

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



JULY 9, 2024

Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates

Human Resources Department

The Parks and Recreation department promoted two lifeguards on June 22nd. Bianca Alexander and Amy Pafford were promoted to the position of Water Safety Instructor.

The Police Department welcomed a new employee on June 24th. Lina Devora was hired for the position of Telecommunicator. They will be welcoming another employee on July 15th. Erica Lozano will begin working for the City as the Healthy Homes Youth Specialist.

The Human Resources Department welcomes a new employee on July 6th. Kiarrah Carlisle transferred from the position of Sports and Aquatics Coordinator to the position of Human Resources Specialist.

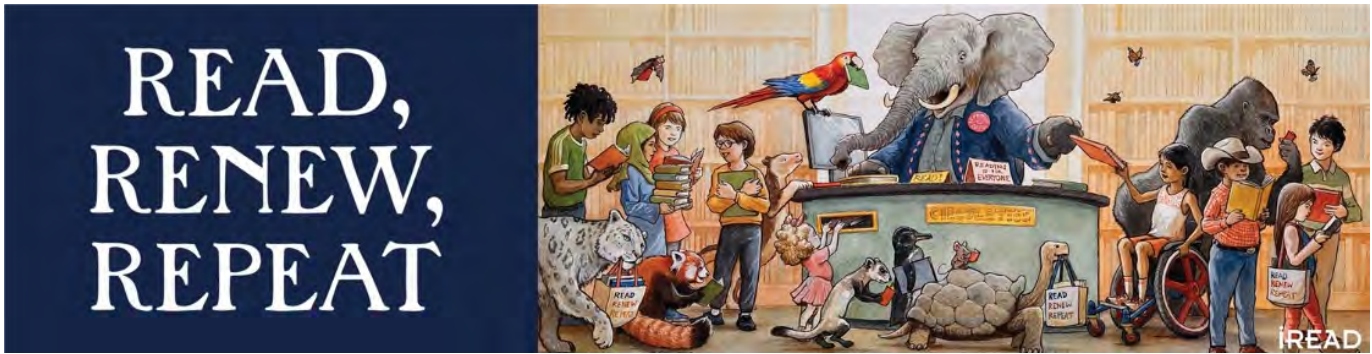
On July 6th, Public Works Director Mark Hyde was promoted to the position of Assistant City Manager and Kristina Ramirez began her role as the first City Engineer.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

- Records Clerks
- Certified Lifeguards
- Planner



It is not too late to sign up for the Library's free "Read, Renew, Repeat" Summer Reading Club and Program Series for all ages! You can still read on your own and/or attend one or more of our many upcoming programs! From special presenters, to 3D printing, to cosplay night, the Library will have something for everyone. The booklets are available at the Library and online at <https://harkerheights.gov/libraryspecialevents>. Visit website at <https://harkerheights.readsquared.com>. There you can sign up for the club, log your books and/or hours, earn virtual badges, complete missions, and see booklists! You can count ALL THE BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS that you have read since the beginning of summer even if you sign up now! We are happy to include those who have just discovered our library and programs!



Celebrate Teddy Bear's Picnic Day

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a Teddy Bear Picnic Day themed program for ages 3 to 6 years old and their families. Call 254-953-5491 to reserve your seat beginning June 26, 2024!



Brother Bear Movie Showing

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Bigger kids can celebrate Teddy Bear's Picnic Day too. Come to the Library for a showing of the 2003 Disney film "Brother Bear."



400 INDIAN TRAIL, HARKER HEIGHTS, TX 76548 | 254-953-5491

Creature Teacher

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 2:00 p.m.

Families will join the Creature Teacher to learn about her LIVE animal friends! Registration is not required for this event. The program will fill on a first come, first serve basis.



3D Printing Workshop for Kids

Saturday, July 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of 3-D Printing, the parts of the machine, and more. Registration for July 20th opens July 6th. Call 254-953-5491. For ages 10-13 years.

School readiness is so important for our young patrons. Children ages 3-6 and their families are welcome to join volunteer early childhood specialist Kay Townsend on Tuesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. for stories, activities, and more designed specifically to work on fine motor skills, large motor skills, early literacy, and social-emotional learning. Registration is required! Please call 254-953-5491 to sign up for this program!

Teens and adults will enjoy these upcoming programs designed for them!


Writers' Support Group for Adults

Wednesdays | July 10 | August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Get writing ideas and tips on your own work. Discuss plot twists, cliffhangers, and more! This program is for patrons ages 18 and up. Registration is not required.


Local author Ronie Kendig will be a presenter at the July 10 meeting of the Writer's Support Group. Come to learn about the writing and publishing process! Ronie Kendig is an award-winning, best-selling author of over 35 books!

Writer Support Group
July 10, 2024 at 6pm
400 Indian Trail
Harker Heights, TX 76548
254-953-5491



Our writer support group, that meets monthly at the library, is excited to have a very special guest, author Ronie Kendig. She will be discussing her career and giving us pointers as aspiring authors.

Ronie Kendig is a bestselling, award-winning author of over 35 books. Ronie's degree in psychology has helped her pen novels of intense, raw characters. Visit Ronie online at:
www.roniekendig.com
FB: RapidFireFiction
Instagram: @kendigronie



3D Printing Workshop for Teens and Adults

Saturday, July 20th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of 3-D Printing, the parts of the machine, and more. Registration for July 20th opens July 6th. Please call 254-953-5491. For ages 14 and up.

Friday Teen Programs Continued –

Family Cosplay Night | July 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come celebrate your favorite fandoms! Dress up as your favorite character or just come to mingle with cosplayers. Make crafts, dance, and enjoy snacks! All costumes must be family friendly.



“Read, Renew, Repeat” with documentable resources from the Library’s Health and Wellness collections? The Library offers the online databases for **reliable health information**. Our TexShare Databases from the Texas State Library and Archives Commissions provide these resources. Visit the Library’s website at <https://harkerheights.gov/library>. Choose Find Information in the right-hand column and click on TexShare databases. Choose “Harker Heights Public Library,” and use TX76548 as your password. Choose to look by subject and then choose “Health and Medicine.”



RECREATION CENTER

Open Gym Summer Hours from June 10 – August 16, 2024

- **Mondays**
 - ❖ 9:00 am – 11:45 am: Pickleball (all ages)
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Basketball (all ages)
- **Tuesdays**
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Volleyball (ages 10 & under)
- **Wednesdays**
 - ❖ 9:00 am – 12:45 pm: Basketball (all ages 15 & under)
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Basketball (all ages)
- **Thursdays**
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Volleyball (ages 11+)
- **Fridays**
 - ❖ 9:00 am – 11:45 am: Pickleball (all ages)
 - ❖ 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Wheelchair Basketball

The Recreation Center will be a location for the upcoming **Variety's iCanShine Bike Camp** from July 15 – 19, 2024. The camp is utilizing adaptive bicycles and a specialized instructional program. Variety of Texas and iCanShine help local children with special needs become lifelong independent riders.



ATHLETICS



Youth Volleyball league is currently being held at the Recreation Center through August.



Youth Soccer registration is now open until 7/17.

Ability Pickleball registration is still open and will begin in July at the Heights Athletic Club.



AQUATICS

Open Swim Hours:

- ❖ Wednesday-Friday: 1:30pm-7:00pm
- ❖ Saturday & Sunday: 11:00am-7:00pm



Swim Lessons session 2 has begun.

Senior Swim will be on Fridays from 12:00pm-1:00pm.
Might be canceled due to make ups for swim lessons.





SENIOR RECREATION



- **Active Seniors (50+)** are invited to **PLAY** a variety of recreational activities and games on Thursdays from 12:00 pm – 1:45 pm at the Recreation Center. Each month will be a new activity to keep you moving and having fun. July's activity is Volleyball and Badminton.

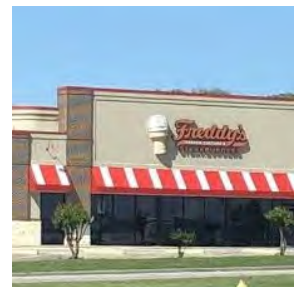
- ❖ **Senior Swim** is offered free for Seniors (50+) every Friday from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (except on days swim lesson has a makeup or pool closed). Participants would need to have a current senior program membership check in card to enter. Visit the Harker Heights Recreation Center to receive your free senior program membership check in card. There will be no Senior Swim on July 5, 2024.



- ❖ July's **BINGO** will move to a new week for July. It will be on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Recreation Center.



- ❖ **Ladies Night Out** for July will be on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 5:00 pm. The restaurant will be at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers in Harker Heights. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own supper. Registration is required and can be done over the phone by calling 254-953-5683 or in person at the Recreation Center.

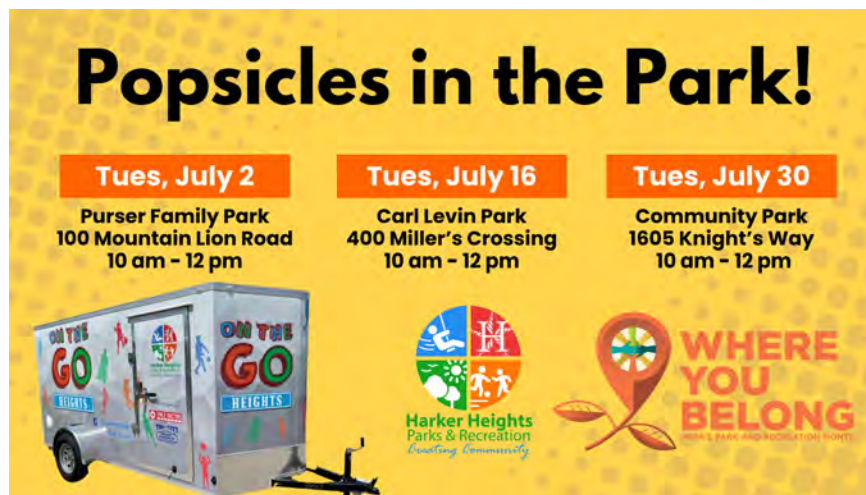


- ❖ **Lunch & Learn** will take place on Friday, June 19, 2024, from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Felicia Holland, Aging in Place Coordinator with the area Habitat for Humanity. Registration can be down in person or on the phone at 254-953-5683.

Parks & Recreation Department

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The **Harker Heights Farmers Market** continues every Saturday in July! Between the hours of 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, the market offers a variety of treats such as fresh produce, meat, eggs, jams, jellies, pickles, baked goods, hand crafted items, and more. Vendors pick and choose the weekends that they wish to be at the market, so some weekends may have different vendors than previous weekends. Keep in mind that July 27 is the last Farmers Market date until the mid-season break. The Farmers Market will start back on October 5 at 305 Miller's Crossing and run every Saturday through December. Follow the Harker Heights Farmers Market on Facebook for updates of the 2024 season on <https://facebook.com/heightsFM>. For more information, email sgibbs@harkerheights.gov or visit <https://harkerheights.gov/parksandrec>.



Popsicles in the Park will be held throughout the month of July to help beat the summer heat!

Visit Carl Levin Park, 400 Miller's Crossing on Tuesday, July 16 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
&

Community Park, 1605 Knight's Way on Tuesday, July 30 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for FREE popsicles! Enjoy popsicles while playing yard games and other activities from the Pop-Up Recreation Activity Center.

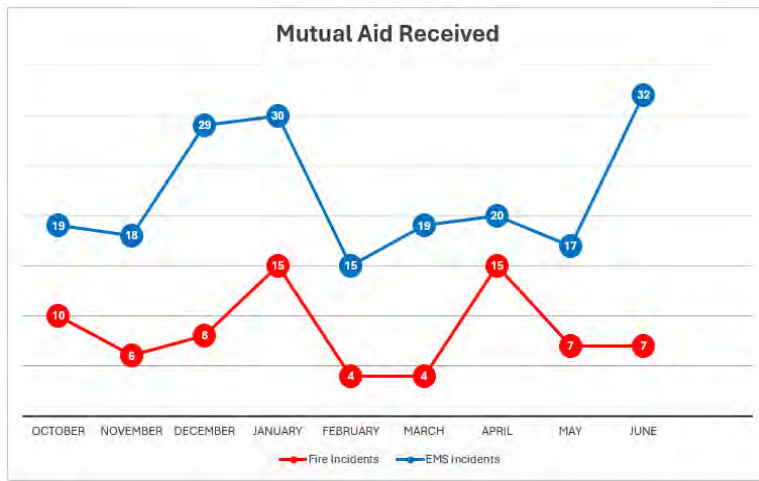
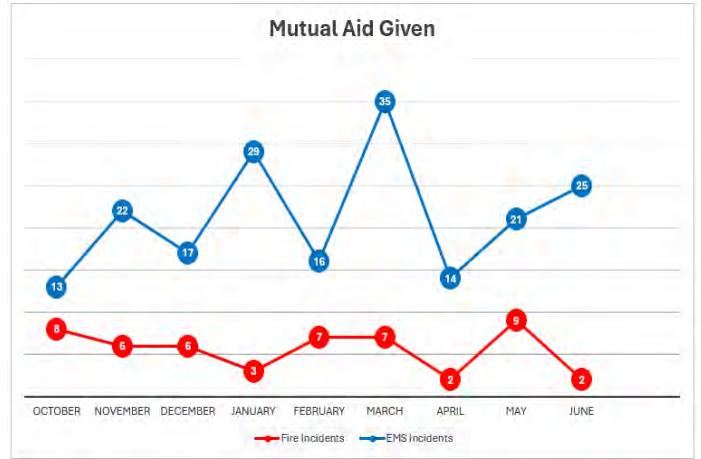
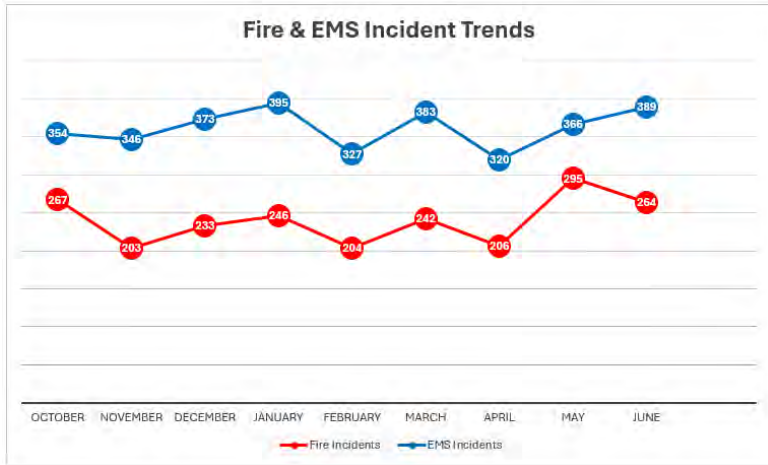
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PROGRAMS

Activities Center Maker Space

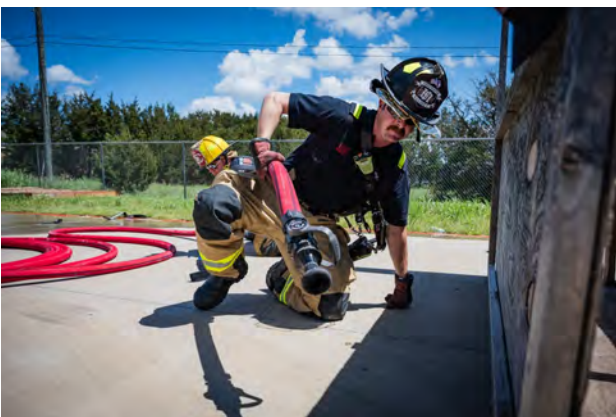
Explore your creative side at the Harker Heights Activities Center, where innovation meets community. Whether you're into arts, crafts, technology, or DIY projects, we have the resources and programs to help you bring your ideas to life. Open Tuesday-Thursday 10am – 3pm and Saturdays 10am – 1pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



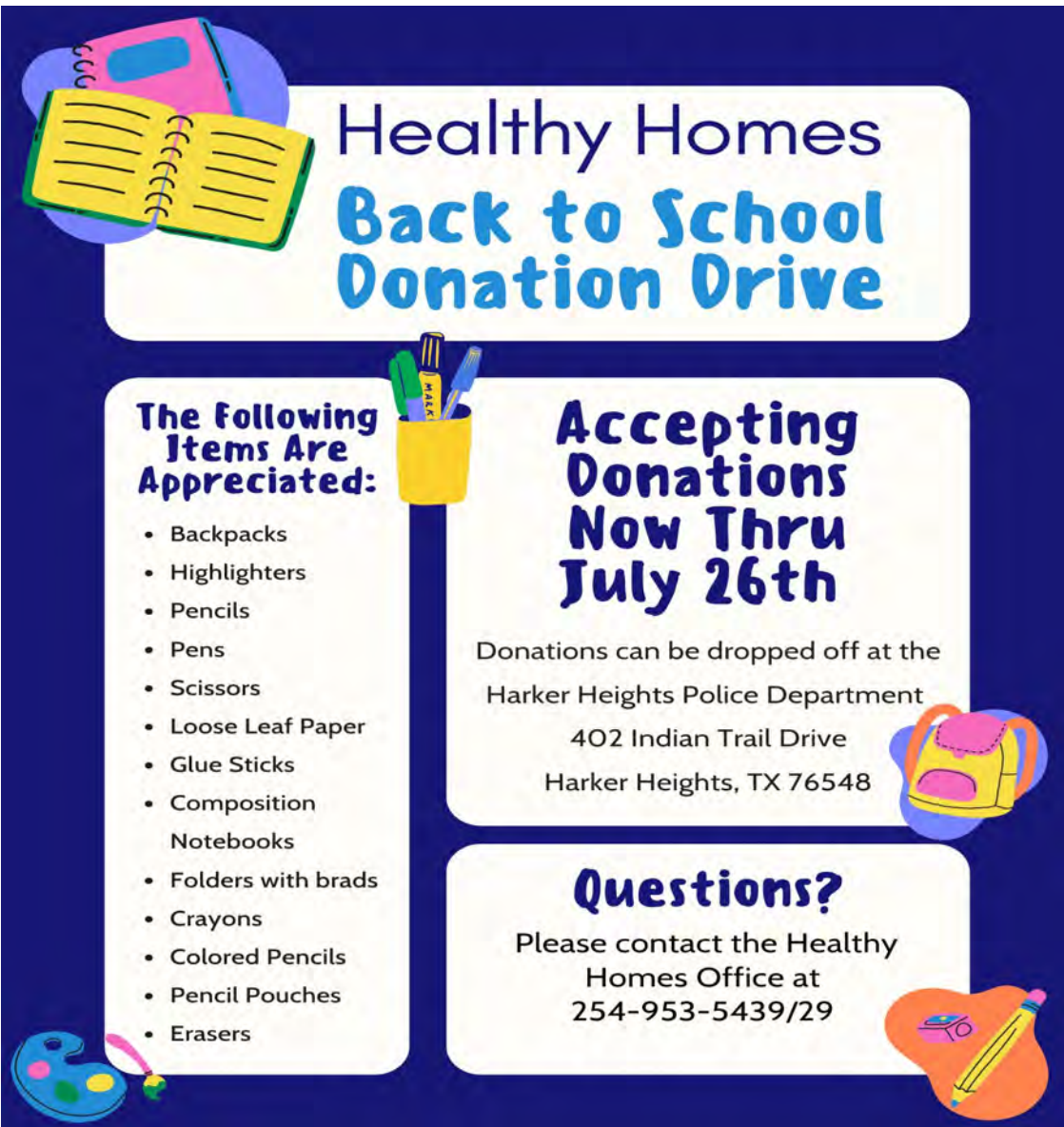
Fire Marshal's Office – June 2024

Inspections	81
Plan Reviews	11
Investigations	1
Department/Agency Assists	15



POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ❖ On July 8-10, the Police Department will be undergoing an inspection by the Texas Police Chief's Association for the Texas Best Practices recertification.
- ❖ Healthy Homes is currently accepting donations for their annual Back to School Drive. Donations will be accepted until July 26th.



The poster features a dark blue background with white rounded rectangular boxes for text. At the top left, there is an illustration of a pink and blue backpack and a yellow spiral notebook. In the center, a yellow pencil holder contains several colored pencils. At the bottom left, there is a colorful paint palette with a brush. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a yellow pencil and an orange eraser.

Healthy Homes Back to School Donation Drive

**The Following
Items Are
Appreciated:**

- Backpacks
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Pens
- Scissors
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Composition Notebooks
- Folders with brads
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Pouches
- Erasers

**Accepting
Donations
Now Thru
July 26th**

Donations can be dropped off at the
Harker Heights Police Department
402 Indian Trail Drive
Harker Heights, TX 76548

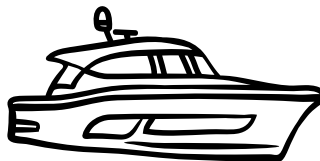
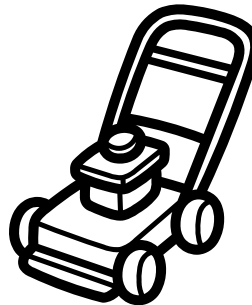
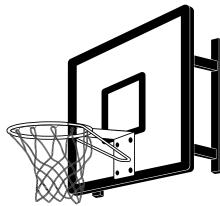
Questions?

Please contact the Healthy
Homes Office at
254-953-5439/29



JUNE 2024 CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY		
June 1 thru June 30, 2024		
Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	127	50.00%
Grass Parking	31	12.20%
Outside Storage	25	9.84%
Other	24	9.45%
Brush	15	5.91%
Bulk Items	10	3.94%
Trailer	9	3.54%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	4	1.57%
Fencing	2	0.79%
Maintenance	2	0.79%
Trash	2	0.79%
Basketball Goal	1	0.39%
Junk Vehicle	1	0.39%
Tree Limbs	1	0.39%
Boat	0	0.00%
Building Inspection	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%
Tires	0	0.00%
Total	254	100.00%



CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY		
October 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2024		
Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	1015	44.93%
Grass Parking	343	15.18%
Outside Storage	317	14.03%
Other	190	8.41%
Bulk Items	99	4.38%
Brush	85	3.76%
Trailer	57	2.52%
Maintenance	42	1.86%
Fencing	20	0.89%
Trash	19	0.84%
Basketball Goal	14	0.62%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	14	0.62%
Tires	12	0.53%
Junk Vehicle	9	0.40%
Building Inspection	8	0.35%
Tree limbs	7	0.31%
Boat	4	0.18%
Skirting	4	0.18%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Total	2,259	100.00%



City of Harker Heights
Planning & Development
305 Miller's Crossing
Harker Heights, TX 76548
planning@harkerheights.gov

Economic Development Report

JUNE 2024 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued **two (2)** commercial remodeling permits within the month of June.

- 960 E. Knight's Way, Wal-Mart remodel
 - Valued at \$995,721.00
- 346 Morgan Street, tenant finish out
 - Valued at \$175,000.00

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued a total of **one (1)** permit for single-family residential construction within the month of June.

- 3521 Shoreline Drive
 - Valued at \$630,000.00

The City issued a total of **two (2)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of June.

- Pinewood Drive
 - Valued at \$226,000.00
- N. Mary Jo Drive
 - Valued at \$220,000.00

To date in calendar year 2024 (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) the City has issued a total of twenty-five (25) residential permits: thirteen (13) single-family permits, twelve (12) two-family permits, and zero (0) multi-family permits.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

As of June 30, 2024, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **35,669** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020, was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 866 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.



Finance Department



ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	\$458,586.58	\$425,468.44	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59
February	\$534,106.66	\$473,232.50	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74
March	\$505,890.78	\$457,827.45	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11
April	\$449,213.99	\$404,428.51	\$450,611.99	\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05
May	\$470,065.16	\$577,032.32	\$457,447.36	\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28
June	\$455,755.87	\$508,923.56	\$559,624.69	\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93
July		\$549,266.57	\$593,523.31	\$474,837.86	\$433,747.64
August		\$700,084.97	\$626,576.19	\$473,342.17	\$380,976.99
September		\$732,809.66	\$733,557.95	\$575,867.17	\$466,173.61
October		\$640,193.47	\$550,329.57	\$615,499.23	\$433,650.72
November		\$644,238.19	\$597,938.12	\$488,924.69	\$305,732.61
December		\$560,893.99	\$529,760.67	\$540,030.51	\$380,537.34

*As of April 26, 2021, automatic credit card drafts are now part of the online utility bill payment totals.

AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS



	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	\$111,335.93	\$104,768.73	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16
February	\$122,733.86	\$120,067.52	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11
March	\$113,274.41	\$114,106.26	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41
April	\$97,246.60	\$98,130.13	\$110,142.69	\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65
May	\$109,383.84	\$128,587.47	\$111,214.36	\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54
June	\$103,002.72	\$117,678.21	\$126,583.78	\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21
July		\$116,990.27	\$127,979.57	\$114,493.61	\$121,025.84
August		\$160,801.83	\$136,631.66	\$121,311.92	\$113,130.64
September		\$149,676.66	\$153,943.37	\$128,969.57	\$137,771.86
October		\$140,226.20	\$120,331.11	\$133,559.38	\$123,306.75
November		\$141,456.45	\$131,364.63	\$109,105.34	\$94,961.20
December		\$117,512.11	\$114,240.31	\$115,096.07	\$116,508.98



KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	\$15,526.79	\$14,230.92	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25
February	\$14,866.27	\$17,296.49	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02
March	\$16,016.08	\$13,010.92	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01
April	\$13,150.82	\$12,552.09	\$13,777.77	\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99
May	\$11,855.53	\$16,807.66	\$14,264.27	\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43
June	\$16,060.62	\$16,308.52	\$17,616.84	\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19
July		\$16,201.62	\$19,794.27	\$13,973.86	\$21,778.38
August		\$21,416.32	\$17,131.77	\$13,053.66	\$17,566.80
September		\$21,162.07	\$21,855.49	\$15,046.80	\$24,119.28
October		\$16,367.61	\$17,549.59	\$19,801.71	\$18,037.50
November		\$20,801.21	\$17,225.45	\$14,707.98	\$15,206.33
December		\$15,884.88	\$19,102.03	\$14,030.94	\$14,953.30

NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT



	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	4,165	3,798	3,565	3,245	2,719
February	4,192	3,811	3,566	3,290	2,759
March	4,222	3,852	3,555	3,293	2,880
April	4,264	3,922	3,603	3,321	2,819
May	4,256	3,927	3,654	3,364	2,847
June	4,307	3,960	3,698	3,396	2,931
July		4,061	3,695	3,461	2,976
August		4,021	3,747	3,505	3,069
September		4,054	3,746	3,523	3,072
October		4,092	3,789	3,536	3,127
November		4,105	3,757	3,548	3,186
December		4,128	3,749	3,533	3,201

ASSESSMENT BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

PAVING ASSESSMENT:

BALANCE

Polk, Billy (deceased)/Phillip Sueoka 242 E. Cardinal \$21,894.72

No payments were made for the Paving Assessment.

WILDEWOOD ASSESSMENT:

BALANCE

Rickets, Tommie 936/940 Lemonwood \$13,127.53

No payments were made for the Wildewood Assessment.

DEMAND DEPOSITS RETURNED JUNE 2024

Total Number of Accounts

810

Total Amount

\$48,110.00