vital work caring for stray animals and offering support to struggling families with the HH PAC Pet Food Pantry. Their service does not go unnoticed and the community came together to celebrate them!

Harker Heights Pet Adoption Center  
**DOG OF THE WEEK**  
403 Indian Trail Harker Heights, TX 254-953-5472

**Hazel**

Hazel's adoption fee for Oct 21-27 is \$15!

The poster features a brown and white dog named Hazel. On the left, Hazel is shown with a purple collar and a yellow toy. In the center, there is a vertical strip of Halloween-themed decorations including pumpkins, bats, and a 'TRICK or TREAT' bucket. On the right, Hazel is wearing a purple witch hat. The background is light purple.

## THE STEWART C. MEYERS HARKER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

Don't be afraid of spooky season! Library has programs, collections, and services to lead you through! For a full list of programs, please take a look at our website at <https://harkerheights.gov/library>. The schedule and the programming events are listed in several sections. The Library also posts additional fliers on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary>.

For some not-so-scary fun, take a look at some of these programs!

1. Wednesday, October 23 at 10am -- Nocturnal Animals Storytime for children ages 3-6 years and their families
2. Thursday, October 24 at 9am – Nocturnal Animals Storytime for children ages 3-6 years and their families
3. Thursday, October 24 at 10am -- Nocturnal Animals Toddler Time for children ages 0-3 and their families
4. Saturday, October 26 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm – “Boogie and Boo” Halloween themed family dance party – Bring the whole family for moving and grooving, crafts, games, music, and more! Wear a family-friendly costume if you like.
5. Saturday, October 26 at 6:00 pm – Comunidad Nuestras Raices Ballet Folklorico bring fabulous music and incredible folk dress for a dance presentation.
6. Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 pm – Enjoy an open air showing of the movie “Coco.” Bring your chairs and blankets for a night outdoors. In case of rain, the movie will be moved inside the Library.
7. Monday, October 28 at 1:30 pm – Creepy Concert – You are invited to enjoy music from a homeschool band! Wear family-friendly costumes if you like! Children will receive candy from the musicians.
8. Tuesday, October 29 at 10am – Baby Boo Time for babies ages 0-18 months
9. Wednesday, October 30 at 10am – Not-So-Scary Storytime for children ages 3-6 years and their families
10. Wednesday, October 30 at 6pm – The Library and Activities Center team-up for a Spooky Science Stroll at the Community Park. Learn about luminescence and what you might find in the night! Bring your walking shoes! Space is limited. Sign up on the Parks and Recreation Civic Rec online program at <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/harker-heights-tx/catalog>.
11. Thursday, October 31 at 9am – Not-So-Scary Storytime for children ages 3-6 years and their families
12. Thursday, October 31 at 10am -- Not -So- Scary Toddler Time for children ages 0-3 and their families
13. Thursday, October 31 at 6:30 pm – Halloween Family Night at the Library! Bring the whole family for stories, songs, trick-or-treating, and more!

# The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

Homeschoolers of all ages come on the last Wednesday of each month for Teen Game Time and Family Maker Space Meet-up at the Library from 1-3pm. Each month attendees ages 12 and up play board games and card games. Attendees ages 11 and younger and their families see what they can make from the items in the Maker Space! You never know what items you will find!



October is Arts and Humanities Month! Harker Heights offers a variety of arts and cultural programs through the year. The Library's facebook has been focusing on our Harker Heights Arts Commission as members encourage our community to be involved in the arts!

November is NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month!) Get ready to start writing your own book! Are you interested in publishing your book yourself? Join us for a free Self-Publishing Workshop on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 11am-1pm. Learn where to go and what to do to get your books out of your minds or notebooks and into the eyes and hands of readers! Gain a full understanding of the publishing process. Develop step-by-step checklist for self-publishing. Learn tips, approximate costs and resources for moving forward. Get answers to questions writers may have, Instructor Miriam Manifest is a published author and self-publishing consultant preparing writers for the business of being a self-published author! Space is limited. Call 254-953-5491.

The Friends of the Harker Heights Public Library held their **Fall Book Sale** on Friday, October 18, 2024, from 2-6pm (Friends members can enter early at 1pm) and on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 8am-2pm! The community came out in droves! The Friends made over \$6,400. Those funds are used to provide books for children, educational support, and the Summer Reading Club online program!

**The Library has 24/7 access to Family Place Parent TV** . These resources offer parents a wide variety of educational and inspirational resources free of charge. Check out these and other resources at <https://library.parenttv.com/library/familyplace>. You just need your library card number and your pin number (usually the last four digits of your card number or your last name followed immediately by the last four digits of your card number) for access! Find information in several language including Spanish, English, Arabic, and Hindi on subjects such as co-parenting, phonics, play, and more!



## RECREATION CENTER

The Recreation Center will be an **Early Voting** site. Beginning yesterday, October 21 through November 1, 2024, and on Election Day Tuesday, November 5, 2024.



**City Wide Door- to-Door Trick-or-Treating** will be on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.



The Parks and Recreation Department was the facility sponsor for the Healthy Kids Running Series. A 501 C3 youth non-profit that offers the running program to get kids active and healthy. The group held weekly runs at Purser Park. They had an amazing Fall season with 78 children running.

## ABILITY SPORTS



Ability soccer season will conclude on October 28. The participants have had a great time learning the sport of soccer.

## SPORTS

Basketball Registration is still open; and filling up quickly with some age groups already on a waitlist. We are excited to have secured all coaches for each team in each division.



The Basketball Camp hosted at the Recreation Center during the ISD fall break was a big success.

## SENIOR RECREATION



The Recreation Center is celebrating **35th Anniversary** of the Senior Recreation Program during October. We will be wrapping up the celebration on October 31st with a **Senior Trick-or-Treat** from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (while supplies last). Seniors are invited to wear costumes, Halloween attire, or bring themselves to trick-or-treat down the hall of the Parks and Recreation Department offices. Bags will be provided.



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. Each month will be a new activity to keep participants moving and having fun. October's activity is Corn-hole.



Crafty Connection will be on Monday, October 28, 2024, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. This month activity is pumpkin craft.



# Parks & Recreation Department

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Join the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department's **Día de Muertos Festival!** Get ready to celebrate life, culture, and community at our annual event. This vibrant event is a unique opportunity to honor loved ones who have passed away while embracing the rich traditions of

Mexican culture. The event will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Carl Levin Park on 400 Miller's Crossing.

Here is what you can expect:

- **Alter Displays:** add your loved ones to our altars (ofrendas) created by local community members.
- **Live performances:** enjoy traditional music and dance performances that bring the spirit of Día de Muertos to life.
- **Art and crafts:** engage in various crafts that reflect the customs and heritage of this special day.
- **And more!**

This festival is open to all ages, and admission is free. Bring your family and friends to share in this beautiful celebration of life and remembrance. For more information, visit our website at <https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/special-events-2> or call 254-953-5466.



**Vendors Needed for Día de Muertos Festival!** Applications to be a vendor for the event have now opened. The application is located on the online platform CivicRec through the link below. Please note that vendors will have to create a CivicRec account first before filling out the application. Application can be accessed on <https://bit.ly/4fOLHcO>. The deadline to apply is this Friday, October 25, 2024. For more information, contact [sgibbs@harkerheights.gov](mailto:sgibbs@harkerheights.gov) or call 254-953-5493.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

**The Harker Heights Farmers Market** has returned and will run every Saturday through December 21 at 305 Miller's Crossing. Applications to be a Farmers Market Vendor continue to be accepted. The last day to submit a vendor application is November 15, 2024. The Farmers Market webpage and application information can be found at the link: <https://www.harkerheights.gov/index.php/programs/farmers-market-2>. For more information, call 254-953-5493 or email [sgibbs@harkerheights.gov](mailto:sgibbs@harkerheights.gov). Be sure to follow the Harker Heights Farmers Market Facebook page on <https://facebook.com/heightsFM> for further updates on the 2024 season.



**GO Heights!**

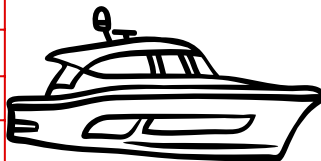
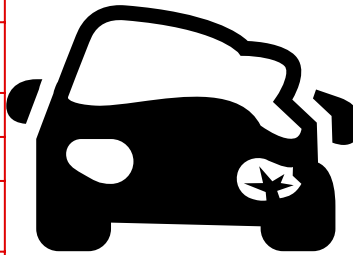
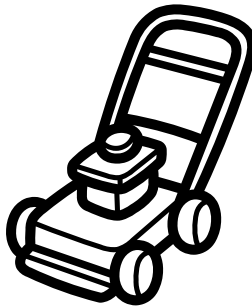
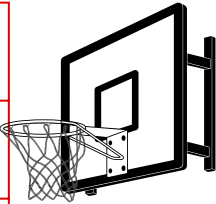
### **Another Successful Family Camp-out!**

Participants had a great time at the Annual Family Fall Camp-out October 19-20. The camp-out was in partnership with Peaceable Kingdom and held at their property. Campers participated in a mixture of activities provided by staff including a low ropes course, archery, visiting the properties farm animals, and more.



# SEPTEMBER 2024

## CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY



CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY		
September 1 thru September 30, 2024		
Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	131	55.27%
Outside Storage	15	6.33%
Other*	26	10.97%
Grass Parking	22	9.28%
Brush	18	7.59%
Bulk Items	16	6.75%
Maintenance	3	1.27%
Tree limbs	2	0.84%
Boat	1	0.42%
Fencing	1	0.42%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	1	0.42%
Junk Vehicle	1	0.42%
Basketball Goal	0	0.00%
Building Inspection	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%
Total	237	100.00%

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY		
October 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2024		
Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	1368	44.56%
Grass Parking	446	14.53%
Outside Storage	414	13.49%
Other*	257	8.37%
Brush	165	5.37%
Bulk Items	136	4.43%
Trailer	64	2.08%
Trash	64	2.08%
Maintenance	49	1.60%
Fencing	22	0.72%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	18	0.59%
Basketball Goal	14	0.46%
Tires	13	0.42%
Junk Vehicle	11	0.36%
Tree limbs	11	0.36%
Building Inspection	8	0.26%
Boat	5	0.16%
Skirting	5	0.16%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Total	3,070	100.00%







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## Economic Development Report

### SEPTEMBER 2024 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

#### COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued **one (1)** new commercial permit within the month of September.

- 3151 Cedar Knob Road, new Church
  - Valued at \$600,000.00

The City issued **zero (0)** commercial remodeling permits within the month of September.

#### RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued a total of **eight (8)** permits for single-family residential construction within the month of September.

- 6 expired permits re-issued for Cedar Trails Subdivision
- 1 new permit issued for 3314 Eagle Ridge (The Ridge Subdivision)
  - Valued at \$1,000,000.00
- 1 new permit issued for 120 East Stacie
  - Valued at \$180,000.00

The City issued a total of **five (5)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of September.

- 1 new permit issued for 412 Clore Road
  - Valued at \$220,000.00
- 4 new permits issued for duplexes Caspian Trail
  - Valued at \$1,000,000.00 total

**To date in calendar year 2024 (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) the City has issued a total of fifty-five (55) residential permits: thirty-five (35) single-family permits, twenty (20) two-family permits, and zero (0) multi-family permits.**

#### POPULATION ESTIMATES

As of September 30, 2024, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **35,746** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020, was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 892 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.