

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



JANUARY 14, 2025

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

HUMAN RESOURCES

- ❖ The Public Works Department promoted an employee on December 9th and welcomes a new employee on January 13th. Dales Reeves was promoted to the position of Inventory/Line Locator and Jonathan Rosado was hired for the position of Maintenance Technician in the Water Department.
- ❖ The Police Department welcomes a new employee on January 6th. Ethan Quigley was hired for the position of Police Officer Trainee.
- ❖ The Parks Department will be welcoming a new employee on January 18th. Alexander Lujan will be transferring from Public Works to the position of Light Equipment Operator.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

- ❖ Telecommunicator
- ❖ BPAT/CSI and Water Distribution Flushing Technician
- ❖ Heavy Equipment Operator
- ❖ Water Service Worker
- ❖ Maintenance Technicians
- ❖ Senior Equipment Operator
- ❖ Summer Student Library Page
- ❖ Seasonal Lifeguards
- ❖ Seasonal Water Safety Instructor
- ❖ Seasonal Aquatics Cashiers
- ❖ Seasonal Aquatics Supervisors



THE STEWART C. MEYERS HARKER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The Library is pleased to invite everyone to work on those New Years resolutions at the Library!

Do you want to read more?

- ❖ Join our 2025 Reading Challenge! This just for fun challenges you to read and/or listen to 50 books this year in certain categories. This is a great opportunity to stretch your reading prowess and investigate new genres! Just drop by the Library, check our Facebook Page, or e-mail reference@harkerheights.gov to get your reading challenge flier!

Do you want to spend more quality time with your family?

- ❖ Drop in for one of our family-oriented programs.

Do you want to be more creative?

- ❖ Spend some time in our Maker Space open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am -3pm and Saturdays from 10am-1pm! We put out new materials almost every week!

Do you want to get healthy?

- ❖ Check out some of our health and fitness movies and books or listen to a good book while you work out!

Preschoolers love to get up and move! They also love listening to great books, songs, and more!

- ❖ Join us for Babytime for babies ages 0-18 months on Tuesdays at 10am.
- ❖ Storytime for ages 3-6 years and their families are on Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 9am.
- ❖ Toddler Time for ages 0-3 years and their families is on Thursdays at 10am.

The theme of the week of January 14 – 18, 2025, is “Days of the Week.” As part of our Broadway Week celebration, the theme for January 20-25, 2025, is “These Are A Few Of My Favorite Things” inspired by “The Sound of Music.” Get ready to move and groove in these early literacy programs.



The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

Let's get together to discuss **"Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty** on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm. A murder...A tragic accident... Or just parents behaving badly? What's indisputable is that someone is dead, and someone related to the school is involved.



- ❖ **January 20-25, 2025, is Broadway week at the Library!** Celebrate musicals and more with booklists, movie lists, displays, special programs, and even a FREE showing of the 1965 class "The Sound of Music" at the historic Beltonian theater on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 11am. Space is limited for the movie showing. Call 254-953-5491 to register you and your family!



- ❖ Kids ages 0- 10 years enjoy **Music Exploration at the Library** on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 10am – 12pm. Come and go to try your hand at a variety of musical instruments. Music professionals will be available to answer questions. Registration is no necessary.



- ❖ Celebrate the famous "Phantom of the Opera" musical and book **by making your own mask at the Library.** Let your creativity flow all day Thursday, January 23, 2025, while supplies last!



- ❖ The Library offers a variety of **newspapers and magazines available to you 24/7.** Take a look at our PressReader online service! All you need is your Library Card! Visit the Library's website at harkerheights.gov/library! Under the Library's quick links, choose "Find Books and More." Then choose "Online Magazines and Newspapers." Here you will find magazines and newspapers from around the world and in many languages.

Parks & Recreation Department

RECREATION CENTER

The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the 2024 Grow the Game Grant from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Texas. The \$1,500 grant funds will be used to design a program to promote and develop the growth of tennis in our community. Staff will be working with local USTA representatives to offer an adaptive tennis fun day this Spring and additional tennis program days in the future.



ABILITY SPORTS

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

SPORTS

Staff is participating in community engagement opportunities and job fairs to promote the department.

Athletics kicked off the new year with several leagues and camps.

Registration is now open for youth volleyball, softball, baseball and Tball leagues.

Clinics in the spring:

- ❖ Youth volleyball camp during spring break.
- ❖ Youth volleyball clinic on March 8.
- ❖ Youth basketball camp (June 9-11, June 16-18, July 7-9, July 14-16).



Parks & Recreation Department

SENIOR RECREATION

Active Seniors (50+) are invited to participate in a variety of recreational activities and games on Thursdays from 11:00 am – 12:45 pm at the Recreation Center. Each month there will be a new activity to keep participants moving and having fun. January's activity is Chair Volleyball.



January's **BINGO** will be on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.



Ladies Night Out will be on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The restaurant is Chuy's Tex-Mex 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, January 24, 2025, from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm. The topic of discussion will be: Be the healthiest you in 2025 with guest speaker Dr. Shane Isdale, DC with Corrective Chiropractic & Wellness. Space is limited; pre-registration required by calling 254-953-5657 or in person at the Recreation Center by 4:00 pm on January 16, 2025.



Granny Basketball team Texas Old Glories kicked off their basketball season on January 6, 2025. Their next home game is on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 12:00 pm at the Recreation Center.



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SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The Harker Heights Farmers Market concluded the 2024 season on December 21, 2024. A big thank you to all vendors, customers, and community members for supporting local businesses and helping the Farmers Market thrive.

The 2025 season will start on May 3, 2025. For further updates, keep an eye out on the Harker Heights Farmers Market Facebook page on

<https://www.facebook.com/HeightsFM/> and on the City website
<https://www.harkerheights.gov/index.php/programs/farmers-market-2>



Harker Heights Arts Festival will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Carl Levin Park. Vendor applications for local artists will be opening soon. Follow the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspr/> for upcoming vendor opportunities.



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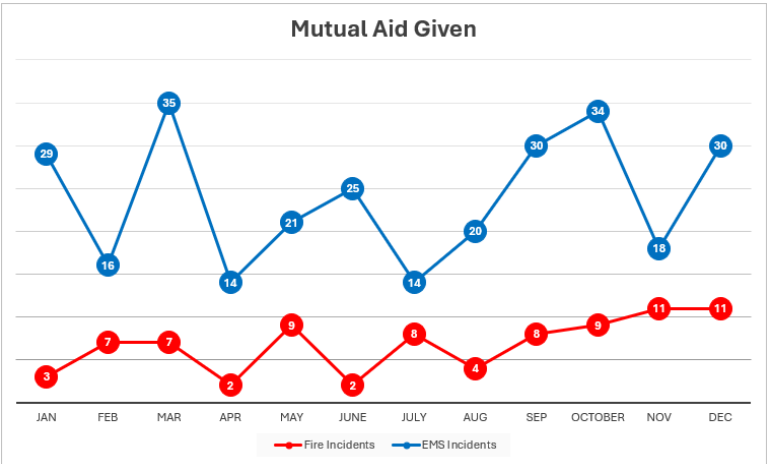
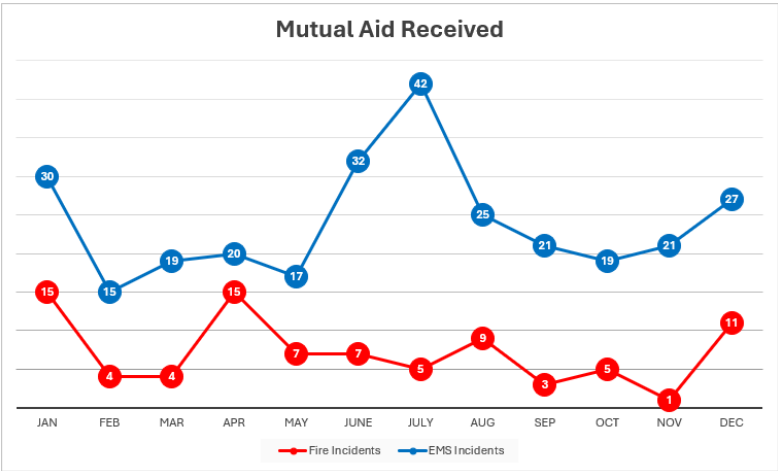
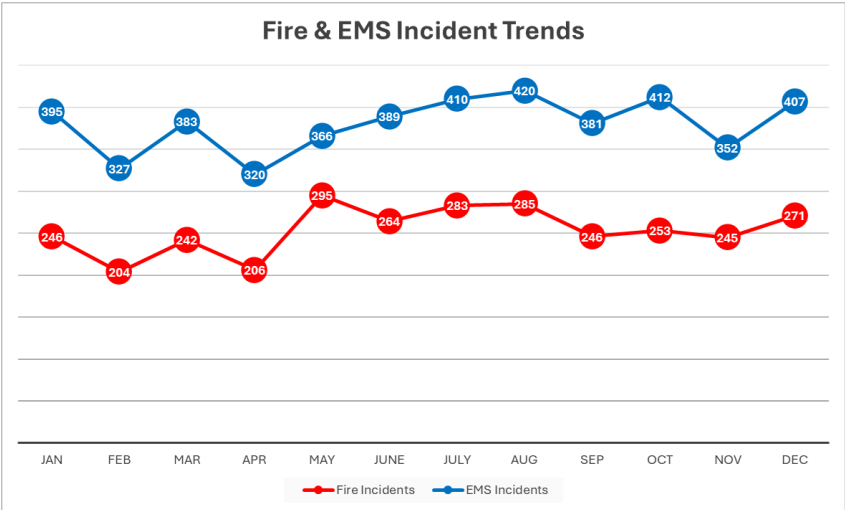
Garden plots are available at Carl Levin Park Community Garden. Winter is a great time to grow carrots, cruciferous vegetables, greens, and more. Each raised bed is 4 ft. x 8 ft.

The garden provides access to water with hoses and a shed for storage of personal gardening tools. For more information visit us at the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing) or call 254-953-5465



There are volunteer opportunities available with the Get Outside Program. Make new friends while sharing your passion with others. Volunteer with our hiking programs, nature education, or teaching outdoor skills to those in your community. We welcome both individuals and groups. For more information contact kgomez@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5465

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Marshal's Office – December 2024	
Inspections	28
Plan Reviews	4
Investigations	3
Permits Issued	4
Department/Agency Assists	12

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hot Cocoa with a Cop is happening on February 27th at HEB from 4p - 6p.

The Blue Santa event donated 55 bicycles to six of our elementary and middle schools.



In partnership with Seton Hospital, Giving Tree was able to assist 70 children in need with Christmas gifts.





Finance Department



ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	\$458,586.58	\$425,468.44	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59
February	\$534,106.66	\$473,232.50	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74
March	\$505,890.78	\$457,827.45	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11
April	\$449,213.99	\$404,428.51	\$450,611.99	\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05
May	\$470,065.16	\$577,032.32	\$457,447.36	\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28
June	\$455,755.87	\$508,923.56	\$559,624.69	\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93
July	\$632,588.50	\$549,266.57	\$593,523.31	\$474,837.86	\$433,747.64
August	\$648,863.93	\$700,084.97	\$626,576.19	\$473,342.17	\$380,976.99
September	\$623,481.36	\$732,809.66	\$733,557.95	\$575,867.17	\$466,173.61
October	\$741,027.48	\$640,193.47	\$550,329.57	\$615,499.23	\$433,650.72
November	\$698,851.87	\$644,238.19	\$597,938.12	\$488,924.69	\$305,732.61
December	\$626,161.64	\$560,893.99	\$529,760.67	\$540,030.51	\$380,537.34

*As of April 26, 2021, automatic credit card drafts are now part of the online utility bill payment totals.

AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS



	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	\$111,335.93	\$104,768.73	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16
February	\$122,733.86	\$120,067.52	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11
March	\$113,274.41	\$114,106.26	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41
April	\$97,246.60	\$98,130.13	\$110,142.69	\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65
May	\$109,383.84	\$128,587.47	\$111,214.36	\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54
June	\$103,002.72	\$117,678.21	\$126,583.78	\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21
July	\$128,211.92	\$116,990.27	\$127,979.57	\$114,493.61	\$121,025.84
August	\$140,993.30	\$160,801.83	\$136,631.66	\$121,311.92	\$113,130.64
September	\$133,158.99	\$149,676.66	\$153,943.37	\$128,969.57	\$137,771.86
October	\$163,763.26	\$140,226.20	\$120,331.11	\$133,559.38	\$123,306.75
November	\$133,455.63	\$141,456.45	\$131,364.63	\$109,105.34	\$94,961.20
December	\$137,429.14	\$117,512.11	\$114,240.31	\$115,096.07	\$116,508.98



KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	\$15,526.79	\$14,230.92	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25
February	\$14,866.27	\$17,296.49	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02
March	\$16,016.08	\$13,010.92	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01
April	\$13,150.82	\$12,552.09	\$13,777.77	\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99
May	\$11,855.53	\$16,807.66	\$14,264.27	\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43
June	\$16,060.62	\$16,308.52	\$17,616.84	\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19
July	\$16,487.65	\$16,201.62	\$19,794.27	\$13,973.86	\$21,778.38
August	\$19,529.80	\$21,416.32	\$17,131.77	\$13,053.66	\$17,566.80
September	\$15,348.97	\$21,162.07	\$21,855.49	\$15,046.80	\$24,119.28
October	\$22,682.46	\$16,367.61	\$17,549.59	\$19,801.71	\$18,037.50
November	\$18,150.19	\$20,801.21	\$17,225.45	\$14,707.98	\$15,206.33
December	\$15,997.56	\$15,884.88	\$19,102.03	\$14,030.94	\$14,953.30

NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT



	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	4,165	3,798	3,565	3,245	2,719
February	4,192	3,811	3,566	3,290	2,759
March	4,222	3,852	3,555	3,293	2,880
April	4,264	3,922	3,603	3,321	2,819
May	4,256	3,927	3,654	3,364	2,847
June	4,307	3,960	3,698	3,396	2,931
July	4,318	4,061	3,695	3,461	2,976
August	4,369	4,021	3,747	3,505	3,069
September	4,372	4,054	3,746	3,523	3,072
October	4,382	4,092	3,789	3,536	3,127
November	4,404	4,105	3,757	3,548	3,186
December	4,435	4,128	3,749	3,533	3,201

ASSESSMENT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

PAVING ASSESSMENT:

BALANCE

Polk, Billy (deceased)/Phillip Sueoka	242 E. Cardinal	\$22,789.77
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No payments were made for the Paving Assessment.

WILDEWOOD ASSESSMENT:

BALANCE

Rickets, Tommie	936/940 Lemonwood	\$13,664.17
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No payments were made for the Wildewood Assessment.