

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT JUNE 8, 2021

### FINANCE:

#### ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59	\$246,908.71	\$218,947.04	\$206,796.66
February	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74	\$239,620.03	\$253,982.29	\$236,977.51
March	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11	\$267,408.59	\$250,722.14	\$235,074.35
April	\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05	\$214,513.90	\$210,496.91	\$222,213.44
May	\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28	\$311,719.63	\$281,788.14	\$237,661.01
June		\$291,251.93	\$271,114.94	\$320,454.59	\$277,447.25
July		\$433,747.64	\$285,381.75	\$300,335.69	\$264,027.39
August		\$380,976.99	\$356,562.37	\$394,788.59	\$315,042.76
September		\$466,173.61	\$320,090.38	\$364,257.96	\$335,909.50
October		\$433,650.72	\$399,497.35	\$306,871.13	\$259,944.22
November		\$305,732.61	\$358,146.37	\$286,085.34	\$304,085.96
December		\$380,537.34	\$275,957.76	\$249,823.02	\$288,913.21

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

#### AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16	\$85,442.31	\$71,651.41	\$63,517.28
February	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11	\$73,765.91	\$73,106.50	\$65,287.37
March	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41	\$71,751.84	\$70,641.47	\$63,132.72
April	\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65	\$65,920.26	\$65,855.79	\$53,341.98
May	\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54	\$88,378.47	\$75,977.68	\$69,002.02
June		\$88,539.21	\$74,513.43	\$80,826.26	\$73,118.18
July		\$121,025.84	\$93,483.23	\$88,910.75	\$68,079.48
August		\$113,130.64	\$107,866.92	\$102,878.90	\$82,558.92
September		\$137,771.86	\$106,122.80	\$92,411.37	\$81,133.99
October		\$123,306.75	\$120,968.81	\$98,509.88	\$74,733.23
November		\$94,961.20	\$97,515.15	\$84,134.74	\$82,189.99
December		\$116,508.98	\$99,255.97	\$71,988.89	\$67,035.66

#### KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25	\$16,084.10	\$13,632.13	\$9,827.05
February	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02	\$16,019.68	\$14,010.94	\$9,177.19
March	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01	\$12,078.00	\$15,753.68	\$8,907.02
April	\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99	\$11,636.59	\$11,598.52	\$10,716.67
May	\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43	\$15,446.69	\$15,516.51	\$14,330.94
June		\$13,795.19	\$14,092.62	\$17,806.76	\$16,168.08
July		\$21,778.38	\$18,147.78	\$20,001.21	\$13,094.46
August		\$17,566.80	\$20,613.07	\$22,002.97	\$14,250.07
September		\$24,119.28	\$18,407.61	\$20,300.64	\$17,280.54
October		\$18,037.50	\$19,399.15	\$15,677.88	\$14,414.46
November		\$15,206.33	\$20,304.92	\$15,970.14	\$16,433.70
December		\$14,953.30	\$15,822.59	\$12,904.99	\$16,649.96

## NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	3,245	2,719	2,406	2,506	2,171
February	3,290	2,759	2,471	2,522	2,161
March	3,293	2,880	2,519	2,516	2,199
April	3,321	2,819	2,552	2,502	2,248
May	3,364	2,847	2,533	2,482	2,301
June		2,931	2,588	2,439	2,326
July		2,976	2,582	2,407	2,411
August		3,069	2,622	2,380	2,370
September		3,072	2,669	2,370	2,373
October		3,127	2,664	2,305	2,443
November		3,186	2,695	2,357	2,433
December		3,201	2,715	2,387	2,458

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Officer Clark** was thanked and commended for being such a wonderful and helpful officer while providing a citizen with a civil standby. The citizen was very grateful for Officer Clark and his assistance during the standby.

**Officer Kiefer** was thanked by a citizen whose dogs were loose and were brought back home by Officer Kiefer. The citizen explained how Officer Kiefer went above and beyond and said how thankful he was that Officer Kiefer found his dogs.

## ACTIVITY CENTER

The **Harker Heights Farmers Market** continues its 2021 season at the City Hall Parking Lot on 305 Miller's Crossing. Join us every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a unique item, tasty treat, or fresh produce! For more information, contact Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493 or visit <http://bit.ly/heightsfarmersmarket>.



The Harker Heights Activities Center is hosting its **Flag Retirement Drop Off**. Patrons can drop off worn American flags to be properly retired with honor and respect from now through June 14<sup>th</sup> to the Activities Center at 400 Indian Trail.

Please fold flags neatly and place in a plastic bag. For more information, contact Adam Trujillo at 254-953-5466.

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

The **Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program** is bringing back exciting programs to the Harker Heights Activities Center! Pinochle will be Mondays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Canasta will be Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Scrabble will be Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Space is limited and pre-registration is required each month by calling 254-953-5493 or email [sgibbs@harkerheights.gov](mailto:sgibbs@harkerheights.gov).

The **Senior Recreation Program** is bringing back **Paper Projects**. Learn how to make a unique craft using just paper. Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 254-953-5493.

The **Senior Recreation Program members** can try their luck at **Summer BINGO!** Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Harker Heights Activities Center on 400 Indian Trail. Pre-registration is required. Please call Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493 or email [sgibbs@harkerheights.gov](mailto:sgibbs@harkerheights.gov).

The **Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program members** can register for the **Mosaic Garden Stake Craft Kit**. This kit includes supplies to create your own designed stake for your vegetable or flower garden. Limited supply available. Please call Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493 or email [sgibbs@harkerheights.gov](mailto:sgibbs@harkerheights.gov) to reserve yours.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

We would like to wish Lieutenant Jacob Cardona and family congratulations on their healthy baby boy.

Former HHPD Sergeant Dan DeLeon called to express his gratitude for the quick response and extreme professionalism of the crew that recently responded to an emergency at his home. He was incredibly thankful for all they did. That crew includes: Tyler Pavelka, John Fussell, Charles Brummett, Zach Gauthier, Joe Byrne, and LT Matt Truitt.

## LIBRARY

**Cowabunga – READ Summer Reading Club Opening Party** is on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.! Enjoy activities, crafts, and costumed characters throughout the day. Meet a stunning mermaid at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for photos and pearls of wisdom. The opening party is come and go and does not require registration. This year's theme encourages everyone to take a break with either relaxation, recreation, or reading!

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library is ready for summer, and we want to celebrate with a **full slate of in-person programs, reading clubs, performers, and more!** *Most in-person programs will require registration. Register for in person programs beginning on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Library!* Adults, teens, and children enjoy a variety of in-person and virtual programs! Check out a full list of program at <https://harkerheights.gov/libraryspecialevents> Check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> or our website at <https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/departments/library> for special programs and new additions!



The Library's **ReadSquared Online Reading Club** is up and ready to go. Sign up to read and listen to books, magazines, graphic novels, etc., at [harkerheights.readsquared.com](http://harkerheights.readsquared.com)! The adults and teens have challenged kids to a friendly competition! Which group can read, listen, and/or write the most this year? We'll have to wait and see. Remember that "reading" is a whole life activity. The Library counts reading, listening, and writing since all of these activities work together in improving literacy!

The Library will continue to provide **virtual programs all summer long!** Many of our fans have begged us to keep those Facebook programs going, and we are happy to oblige. Find our virtual programs on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary>. Visit the Facebook page each week during a filmed or live event or watch them later when you and your family have a chance.

- **Mondays** at 2:00 p.m. -- Check out a "**Reading Road Trip**" from Checkers TV! Investigate animals around the world with this exciting science program!
- **Tuesdays** at 10:15 a.m. – **Baby-Time** – It's time to rhyme, sing, and move with your baby!
- **Wednesdays** at 2:00 p.m. – **Science time** – Ms. Heather investigates science secrets all summer long.
- **Thursdays** at 10:15 a.m. – **Storytime** – Take a break! Have some fun with stories, rhymes, songs, and more for preschoolers and their families.
- **Thursdays** at 6:00 p.m. – **Family Night at Home with Ms. Lisa** – Gather everyone together to discover books, science, crafts, games, and more! Learn to "make" and "do" with what you have at your home!
- **Fridays** at 10:15 a.m. – **Guest Reader!** You never know who you'll meet and the books that they will share.
- **Saturdays** at 4:00 p.m. – **Choose your Own Adventure** – Ms. Heather reads you a chapter of an exciting adventure! You vote to see what she reads next week!

**Writers unite!** Adults and older teens are invited to practice their writing skills and encourage each other with our in-person writers support group on the second Wednesday of each month. There's no need to register. Feel free to come and bring a friend.

**Adults and older teens read and discuss "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" A Novel** by Kim Michele Richardson. Enjoy this bestseller as a book, audiobook, e-book, or e-audiobook! Meet on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> with a lively group of fellow readers. The **Book Discussion Club** meets every third Thursday of each month in-person at the Library. Registration is not necessary. If you would like to attend virtually, please e-mail [lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov](mailto:lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov) to join via your internet connection.

**Machine sew your own beach bag** with our **Virtual Sewing Workshop**. Register for a kit containing a pattern, material, and other supplies. Though you can sew this bag by hand, the virtual workshop will include instructions for machine sewing this fabulous summer craft! Need a little help learning to sew, setting up your machine, or other beginning sewing tips? Visit the Library's sewing video playlist on our YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dra8zZr\\_jhE&list=PLqnhisrCD0tc6xAhUd0GqAIPgcD59dQBq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dra8zZr_jhE&list=PLqnhisrCD0tc6xAhUd0GqAIPgcD59dQBq). Watch our **live beach bag sewing workshops LIVE** on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. or anytime afterwards on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary>.

Parents and child-care providers learn to encourage healthy habits for our children in our "**Healthy Hearts, Bodies, and Minds**" **Parent and child Care Provider Workshop**. This FREE virtual workshop will take place on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Discover strategies for providing health information, modeling, and practice in everyday activities. Play, sing, and laugh your way to a healthier family and classroom environment! Child-care providers will receive three (3) contact hours credit by attending the session and commenting during the LIVE session. Anyone who simply want to check it out is welcome. Participants attending and commenting LIVE will receive a kit of supplies provided by the Altrusa Club and the Friends of the Harker Heights Public Library.

The Library is excited to announce the return of the ever-popular **English as a Second Language Classes!** Central Texas College provides a trained teacher to help our community. Call CTC at 254-526-1194/1520 or by email [testing.clerk@ctcd.edu](mailto:testing.clerk@ctcd.edu) for more information or to set up an appointment.

## HUMAN RESOURCES:

The **Parks and Recreation Department** welcomed a new employee. **Rodrick Levi** was hired for the position of Part Time Athletic Aide on May 25<sup>th</sup>.



### PROMOTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Municipal Court** welcomed a new employee on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Part Time Records Clerk **Brittany Sanchez** promoted to the position of Deputy Court Clerk.

The **Public Works Department** welcomed a new employee on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Court Clerk **Kristina Roach** promoted to the position of Administrative Assistant.

The **Planning Department** will be welcoming a new employee on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Customer Relations Supervisor **Yvonne Spell** will be promoted to the position of City Planner.



The City is currently accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter/Paramedic**.



## PARKS AND RECREATION



The **Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool** is open for reduced Open Swim hours from Friday - Saturday. Swim lessons are on as scheduled. Due to a nationwide aquatics staff shortage, programs have been reduced. Pool rentals are not being taken, and lap swim hours have been cancelled. Applications are currently being taken for pool staff. **Lifeguards** are still needed.

**Youth Tee Ball, Softball, and Baseball** games are ongoing (when weather allows)! The City of Harker Heights is once again partnering with the City of Killeen to crown a 'Central Texas Youth Sports League' Champion in each division.



**Youth Volleyball** practices begin this week!

**July is Parks and Recreation Month!** Stay tuned for a calendar full of events throughout the month to celebrate.

The **Carl Levin Park Native Pocket Prairie** is in full bloom! Stop by to see native pollinator species that are helping to keep the Monarch and Bee populations thriving in our area.

**Open Gym times for Basketball and Pickleball** have reopened. Occupancy is limited. For details, visit the Parks website or call the Rec Center at 254-953-5657.

