

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

LIBRARY

Sleet and ice won't stop the Library from serving our community. Throughout the latest winter weather event, the Library provided story times, winter weather tip sheets, links to reliable weather information, and encouragement on our Library's Facebook page. The Library also continued to provide reference assistance as well as an array of online resources on our Virtual Library!

For Library information, programs, and services during unusual events, please check the following sites and use the following e-mails:

- For the Library's website with program information, links to electronic resources, booklists, and more, see <https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/departments/library>.
- For filmed and live story times, updated program information, reliable weather links, tips to combat loneliness, booklists, and more, see <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary>.
- For reference assistance, getting a virtual library card, and checking on your account, e-mail reference@harkerheights.gov.
- For information regarding volunteering, board meetings, and tours, e-mail lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov.
- To check our library catalog, visit <http://67.79.126.39/opac/hhpl/index.html#menuHome> or download the Librista app.
- To check out e-books and e-audiobooks with your library card number, visit <https://ctdl.overdrive.com/ctdl-harkerheights/content> or download the Libby app.
- For electronic resources, homeschool resources, and encyclopedias, click on the "Find Information" section in the "Quick Links" column at <https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/departments/library>.

The Library's Overdrive electronic resources will now be accessed through the Libby app on your phones and directly through the website at <https://ctdl.overdrive.com/ctdl-harkerheights/content>! Overdrive is discontinuing its legacy Overdrive app and moving its resources to Libby. Just install the Libby app from your device's app store or visit <http://libbyapp.com> in Chrome, Safari, Firefox, or Edge. Follow the prompts to find our Library and to sign in with your full library card number. Next you are ready to checkout an e-book or e-audiobook!

We LOVE good books! We are celebrating **Valentine's Day** this week at the Library! Join us for our popular virtual programs on the Library's Facebook page. Join us on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> for **Storytime** on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m., **Science time** on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., **Family Night** on Thursdays at 6:00 pm, and **Guest Readers** on Friday at 10:15 a.m. We will also continue to post additional special events, story times, and more! These programs can be viewed when it is convenient for you and your family.

Random Acts of Kindness Day is on Thursday, February 17th! Each year the **Random Acts of Kindness Foundation** celebrates this day and all days as opportunities to improve your life through being kind to others. The Library is celebrating all month long with Facebook posts, displays, booklists, and more! **Enjoy Be Kind virtual story time** on Thursday, February 17th at 11:00 a.m. and a **Random Acts of Kindness Virtual Family Night** at 6:00 p.m. on the Library's Facebook page. Also, check out the Library's coloring sheets, notecards, BINGO games and more in the Library and online. #RAKDay #RandomActsOfKindness #MakeKindnesstheNorm

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Two Police Officers, **Alexis Jorgensen and Alexandra Gloria**, were sworn in on Wednesday, February 2nd.

3 Police Officer Trainees are set to start the Temple Police Academy on Monday, February 14th.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The **Pet Adoption Center** welcomed a new employee on January 31st. **Rylie Rochelle** was hired for the position of Animal Services Officer.

The **Fire Department** welcomed new employees on February 7th. **Logan Green and Corey David** were hired for the position of Firefighter/EMT.

The **Public Works Department** will be welcoming a new employee on February 9th. **Fabian Brooks** was hired for the position of Maintenance Technician in the Water Department.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

Part Time Recreation Aide
Part Time Telecommunicator
Part Time Parts Clerk
Drainage Light Equipment Operator
Streets Light Equipment Operator
Parks Light Equipment Operator
Wastewater Maintenance Technician
Senior Equipment Operator
Utilities Superintendent
Water Service Worker
Seasonal Aquatics Cashier
Seasonal Aquatics Supervisor
Seasonal Lifeguard
Seasonal Water Safety Instructor

PARKS AND RECREATION

ATHLETICS

The **Winter Youth Soccer** season will be kicking off next week!

Youth Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball registration is open and runs through March 23rd.

RECREATION CENTER

Primary Election Early Voting will be starting at the Harker Heights Recreation Center on Monday, February 14th!

SENIOR RECREATION

The Harker Heights Activities Center invites members of the Senior Recreation Program (50+) to the **Seniors Sweethearts Dance!** Dance with other members of the program or bring a friend or a date! Dance with other members of the program or bring a friend or date. The dance will be held Saturday, February 12th from 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m. Ages 50 and up. Registration opened on January 31st at <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/harker-heights-tx/catalog>. This event is free. For more information, call 254-953-5493.

Join us as we watch a video series on the topic: Aging Brain during **Lifelong Learning** every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

Swing by the Recreation Center to pick up your **FREE Stitched Ornament Craft Kit** while supplies last. Choose between a heart or a bird for your stitched ornament craft kit. This easy craft can be hung anywhere or given as a gift to your Sweet Valentines.

Come out for **Ladies Night Out** on February 17th at 5:00 p.m. for good food and conversation. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own supper.

Our next **BINGO** day will be March 17th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

February's **Senior Day Trip** is to the Bell County Museum in Belton. The trip will be on February 25th from 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Preregistration is required for seniors enjoy many exhibits to include a temporary exhibit – Private Charles J. Miller: WWII Paintings from the South Pacific.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Assistance is available at the Killeen Senior Center at the Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop, Killeen from February 4th – April 11th on Mondays and Fridays. The AARP Tax-Aide is by appointment only. Signup sheet is located at the front desk of the Killeen Senior Center to make the appointment.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Attention all dads, uncles, and grandpas. **The King & Princess Dance** will be on February 11th at the Activities Center from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration opened on January 31st. Be sure to get your FREE ticket at <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/harker-heights-tx/catalog>. Enjoy crafts, DJ, and dancing with your princess.

The **Valentines Family Dance** Is full. The dance will be held Saturday, February 12th. For more information, call 254-953-5493.

ACTIVITIES CENTER

The Activities Centers **Makerspace** grand opening will be March 14th. This is a collaborative work-space for the public to learn, explore, and find like-minded people. Resources open to the public and staff include; specialty craft tools, sewing machines, robotics kits, electric keyboard, learning kits, craft supplies, and more. Stay tuned for new **STEM-based programs**. Donations are being accepted for craft supplies and specialty tools. Contact Activities staff at 254-953-5466 to arrange donation drop-offs.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Report

JANUARY 2022 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The City issued **one (1)** commercial construction permits within the month of November.

1. 307 E. Knight's Way/E. FM 2410 – Remodel/Addition
 - o Valued at \$132,000.00

To date (January 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of one (1) commercial permit totaling \$132,000.00 in project valuation for calendar year 2022.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City has issued a total of **three (3)** permits for single-family residential construction within the month of January.

- 2 Single Family Permits in Evergreen Estates
- 1 Single Family Permit in Country Trails

The City has issued a total of **two (2)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of January.

To date (January 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of five (5) residential permits in calendar year 2022; three (3) single-family permits, two (2) two-family permits, and zero (0) multi-family permits.

As of January 31, 2022, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **34,422** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020 was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 446 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

January 1 thru January 31, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Other*	151	41.14%
Outside Storage	120	32.70%
Bulk Items	27	7.36%
Trailer	13	3.54%
Brush	11	3.00%
Grass	11	3.00%
Trash	10	2.72%
Basketball Goal	9	2.45%
Tires	6	1.63%
Fencing	3	0.82%
Junk Vehicle	2	0.54%
Tree limbs	2	0.54%
Boat	1	0.27%
Building Inspection	1	0.27%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%

Total 367 100.00%

*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