

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

January 26, 2021

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Code Enforcement welcomed a new employee on January 13th. Courtney Fye was hired for the position of Building Official Secretary.

The **Parks Department** promoted Light Equipment Operator Henry Nash to the position of Crew Leader on January 23rd.

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of **Certified Police Officer Trainee**. The application deadline is February 19th.

ACTIVITY CENTER

AARP Foundation will be offering **free tax assistance** at the Harker Heights Activities Center by appointment only. To schedule a reservation or for additional information please call Mike Delaune at 254-654-0077.

The Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program is currently hosting a **membership renewal drive** from now through February 1, 2021. To keep accurate records on file, members can renew their membership by calling the Activities Center at 254-953-5493 or 254-953-5465, emailing nbroemer@harkerheights.gov, or by filling out the Participant Registration Form and sending it by mail to the Harker Heights Activities Center on 400 Indian Trail. It is free to be a member. The Activities Center staff is also renewing members as they call the members.

Members of the Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program can learn how to basket weave with the **January craft kit**. To reserve a basket weaving kit, please call Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493.

Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, and Swordplay: Recreational Fencing classes continues with precautionary guidelines and procedures at the Recreation Center. Preregistration is required. Visit the Recreation Center or the Parks & Recreation website for more information.

Adam Trujillo is currently assisting City Departments with **filming/editing** for training videos, Employee Recognition, and other virtual programs.

Continue to follow the **Activities Center** for upcoming GO Heights adventures, Senior programs/kits, and other activities/kits.

LIBRARY

The **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library** looks forward to serving Harker Heights and surrounding areas during 2021. The Library offers **walk-in service** and **contactless curbside services** Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Inside computer use and contactless curbside pickup are available by appointment. Call 254-953-5491 for assistance.

The Library is “**Out of This World**” the last week of January with online programs and events through its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary>. “Like” and “follow” our page to receive notifications, booklists, and more! Gather the whole family for one or all of our regular weekly programs:

Wednesday, January 27th – 10:15 a.m. Enjoy **Out of the World** stories, songs, and more at **preschool Storytime**; 2:00 p.m. School age students and families investigate **Science** with a **film canister bottle rocket!**

Thursday, January 28th – 10:15 a.m. **I Want to Be An Astronaut!** Gather for this cozy **Toddler Time** just right for toddlers!; 6:00 p.m. Investigate the “**Third Rock**” with Family Time! Join Miss Lisa in her kitchen or at the Library for books, games, songs, and fun!

Friday, January 29th – 10:15 a.m. **Guest Reader Ayesha Lealiiee** shares “**Leaping Lizards!**” The great news is that you can watch them after they have aired! Don’t miss special events such as craft demonstrations, book clubs, and more!

Writers unite! Join our Writers Support Group which meets virtually on the second Wednesday of each month! Just e-mail snelson@harkerheights.gov for an invitation to our monthly meetings!

January has been a month of celebrating birthdays. Check out the Library’s displays and online book lists of horror books and detective fiction in honor of **Edgar Allan Poe**, **Black History in honor of Martin Luther King Jr**, sweet animal stories in honor of **A.A. Milne**, and country music in honor of **Dolly Parton**.

Did you know that the Library offers the **World Book Online**? Just visit the Library’s World Book website at <https://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb&subacct=M7783>. Use your library card to access the online articles, videos, e-books, and more! We even have World Book in Spanish! Don’t forget our youngest learners. The World Book Online also includes an Early Learning section with interactive stories, games, and more. This service is available 24/7!

Enjoy the Library’s extensive collection of books, audiobooks, and movies! Check out the Library’s collections on the **Library’s Atrium Online Catalog** at <http://67.79.126.39/opac/hhpl/index.html#menuHome>. Not only can you look at your own account, but you can also peruse featured items and see what is popular among Library patrons.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department received a letter of appreciation from the **United States Attorney’s Office** for their dedication and commitment to the people of the community in throughout the past year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A patient contacted the department to thank three of our Firefighter/Paramedics: **Justin Elliott**, **Mandy Jimenez**, and **Nicholas Olson** for the exceptional care they provided to her.

PARKS AND RECREATION

HPRD will host its first-ever **Disc Golf Tournament** at Purser Family Park this Saturday, January 30. Registration can be found online or in person at the Recreation Center.

Youth Soccer starts this week with over 350 participants! COVID-19 Policies and Procedures from the Fall Season will apply.

Lucas Williams was the lucky winner of our **Trout Fishing Weekend Photo Contest!** Congrats Lucas!

Accomplish your **New Year's Resolutions** with Harker Heights Parks and Recreation! Visit our Facebook page to find out how.

Visit our **Virtual Recreation Center** for tips on getting outdoors while social distancing, at-home sports drills, ways to stay active, craft projects, virtual tours of parks and museums, and MUCH MORE.