

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT APRIL 12, 2022

FINANCE:

ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59	\$246,908.71	\$218,947.04
February	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74	\$239,620.03	\$253,982.29
March	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11	\$267,408.59	\$250,722.14
April		\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05	\$214,513.90	\$210,496.91
May		\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28	\$311,719.63	\$281,788.14
June		\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93	\$271,114.94	\$320,454.59
July		\$474,837.86	\$433,747.64	\$285,381.75	\$300,335.69
August		\$473,342.17	\$380,976.99	\$356,562.37	\$394,788.59
September		\$575,867.17	\$466,173.61	\$320,090.38	\$364,257.96
October		\$615,499.23	\$433,650.72	\$399,497.35	\$306,871.13
November		\$488,924.69	\$305,732.61	\$358,146.37	\$286,085.34
December		\$540,030.51	\$380,537.34	\$275,957.76	\$249,823.02

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

AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16	\$85,442.31	\$71,651.41
February	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11	\$73,765.91	\$73,106.50
March	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41	\$71,751.84	\$70,641.47
April		\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65	\$65,920.26	\$65,855.79
May		\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54	\$88,378.47	\$75,977.68
June		\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21	\$74,513.43	\$80,826.26
July		\$114,493.61	\$121,025.84	\$93,483.23	\$88,910.75
August		\$121,311.92	\$113,130.64	\$107,866.92	\$102,878.90
September		\$128,969.57	\$137,771.86	\$106,122.80	\$92,411.37
October		\$133,559.38	\$123,306.75	\$120,968.81	\$98,509.88
November		\$109,105.34	\$94,961.20	\$97,515.15	\$84,134.74
December		\$115,096.07	\$116,508.98	\$99,255.97	\$71,988.89

KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25	\$16,084.10	\$13,632.13
February	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02	\$16,019.68	\$14,010.94
March	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01	\$12,078.00	\$15,753.68
April		\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99	\$11,636.59	\$11,598.52
May		\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43	\$15,446.69	\$15,516.51
June		\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19	\$14,092.62	\$17,806.76
July		\$13,973.86	\$21,778.38	\$18,147.78	\$20,001.21
August		\$13,053.66	\$17,566.80	\$20,613.07	\$22,002.97
September		\$15,046.80	\$24,119.28	\$18,407.61	\$20,300.64
October		\$19,801.71	\$18,037.50	\$19,399.15	\$15,677.88
November		\$14,707.98	\$15,206.33	\$20,304.92	\$15,970.14
December		\$14,030.94	\$14,953.30	\$15,822.59	\$12,904.99

NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	3,565	3,245	2,719	2,406	2,506
February	3,566	3,290	2,759	2,471	2,522
March	3,555	3,293	2,880	2,519	2,516
April		3,321	2,819	2,552	2,502
May		3,364	2,847	2,533	2,482
June		3,396	2,931	2,588	2,439
July		3,461	2,976	2,582	2,407
August		3,505	3,069	2,622	2,380
September		3,523	3,072	2,669	2,370
October		3,536	3,127	2,664	2,305
November		3,548	3,186	2,695	2,357
December		3,533	3,201	2,715	2,387

ASSESSMENT BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2022

<u>PAVING ASSESSMENT:</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Polk, Billy (deceased) 242 E Cardinal	\$18,160.91
<i>No payments were made for the Paving Assessments.</i>	

<u>WILDEWOOD ASSESSMENT:</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Eaton, Donald (deceased) 921 Ashwood	\$8,950.25
Ricketts, Tommie 936/940 Lemonwood	10,961.78
<hr/> Total Wildewood: <hr/>	<hr/> \$19,912.03 <hr/>
<i>No payments were made for the Wildewood Assessment.</i>	

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Our Police Officer of the Year, Crystal Thomas, was recognized and presented with an award at the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 4th.

FREE CHILDREN'S POP-UP CLINIC

Free services include sports physicals, vision/hearing screenings, well/sick child visits for uninsured/under insured children, and access to services from community resources!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022
9 AM TO 12 PM
HARKER HEIGHTS ACTIVITIES CENTER
400 INDIAN TRAIL DR.
HARKER HEIGHTS, TX 76548
ALL MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
I.D./DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR ADULTS
IMMUNIZATION RECORDS REQUIRED

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE HEALTHY HOMES OFFICE, INSIDE THE HARKER HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (254) 953-5439.

Bell County Indigent Health, Baylor Scott and White, Feed My Sheep, and the Harker Heights Police Department will be hosting a **Free Children's Clinic** on Saturday, April 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. The pop-up clinic will be held at the Harker Heights Activities Center.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The **Parks Department** transferred Part Time Athletics Aide **Eddie Romero** to the position of Part Time Recreation Aide on April 2nd.

The **Public Works Department** welcomed two new employees. **Terrell Reynolds** was hired for the position of Light Equipment Operator on April 4th and **Fabian Venegas** was hired for the position of Maintenance Technician on April 11th.

The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions:



Police Officer Trainee
Drainage Light Equipment Operator
Streets Light Equipment Operator
Wastewater Maintenance Technician
Utilities Superintendent
Water Service Worker
Parks Light Equipment Operator
Part Time Parts Clerk
Part Time Student Clerical Assistant
Part Time Athletics Aide
Part Time Recreation Aide
Seasonal Aquatics Supervisor
Seasonal Lifeguard
Seasonal Water Safety Instructor
Seasonal Cashier

LIBRARY:

The **Library celebrated National Library Week April 3rd - 9th**! In addition to an array of programs for all ages, the Library also highlighted its staff members with profiles and portraits featured on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary>. We encourage everyone to get to know our team. We are here to help. The Library is thankful for all the kind comments expressed by our community.

Hop into reading this week with both in-person and virtual programs!



Wednesday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m. -- **Hop Into Spring In-person Storytime** for ages 5 and younger and their families. Call 254-953-5491 to register for this program.

Wednesday, April 13th at 10:15 a.m. -- **Hop Into Spring Virtual Storytime** for ages 5 on our Facebook page.

Wednesday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m. – **Bunny Science Virtual program** on our Facebook page.

Thursday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. – **Spring Things In-Person Toddler Time** for ages 3 and younger and their families. Call 254-953-5491 to register for this program.

Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. – **Egg-straordinary Eggs Virtual Family Night LIVE** on our Facebook page.

Friday, April 15th at 10:15 p.m. – **“The Good Egg”** read by Harker Heights Fire Chief Paul Sims on our Facebook page.



Saturday, April 16th at 10:15 a.m. – **Bunnies and Babies Virtual Storytime LIVE** on our Facebook page

Drop in at the Library all week long Monday, April 11th through April 16th to pick up your own **Egg Exploration kit!** If you would like to pick up a kit through the drive through, call 254-953-5491.

Bring the whole family for our **Maker Space!** The Activities Center and the Library come together to provide a variety of arts and science items and activities on Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. You never know what you'll find! See what you can make with what is available.



Calling all chess players! The Library hosts a Chess Club FOR ALL AGES on the first Thursdays of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Everyone from seasoned players to individuals wanting to learn are invited!

Read and discuss “**The Last Green Valley**” by **Mark Sullivan** at the **March Book Discussion** meeting on Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Library and through a virtual meeting! In late March 1944, as Stalin’s forces push into Ukraine, young Emil and Adeline Martel must make a terrible decision: Do they wait for the Soviet bear’s intrusion and risk being sent to Siberia? Or do they reluctantly follow the wolves—murderous Nazi officers who have pledged to protect “pure-blood” Germans?. Just e-mail youngblood@harkerheights.gov for an invitation to the virtual meeting!

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Nicole Loayza was honored by her coworkers as the **March Parks and Rec Employee of the Month!** Congrats Nicole!

ATHLETICS

Over 715 participants register for the **2022 Youth Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball** season. Coaches and officials are needed!



2022 Youth Volleyball registration is open and runs until June 9th. Space is limited!

April 25th starts registration for **Ability Bowling** for individuals ages 5 – 22 with special needs.

AQUATICS

Learn-to-Swim Registration will open in person on April 30th at 9:00 a.m. at the Harker Heights Recreation Center.



Opening weekend of the **Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool** will be May 28th and 29th. Aquatics staff are needed and can apply at Harker Heights HR Department.

SENIOR RECREATION/RECREATION CENTER

Swordplay: Recreational Fencing held a tournament this past Saturday at the Recreation Center with the class participants.

The Parks Department had a **Putting Green** set up and light refreshments last Friday in celebration for the Masters. Seniors and patrons practiced for a hole in one.

In celebration of **National Gardening Day (April 14th)** senior recreation members can sign up for a **gardening kit**. The kit includes: 4" recyclable/biodegradable pot, waterproof lined tray, a compressed soil disc, and seeds. Senior members can call 254-953-9657 or email nbroemer@harkerheights.gov to reserve a kit.

Join us at the Recreation Center for **Senior BINGO** on April 21st from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Ladies Night Out will be on April 21st from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at C & H Hawaiian Grill, 200 Commercial Dr. Ste. 103, Harker Heights. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own supper. Registration is required. Call 254-953-5683 or sign up in person at the Rec Center to register.



The Old Glories are hosting a **Granny Basketball** tournament with area teams from Georgetown, Round Rock, and Waco at the Recreation Center on April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Old Glories will play at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Older Americans Month is May 2022 and the Parks Department will be offering special events each week. The first event is **Older American Month Kick Off Luncheon** on May 4th at 11:30 a.m. Senior members can come celebrate with lunch, vendors, and entertainment at the Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail. Please call Nichole at 254-953-5683 to RSVP for a lunch by April 20th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

There was a great turnout to **Art in the Park** with an estimated 700-800 people in attendance. The band, patrons, and vendors were all delighted with the event. This was very much a community building event and everyone had a great time.

Harker Heights will be hosting the **Central Texas Sustainable Community Partnerships** proclamation signing on Thursday, April 14th @ 3:00 p.m. at Carl Levin Amphitheatre.



The **Family Campout** at Dana Peak Park will take place May 6th – 8th. Registration is limited so sign up today!

The City's Employees will be hosting our **Annual Volunteer Reception** on April 20th at 6:00 p.m. We will be celebrating our volunteers and recognizing their hard work.

Thank you!

HARKER HEIGHTS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

THE ARTS COMMISSION:

The Harker Heights Arts Commission assisted with the Parks and Recreation's Art in the Park. Commission members manned an information desk and handed out art kits to children. Arts Commission Chair Roshanda Prior provided an innovative group project in which children used oversized brushes to make a 3-D composition. Children marveled at their own abilities. Special needs children with mobility issues were particularly excited that they could participate with brushes specifically designed for their use. **When this piece of artwork is completed, it will be on display at the Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library.**

The Arts Commission designed a set of inspirational signs that currently reside at Carl Levin Park. "I Am Happy," "You Are Happy," and "Be Happy" are the Commission's affirmations. Two sets of signs were viewed at the Art in the Park festival at Carl Levin Park, but one set of signs will be moved to Kern Park. The Arts Commission hopes that these will uplift our community.



April is National Poetry Month! Celebrate with the Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library! Submit your family friendly poem for consideration to be displayed at the Library! E-mail your poem to youngblood@harkerheights.gov by Friday, April 23rd, for your poem to be included in the poetry display!

The City of Harker Heights Arts Commission will be meeting at the Library on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. This is an open meeting, and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

March 1 thru March 31, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Other*	113	57.95%
Outside Storage	40	20.51%
Bulk Items	12	6.15%
Tires	8	4.10%
Brush	6	3.08%
Trailer	6	3.08%
Grass	3	1.54%
Basketball Goal	2	1.03%
Trash	2	1.03%
Tree limbs	2	1.03%
Skirting	1	0.51%
Boat	0	0.00%
Building Inspection	0	0.00%
Fencing	0	0.00%
Junk Vehicle	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash	0	0.00%

Total 195 100.00%

*For Fiscal Year 21-22 the category "Other" includes the following:
Stormwater Contamination; Illegal Dumping; Storage Containers; Lack of Permit for Work; Façade Maintenance; Heavy Vehicles; Parking on the Grass; & Unpermitted Use of Property

Economic Development Report

MARCH 2022 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The City issued **one (1)** commercial construction permit within the month of March.

- 201 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 680 – Remodel
 - Valued at \$650,000

To date (March 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of two (2) commercial permits totaling \$782,000.00 in project valuation for calendar year 2022.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City has issued a total of **twenty-seven (27)** permits for single-family residential construction within the month of March.

- 26 Single Family Permit in Cedarbrook Ridge
- 1 Single Family Permit in Pecan Meadow

The City has issued a total of **one (1)** permit for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of March.

- 1 Duplexes within the North Side – Robin Ln.

To date (March 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of thirty-six (36) residential permits in calendar year 2022; thirty-one (31) single-family permits, five (5) two-family permits, and zero (0) multi-family permits.

As of March 31, 2022, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **34,451** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020 was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 456 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.