

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT MAY 25, 2021

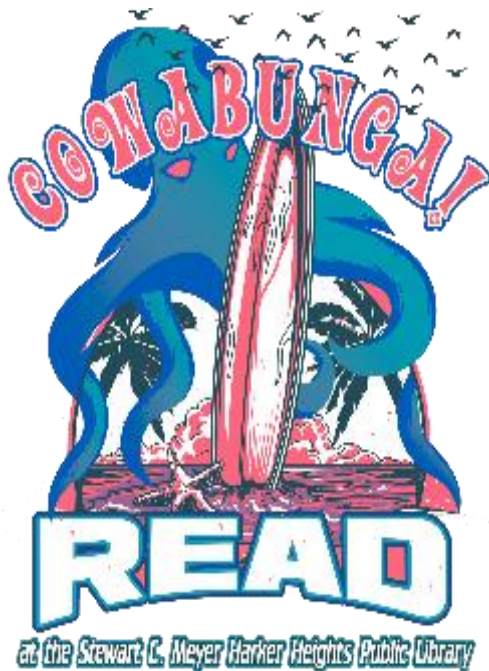
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Eric Moree passed Residential Electrical Inspector exam.

Michael Beard passed the Accessibility inspector/Plan Reviewer exam and passed the Residential Plans Examiner examination.

Michael Beard, Building Official, received accolades from multiple **Parks Department staff** for his quick response and assistance with damage to a residential structure. Mr. Casey Brazil, Parks & Public Grounds Superintendent, personally thanked him as follows: "He helped me more than he will know. He stayed the whole time I was there. He helped me with the trailer that needed to be taken to the street yard and also help secure the roof of the house. His help was greatly appreciated. Please let him know that he is a great man and his actions are what other city employees should follow."

LIBRARY



Cowabunga – READ! The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights PubliLibrary is ready for summer, and we want to celebrate with a full slate of programs, reading clubs, performers, and more! Adults, teens, and children enjoy a variety of in-person and virtual programs! Register for most in person programs beginning on Wednesday, June 9th, in the Library! Get ready for fun with entertainers such as **Lucas Miller, The Creature Teacher, Joe McDermott**, and more!

This year's theme encourages everyone to take a break with either relaxation, recreation, and reading! Sign up to read and listen to books, magazines, graphic novels, etc., at [harkerheights.readsquared.com](https://www.harkerheights.readsquared.com) beginning June 1st. Check out a full list of program at our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> or on the Library website at: <https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/departments/library>.

The Library is looking for volunteers. Teens and Adults ages 12 and up call 254-953-5492 to discuss possibilities for giving back to the community. Both in-person and virtual volunteer projects are available. Not only will you be serving others, but you can also learn and share skills that will benefit you for a lifetime.



The Library has opened its **study rooms!** Do you need a quiet place to work? Call the Library at 254-953-5496 to reserve a two-hour study block.

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 for more information or to set up an appointment.



The City of Harker Heights assisted the Harker Heights High School in providing a **Senior picnic for graduating Seniors.** Due to inclement weather, the picnic was held at the Harker Heights High School gym and cafeteria. Seniors were invited for food, fellowship, and fun. Local Veteran's organizations provided grilled hamburgers to honor the accomplishments of these young adults!

Dinosaurs Rock at the Library this week for our Virtual Children's Programs! Just visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> to view these programs for the whole family.

Wednesday, May 26th at 10:15 a.m. – **Dinosaur Storytime**

Wednesday, May 26th at 2:00 p.m. – **Prehistoric Science**

Thursday, May 27th at 10:15 a.m. – **Dino-Mite Toddler Time LIVE**

Thursday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m. – **Digging up Dinosaurs! Family Night LIVE**

Friday, May 28th at 10:15 a.m. – **Mystery Guest Reader!**



ACTIVITY CENTER



The City of Harker Heights offers an online **Memorial Day Remembrance** program. Join us as we remember those who gave their lives defending our nation on Monday, May 31st.

The online program will be available to watch starting at 10:00 a.m. on www.facebook.com/harkerheightspr. The City also invites citizens to pause with us wherever they are at 3:00 p.m. in a National Moment of Remembrance for a duration of one minute to remember those who have died in military service. Citizens can display a U.S. flag outside their homes and visit the Veterans & Purple Heart Monuments by City Hall on 305 Miller's Crossing during Memorial Day weekend. A wreath will be displayed next to the Veterans Monument on Monday, May 31st. For more information on Memorial Day Remembrance, visit www.harkerheights.gov/memorialday2021.

As part of the City's Memorial Day Remembrance, citizens sent photos of their love ones to be posted on a **Remember and Honor Tribute Page** on the City website for service members who have passed away. The tribute page is available to view on www.harkerheights.gov/memorialday2021. Thank you to everyone who contributed a photo.



Farmers and ranchers are welcome to apply to the **Harker Heights Farmers Market**. The market will be every Saturday at the Harker Heights City Hall Parking Lot on 305 Miller's Crossing from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. now through October 30th. Vendors are not required to attend every market day. For an application, please call Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493 or visit <http://bit.ly/heightsfarmersmarket>.

Every Wednesday at the Activities Center from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. the Harker Heights Police Department Healthy Homes Division will have the **Teen Café**. This will include open discussions about topics that improve the daily lives of teens and ways to encourage positive outcomes, positive actions, coping mechanisms, and teen motivation. Parent permission form required. For more information or registration, call the Healthy Homes Youth Specialist and Crime Victims' Advocate Destinee Barton at 254-953-5429 or email dbarton@harkerheights.gov.

The **Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program** is having fun with **Parking Lot Bingo!** Players participate from their vehicles for a chance to win a prize! This program was rescheduled to Thursday, May 27th at the Harker Heights Community Park on 1501 East FM 2410 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493.

The **Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program** members still have a chance to register for the **Nature Silhouettes Watercolor Craft Kit**. This kit includes watercolor paint, brush, and a nature silhouettes art design. Designs available are evergreen trees, elephant, and deer. Limited supply available. Members can either pick up their kits up at the Activities Center, pick their kits up at the Library's drive through, or paint their kits in Room A at the Activities Center on Wednesday, May 26th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493 to register yours.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tanner Read obtained his Driver/Operator certification.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Texas Veterans Commission and Texas Workforce Commission thanked the City for employing Veterans and participating in the 2021 "We Hire Vets" program. The "We Hire Vets" program is a yearly recognition program. Currently 42% of the employees working for the City are veterans.





The **Parks and Recreation Department** welcomed new Aquatics employees **Douglas Sauer** was hired for the position of Aquatics Supervisor on May 11th. **Elizabeth Lim** was hired on May 18th for the position of Lifeguard. **Jordan Payson** and **Yazmine Trevino-Heald** were hired for the position of Lifeguard on May 25th.

The **Parks and Recreation Department** transferred Light Equipment Operator **Norris Lockett** to the position of Custodian on May 14th.

The **Administration Department** welcomed a new employee on May 17th. Deputy Court Clerk **Catharina Hoffman** promoted to the position of Records Management Coordinator.

The **Library** welcomed a new employee on May 24th. **Mia Swenson** was hired for the position of Part Time Library Clerk.

Fire Department **Battalion Chief Martin Mercado** will be retiring on May 26th after **21 years of service to the City.**

Records Management Coordinator **Twanda Somerville** will be retiring on June 1st after **30 years of service to the City.**



The City is **currently accepting applications** for the positions of:

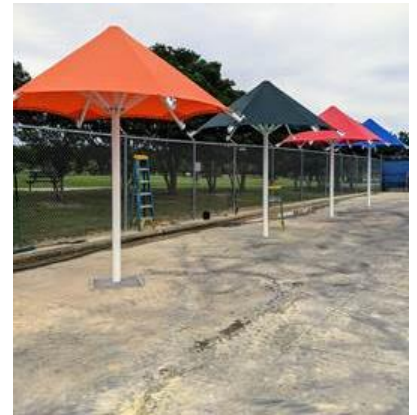
- Parks and Recreation Light Equipment Operator
- Drainage Light Equipment Operator
- Streets Light Equipment Operator
- Wastewater Maintenance Technician
- Utilities Superintendent
- Water Service Worker

PARKS AND RECREATION

The **Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool** will open on Friday, June 4th for Open Swim hours. Swim Lessons begin next Tuesday, June 1st. Due to a nationwide aquatics staff shortage, programs have been reduced. Currently, open swim hours will be only Friday – Sunday, 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. Come out and enjoy our new shade canopies; built to provide additional cover from the bright Texas Summer sun! (the pool restroom facility is also sporting a new metal roof just in time for summer!)



Youth Tee Ball, Softball, and Baseball practices begin this week. 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 registration is currently open and closes this Thursday, May 28th.

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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

RUNOFF ELECTION FOR PLACE 5 on the City Council has started **EARLY VOTING** at the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 27, 2021 - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Extended Hours)
Friday, May 28, 2021 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 31, 2021 - CLOSED - Memorial Day Holiday
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Extended Hours)

ELECTION DAY is Saturday, June 5, 2021. Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Harker Heights Recreation Center at 307 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548.



On the night of the Election, the unofficial results will be posted on the City website at: www.harkerheights.gov/2021runoffelection