

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The **Library** welcomed a new employee. **Aaliyah Smith** was hired for the position of Part Time Library Clerk on September 21st.

The **Parks Department** welcomed a new employee. **Jennifer Gorton** was hired for the position of Part Time Recreation Aide on September 22nd.

The **Municipal Court** welcomed a new employee. **Genelle Rodriguez-Otero** was hired for the position of Deputy Court Clerk on September 27th.

Finance Department will be welcoming a new employee on October 4th. **Michelle Smart** will be hired for the position of Utility Billing Clerk.

Lt. Owen Bullard will be retiring on October 15th, after working 20 years for the City.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following personnel have completed their year long **Phase Training Program**. **Firefighter Tanner Fleet, Firefighter Hunter Ringo, and Firefighter John Fussell**.

The Department received the Mission Lifeline Gold Plus Recognition. This recognition was received based on STEMI recognition, STEMI activation to balloon time, Chest Pain ASA administration, Documentation times, Hospital communications and transmissions and most of all, great patient care.

Fire Marshal Alley and Deputy Fire Marshal Ray received thank you cards from a business for their help in solving an issue that could have caused major damage to the business.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Several officers just completed a week-long **Mental Health Officer class**.

The **Community Services Division** will be hosting a **Coffee with a Cop** event on Wednesday, September 29th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Starbucks.

LIBRARY

The **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library** is pleased to **welcome autumn** with a full calendar of events, virtual programs, and circulating collections! Our latest program schedules and access to our electronic resources can be found at our Virtual Library at <https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/departments/library>. Check here for 24/7 access to e-books, e-audiobooks, online databases, and more! For virtual story-times, craft instructions, and other programs, check out our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary>.

Pick up your **NEW Family Creativity Kits** at the Library! Each kit contains supplies that will help you unleash your imaginative side! Call 254-953-5491 if you would like to pick one up at our contactless drive-through. Kits must be picked up the same day you reserve them for the drive-through window.

The Library celebrates **Hispanic Heritage Month** September 15th – October 15th! Check out the Library's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> for virtual program, booklists, and more!

- Wednesday, September 29th at 10:15 a.m. - **Ms. Erica** brings us a virtual story-time.
- Thursday, September 30th at 10:15 a.m. - **Ms. Lisa** counts “**Uno, Dos, Tres**” for virtual story-time.
- Saturday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m. - Local storyteller **Consuelo Samarripa** appears on our Facebook for a virtual multi-lingual family storytelling presentation.

It's all just “Hocus Pocus!” The Library works with the **Beltonian** at 219 E. Central Ave. in Belton to provide bewitching fun for the family. See Disney's movie “**Hocus Pocus**” on Saturday, October 16th at 3:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. Beware! The three **Sanderson Sisters** will be there. Call the Library at 254-953-5491 or visit to reserve your seats for these FREE showings!

It's Pumpkin Time! Join the Library for a FREE family story-time and pumpkin decorating craft at the Harker Heights Farmers Market at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 16th. No registration is necessary. Just come ready for fun at the Farmer's Market Fall Festival that day!

Do you love gardening? Would you like to learn more about gardens? Harker Heights is looking for volunteers to help us spruce up our Library garden and our community gardens at Kern Park and Carl Levin Park. If you think that you or your group would like to lend a hand, please call 254-953-5491 or e-mail youngblood@harkerheights.gov to find out information!

ACTIVITY CENTER

The City of Harker Heights is hosting the **Community Garage Sale** on Saturday, October 2nd. Residents were invited to register their garage sale on the City Map and a total of 100 citizens registered their own garage sales. The city map will be available the week of September 27th. For more information, call 254-953-5493 or email sgibbs@harkerheights.gov.

The **Farmer's Market** is celebrating Fall all October long with **extended hours!** The market will be open from **8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at City Hall at 305 Miller's Crossing every Saturday. Be sure to check out our vendors. For more information, call 254-953-5493 or email sgibbs@harkerheights.gov.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The **Parks and Recreation FY21 Annual Report** is now available online

Later this Fall, the Parks and Recreation Department will transition to using **CivicRec Recreation Software** for all registrations and reservations. All users will need to create an account, and more info on how to do so is available on our website and Facebook page.

There are plots available at the **Kern Park Community Garden!** Contact the Rec Center to rent a plot today

Fall Youth Soccer is ongoing at Summit Soccer Complex with nearly 450 participants!

Fall Youth Basketball registration is ongoing until October 5.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Activity Summary

August 1 - 31, 2021

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	172	44%
Bulk Items	71	18%
Outside Storage	53	14%
Brush	35	9%
Other	11	3%
Tires	10	3%
Basketball Goal	8	2%
Trash	8	2%
Junk Vehicle	6	2%
Tree limbs	6	2%
Skirting	5	1%
Fencing	3	1%
Boat	2	1%
Trailer	2	1%
Total	392	100%