

Heights Horizons

Activities Calendar:

October 2013

1st	City Council Workshop 3:00 PM
8th	No City Council Meeting
15th	City Council Workshop 3:00 PM
22nd	City Council Meeting 5:00 PM
30th	Planning & Zoning Meeting 6:00 PM
31st	Halloween Hoopla Carl Levin Park 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

November 2013

5th	City Council Workshop 3:00 PM
11th	City Hall, Parks and Rec, and Library CLOSED
11th	Veteran's Ceremony City Municipal Complex 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
12th	City Council Meeting 5:00 PM
19th	City Council Workshop 3:00 PM
18th - 23rd	Harker Heights Children's Book Week at the Library
26th	City Council Meeting 5:00 PM
27th	Planning & Zoning Meeting 6:00 PM
28th & 29th	City Hall, Parks and Rec, and Library CLOSED

December 2013

3rd	City Council Workshop 3:00 PM
6th	Frost Fest Harker Heights Community Park 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
10th	City Council Meeting 5:00 PM
17th	City Council Workshop 3:00 PM
24th	City Hall, Parks and Rec, and Library CLOSED 1/2 Day
25th	City Hall, Parks and Rec, and Library CLOSED
31st	City Hall, Parks and Rec, and Library CLOSED 1/2 Day

January 2014

1st	City Hall, Parks and Rec, and Library CLOSED
7th	City Council Workshop 3:00 PM
14th	City Council Meeting 5:00 PM
20st	City Hall, Parks and Rec, and Library CLOSED
21st	City Council Workshop 3:00 PM
28th	City Council Meeting 5:00 PM
29th	Planning and Zoning Meeting 6:00 PM

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Fall 2013

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Letter from Mayor Mike Aycock

Greetings Citizens of Harker Heights:

Fall is a time for harvesting the benefits of hard work throughout the year. Citizens of Harker Heights can again look forward to changes and improvements in the coming months. From the opening of the Sams and the Goode-Connell Park to street enhancements to the busy educational and athletic programs, Harker Heights always offers something new!

The City of Harker Heights provides a fall and winter line-up of both special events and opportunities for our citizens to give back to the community. Come out for large scale programs such as Halloween Hoopla, Harker Heights Children's Book Week, Library Literacy Fair, Frost Fest, and more! The City of Harker Heights will sponsor a Coat Drive in October. Drop off new and gently worn coats, gloves, hats, and scarves for Harker Heights students in the HARP program. Join the City of Harker Heights to "Pack the Pantry" throughout November. Collect non-perishable food items to benefit the Harker Heights Food Care Center. You may leave your donations at the Library and Activities Center, at the City Hall, or at the Recreation Center.

Though sad for the City of Harker Heights, we rejoice with City Manager Steve Carpenter who will be retiring at the end of 2013. Since 1994 Mr. Carpenter has been a driving force in establishing Harker Heights as the place to live, work, and play in Central Texas. Under his guidance the City has cultivated its economy, image, neighborhoods, and quality of life. Mr. Carpenter has put us on the road to success. We wish Mr. Carpenter all the best in all his future endeavors! He promises to stay in our area and enjoy the fruits of his many years of labor.

The City Council is already working to find a new City Manager who will help our City continue to grow!

We look forward to what is in store next for our exciting City.

Sincerely,
Mayor Mike Aycock



City of Harker Heights Mission Statement

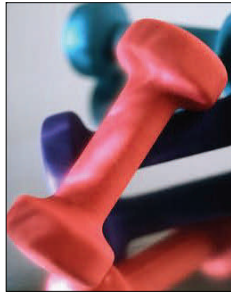
Mission Statement: To create a positive atmosphere which encourages meaningful involvement and participation of all citizens and community groups; to demonstrate community leadership through effective and ethical local government; and to encourage high quality and cost effective services and facilities to meet the needs of our citizens.



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**Stay fit for the holidays
Call 953-5657 for
Information!**

Get Active With Parks and Recreation

Stay fit this holiday season with Harker Heights Parks & Recreation. There are lots of ways to be physically active in our community! Bring Fido with you to Purser Family Park to take a lap around our 1 mile trail encompassing the dog park. Do interval training at our hilly 1 mile Harker Heights Community Park track. Build your muscles by utilizing the workout stations that are situated around the ¼ mile track at Carl Levin Park. Are inside workouts more your style? We've got you covered! Get in the groove with our Line Dancing or join the Latin dance

party known as Zumba®! Prefer a more relaxed, soothing workout? Try our Hatha Yoga or Tai Chi/Chi Kung class! We offer fitness classes for older adults too! Our Senior Recreation program includes yoga, Texercise, exercise to a Latin beat, Pickleball, and line dancing. Your kids can be active as well! Enroll them in our basketball, soccer, Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, or Zumba Kids®! Sign up your team for adult winter softball or register for our upcoming 5Ks. We also offer an adaptive and Superhero sports program.

Don't let the holiday season get the best of you! Get active by registering for fitness or sports programs online at <http://activenet.active.com/harkerheightspr/> or in person at the Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing.

For more information on our City parks or programs, please visit our City's website at www.ci.harkerheights.tx.us/parks.

Stay healthy all year!

**The Library
receives a grant
for Care For
Kids Fall
Initiative!**

The Library Receives a Grant for the Care for Kids Fall Initiative

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library has received an impact grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission from funds under the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Included in the program will be the purchase of early literacy materials and two bilingual computer stations filled with educational software. The Library will hold an Early Literacy Fair, a caregiver workshop, and several outreaches to area schools.

Early Literacy Programs

The Library offers a variety of programs based upon the Every Child Ready to Read six principles of early literacy: phonological awareness, print awareness, letter knowledge, print motivation, narrative skills, and vocabulary.

Baby Lapsit Time

Mondays at 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Family Reading Night

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Early Literacy Fair

Wednesday, November 20

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Families celebrate literacy with crafts, games, booths, and a performance by award winning children's singer *Joe McDermott* at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate Harker Heights

Children's Book Week

November 18 - 23

Check out the Library's website at www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/library for a complete list of programs and activities for children, teens, and adults.



**The Harker Heights
Police Department is
here to help YOU!**

Police Department Municipal Courts

Citizens Police Academy

The Harker Heights Police Department will start a FREE 12 week Spring Citizens Police Academy. Join in on the fun and learn what is going on in your City. Call 953-5400 to apply now!

Bikes for Blue Santa Program

The Harker Heights Police Department is currently taking donations of new or used bikes for the Blue Santa Program. Please drop off bikes or monetary donations at the Police Department anytime day or night. Let's make this Christmas special for needy children.

Teens Ages 14-18 Needed!

Do you like to argue and want to improve speaking skills? Are you interested in the law? Can you listen carefully and deliberate based on evidence? Do you need community service for school, for your resume, or college applications? Teen Court is a juvenile diversion program in which first-time youth offenders who have committed misdemeanor crimes are tried by a jury of their peers. For more information, contact the Municipal Court Juvenile Case Manager at 254-953-5620 or y Marquez@ci.harkerheights.tx.us.

Veterans' Day Ceremony

City of Harker Heights
Municipal Complex

Monday, November 11

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

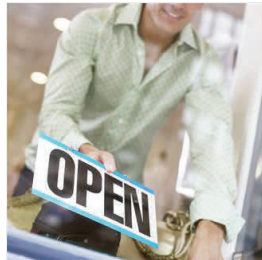
Honor our veterans with
this patriotic ceremony.

City of Harker Heights Hours Of Operation

City of Harker Heights City Hall
Water Department
Municipal Court
Building Inspection/Code Enforcement
Planning and Zoning
 305 Miller's Crossing
 254-953-5600
 Monday through Friday
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Harker Heights Public Library
 400 Indian Trail
 254-953-5491
 Monday - Thursday
 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday
 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Center
 307 Miller's Crossing
 254-953-5657
 Monday - Friday
 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday
 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.



Pet Adoption Center
 (Animal Control) - 403 Indian Trail
 Daytime 254-953-5472
 Evening 254-953-5400
 Holidays 254-953-5400
 Monday
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday - Friday
 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday
 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Closing Schedule

City Hall Offices, Parks and Recreation, & Library will be CLOSED on the following days.

Monday, November 11
 Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29
 Tuesday, December 24
Open until noon
 Wednesday, December 25
 Tuesday, December 31
Open until noon
 Wednesday, January 1
 Monday, January 20

Fire Safety From the Fire Department

Fall has begun. With it comes cool temperatures and the increase in home heating fires. The high cost of fuels and utilities has caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves and space heaters is growing. These methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, major contributing factors preventable residential fires. You can prevent the loss of life and property resulting from heating fires by being able to identify potential hazards and following the safety tips below.

Fire Place Safety Tips

1. Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
2. Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and burns.
3. Never burn charcoal indoors.
4. Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel.
5. Extinguish fires before you go to sleep. **NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace.** A closed damper will help the fire to reheat and force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.

Space Heater Safety Tips

1. Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup.
2. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off capability.
3. Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuels such as coal, kerosene, or propane, can produce deadly fumes.
4. Keep kerosene and other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers in well ventilated storage areas outside of the house.

October is Fire Safety Month!



Public Works Community Information

WASTE MANAGEMENT 2012 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Thanksgiving - Thurs., Nov. 28
Christmas - Tues., Dec. 25 & New Years Day — Tues., Jan. 1
 Trash services will run one day late after the holiday through Saturday. Normally scheduled Saturday routes remain unchanged.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS!

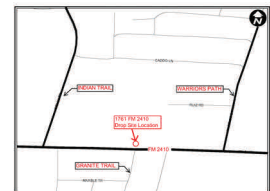
Take a look at www.takecareoftexas.org for ideas to conserve our resources.

DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGE 1

The City of Harker Heights has been under Stage 1 Drought Response since December 4, 2012. Water customers shall voluntarily limit outdoor use by participating in the following watering schedule: Outdoor watering limited to once every five days on any day of the customer's choice. Outdoor water use is discouraged between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. except with hand-held hoses.

BRUSH AND BULKY ITEMS and RECYLCING LOCATION

Drop off bulky items and recycling at the drop site at 1761 FM 2410. Bulky item loads are limited to 4 cubic yards. Each household may bring 2 loads per day. The drop site is now accepting tires without rims. Overloaded pickups and trailers, dump trucks, and commercial operations will not be accepted. The drop site and recycling center is free of cost to the residents of Harker Heights. Residents simply bring a current water bill and driver's license with you to the site.



Brush and bulky item drop site and recycling location; 1761 FM 2410

Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

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Spencer H. Smith, *Place 5*

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City Phone Numbers:

City Hall 254-953-5600
Police 254-953-5400
Fire/EMS 254-699-2688
Parks & Recreation 254-953-5657
Library 254-953-5491
Activities Center 254-953-5466
After Hours Water Service 254-681-6779
For Emergencies Call 9-1-1

Harker Heights Newsletter Goes Green



How would you like to receive your City of Harker Heights Newsletter? You can receive your newsletter by visiting our website at www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/newsletters by signing up to receive it via e-mail, or by signing up to continue to receive it through the postal service.

Just visit our website at www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/newsletters or call the Library at 254-953-5491 to sign up for paperless news, activity updates, and more!

**Harker Heights City Wide
Door To Door Trick or Treating
Thursday, October 31
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Spook-Tacular Programs In October

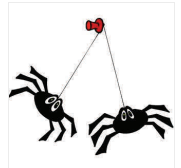
Central Texas Paranormal Society

At the Harker Heights Public Library
Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Learn about unexplainable phenomena and the equipment to explore them. Call 953-5492 to sign up.

Teen Zombie Obstacle Course

Harker Heights Public Library
Monday, October 21 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Kids Halloween Mystery at the Harker Heights Public Library

Saturday, October 26 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come in costume for trick-or-treating in the Library, games, crafts, and a spooky mystery.

Halloween Hoopla At Carl Levin Park

Thursday, October 31 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy this safe alternative to trick-or-treating including face painting, games, and more.