

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

JUNE 14, 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		\$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		\$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		\$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		3,396	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

LIBRARY

Join the **Family Camp READ Summer Reading Club!** Read, listen, and write all summer long. You can join either in person at the Library or online at harkerheights.readsquared.com. The virtual portion of the club contains challenges, booklists, games, and more! You can even collect virtual badges. Let's all read together as a community. In the spirit of fun we are having a little competition between the children and the adults/teens. We want to see who reads, listens, and/or writes the most this summer!

The Library's Family Camp Read summer program booklet is here! Check out the array of story times, craft programs, science clubs, performers, book discussion groups, and special events at <https://harkerheights.gov/libraryspecialevents>. **The Family Camp read** encourages the entire community to develop healthy minds, bodies, and hearts with a combination of intellectual, physical, and emotional pursuits. We all learn when we have fun together! Practicing healthy life habits improves attitudes and cultivates happiness. Only a few programs require prior registration. You can also pick up a booklet at the Library!

Get ready for a **Jungle Safari** with storyteller **Elizabeth Kahura** on Wednesday, June 15th, at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Get ready for a joyful morning of stories, songs, and cultural education! Space is limited. Seating is on a first come/first serve basis.

Join our **Book Discussion Group** for adults each third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. **in-person at the Library AND virtually**. Thursday, June 16th, at 6:30 p.m., we will discuss **"One Italian Summer"** by **Rebecca Serle**. After the death of her mother, a mourning daughter decides to take the trip to Italy that she and her mother had planned.

The **Creature Teacher** is coming to the Library on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This live animal show features a fennec fox, giant tegu lizard, kinkajou, angora rabbit, Burmese python, and kangaroo! Learn about endangered species and ways to protect wildlife! Space is limited. Seating is on a first come/first serve basis.

Are you ready to be an outdoor explorer? Join us at **Harker Heights Community Park** at the playground on Thursday, June 23rd, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a come and go adventure. Solve puzzles, look at tracks, and learn a lot about your environment at this free event. Registration is not necessary.

Preschool programs are still going strong this Summer! Babies ages 18 months and younger and their special adults enjoy **Baby time** each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.! This **lap sit program** includes rhymes, songs, and more! Our **preschool story times** for children ages 3-6 and their families has moved for June, July, and August to Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Toddlers ages 3 and younger and their families still gather on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.! These programs are on a first come/first serve basis.

The Library will offer a “**Be the Bright Spot: Mitigating the Affects of Stress For Our Children**” on Saturday, June 25th, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Parents and caregivers learn the science of stress, the signs of trauma, and positive activities to help mitigate uncertainty. Practice strategies that you can use immediately. Call 254-953-5491 to register for this FREE program.

Checkers TV has returned to the Library’s Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> on Mondays in June and July at 12:00 p.m.

Follow Checkers and his friends for “**Off Road Adventures**” each week.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The **Parks Department** welcomed three (3) new seasonal employees and two (2) part time employees.

Douglas Sauer was hired on May 20th for the position of Aquatics Supervisor. **Madeline Sims** was hired for the position of Lifeguard and **Elizabeth Lim** was hired for the position of Water Safety Instructor on June 1st. **Patrick McKenna** was hired for the position of Part Time Recreation Aide on May 23rd and **Marcus Maple** was hired for the position of Part Time Athletics Aide on June 6th.

The **Public Works Department** welcomed three (3) new Wastewater Maintenance Technicians and a Water Service Worker. **Sean Murphy** was hired for the position of Wastewater Maintenance Technician on May 24th. **Richard Fierro** was hired for the position of Wastewater Maintenance Technician on June 1st and **Dalen Jones** was hired for the position of Wastewater Maintenance Technician on June 2nd. **Ivan Vilchez** was hired for the position of Water Service Worker on June 7th.

The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Telecommunicator

Streets Heavy Equipment Operator

Drainage Light Equipment Operator

Wastewater Maintenance Technician

Water Maintenance Technician

Water Service Worker

Parks Light Equipment Operator

Part Time Lifeguard

Part Time Student Clerical Assistant

PARKS AND RECREATION

Visit the *Harker Heights Farmers Market* this Saturday from 9am-1pm at the City Hall Parking Lot!

ACTIVITIES CENTER

Volunteers are needed for various activities and programs. Please direct anyone interested in volunteering to Adam Trujillo at atrujillo@harkerheights.gov or 254-953-5466. Volunteer jobs include hike leaders, archery instructors, citizen scientist, event leaders, and more.

Donate your old craft supplies to the **Makerspace**. Items we always need include glue, popsicle sticks, hot glue sticks, and paper.

'GO Heights' Program

- **Activities Center/Library Garden Clean Up** with the Native Plant Society of Central Texas is from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. this Thursday. **Volunteers needed!**
- Go Heights is assisting the Library with their **Family Hike and Trash Clean Up** at Dana Peak Park this Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Join us for **Nature Discoveries** for children ages 3-6 at Carl Levin Park on Monday, June 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ATHLETICS

The **Youth Volleyball** season started with player ability assessments on Saturday, June 11th. Thank you to our many coaches who are volunteering.

Registration is ongoing for **Ability Bowling**, a program designed for those aged 5-22 with special needs or disabilities.

Positions are available for **Officials and Scorekeepers** for Baseball, Softball, Tee Ball, and Volleyball. A training will be held for Softball Officials on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10th and 11th at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and a Baseball Officials training will be held Wednesday, May 11th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Community Park.

AQUATICS

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

We are still hiring **Lifeguards, Water Safety Instructors, and Pool Managers** for the summer season. Apply by visiting the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

SENIOR RECREATION

Senior Swim is on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Carl Levin Park Pool. Free with a Senior Program membership.

The new topic for **Lifelong Learning** is “History’s Greatest Voyages of Exploration”. Join us as we watch a video series on the greatest voyages of exploration throughout history every Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center.

Enjoy some recreational **Senior Volleyball** every Thursday from 12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. The first 30 minutes will be a warm up and then followed up with game play.

Senior citizens 50+ are invited to the **Wednesday Wellness Walks** on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the new time of 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at Carl Levin Park, 400 Miller’s Crossing. Participants will meet by the pool.

RECREATION CENTER

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks and Recreation staff will be assisting the Police Department at the **Cops and Kids at the Park** event this Thursday from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Kern Park.

Parks and Recreation Month is right around the corner in July. Be sure to mark our big events so you don't miss any of the excitement.

Parks and Rec Fest is on July 7th 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come on out and celebrate our Parks with a fun day out at the park.

Splash Bash will be held on July 30th in Kern Park (400 S. Ann Blvd) from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Join in on water slides, fun activities, and the largest water balloon fight of the season!

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

May 1 thru May 31, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	162	51.59%
Other*	58	18.47%
Outside Storage	49	15.61%
Brush	9	2.87%
Bulk Items	8	2.55%
Basketball Goal	7	2.23%
Trailer	7	2.23%
Fencing	4	1.27%
Boat	3	0.96%
Tree limbs	3	0.96%
Tires	2	0.64%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	1	0.32%
Trash	1	0.32%
Building Inspection	0	0.00%
Junk Vehicle	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%
Total	314	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*	577	31.62%
Grass	529	28.99%
Outside Storage	308	16.88%
Bulk Items	149	8.16%
Brush	81	4.44%
Trailer	51	2.79%
Basketball Goal	31	1.70%
Tires	27	1.48%
Fencing	23	1.26%
Trash	23	1.26%
Tree limbs	13	0.71%
Boat	5	0.27%
Junk Vehicle	3	0.16%
Building Inspection	2	0.11%
Skirting	2	0.11%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	1	0.05%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Total	1,825	100.00%

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Economic Development Report

MAY 2022 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- 750 W. Central Texas Expressway, ClearSky Rehabilitation Facility
 - Valued at \$15,200,000.00
- 201 W. Central Texas Expressway, Building 2000, Chick Fil-A (remodel)
 - Valued at \$185,000.00

To date (May 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of six (6) commercial permits totaling \$17,750,500.00 in project valuation for calendar year 2022.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City has issued a total of **twenty-one (21)** permits for single-family residential construction within the month of May.

- 18 Single Family Permits in Cedarbrook Ridge
- 1 Single Family Permit in Pecan Meadows
- 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 May.

To date (May 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of seventy-nine (79) residential permits in calendar year 2022; seventy-one (71) 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 **34,495** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020 was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 471 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.