

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

JULY 19, 2022

FINANCE:

ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59	\$246,908.71	\$218,947.04
February	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74	\$239,620.03	\$253,982.29
March	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11	\$267,408.59	\$250,722.14
April	\$450,611.99	\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05	\$214,513.90	\$210,496.91
May	\$457,447.36	\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28	\$311,719.63	\$281,788.14
June	\$559,624.69	\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93	\$271,114.94	\$320,454.59
July		\$474,837.86	\$433,747.64	\$285,381.75	\$300,335.69
August		\$473,342.17	\$380,976.99	\$356,562.37	\$394,788.59
September		\$575,867.17	\$466,173.61	\$320,090.38	\$364,257.96
October		\$615,499.23	\$433,650.72	\$399,497.35	\$306,871.13
November		\$488,924.69	\$305,732.61	\$358,146.37	\$286,085.34
December		\$540,030.51	\$380,537.34	\$275,957.76	\$249,823.02

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

AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16	\$85,442.31	\$71,651.41
February	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11	\$73,765.91	\$73,106.50
March	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41	\$71,751.84	\$70,641.47
April	\$110,142.69	\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65	\$65,920.26	\$65,855.79
May	\$111,214.36	\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54	\$88,378.47	\$75,977.68
June	\$126,583.78	\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21	\$74,513.43	\$80,826.26
July		\$114,493.61	\$121,025.84	\$93,483.23	\$88,910.75
August		\$121,311.92	\$113,130.64	\$107,866.92	\$102,878.90
September		\$128,969.57	\$137,771.86	\$106,122.80	\$92,411.37
October		\$133,559.38	\$123,306.75	\$120,968.81	\$98,509.88
November		\$109,105.34	\$94,961.20	\$97,515.15	\$84,134.74
December		\$115,096.07	\$116,508.98	\$99,255.97	\$71,988.89

KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25	\$16,084.10	\$13,632.13
February	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02	\$16,019.68	\$14,010.94
March	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01	\$12,078.00	\$15,753.68
April	\$13,777.77	\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99	\$11,636.59	\$11,598.52
May	\$14,264.27	\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43	\$15,446.69	\$15,516.51
June	\$17,616.84	\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19	\$14,092.62	\$17,806.76
July		\$13,973.86	\$21,778.38	\$18,147.78	\$20,001.21
August		\$13,053.66	\$17,566.80	\$20,613.07	\$22,002.97
September		\$15,046.80	\$24,119.28	\$18,407.61	\$20,300.64
October		\$19,801.71	\$18,037.50	\$19,399.15	\$15,677.88
November		\$14,707.98	\$15,206.33	\$20,304.92	\$15,970.14
December		\$14,030.94	\$14,953.30	\$15,822.59	\$12,904.99

NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	3,565	3,245	2,719	2,406	2,506
February	3,566	3,290	2,759	2,471	2,522
March	3,555	3,293	2,880	2,519	2,516
April	3,603	3,321	2,819	2,552	2,502
May	3,654	3,364	2,847	2,533	2,482
June	3,698	3,396	2,931	2,588	2,439
July		3,461	2,976	2,582	2,407
August		3,505	3,069	2,622	2,380
September		3,523	3,072	2,669	2,370
October		3,536	3,127	2,664	2,305
November		3,548	3,186	2,695	2,357
December		3,533	3,201	2,715	2,387

ASSESSMENT BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

<u>PAVING ASSESSMENT:</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Polk, Billy (deceased) 242 E Cardinal	\$18,652.23
<i>No payments were made for the Paving Assessments.</i>	

<u>WILDEWOOD ASSESSMENT:</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Eaton, Donald (deceased) 921 Ashwood	\$9,131.36
Ricketts, Tommie 936/940 Lemonwood	11,183.59
<u>Total Wildewood:</u>	<u>\$20,314.95</u>
<i>No payments were made for the Wildewood Assessment.</i>	

DEMAND DEPOSITS RETURNED JUNE 2022

<u>Total Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
798	\$ 43,880.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nolanville Police Department called to thank FF/Para Tanner Fleet, FF/Para Jonathan Gutz and Battalion Chief Aaron Dunnam for their help with a grass fire. The officer said that they were a tremendous help!

A citizen came in and brought donuts for the staff and wanted to give a special thanks to FF/Para Jordan Clopton for giving her family a tour of the station.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Chief of Police Phil Gadd retired on July 15th after 45 years in law enforcement. Congratulations Phil Gadd! **Deputy Chief Betiale Hawkins** was appointed as the Interim Chief of Police.

Police Officer Melissa Wolfe promoted to the position of Sergeant on July 9th. Congratulations Sgt. Wolfe!

Telecommunicator Louis Hill promoted to the position of Police Officer Trainee on July 9th. Congratulations Louis Hill!

Code Enforcement Officer Gabrielle Guerra Palma announced her retirement effective July 28th. Congratulations Gabrielle Guerra Palma!

The **Municipal Court** will be welcoming a new employee on July 22nd. **Melissa Chevalier Duenas** was hired for the position of Deputy Court Clerk.

The **Police Department** welcomed a new employee on July 14th. **Daniel Huff** was hired for the position of Police Officer Trainee.

The **Police Department** will be welcoming four (4) new employees on July 20th. **Suzane Akpobo-Olusoga** was hired for the position of Part Time Telecommunicator. **Brianna Daniel, Jose Villacorta, and Massoud Howayeck** were hired for the position of Police Officer Trainee.

The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Part Time Veterinarian
Heavy Equipment Operator
Part Time Recreation Aide
Code Enforcement Officer
Police Officer Trainee (Certified)
Firefighter/Paramedic

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Three cadets graduated from the Temple Police Academy on Tuesday, July 19th, and were sworn in that same morning.

Four new cadets will begin the Temple Police Academy on Monday, July 25th.

LIBRARY

Fan-favorite performer **Lucas Miller** performs at the Library on Wednesday, July 20th at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.! Enjoy the **Singing Zoologists' ecology songs** and tons of fun! Bring the whole family to get your bodies moving and grooving!

Families take a look at **Texas Animals** as they celebrate **Family Camp Read Summer Reading** with stories, songs, activities, and more! Drop by the Library for displays, take-home activities, and in-person programs!

Thursday, July 21st at 9:00 a.m. – **Backyard Animals Storytime** for ages 3-6 years and their families! Dive under the sea for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes.

Thursday, July 21st at 10:00 a.m. – **Backyard animals Toddler Time** for ages 0-3 years and their families. Dive under the sea for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes!

Thursday, July 21st from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – **Texas sized fun** in the Library and Activities Center's Maker Space, a free room designed to spark your imagination and to encourage you to make your own creations.

If you can't make our in-person programs, you are welcome to join our **"Texas Animals "** program series by enjoying our weekly virtual program series on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> for **"Texas Wildlife"** on Wednesday, July 20th at 10:15 a.m., **"What a Loud Night"** on Thursday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m., and a **guest reader** on Friday, July 22st at 10:15 a.m.

The Carl Levin Park Little Free Libraries have returned! Thanks to the efforts of the community-minded **Allen family**, the popular libraries have been repainted and re-roofed. Located just off the walking trail near the playground and garden, these boxes are ready to be used. Take a book if you like! Leave a book if you like! Just be sure to keep **READING!**

Join our **Book Discussion Club** on Thursday, July 21st either in-person at the library or online at 6:30 p.m. for a lively discussion of **"Black Cake"** by **Charmaine Wilkerson**. Siblings still reeling from their mothers' death or shocked by the secrets that they discover in their mother's verbal letter to them. The book discussion club meets each third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join virtually, please e-mail youngblood@harkerheights.gov for an invitation to the online meeting.

The Library offers several apps to its patrons! Download the **CheckIt app** to check out books in the Library from your own phone! Download the **Librista app** to access our Library's catalog and your account. Take a look at the **Libby app** to access the Library's large collection of e-books and e-audiobooks!

The **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library** has been providing a variety of outreach programs with equipment, crafts, puppets, and activities provided by funds received through a **Community Advancement Packages (CAPS) program grant** from the **Texas State Library and Archives Commission**. As part of the Library's **"Heights Heals"** program, the Library has reached out to our community to provide educational and entertaining activities in local parks. **To celebrate Parks and Recreation Month**, the Library provided activities at Parks and Recreation Fest, an **"Outdoor Explorer"** program at Community Park, and a **Storytime and planting activity** at the Carl Levin Park community Garden. Coming soon will be Storytime at the Farmers Market, more park visits, and outreaches to area service organizations.

The Library was awarded grants in two categories: Trauma-Informed Libraries and Analog Outreach. The Library will purchase with the funds items to help make some spaces in the Library more comfortable for those patrons suffering from trauma and anxiety. Included will be seating with partial sound dampening, lower lights, relaxation activities, meditation kits for circulation, information about trauma, and more. The Library will also purchase equipment that will allow for easier and more attractive transportation and presentation of in-person programs in appropriate spaces outside of the Library building. This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (Grant #LS-250239-OLS-21* to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act 2021.)

PARKS AND RECREATION

*Celebrate **National Parks and Recreation Month** with us through July!*

ACTIVITIES CENTER

The Stewart C. Myer Public Library and Activities back garden is in the process of beautification and converting to a native plant garden. This is a joint effort between Kailie Gomez, the Outdoor Programs Coordinator, and the Tonkawa Chapter of the Native Plant Society. Volunteers have been hard at work getting the grounds ready for planting more native species. Stop by to see the ongoing progress.

The NEW **Game Room** at the Activities Center is open Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This room includes fun board games, ping pong, and video games. Take a break from the summer heat with your family before heading over to the Public Library to check out a new book.

ATHLETICS

The **2022 Youth Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball** season wrapped up with the Central Texas Youth Sports League (CTYSL) Tournaments on July 2nd. Thank you to over 140 coaches 741 participants this year!

The Parks and Rec Department thanked **Officials and Scorekeepers** for Baseball and Softball with food, thank you letters, and games at the Recreation Center. The league would not have been possible without the roughly 500 cumulative hours spent officiating and scorekeeping.

Saturday, July 9th served up the first games of the **2022 Youth Volleyball League**.

2022 Summer Adult Softball began Tuesday, July 12th with 23 teams signed up from around the community.

Ability Sports Bowling registration has been extended to August 15th, with the program starting that same week. The Ability Sports program is for children between 5 and 22 with various special needs.

AQUATICS

You can purchase your 2022 Carl Levin Park Outdoor **Pool Pass** now at the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

Seniors continue to beat the heat during **Senior Swim** on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SENIOR RECREATION

Spades, our new Senior class, started Tuesday, July 12th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Senior **BINGO** will be on Thursday, July 21st at 1:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Come out to **Ladies Night Out** on Thursday, July 21st at 5:00 p.m. The ladies are meeting at **Papa's Cafe** in Harker Heights. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own supper. Registration is required. Call 254-953-5683 or sign up in person at the Rec Center to register.

Join us for an afternoon of board and card games at **Senior Game Time** on Tuesday, July 26th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our next **Wednesday Wellness Walks** will be on Wednesday, July 20th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at Carl Levin Park, 400 Miller's Crossing. Participants will meet by the pool.

Seniors ages 50+ can cool off during **Senior Swim** on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for free. Must have with a Harker Heights Senior Recreation Check In card.

RECREATION CENTER

Open Gym Pickleball, Basketball, and Volleyball hours for the summer can be found on the Parks and Rec website!

Tae Kwon Do & Hapkido classes are temporary being held at the Activities Center for July and part of August during our Volleyball season. Register online or in person at the Recreation Center for July and August classes prior to arriving at the Activities Center.

New class addition: **Adaptive Chair Yoga** on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Adaptive Chair Yoga centers around using a chair, wheelchair, or other mobility device and is one of the gentlest forms of yoga. The class is offered to ages 18 years old and up with a fee of \$12 per class (\$10 per class - 55+ Senior). The class will not meet on Sept. 5th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks and Recreation Month is being celebrated all throughout July! Be sure to mark our big events so you don't miss any of the excitement.

The **Parks and Rec Department** partnered with the **Texas Recreation and Park Society** to show **Deep in the Heart** at the Carl Levin Park Amphitheater on Saturday, July 16th. This FREE family-friendly event featured a **Q&A with the film's director Ben Masters**, games and activities, food and drink available for purchase from Yum Yums food truck, and the chance to visit with several local outdoor education partners: **Texas A&M Forest Service, Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership, Central Texas Chapter Texas Master Naturalists, Tonkawa Chapter-Native Plant Society of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Texas Runs on Water.**

Deep in the Heart is a visually stunning celebration of Texas' diverse landscapes and remarkable wildlife found nowhere else. Narrated by **Matthew McConaughey**, the film aims to conserve our remaining wild places, to show the connectivity of water and wildlife, and to recognize Texas' conservation importance on a continental scale.

Splash Bash has been cancelled in an effort to conserve water resources for our citizens. We apologize for the inconvenience.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

June 1 thru June 30, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	58	46.03%
Outside Storage	18	14.29%
Other*	11	8.73%
Bulk Items	9	7.14%
Grass Parking	7	5.56%
Basketball Goal	6	4.76%
Brush	4	3.17%
Trailer	4	3.17%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	3	2.38%
Trash	3	2.38%
Boat	1	0.79%
Fencing	1	0.79%
Tree limbs	1	0.79%
Building Inspection	0	0.00%
Junk Vehicle	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%
Tires	0	0.00%
Total	126	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

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Other*	588	30.17%
Grass	587	30.12%
Outside Storage	326	16.73%
Bulk Items	158	8.11%
Brush	85	4.36%
Trailer	55	2.82%
Basketball Goal	37	1.90%
Tires	27	1.39%
Trash	26	1.33%
Fencing	24	1.23%
Tree limbs	14	0.72%
Grass Parking	7	0.36%
Boat	6	0.31%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	4	0.21%
Junk Vehicle	3	0.15%
Building Inspection	2	0.10%
Skirting	2	0.10%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Total	1,949	100.00%

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Economic Development Report

JUNE 2022 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued six (6) commercial construction permits within the month of June.

- 366 Morgan Street, Commercial Offices
 - Valued at \$530,000.00
- 440 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 102, Restaurant finish out
 - Valued at \$1852,000.00
- 401 W. Central Texas Expressway, Restaurant remodel
 - Valued at \$110,000.00
- 201 W. Central Texas Expressway, Building 1000, Restaurant repair
 - Valued at \$200,000.00
- 610 Indian Trail, Restaurant Remodel
 - Valued at \$8,000.00
- 225 Cox Drive, Commercial Addition
 - Valued at \$9,500.00

To date (June 30, 2022) the City has issued a total of twelve (12) commercial permits totaling \$18,790,000.00 in project valuation for calendar year 2022.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City has issued a total of **thirteen (13)** permits for single-family residential construction within the month of June.

- 5 Single Family Permits in Cedarbrook Ridge
- 4 Single Family Permit in Pecan Meadows
- 1 Single Family Permit in The Ridge
- 2 Permits in various areas

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

To date (June 30, 2022) the City has issued a total of ninety-two (92) residential permits in calendar year 2022; eighty-four (84) single-family permits, eight (8) two-family permits, and zero (0) multi-family permits.

As of May 31, 2022, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **34,558** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020 was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 492 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.