

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



JUNE 10, 2025

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

HUMAN RESOURCES

Congratulations to **Police Officer Louis Hill** for his promotion to **Sergeant** on June 7th!

The **Fire Department** welcomed a new employee on June 2nd. **Mason Heifner** was hired for the position of **Firefighter/EMT**.

The **Public Works Department** welcomed a new employee on June 4th. **Leonardo Solis** was hired for the position of **Wastewater Maintenance Technician**.

The **Parks Department** welcomed new Lifeguards. **Grace McKenna** was hired on June 5th. **Joshua Hogue** was hired on June 9th.

The **Police Department** will be welcoming the following new **Police Officer Trainees** on June 20th:

- Joseph Bankhead**
- Nestor Marin**
- Jeffery Jordan**
- Mario Moncada**
- Corbin Gillman**
- Cadence Winn**

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

- Assistant Finance Director
- Light Equipment Operator
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Maintenance Technicians
- Water Service Worker
- Firefighter/EMT (Paramedic Preferred)
- Seasonal Lifeguards
- Water Safety Instructor



THE STEWART C. MEYERS HARKER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The Library's **Big Truck Day** on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, was a huge success! The weather worked in our favor and cleared just as the big trucks started getting set up! The move to the Harker Heights Community Park proved to be appreciated! With the additional room the Library was able to add a new game truck and a new bounce house to this annual program!

We were also able to set up several tables for area service organizations and City Departments. Possibly best of all, everyone could park on site! Thank you to the City of Harker Heights Police, Fire, Municipal Courts, Human Resources, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works for bringing out a variety of vehicles and all the fun! Thank you also to Ft. Cavazos, WasteManagement, and the Hop for bring a military vehicle, a garbage truck, and a bus respectively. Our very own Mayor Michael Blomquist brought his Cybertruck! Also, we send a big thank you to Texas Roadhouse, Headstart, and Ft. Cavazos Exceptional Family Member Program. Our Library volunteers rocked! We would like to express special appreciation for the Parks and Recreation Department for helping us with everything from cordoning off the event area to picking up items, setting up tents, bringing last minute generators, and being on hand to lend a hand as needed!



Everyone of all ages can join this free **“Level Up -- READ” Summer Reading Club and Program Series!** Read on your own and/or attend one or more of our many upcoming programs! From special presenters, to World Music Day, to cosplay night, to Harry Potter programs, the Library will have something for everyone. We sent our Summer Reading Club program booklets to elementary aged children in Harker Heights and Nolanville area schools.

The booklets are also available at the Library and online at <https://harkerheights.gov/libraryspecialevents>. Sign up for the virtual part of our club at our Readsquared website at <https://harkerheights.readsquared.com>. There you can sign up for the club, log your books and/or hours, earn virtual badges, complete missions, and see booklists!

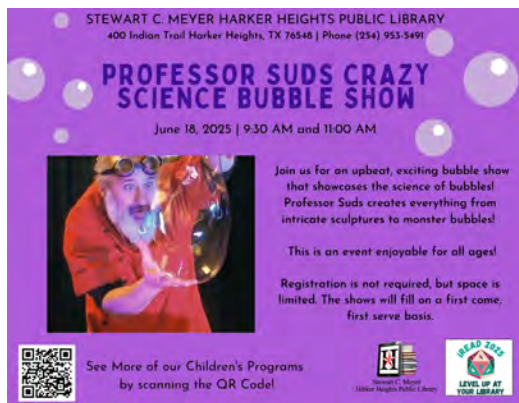


The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library

Wednesdays in June, July, and the first part of August is the day for our special guests, science programs and more! Join us each Wednesday morning for performances, exhibitions, crafts, and more! Times change depending on the program or performer. Join us each afternoon at 2:00 pm for some ecology science. Registration is not required for these programs, though seating is on a first come basis.

BA Pair of Pirates: Color Your World! **Wednesday, June 11 | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.**

A Pair of Pirates will guide you and your pirate crew on a journey filled with songs of the sea and nautical fun. Get ready for an interactive show filled with opportunities to wiggle and dance! Registration is not required. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.



Professor Suds Crazy Science Bubble Show

Wednesday, June 18 | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

Join us for an upbeat, exciting bubble show that showcases the science of bubbles! Professor Suds creates everything from intricate sculptures to monster bubbles! Registration is not required for this family event. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

BenAnna Band

Wednesday, June 25 | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

Visit the Library to sing along and move and groove to BenAnna Band! Registration is not required for this family event. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.



Our early literacy programs for our younger patrons have changed slightly for June and July 2025!

Babytime Lapsit Program | Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Babies and their adults will sing songs, rhymes, and learn fingerplays! Classes will fill on a first come, first serve basis. For children ages 0-18 months. No older siblings, please.

Storytime for Preschoolers | Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Visit the Library each week for a variety of stories, songs and more! Registration is not required. Classes will fill on a first come, first serve basis. For children ages 3-6 years old and their families.

Toddler Time Stories | Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Visit the Library each week for a variety of stories, songs and more! Registration is not required. Classes will fill on a first come, first serve basis. For children ages 0-3 years old and their families.

Family Storytime | 2nd Thursday of Each Month at 6:30 p.m.

The entire family is invited to visit the Library for stories and songs! Registration is not required. Classes will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

The Library won't leave out teens and adults during its summer programs! Take a look at some of these upcoming programs designed for them!

Tuesday, June 17 & June 24 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Take your crochet to the next level by learning how to crochet in the round to make a cute pouch for your gaming die or other trinkets. Bring your own yarn and hooks or use ours. For ages 14 and up. Please register by calling 254-953-5491.



Teen Writing Workshop

Wednesday, June 18 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Miriam Manifest will be hosting a writing workshop for teens ages 14 & up. Registration is required. If you are interested, please call (254) 953-5496 beginning June 4th.



Family Cosplay Night | June 20 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Come celebrate your favorite fandoms! Dress as your favorite character or just come to mingle with cosplayers. Make crafts, dance, and enjoy snacks! All costumes must be family friendly.



World Music Day Festival Saturday, June 21 | All Day

Enjoy a musically themed storytime at 11AM followed by crafts and interactive guest performances throughout the day. Registration is not required for storytime but it will fill on a first come basis.

Kids love e-books, too! The Library offers a variety resources through our **FREE TumbleBooks and TumbleMath**. The Library has 24/7 access to interactive fiction and nonfiction materials. Get access to more than 7,000 of the world's top newspapers and magazines as soon as they're available on shelves. There are no limits on downloads. They are yours to keep forever. To access Tumblebooks Library, a collection of over 11,000 titles for grades K-6 which includes talking picture books, chapter books, videos, graphic novels, and non-fiction, go to tumblebooklibrary.com. Use username: harkerheightspl and password: books. For TumbleMath, a comprehensive collection of math picture books with animation and narration, go to tumblemath.com, Use username: harkerheightspl and password: math.

Parks & Recreation Department

RECREATION CENTER

The **Recreation Center** and Activities Center will be **CLOSED** Thursday, June 19, 2025, in observance of Juneteenth. Both centers will resume normal business hours on Friday, June 20, 2025.

ABILITY SPORTS

Ability pickleball & tennis registration began June 2.
The session will run from July 7 -August 4.



SPORTS

The **summer volleyball league** began on Saturday May 31st, 2025, with over 180 participants.



Youth fall soccer registration is open. The season will start in September 2025.



Registration is open for **youth basketball camps**. The camps will be held at the Recreation Center
June 9-11, June 16-18, July 7-9, and July 14-16.



AQUATICS

- ❖ **Pool Season 2025 Passes** are on sale in person only at the Harker Heights Recreation Center. The options are individual pass (Res. \$50 /Non-Res.\$70), family pass (Res. \$70 /Non-Res. \$135), or senior (50+) pass (Res.\$25 /Non-Res. \$35).
- ❖ **Learn-to-Swim Lessons** registration is open to register children ages 6 months – 15 years old. Register online or in person at the Recreation Center. The fee is Res. \$50 and Non-Res. \$60. All classes meet Tuesday – Friday for two weeks.
- ❖ The hours for the **2025 Open Swim** are Tuesday – Friday from 1 pm – 7 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 10 am – 6 pm. Daily entry fee at the door is cash only is based on age and resident or non-resident status.

OPEN SWIM HOURS

Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool: 400 Miller's Crossing

Tuesdays-Fridays: 1:00 pm-7:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

**OPENS
June 3, 2025**

	Daily Admission Fees	
Ages	Residents	Non-Residents
Ages 0 - 1	Free	Free
Ages 2 - 17	\$3.00	\$4.00
Ages 18 - 49	\$4.00	\$6.00
Ages 50 +	\$3.00	\$4.00

Gate Admission: Cash Only
Pool Passes on sale
at the HH Rec Center.

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SENIOR RECREATION

Active Seniors (50+) are invited to **PLAY** a variety of recreational activities and games on Thursdays from 11:00 am – 12:45 pm at the Recreation Center. June's activity is Ping Pong.

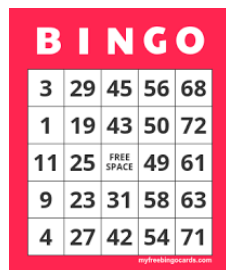


Ladies Night Out will be on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The seniors will visit Hunan Palace restaurant in Harker Heights. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own meal. Registration is preferred and can be done in person at the Recreation Center.



Crafty Connection will be on Monday, June 23, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Participants will learn how to do a latch-hook kit of an American Flag. Space is limited; registration is required and can be done in person at the Recreation Center.

Due to the closure on June 19, our regularly scheduled **BINGO** has moved to the last Thursday in June (June 26, 2025) from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.



Parks & Recreation Department

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The **Harker Heights Farmers Market** is open. The market will be held on Saturdays, through July 26. There will be a break during the summer then continue Saturdays from October 4 - December 6, 2025. The market is held at the Harker Heights City Hall parking lot at 305 Miller's Crossing.

For those interested in being a vendor at the Farmers Market, please follow the link below to the Farmers Market webpage on the City of Harker Heights website.

Link to Farmers Market Webpage:

<https://www.harkerheights.gov/index.php/programs/farmers-market-2>

For updates or more information, please visit the **Harker Heights Farmers Market Facebook** page or email farmersmarket@harkerheights.gov.



The **First Fridays Music Series** will take a break for July and August returning on Friday September 5. Two additional concerts are scheduled for Friday October 3 and Friday November 7. The events will be held at the Carl levin Amphitheater from 7:00pm- 9:00pm. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Families and friends are invited to the park for free music, food vendors, and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a picnic on the amphitheater lawn.

- ❖ Friday, September 5- Purple Hull
- ❖ Friday, October 3- Lucas Miller
- ❖ Friday, November 7- Glen Meloy



Parks & Recreation Department

GO Heights!

Join us for another summer of the **Play in the Dirt Program!** Ages 8-12 will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty and receive hands-on gardening education in this free program with Texas A&M Better Living for Texans and Bell County Master Gardeners. Program meets every Friday in June at Carl Levin Community Garden. Pre-Registration Required. Register online through Civic Rec or visit us at the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing)

Learn about “**Gardening with Herbs**” with Bell County Master Gardener’s on Wednesday June 11, 2025 from 6pm-7:30pm at the Harker Heights Activities Center (400 Indian Trl). The class is free and open to ages 8 and up. Registration is encouraged; walk-ins are welcome. Register through Civic Rec or visit the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing).



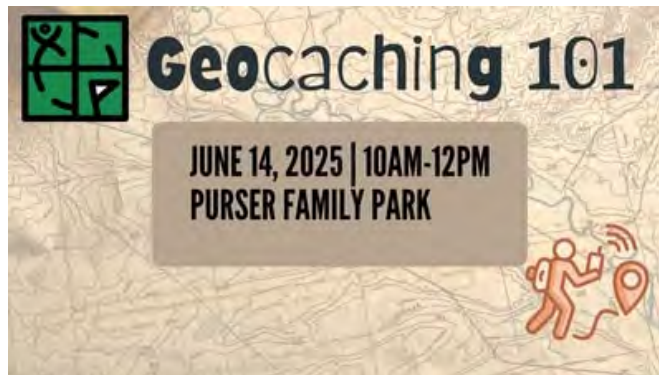
Wild Ones Nature Play will be on Friday June 13th for youth ages 4-7. In this unstructured program youth will have the opportunity to explore open-ended natural materials that promote creativity, imagination, and critical thinking. The program meets from 9am-10am at Carl Levin Park Community Garden. Pre-Registration Required. Register online through Civic Rec or visit us at the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing)



Parks & Recreation Department

GO Heights!

Learn how to geocache in a hands-on program at Purser Family Park on Saturday June 14th from 10am-12pm. Registration is not required. For start times of each session and more information, visit the event page on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page.



Back for the summer is our **Girls Outdoors program**. This month's theme Wild Signs gives girls ages 6-12 the opportunity to learn about animals found at Purser Family Park with Central Texas Master Naturalists and make their own track print to take home. The program meets June 26, 2025, from 10am-11am at Purser Family Park. Pre-Registration Required. Register online through Civic Rec or visit us at the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing)



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Coffee with a Cop will be held at Starbucks on
June 12th from 9am – 11am.



The Harker Heights Police Department is holding their **2nd annual Youth Police Academy** on June 25th and 26th from 9am – 3pm.



MAY 2025

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Monthly Summary

May 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	98	69.50%
Other*	16	11.35%
Bulk Items	12	8.51%
Outside Storage	9	6.38%
Grass Parking	6	4.26%
Basketball Goal	0	0.00%
Boat	0	0.00%
Brush	0	0.00%
Building Inspection	0	0.00%
Fencing	0	0.00%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	0	0.00%
Junk Vehicle	0	0.00%
Maintenance	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%
Tires	0	0.00%
Trailer	0	0.00%
Trash	0	0.00%
Tree limbs	0	0.00%
Total	141	100.00%

Fiscal Year Summary

October 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	295	31.58%
Grass Parking	194	20.77%
Other*	141	15.10%
Outside Storage	131	14.03%
Bulk Items	71	7.60%
Brush	37	3.96%
Basketball Goal	11	1.18%
Trailer	11	1.18%
Fencing	10	1.07%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	10	1.07%
Maintenance	7	0.75%
Tree limbs	5	0.54%
Tires	4	0.43%
Building Inspection	2	0.21%
Junk Vehicle	2	0.21%
Skirting	2	0.21%
Trash	1	0.11%
Boat	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Total	934	100.00%



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Economic Development Report

MAY 2025 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued **two (2)** new commercial permits within the month of May.

- 109 E. Central Texas Expressway (Shipley Do-Nuts)
 - Valued at \$500,000.00
- 321 Morgan Street (Crunch Fitness)
 - Valued at \$5,000,000.00

The City issued **one (1)** commercial remodeling permit within the month of May.

- 201 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite #640 (Drybar)
 - Valued at \$45,000.00

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued a total of **eight (8)** permits for single-family residential construction within the month of May.

- The Village at Nolan Heights Subdivision
 - Valued at \$1,699,903.00

The City issued **zero (0)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of May.

To date in calendar year 2025 (January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025) the City has issued a total of fifty-four (54) residential permits: thirty-seven (37) new single-family permits, seventeen (17) new two-family permits, and zero (0) new multi-family permits.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

As of May 31, 2025, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **36,085** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020, was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 1,006 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.



Finance Department



ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	\$601,807.73	\$458,586.58	\$425,468.44	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93
February	\$500,095.41	\$534,106.66	\$473,232.50	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94
March	\$594,505.36	\$505,890.78	\$457,827.45	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90
April	\$568,865.23	\$449,213.99	\$404,428.51	\$450,611.99	\$341,911.77
May	\$663,767.99	\$470,065.16	\$577,032.32	\$457,447.36	\$455,951.18*
June		\$455,755.87	\$508,923.56	\$559,624.69	\$457,853.17
July		\$632,588.50	\$549,266.57	\$593,523.31	\$474,837.86
August		\$648,863.93	\$700,084.97	\$626,576.19	\$473,342.17
September		\$623,481.36	\$732,809.66	\$733,557.95	\$575,867.17
October		\$741,027.48	\$640,193.47	\$550,329.57	\$615,499.23
November		\$698,851.87	\$644,238.19	\$597,938.12	\$488,924.69
December		\$626,161.64	\$560,893.99	\$529,760.67	\$540,030.51

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

AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS



	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	\$153,706.27	\$111,335.93	\$104,768.73	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54
February	\$120,398.04	\$122,733.86	\$120,067.52	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33
March	\$127,692.41	\$113,274.41	\$114,106.26	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62
April	\$125,990.29	\$97,246.60	\$98,130.13	\$110,142.69	\$126,015.15
May	\$141,999.74	\$109,383.84	\$128,587.47	\$111,214.36	\$114,615.29
June		\$103,002.72	\$117,678.21	\$126,583.78	\$117,093.13
July		\$128,211.92	\$116,990.27	\$127,979.57	\$114,493.61
August		\$140,993.30	\$160,801.83	\$136,631.66	\$121,311.92
September		\$133,158.99	\$149,676.66	\$153,943.37	\$128,969.57
October		\$163,763.26	\$140,226.20	\$120,331.11	\$133,559.38
November		\$133,455.63	\$141,456.45	\$131,364.63	\$109,105.34
December		\$137,429.14	\$117,512.11	\$114,240.31	\$115,096.07



KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	\$17,951.79	\$15,526.79	\$14,230.92	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61
February	\$13,417.71	\$14,866.27	\$17,296.49	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25
March	\$14,914.95	\$16,016.08	\$13,010.92	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18
April	\$16,105.78	\$13,150.82	\$12,552.09	\$13,777.77	\$14,514.82
May	\$19,296.16	\$11,855.53	\$16,807.66	\$14,264.27	\$12,642.08
June		\$16,060.62	\$16,308.52	\$17,616.84	\$13,961.69
July		\$16,487.65	\$16,201.62	\$19,794.27	\$13,973.86
August		\$19,529.80	\$21,416.32	\$17,131.77	\$13,053.66
September		\$15,348.97	\$21,162.07	\$21,855.49	\$15,046.80
October		\$22,682.46	\$16,367.61	\$17,549.59	\$19,801.71
November		\$18,150.19	\$20,801.21	\$17,225.45	\$14,707.98
December		\$15,997.56	\$15,884.88	\$19,102.03	\$14,030.94

NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT



	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	4,452	4,165	3,798	3,565	3,245
February	4,481	4,192	3,811	3,566	3,290
March	4,511	4,222	3,852	3,555	3,293
April	4,536	4,264	3,922	3,603	3,321
May	4,598	4,256	3,927	3,654	3,364
June		4,307	3,960	3,698	3,396
July		4,318	4,061	3,695	3,461
August		4,369	4,021	3,747	3,505
September		4,372	4,054	3,746	3,523
October		4,382	4,092	3,789	3,536
November		4,404	4,105	3,757	3,548
December		4,435	4,128	3,749	3,533