

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



## OCTOBER 11, 2022

*Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates*



**THANK YOU** to the neighborhoods that hosted a block party for National Night Out on October 4th!

W. Cardinal Lane  
Mary Jo Drive  
Big Oaks MHP  
Citation Loop  
River Rock  
Prospector  
Quail Estates  
Bella Vista  
Iron Jacket Trail

## Human Resources Department

- Court Administrator Catharina Hoffman was awarded Certified Court Clerk Level II certification from the Texas Court Clerk's Association. Congratulations Catharina!
- The Parks and Recreation Department promoted an employee on October 1st and welcomed a new employee on October 3rd. Billy Stevens was promoted to the position of Crew Leader and Tamara Williams was hired for the position of Part Time Recreation Aide.
- The Human Resources Department will be welcoming a new employee on October 17th. Lyndsey Amundson will be transferring to the position of Human Resources Specialist.
- Sergeant Eugene Cuthbert will be retiring from the City on October 21st after 11 years with the City.
- The City is currently taking applications for the position of Firefighter/EMT.

*Congratulations*

**NOW  
HIRING**

# Library Department

Zombies invaded the Library and Activities Center the weekend of October 7 and 8, 2022! Staff and volunteers converted parts of the Activities Center into an apocalypse zone! Attendees saved the world from an invasion!

Did you know that the Library offers an app so that you can check out items yourself from your phone? Just download the Checkit app, search for our Library, and use your Library card to access your account! Skip the lines. Check out from your phone while you are in the Library!



## The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library has a full schedule of **SPOOKY October Events!**



Story times, decorations, and displays provide a chilling visit to the Library! From Haunted Heights Kids' fun, to a discussion with a cryptozoologist, there is something for everyone! For a full list of the Library's programs for fall, visit the website at [www.harkerheights.gov/library](http://www.harkerheights.gov/library)!

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6pm:** Adults and teens enjoy a bewitching craft at the Library! No registration is necessary!

**Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6:30pm:** Enjoy Musical Monsters Family Stories and Fun Night. Bring your preschoolers and early elementary aged kids fit not so spooky fun!

**Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 10am:** Spooky Storytime Saturday Special by Ms. Erica. Bring your preschoolers for some silly spooky stories, songs, and more!

**Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7pm:** Come to learn about "Texas Monsters" from a cryptozoologist! No registration is necessary!

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 10am:**

Let's get ready for a Not-So-Scary Storytime! No registration is necessary, but space is limited. Seating us in a first come, first serve basis.

**Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 10am:**

Let's get ready for a Not-So-Scary Toddler Time! No registration is necessary, but space is limited. Seating us in a first come, first serve basis.

**Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 9am -1pm:** The Library is bringing pirates to Haunted Heights in Carl Levin Park. Children bring your families for games, face painting, big trucks, and more!

Here's your chance to purchase books, CDs, audiobooks, and more at the Friends of the Library Fall Booksale is coming soon – with extended Friday hours! Visit the Library Friday, October 21, 2022, from 2-6pm and Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 8am-2pm.



If you would like to donate books, audiobooks, toys, etc., then please feel free to drop them off at the Library during normal operating hours. We are unable to accept magazines, encyclopedias, pamphlets, loose papers, and textbooks.

# Library Department

Do you need volunteer hours for work, school, or clubs? Do you want to give back to the community? The Library accepts volunteers ages 12 and up all year long!

Email: [Lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov](mailto:Lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov).



## Parks and Recreation Department

The Fall Community Garage Sale was a success with 75 registered garage sales and many more who joined in. Thank you to all who participated!



### ATHLETICS

- Registration for 2022 Ability Soccer which is for children ages 5-22 with special needs hosted at Summit Soccer Complex opened on August 15th closed on September 27th.
- Fall Youth Soccer games started last Saturday at Summit Soccer Complex. Nearly 500 youth from across the community are participating!
- Youth Basketball starts this week!

### ACTIVITIES CENTER

- The Maker Space continues it's open times into the school year. (Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Stop by anytime and see the amazing community project the public is building called Cardboard City (located in the hall). This entire city is built from cardboard has so many little surprises in it. The public is encouraged to add their artistic abilities to this ever growing and changing project.
- Community Gardens: Don't forget that the Kern Park Community Garden is a FREE garden open to the public. Rentals are for six months or one year. Stop by the Recreation Center on 307 Miller's Crossing or the Activities Center on 400 Indian Trail to sign up. For more information, contact Kailie Gomez at [kgomez@harkerheights.gov](mailto:kgomez@harkerheights.gov) or call 254-953-5465.



# Parks and Recreation Department



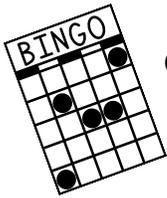
## SENIOR RECREATION

### Wednesday Wellness Walks will be returning in October!

Every first and third Wednesday of the month, seniors ages 50+ are invited to join us at Carl Levin Park (400 Miller's Crossing) for an outdoor walk from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Wellness Walk, October 5th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Ages 50+ at Carl Levin Park.

Wednesday Wellness Walk, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Ages 50+ at Carl Levin Park

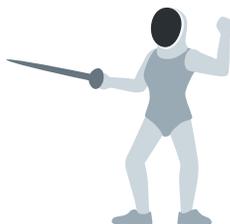


October's **BINGO** will be on Thursday, October 20th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

## RECREATION CENTER

- The **youth** are invited to join in one of the two recreation classes being offered at the Recreation Center.
  - **Tae Kwon Do:** Beginners & Advance classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays for ages 6 and up for the monthly fee of \$40 non-residents and \$35 residents.
  - **Swordplay:** Recreational Fencing classes are on Thursdays for ages 7 to adults for the monthly fee of \$50.
- **Adaptive Chair Yoga** is one of the gentlest forms of yoga.
  - The class meets on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and it is centered around using a chair, wheelchair, or other mobility device. Chair Yoga is offered to ages 18 years old and up with a fee of \$12 per class (\$10 per class 55+ Senior).

Adults can sign up for three of our recreation classes. There is Adaptive Chair Yoga on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Hapkido on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., and Swordplay: Recreational Fencing on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



# HARKER HEIGHTS DOOR-TO-DOOR TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022  
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**



A few **REMINDERS** for ghouls and goblins who are participating:

- Have your **front porch light on if you are giving out candy.**
- **Don't go alone.** Trick-or-treat with your friends and family in a group setting.
- **Be safe** and do not go inside unfamiliar houses.
- With the sun setting earlier, make sure to **carry with you a glow stick, flashlight, or reflective gear.**
- Always **check both ways before crossing a street.**
- Don't forget to **check your children's candy.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Bring your friends and family to the **Spook-tacular Haunted Heights!**

**Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Carl Levin Park on 400 Miller's Crossing**

Activities include family-fun activities, games, vendors, and more.

Be sure to wear your costume to go trick-or-treating!



- Applications continue to be accepted to be a vendor at Haunted Heights. Vendors can provide an added component to the event (such as a game, activity, or a themed photo op) or can sell items that are Halloween/fall or pirate themed items. If any businesses are interested in being a sponsor, please reach out to 254-953-5466 or email [atrujillo@harkerheights.gov](mailto:atrujillo@harkerheights.gov).
- **Think you have the spookiest outdoor decorations?** Register and compete in the FREE Haunted Heights Decorating Contest! Homes and businesses within Harker Heights can enter for a chance to win. Pick up a registration form located on <https://bit.ly/harkerheightsevents> or at the Activities Center on 400 Indian Trail and email completed forms to [sgibbs@harkerheights.gov](mailto:sgibbs@harkerheights.gov). Entries are accepted until October 20th and winners will be announced on October 28th. For more information, call 254-953-5466.

# Parks and Recreation Department

**Outdoor Recreation is in full swing with the cooler weather!**

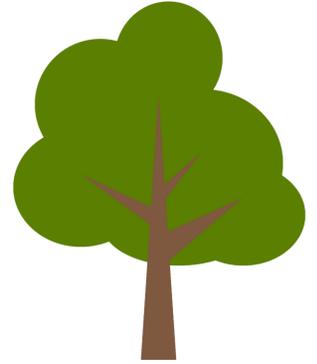
**Check out these upcoming programs.**



For more information please go to [bit.ly/3CdZ8Qt](https://bit.ly/3CdZ8Qt)

Reach out by email: [kgomez@harkerheights.gov](mailto:kgomez@harkerheights.gov)

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- **Wednesday, October 12th, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m:** GO Heights Hike at Dana Peak Park Reservation is encouraged.
- **Saturday, October 15th, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m:** Go Heights Hike at Chalk Ridge Falls Park Reservation Required.
- **Wednesday, October 26th, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m:** GO Heights Hike at Dana Peak Park. Reservation is encouraged.
- **Tuesday, October 25th, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m:** GO Heights Kids Hike & Explore Bug Hunt, Reservation Required.



- **Thursday, October 13th, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m:** Carl Levin Community Garden Workday.



- **Saturday, October 15th, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m:** Outdoor Yoga at Carl Levin Park amphitheater. Reservation Required.

## Police Department

The Citizen's Police Academy 2022 class will begin on October 11th, and there are currently 20 citizens enrolled in the class.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	675	31.68%
Other*	593	27.83%
Outside Storage	339	15.91%
Bulk Items	177	8.31%
Brush	87	4.08%
Trailer	55	2.58%
Grass Parking	51	2.39%
Basketball Goal	41	1.92%
Trash	28	1.31%
Tires	27	1.27%
Fencing	25	1.17%
Tree limbs	15	0.70%
Boat	7	0.33%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	6	0.28%
Junk Vehicle	3	0.14%
Building Inspection	2	0.09%
Skirting	2	0.09%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Total	2,131	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

\*\*As of May 2022, Heavy Vehicle Parking is longer included in the "Other" Category.

\*\*\*As of June 2022, Parking on the Grass (Grass Parking) is no longer included in the "Other" Category



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## Economic Development Report

### SEPTEMBER 2022 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

#### COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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

To date (September 30, 2022) the City has issued a total of twenty (20) commercial permits totaling \$23,465,552.00 in project valuation for calendar year 2022.

#### RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- 1 Single Family Permit in area on Fuller Lane
- 3 Single Family Permits in Cedarbrook Ridge

The City has issued a total of **twenty-five (25)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of September.

- 22 Duplex Permits in The Enclave at Indian Trail
- 2 Duplex Permits in Comanche Land
- 1 Duplex Permit in North Side

To date (September 30, 2022) the City has issued a total of **one hundred-fourteen (143)** residential permits in calendar year 2022; **ninety-seven (97)** single-family permits, **forty-six (46)** two-family permits, and **zero (0)** multi-family permits.

As of September 30, 2022, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **34,745** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020 was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 555 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.