

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT OCTOBER 26, 2021

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Congratulations to **Catharina Hoffman** on her promotion to Clerk of the Court on October 16th.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

Police Officer Trainee
Firefighter/EMT, Paramedic Preferred
Records Management Coordinator
Telecommunicator
Part Time Parts Clerk
Part Time Athletic Aide



PARKS AND RECREATION / ACTIVITY CENTER

This November, the Parks and Recreation Department will transition to using **CivicRec Recreation Software** for all registrations and reservations. Users can create an account now! More info on how to do so is available on our website and Facebook page.

Join us in some spooky, family fun at **Haunted Heights** on Saturday, October 30th. This free event invites families to walk the trails at Carl Levin Park on 400 Miller's Crossing from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Experience a trail of vendors, photo ops, and activities for all ages. Be sure to bring your trick-or-treat bags for candy! For those interested in being a vendor, please email sgibbs@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5493 for an application. Applications are accepted until Thursday, October 28, 2021.



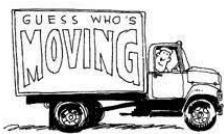
In conjunction with Haunted Heights, the **Harker Heights Farmers Market** will have its last day of the 2021 season on Saturday, October 30th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Families are invited to dress in their Halloween costumes and go trick-or-treating at the market at City Hall on 305 Miller's Crossing. The market will also have a door prize giveaway of a basket with items donated by the vendors. Be sure to stop by for candy and to stock up on your favorite items from vendors!

Zombie-Monster Hunt will be at Carl Levin Park on October 30th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with zombies and monsters roaming free! This is your chance to go on a monster safari in your own backyard. Armed with 'human safe' bow and arrows from Archery Attack, your team will navigate the back trails of the park. There you will encounter fun challenges, monsters, and even some brain hungry zombies! Registration opens October 8th at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/HarkerHeightsPR>. Only individuals wishing to hunt must register. Our bows are designed for 12 and up, but all ages are welcome to join the hunt. Hunters 11 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Your hunting party may include non-hunters who just want to watch.



Official **Harker Heights Trick-or-Treat** time for 2021 will be on Sunday, October 31st from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

There are plots available at the **Kern Park Community Garden**! Contact the Rec Center to rent a plot today.



The **Senior Recreation Program** classes will be moving back to the Recreation Center at 307 Miller's Crossing starting on Monday, November 8, 2021. For additional information, please call 254-953-5657 or nbroemer@harkerheights.gov.

Fall Youth Basketball begins this week with over 220 participants!



LIBRARY

The **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library** is not afraid to have a great time with its community! The last week of October we celebrate the thrills and chills of Halloween with in-person and virtual programs!

Drop by the Library on Friday, October 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for an old-fashioned **“Whodunit!”** See the staff dressed as the famous color-coded characters from the **“Clue” board game**. Solve a mystery while you are here!

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> for a full week of **spooky stories, Edgar Allan Poe(try) Readings, last minute costume ideas, and more!** Our special **Guest Reader Fire Chief Paul Sims** shares with us **“The Good, the Bad, and the Spooky”**, a Halloween tale sure to delight listeners of all ages on Friday, October 29th at 10:15 a.m.!



Drop by to see the Library at the **“Haunted Heights” Fun Day Event** at Carl Levin Park on Saturday, October 30th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Library has invited **Pikachu** and other **Pokemon** to hang with them in front of the **Poke-bus! You Gotta Catch Em All!** Find other Pokemon throughout the event and collect your free prize! In addition to the Library, you'll find **Monster Trucks, “Tow-Mater,” a Picture Patch, and more!**

Pick up your **Spooky Creativity Kits** at the Library! Each kit contains supplies that will help you unleash your shivers! [Call 254-953-5491](tel:254-953-5491) if you would like to pick one up at our contactless drive-through. Kits must be picked up the same day you reserve them for the drive-through window.

Are you brave enough to pick up a **“Mystery Bag” of books** at the Library? The **Friends of the Library** are sponsoring this fun program! Just drop by the Library to pick up a bag or [call 254-953-5491](tel:254-953-5491) to request that a bag be placed at the drive-through. Children and adults take a chance on mysteries, adventures, horror, and other topics. These are your books to keep!

The **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library** is pleased to welcome autumn with a full calendar of events, virtual programs, and circulating collections!

Our latest program schedules and access to our electronic resources can be found at our Virtual Library at <https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/departments/library>. Check here for 24/7 access to e-books, e-audiobooks, online databases, and more! For virtual story-times, craft instructions, and other programs, check out our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary>.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Betiale Hawkins II, Commander Randy Stefek, Lieutenant Christopher Hinckley, Lieutenant Raphael Baumgaertel, Sergeant Peter Quichocho, Sergeant Sara Brockman, and Sergeant Duarte Fernandes, on their promotions!

The Police Department hosted a Retiree Welcome Back event on Friday, October 22nd where they invited Police Officer Retirees back to the department to reunite with other retired officers and current officers.

