

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



**JULY 25, 2023**

*Upcoming City Events, Activities, and Updates*

## Human Resources Department

The Public Works Department promotes an employee on July 24th. Davin Dick was promoted to the position of mechanic.

Fire Marshal/Deputy Fire Chief Brad Alley will be retiring on July 28th after serving 30 years with the City.

The Pet Adoption Center will be welcoming a new employee on July 28th. Miranda Jones will join the City in the position of Part Time Receptionist.

The Municipal Court will be welcoming a new employee on August 5th. Library Clerk Aaliyah Smith will be promoting to the position of Deputy Court Clerk.

The City is currently taking applications for the following positions:

- Fire Marshal/Deputy Fire Chief
- Telecommunicator
- Light Equipment Operator
- Maintenance Technician
- Maintenance Technician II
- Mechanic
- Senior Equipment Operator
- BPAT/CSI and Water Distribution Flushing Technician
- Collections Operator
- Inventory/Line Locator
- Firefighter/Paramedic



# The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library started the year off right with new programs and initiatives, and we are happy to keep going!

It's Game Day at the Library on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, from 9:30 am until 11:30 am! Bring the whole family for HUGE games and even bigger fun. Work together or compete against each other! Sign up for the reading club, log your book titles or hours, and take get ready for Texas Sized Fun!



It's a crazy STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) afternoon on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, with Mad Science of Austin! View exciting experiments revolving around a variety of science topics that explain how our world works! Shows are at 1:30 pm and 2:45 pm! Space is limited, and seating is on a first come/first serve basis.



Let's have a Kids' Talent Show! Kids ages 6-17 Find Their Voices and share unique talent with a friendly audience on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 10:00 am. Spots are limited. Register for a spot beginning July 19th. Call 254-953-5496 to sign up. Even if you don't perform, you are welcome to come for the show!



Monday, July 31, 2023, is the last program in the Library's Summer Music Time series for children! Enjoy songs, rhymes, dance, and more! Work on concepts such as loud and soft, fast and slow, and high and low! Babies ages 0-18 months and their families come at 9:00 am. Children ages 19 months through 6 years and their families come at 10:00 am. Registration is not necessary, but space is limited. Seating will be on a first comes/first served basis.



The Library and its fabulous volunteers are excited to appear at the Bell County Comic Con at the Bell County Expo Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6, 2023. The Library will reach a broad audience to extoll the merits of reading, the importance of being yourself, and the awesome programs, services, and collections available at Libraries!



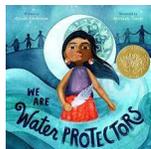
Are your kids ages 10 – 14 interested in learning imaginative role-play with Dungeons and Dragons? E-mail [lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov](mailto:lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov) to get information about signing up for a new group!



The Library's Saturday Card games have now expanded to include Yu-Gi-oh! Card games in addition to Pokemon Card Games. Just come Saturdays from 1:00pm- 3:00pm to learn the game and battle. Bring your own cards or play with ours!

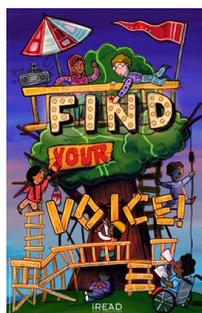


Celebrate authors and illustrators with our storytime series! Visit the Library Thursdays at 9:00 am for Storytime for children ages 3-6 and their families or at 10:00 am for Toddler Time for ages 0-3 and their families. Each week we will enjoy books, crafts, activities and more while focusing on a particular author! Thursday, July 27, 2023, will celebrate Carole Lindstrom, author of “We Are Water Protectors” and other picture books.



Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, “We Are Water Protectors” issues a rallying cry to safeguard the Earth’s water from harm and corruption. This is a bold and lyrical book vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade.

You still have time to sign up for the 2023 Find Your Voice Summer Reading Club for kids, teens, and adults! Our theme encourages patrons to find positive ways to express themselves. Sign up NOW for the reading club either at the Library or online at [harkerheights.readsquared.com](https://harkerheights.readsquared.com). Our Library will offer an array of book discussions, performers, science times, caregiver workshops, and more! Check out our full summer program booklet at <https://harkerheights.gov/librarianspecialevents>.



# Parks & Recreation Department

## ACTIVITIES CENTER

- **Operation E.A.T. (Everybody Ate Today)** is a community youth feeding initiative that will be providing free meals for all kids 18 years old or younger at the Harker Heights Public Library and Activities Center on 400 Indian Trail.

To register, visit <https://monarch-education.org/operationeat> to get your free meal. Meal availability times are Monday through Friday 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm.



## ATHLETICS

- **Youth Volleyball** kicked off on Saturday, July 15. Games are being held Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays.
- **Youth Flag Football** has partnered with Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation to offer inter-community league play for participants!
  - Ability Pickle ball kicked off Monday, July 17. We have partnered with Heights Athletic Club to be able to offer pickle ball.
  - Registration for Ability Soccer for children with special needs opened July 18 and will end August 13th.



## AQUATICS

- **The Carl Levin Park Pool** opens Wednesday-Sunday starting June 12 for Open Swim!
  - Wednesdays-Fridays from 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm
  - Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
  - Swim Lessons few spots are still open, register at the Harker Heights Recreation Center. PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER IN PERSON.
- **Ability Pool Party** for children with special needs will be Tuesday, August 8th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.
- **Pool will close** on August 13th



OPERATION E.A.T.	
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 3</b>
Cheeseburger w/ Ketchup & Apples JUL 3	Whole Wheat Spaghetti & Meatballs w/ Buttered corn & Lemon Honey JUL 17
Hon & Cheese Sub w/ Faggie Chips & Fruit JUL 5	Beef & Broccoli Boats w/ Mandarin Oranges JUL 18
Cheese Crispy Waffles w/ Turkey sausage, Broccoli & Bananas JUL 6	Turkey Meat w/ Potato, Cheese Sauce, Onions & Green Beans JUL 19
Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza w/ Green Beans & Applesauce JUL 7	Chicken & Waffles w/ Berry Medley & Baby Carrots JUL 20
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 4</b>
Banana Chicken Florentine w/ Spinach & Orange JUL 10	Turkey Submarine Pasta w/ Green Beans & Bananas JUL 24
Chicken Caesar Wrap w/ Faggie Chips & Apples JUL 11	Sweet & Sour Chicken w/ Hot Fry Vegetables & Apple Slices JUL 25
Orange Chicken Boats w/ Broccoli & Carrots JUL 12	Hon & Cheese Waffle w/ Faggie Chips & Fruit JUL 26
Breakfast Sandwich, Waffle Medley & Cornets JUL 13	Apple Cinnamon French Toast w/ Turkey sausage & Corn JUL 27
Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza w/ Green Beans & Applesauce JUL 14	No Service due to Event JUL 28

## SENIOR RECREATION

- We have three weeks left for Senior Swim from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm on Fridays at Carl Levin Park outdoor pool. Senior swim will not meet on days when swim lessons has a makeup or when the pool is closed due to maintenance or weather. Members will need to have current membership check in cards with current expiration dates.



- Thank you to Dr. Joseph Cohn, Chris Egizio, and Melanie Smith with Wellstone Health Partners in Harker Heights. They had a hand in a successful Lunch & Learn this past Friday, July 21.

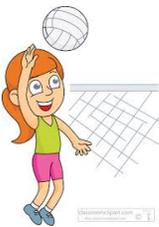
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## RECREATION CENTER

- The Recreation Center partnered with Variety's iCanShine Bike Camp this past week utilizing adaptive bicycles and a specialized instructional program to help local children with special needs become lifelong independent riders. Thank you to HH Mayor Michael Blomquist and Officer Howayeck for stopping by the camp to shake hands and pose for pictures.

Open Gym Summer Hours started June 20, 2023 and will be:

- Mondays & Tuesdays 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Basketball
- Wednesdays 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: 12U Open Gym
- Thursdays 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Volleyball
- Fridays 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Wheelchair Basketball



## SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

- The Harker Heights Farmers Market season continues through October from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. We are always looking for new vendors. For more information, contact Sara Gibbs at 254-953-5493.



- "Popsicles in the Park" is a pop-up program with our On the GO program trailer and popsicles. Join us on July 25th at the Community Park from 10am – 12pm.



- July 29th from 10am – 1pm is Parks Bash at Purser Park. Join the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation staff alongside of the Public Library staff for a fun day of archery, bounce house, Nerf wars, and more.



## GET OUTDOORS (GO) HEIGHTS

- **Community Gardens:** Plots are available at Carl Levin Park Community Garden & Kern Park Community Garden. Rentals are for six months or one year. To pay and register for your plot, please go to the Harker Heights Rec Center, 307 Miller's Crossing.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Officer John Howell was cleared from Field Training on July 22, 2023.**
- **Healthy Homes Division is still accepting Back-to-School supply donations.**
- **Healthy Homes Division is hosting a Cuts with Cops event on August 6th for KISD students to receive free haircuts before the new school year.**
- **Healthy Homes is currently collecting donations of Back-to-School supplies for KISD students who are in need of supplies for the upcoming school year.**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **The new Tower/Ladder was placed in service on Monday, July 24th. This is a “soft-opening” until it’s reassignment at Firehouse #2. Firehouse #2 does require an upgrade to the electrical shoreline in the apparatus bay to cover the amperage requirements for the new truck. The Fire Department will schedule and announce a formal Push-In Ceremony for the community once this work has been completed.**