

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

HUMAN RESOURCES

- ❖ Lawrence Stewart will be retiring from the City on November 15th, with almost 5 years of service.
- ❖ The Police Department promoted Crystal Thomas to the position of Administrative Officer to the Chief, Erica Lozano to the position of Victim/Witness Coordinator and welcomed Jazmyne Lee to the position of Healthy Homes Youth Specialist on November 9th.
- ❖ Code Enforcement promoted Eric Moree to the position of Code and Building Coordinator, Fabian Brooks to the position of Building Inspector, Calvin Fleming to the position of Code Enforcement Supervisor and Trevor Jorgensen to the position of Building Official Secretary on November 9th.
- ❖ Courts promoted Kaily Funez-Lenon to the position of Juvenile Case Manager/Teen Court Coordinator on November 9th.

Congratulations to each of them!

- ❖ The Human Resources Department attended the Red, White and You Career Hiring Event on Fort Cavazos on November 6th.
- ❖ The Squatsgiving Challenge began on November 4th with 12 randomly drawn teams competing. Best of luck to all the teams!



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

THE STEWART C. MEYERS HARKER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The City of Harker Heights and the Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library (400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights) celebrate Harker Heights Children's Book Week

November 18 through November 23, 2024! Books and reading are basic to nourishing the growing minds of our children and serve as building blocks toward our children's well-being in the future. Each year in November the City of Harker Heights and the Library encourage families to read, listen, and learn together with a variety of exciting displays, programs, and activities. Visit the Library's Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary for book lists, program fliers, and more. For more information, call 254-953-5492 or email lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov



As part of this year's Harker Heights Children's Book Week celebration, the Library announces its "1000 Books Reading Club" program. This program encourages families to read 1000 different books before their children go to Kindergarten! Reading builds vocabulary, improves narration skills, and helps children as they construct their communication skills. Simply visit our Readsquared website at www.harkerheights.readsquared.com to register your child for this program. Get started by logging any books that you have ALREADY read to your children or that your child has heard during online or in-person storytimes for any library, children's television or YouTube show, etc. You will be astonished at how much you have already accomplished. Also earn virtual badges and perform online challenges at your own pace!

Visit the Library! Here are some of the scheduled programs taking place in person November 18-23, 2024.

Tell Your Story Maker Space – Tuesday, November 19 and Wednesday, November 20 from 10am until 3pm, Thursday, November 21 from 10am until 7pm, and Saturday, November 23 from 10am until 1pm – Drop by the Maker Space to make your own book out of the materials that are their. Decorate with sequins, buttons, and more!

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

Babytime Lapsit Program -- Tuesday, November 19 at 10am – Babies ages 0-18 months and their special adults come for songs, rhymes, and more. Registration is not required, but space is limited. Seating in on a first come/first served basis.

Singer and Musician Joe McDermott Children's Concert -- Wednesday, November 20 at 10am -- Joe McDermott brings his special brand of early childhood music to this performance that will get the whole family moving and grooving. Joe McDermott comes from Austin, TX, and is a Gold Award winner in Music, ages 4 and up, category of the 2003 National Parenting Publications Awards (NAPPA) for Children's Resources and a Winner of a 2003 Parents' Choice Award Silver Honor. Registration is not required, but space is limited. Seating in on a first come/first served basis.

Songwriting Workshop for Kids and Teens with Musician Joe McDermott -- Wednesday, November 20 at 11am -- Children and teens ages 6-14 enjoy learning to put together lyrics and tunes for a fun song. Registration is not required, but space is limited. Seating in on a first come/first served basis.

Breadmaking for Children -- Wednesday, November 20 at 2pm – Ms. Heather mixes the arts and sciences with a hand-on breadmaking workshop! All supplies are supplied. Adult supervision is required. Children ages 7-12 register for this experience. Space is limited. Call 254-953-5491 to sign-up!

The BEST Children's Books EVER Storytime -- Thursday, November 21 at 9am -- Children ages 3-6 years and their families visit the Library for stories, songs, rhymes, activities, and more! This early literacy program promises to delight all with the storytellers absolute favorite books! Registration is not required, but space is limited. Seating in on a first come/first served basis.

The BEST Children's Books EVER Toddler Time – Thursday, November 21 at 10am -- Toddlers ages 0-3 years and their families come for an early literacy program designed for their toddlers' physical, intellectual, and social development. Enjoy songs, stories, finger rhymes, and activities! Registration is not required, but space is limited. Seating in on a first come/first served basis.

Children's Book Characters Give Away FREE Books for Children -- Thursday, November 21 at 9am-7:30pm – Library staff dress as their favorite Children's Book Characters and give away books for children to keep from the Friends of the Harker Heights Public Library.

Family Game Time – Saturday, November 23 from 10am-5pm – Bring the whole family for come and go games!

Check out some of our favorite children's books!-- November 18-23 -- Take a look at displays of our staff's all-time favorites and choose a few to take home to read! Pick up coloring sheets, activity sheets, and more!

November is **NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month!)** Join us each Wednesday night at 6 pm and in November 2024 and on Saturday, November 16 and November 30, 2024, to write and share your works!

Join us for our November Book Discussion Club online and in-person on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:30 pm to discuss Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand! If you would like an invitation to our virtual meeting, e-mail lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov. Just drop in for our in-person meeting!



RECREATION CENTER



The Recreation Center will be **CLOSED**
November 28 – 30, 2024 in observance of **Thanksgiving Holiday**.



ABILITY SPORTS

Ability Basketball registration opens on January 6.
The league will run from February 10- March 12.

SPORTS

The fall/winter basketball season will begin on November 12.
There are 21 teams and over 200 participants eager to play.



The Summit and Community Park athletic fields will close on November 18 for maintenance in preparation for the spring sports seasons.



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. Each month will be a new activity to keep participants moving and having fun. November's activity is Ping Pong.



November's **BINGO** will be on Thursday, November 21, 2024, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.



Ladies Night Out for November will be on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:00 pm. at Papa's Cafe in Harker Heights. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own meal. Registration is preferred and can be done over the phone by calling 254-953-5683 or in person at the Recreation Center.



Lunch & Learn is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2024, from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm. The topic of discussion is the holiday blues with guest speaker Ailsa Jackson, License Professional Counselor, MA, LPC. Space is limited; pre-registration required by calling 254-953-5657 or in person at the Recreation Center.

Parks & Recreation Department

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

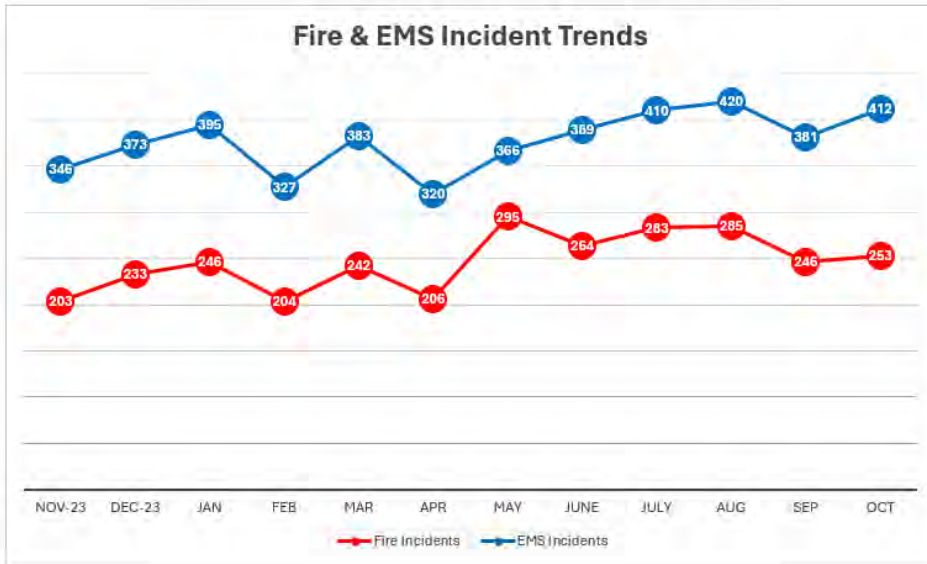
The **Harker Heights Farmers Market** will run every Saturday through December 21st - City Hall parking lot at 305 Miller's Crossing. Applications to be a **Farmers Market Vendor** continue to be accepted. The lastday to submit a vendor application is November 15, 2024. The Farmers Market webpage and 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. Be sure to follow the Harker Heights Farmers Market Facebook page on <https://facebook.com/heightsFM> for further updates on the 2024 season.

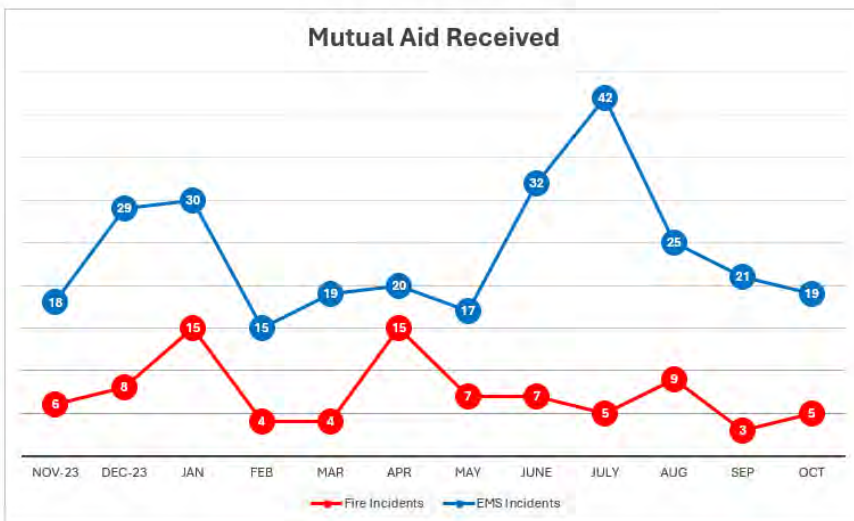
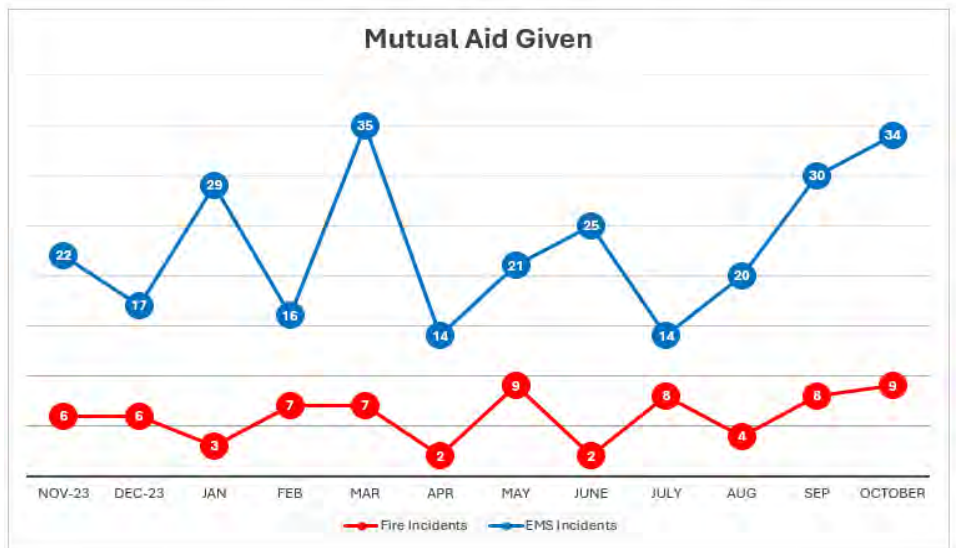


FIRE DEPARTMENT

Harker Heights Fire Department
Incident Trends – November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department is currently accepting monetary and/or new bikes for Blue Santa, which is happening in December.

