

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

APRIL 26, 2022

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Harker Heights Police Department has been working in conjunction with the **Central Texas Council of Government (CTCOG)** hosting a series of **TCOLE courses**. We have sponsored **SAFVIC Human Trafficking and a New Detective course**. Two more courses are currently being presented, **Survive & Thrive Core Stress Resilience** and **Life Bridges to Suicide** meeting training needs of police officers and telecommunicators.

On March 31st, Community Services held an in-house career fair for officer trainees and telecommunicator positions.

On April 16th, Community Services had a recruiting display table set up at Culture on the Square (Carl Levin Park).

On April 20th, Community Services attended the Central Texas College Spring Career fair.

On April 28th, Community Services will host another in-house career fair.

Community Services will set up a recruiting table at Fort Hood's Army Career Alumni Program (A.C.A.P) building twice monthly until further notice.

LIBRARY

The **Friends of the Library Book Sale** returns on Friday, April 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library! After two and a half long years, the Friends are able to invite everyone to pick up books, movies, toys, board games, and more at low prices! We will even have volunteers to help you carry everything to your car!

The Library now offers **computer use with Internet access** on a first come/first serve basis. Just bring your Library card to sign-in. Printing from the computers is 15 cents per side per page for black and white prints. The Library takes nickels, dimes, quarters, \$1, and \$5 bills for printing. No change is given, but printing money is saved on the Library account for future prints.

May the Force Be With You! The Library celebrates **Star Wars** and science fiction fun all week Monday, May 2nd through Saturday, May 7th. Visit our Library building and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> all week for stories, booklists, saber training, and more!

Monday, May 2nd – 2:00 p.m. **Saber Training on Facebook**

Monday, May 2nd – **So You Like Star Wars Booklist** available in the Library and on Facebook

Tuesday, May 3rd – 10:00 a.m. **Space Babies Baby time in-person**. Ages birth – 18 months. No older siblings. Seating is on a first come/first serve basis.

Tuesday, May 3rd -- 10:15 a.m. **Baby Yoda Virtual Rhyme time on Facebook**

Tuesday, May 3rd – 6:00 p.m. **Mando Guest Reader**

Wednesday, May 4th – 10:00 a.m. **Out of this World Stories in-person.** Ages 3-6 years and their families; Other siblings welcome. Seating is on a first come/first serve basis.

Wednesday, May 4th -- 10:15 a.m. **Virtual Out of the World Stories on Facebook**

Wednesday, May 4th – 2:00 p.m. **Galactic Science on Facebook**

Wednesday, May 4th – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. **May the Fourth Be With You Maker Space in-person**

Thursday, May 5th – 10:00 a.m. **In a Galaxy Not So Far Away Toddler Time in-person.** Ages 15 months-3 years and their families; Other siblings welcome. Seating is on a first come/first serve basis.

Thursday, May 5th – 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Revenge of the Fifth Maker Space in-person**

Thursday, May 5th – 6:00 p.m. **Star Stories Family Night LIVE on Facebook**

Friday, May 6th – 10:15 a.m. **Galaxy Girl Guest Reader on Facebook**

Saturday, May 7th – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Star Wars Day at the Library!** – Bring your whole family for saber making, jedi training, droid Maker Space, costume contest, and more! Wear a costume if you like!

Mothers' Day Maker Space! Do you need to make your mother a one of a kind creation? Here's your chance. Visit the Library Wednesday, May 4th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 5th from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You never know what you will find!

Calling all local authors! Be a part of the Library's upcoming **Author Fair** on Saturday, August 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. E-mail Christina Link at clink@harkerheights.gov for more information and to register for a spot.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Nicole Loayza was honored by her coworkers as the **March Parks and Rec Employee of the Month.** Congrats Nicole!

ACTIVITIES CENTER

Library & Activities Center's Maker Space is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. In celebration of **Arbor Day** they will be having tree programs and native tree identification display for the week of April 25th.

A tree planting will be taking place

On April 23rd we had a great group of volunteers participate in the **Texas Trash-Off.** They went out to Dana Peak and cleaned up around the fishing pier and road. Going into the park. Thank you, for all who came out.

On May 4th and May 18th GO Heights is partnering up with Senior Recreation for **Wednesday Wellness Walks** for our Active Adults (50+). These will be located at Carl Levin Park at 10am. For more information please contact Kailie Gomez at kgomez@harkerheights.gov.

GO Heights will be having a hike at Dana Peak Park on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. For more information please contact Kailie Gomez at kgomez@harkerheights.gov.

Celebrate **Kids to Parks Day** on May 21st. Take your family and Friends out to one of our many different parks for a fun day out in the sun!

ATHLETICS

Over 715 participants register for the **2022 Youth Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball** season. Coaches and officials are needed!

Harker Heights Parks and Recreation soccer teams took first place in the **2022 Youth Soccer Central Texas Youth Sports League Championships**. The winning teams in each division were

The first ever Harker Heights Parks and Recreation **2022 Adult Soccer League** will start the week of May 2nd.

The Recreation Trailer was at the KISD Student Health Advisory Committee's **2022 Family Fitness and Wellness Fair**. KISD students and their families were able to learn about the fun activities that we have to offer in the Parks and Recreation Department as well as participate in activities from all over the Central Texas area.

AQUATICS

You can purchase your 2022 Carl Levin Park Outdoor **Pool Pass** starting May 2nd at the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

Pool Party Rentals are set to open on May 11th.

We are still hiring Lifeguards, Water Safety Instructors, and Pool Managers for the 2022 summer season. Applications can be submitted at the Harker Heights Recreation during our next **Walk-In-Interview Week** on April 25th – April 29th.

SENIOR RECREATION/RECREATION CENTER

The Parks & Department and the Old Glories **Granny Basketball** Team hosted a basketball tournament this past Saturday. All four granny basketball teams from Texas enjoyed our cities gym facilities.

Senior citizens 50+ are invited to join our new program **Wednesday Wellness Walks** on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Carl Levin Park, 400 Miller's Crossing. Participants will meet by the pool.

Celebrate **Older Americans Month** by joining us each week in the month of May at the following event:

- May 4th at 11:30 a.m. – **Kick Off Luncheon**: Celebrate with lunch, vendors, and a movie at the Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail. Please call Nichole at 254-953-5683 to RSVP.
- May 12th from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – **Coffee My Way**: Treat yourself with some coffee and breakfast snacks at the Recreation Center.
- May 19th at 9:00 a.m. – **Sweets Giveaway**: Come by the Recreation Center while supplies last for something sweet.
- May 25th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **We Go Bananas for Our Seniors!**: Join us for banana splits and ice cream sundaes at the Recreation Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS

HEB hosted a Month of the Military Child at Harker Heights Community Park on Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. where free tote bags were handed out to the first 1,000 military-connected children who drove to the park.

Harker Heights hosted the **Central Texas Sustainable Community Partnerships** proclamation signing on Thursday, April 14th @ 3:00 p.m. at Carl Levin Amphitheatre.

The **Family Campout** at Dana Peak Park will take place May 6th - 8th. Registration is almost full so sign up today!

The City's Employees honored our volunteers at the **Volunteer Reception** on April 20th. Thank you to all who donate their time!

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Public Works employee Fabian Brooks promoted to Maintenance Technician II on April 16th. Congratulations Fabian!

The **Parks Department** welcomed a new employee. **Samuel Banks** was hired for the position of Light Equipment Operator on April 18th.

The **Finance Department** welcomed a new employee. **Eve Vazquez** was hired for the position of Customer Service Clerk on April 18th.

The **Human Resources Department** welcomed a new employee. **Alyah Williams** was hired for the position of Student Clerical Assistant on April 19th.

Assistant Human Resources Director Melonie Matthewson and Human Resources Clerk Joshua Ramirez-Figueroa participated in the KISD Graduating Seniors job fair on April 13th.

Student Clerical Assistant Jordan Marjonen and Alyah Williams participated in the Central Texas College Job Fair on April 20th.

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of **Assistant Chief Plant Operator**.