

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AUGUST 9, 2022

## FINANCE:

### ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$431,215.89	\$347,598.93	\$294,404.59	\$246,908.71	\$218,947.04
February	\$447,458.01	\$259,558.94	\$259,685.74	\$239,620.03	\$253,982.29
March	\$427,327.54	\$337,154.90	\$260,569.11	\$267,408.59	\$250,722.14
April	\$450,611.99	\$341,911.77	\$297,973.05	\$214,513.90	\$210,496.91
May	\$457,447.36	\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28	\$311,719.63	\$281,788.14
June	\$559,624.69	\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93	\$271,114.94	\$320,454.59
July	\$593,523.31	\$474,837.86	\$433,747.64	\$285,381.75	\$300,335.69
August		\$473,342.17	\$380,976.99	\$356,562.37	\$394,788.59
September		\$575,867.17	\$466,173.61	\$320,090.38	\$364,257.96
October		\$615,499.23	\$433,650.72	\$399,497.35	\$306,871.13
November		\$488,924.69	\$305,732.61	\$358,146.37	\$286,085.34
December		\$540,030.51	\$380,537.34	\$275,957.76	\$249,823.02

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

### AUTOMATED PHONE PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$110,804.07	\$122,588.54	\$114,100.16	\$85,442.31	\$71,651.41
February	\$107,542.69	\$90,974.33	\$86,917.11	\$73,765.91	\$73,106.50
March	\$112,330.20	\$143,922.62	\$93,411.41	\$71,751.84	\$70,641.47
April	\$110,142.69	\$126,015.15	\$95,350.65	\$65,920.26	\$65,855.79
May	\$111,214.36	\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54	\$88,378.47	\$75,977.68
June	\$126,583.78	\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21	\$74,513.43	\$80,826.26
July	\$127,979.57	\$114,493.61	\$121,025.84	\$93,483.23	\$88,910.75
August		\$121,311.92	\$113,130.64	\$107,866.92	\$102,878.90
September		\$128,969.57	\$137,771.86	\$106,122.80	\$92,411.37
October		\$133,559.38	\$123,306.75	\$120,968.81	\$98,509.88
November		\$109,105.34	\$94,961.20	\$97,515.15	\$84,134.74
December		\$115,096.07	\$116,508.98	\$99,255.97	\$71,988.89

### KIOSK PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	\$9,974.61	\$13,714.61	\$18,735.25	\$16,084.10	\$13,632.13
February	\$12,965.79	\$11,058.25	\$15,342.02	\$16,019.68	\$14,010.94
March	\$13,519.99	\$16,168.18	\$14,213.01	\$12,078.00	\$15,753.68
April	\$13,777.77	\$14,514.82	\$14,165.99	\$11,636.59	\$11,598.52
May	\$14,264.27	\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43	\$15,446.69	\$15,516.51
June	\$17,616.84	\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19	\$14,092.62	\$17,806.76
July	\$19,794.27	\$13,973.86	\$21,778.38	\$18,147.78	\$20,001.21
August		\$13,053.66	\$17,566.80	\$20,613.07	\$22,002.97
September		\$15,046.80	\$24,119.28	\$18,407.61	\$20,300.64
October		\$19,801.71	\$18,037.50	\$19,399.15	\$15,677.88
November		\$14,707.98	\$15,206.33	\$20,304.92	\$15,970.14
December		\$14,030.94	\$14,953.30	\$15,822.59	\$12,904.99

## NUMBER OF E-BILLS SENT OUT

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
January	3,565	3,245	2,719	2,406	2,506
February	3,566	3,290	2,759	2,471	2,522
March	3,555	3,293	2,880	2,519	2,516
April	3,603	3,321	2,819	2,552	2,502
May	3,654	3,364	2,847	2,533	2,482
June	3,698	3,396	2,931	2,588	2,439
July	3,695	3,461	2,976	2,582	2,407
August		3,505	3,069	2,622	2,380
September		3,523	3,072	2,669	2,370
October		3,536	3,127	2,664	2,305
November		3,548	3,186	2,695	2,357
December		3,533	3,201	2,715	2,387

## HUMAN RESOURCES:

The **Human Resources Department** welcomed a new employee on July 29<sup>th</sup>. **Kaily Funez-Lenon** was hired for the position of Student Clerical Assistant.

The **Pet Adoption Center** welcomed a new employee on August 5<sup>th</sup>. **Victoria Ellis** was hired for the position of Part Time Receptionist.

**Lt. Rene (Ray) Gandara** was promoted to the position of Battalion Chief on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Ray!

The **Fire Department** welcomed a new employee on August 8<sup>th</sup>. **Lacey Moore** was hired for the position of Firefighter/EMT.

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer Trainee.

The City hosted a Carter Blood Care Blood Drive on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

**Visit the *City Hall Farmers Market* every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.!**

### ACTIVITIES CENTER

The **Stewart C. Myer Public Library and Activities back garden** is in the process of beautification and converting to a native plant garden. This is a joint effort between Kailie Gomez, the Outdoor Programs Coordinator, and the Tonkawa Chapter of the Native Plant Society. Volunteers have been hard at work getting the grounds ready for planting more native species. Stop by to see the ongoing progress.

The NEW **Game Room** at the Activities Center is open Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This room includes fun board games, ping pong, and video games. Take a break from the summer heat with your family before heading over to the Public Library to check out a new book.

## **ATHLETICS**

Registration for **Fall Youth Soccer** closed on July 28<sup>th</sup> with nearly 500 registrants.

**Youth Basketball** will open on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited so sign up soon!

Registration for **Ability Bowling** which is for children ages 5-22 with special needs hosted at Hallmark Lanes closes on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **AQUATICS**

The 2022 season for **Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool** closes on August 13<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the hard work of our Aquatics staff throughout the summer!

## **SENIOR RECREATION**

**Senior Swim** will be wrapping up on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Seniors (50+) can swim on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for free. They must have a Harker Heights Senior Recreation Check In card.

Senior **BINGO** is on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Ladies are invited to attend **Ladies Night Out** on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.. For August the ladies are meeting at **Taqueria Mexico Restaurant** in Harker Heights. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own supper. Registration is required. Call 254-953-5683 or sign up in person at the Rec Center to register.

Save the date for **Grand Day @ Rec Center. Celebrate National Grandparents Day** by bringing your grandchild, great grandchild, and/or V.I.P. for fun activities, games, and more on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Call 254-953-5683 or sign up at the Rec Center by the RSVP deadline September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let us know how many will attend and age of child.

## **RECREATION CENTER**

**Tae Kwon Do & Hapkido** will be returning to the Recreation Center on August 16<sup>th</sup> as they were meeting at the Activities Center during Volleyball. Register online or in person at the Recreation Center.

**Swordplay: Recreational Fencing** has increased in numbers of registration for the month of August. Sign up now if you are interested in fencing for September's class. The class meets on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Adaptive Chair Yoga** is on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga centers around using a chair, wheelchair, or other mobility device and is one of the gentlest forms of yoga. The class is offered to ages 18 years old and up with a fee of \$12 per class (\$10 per class - -55+ Senior). The class will not meet on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

The **First Day of School** is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Plan your drive with extra time for: bus stops, school zones, reduced speeds, crosswalks, children, more vehicles and foot traffic. Be safe for yourself and others.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The Parks and Rec Department will be hosting **Back to School Bash** on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Kern Park (400 S Ann Blvd)! This FREE event will include inflatables, the Rec pop-up activity trailer, and more for families to enjoy.

## LIBRARY

The **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library** is hosting a **maker filled Sailboat Regatta**. Families come Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to make your own sail boats. Let's see if they float!

**Harry Potter Night At Hogwarts** on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Over 400 muggles, wizards, and magical creatures enjoyed an evening of magical fun as the entire Library and Activities Center is whisked into the world of Harry Potter! Whole families hung out in the common room or Great Hall, made their own wands, created wizarding poetry, learned about herbs from our Activities Center Herb ologists, found fantastic beasts, and more! There was even a room for our baby wizards! Congratulations to House Gryffindor which won the evening's house cup! **Thank you to the Friends of the Library organization** which supported the potions, snacks, and more!

**Sailing, sailing, over the oceans blue!** We all enjoy sailing stories all week long!

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. – **Sail the Seas** for ages 3-6 years and their families! Drop by for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes.

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. – **A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea Toddler Time** for ages 0-3 years and their families. Drop by for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes!

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – **Make Your Own Magic family Maker Space** See what you can make with what is in the room!

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. -- **Make Your Own Magic family Maker Space** What wonders can you create?

If you can't make our in-person programs, you are welcome to join our **Sailing program series** by enjoying our weekly virtual program series on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> for Storytime on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m., "**Sail Away**" **Family Night** on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and a **guest reader** on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.

**Families and Teens** will see if they can **ESCAPE THE LIBRARY** on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Families come at 6:30 p.m. and teens come at 7:30 p.m. to see if they can solve puzzles and find their way out of the Library! **Registration is required.** Please call 254-953-5492 to reserve your spot.

**Library Director Lisa Youngblood** will speak at the local Central Texas College Child Development Center teachers' conference. The Library will again focus on "**Kindness Matters**" and discuss with caregivers the importance of using kindness as an education principal, improving attitudes towards education with kindness, and by learning specific activities to promote kindness as a way of living.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

July 1 thru July 30, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass Parking	17	38.64%
Bulk Items	10	22.73%
Grass	6	13.64%
Basketball Goal	3	6.82%
Outside Storage	3	6.82%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	2	4.55%
Other*	2	4.55%
Fencing	1	2.27%
Boat	0	0.00%
Brush	0	0.00%
Building Inspection	0	0.00%
Junk Vehicle	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%
Tires	0	0.00%
Trailer	0	0.00%
Trash	0	0.00%
Tree limbs	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*For Fiscal Year 21-22 the category "Other" includes the following:  
 Stormwater Contamination; Illegal Dumping; Storage Containers;  
 Lack of Permit for Work; Façade Maintenance; Heavy Vehicles;  
 Parking on the Grass; & Unpermitted Use of Property

\*\*As of May 2022, Heavy Vehicle Parking is longer included in the "Other" Category.

\*\*\*As of June 2022, Parking on the Grass (Grass Parking) is no longer included in the "Other" Category

## CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Grass	593	29.75%
Other*	590	29.60%
Outside Storage	329	16.51%
Bulk Items	168	8.43%
Brush	85	4.26%
Trailer	55	2.76%
Basketball Goal	40	2.01%
Tires	27	1.35%
Trash	26	1.30%
Fencing	25	1.25%
Grass Parking	24	1.20%
Tree limbs	14	0.70%
Boat	6	0.30%
Heavy Vehicle Parking	6	0.30%
Junk Vehicle	3	0.15%
Building Inspection	2	0.10%
Skirting	2	0.10%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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# Economic Development Report

## JULY 2022 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

### COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued six (6) commercial construction permits within the month of July.

- 650 E. Knight's Way, New Restaurant
  - Valued at \$800,000.00
- 201 E. CTE, Suite 300, Commercial Remodel
  - Valued at \$2,534,491.00
- 300 W. CTE, Suite 107, New Restaurant
  - Valued at \$30,000.00
- 1174 S. Amy Lane, Additional Storage Units
  - Valued at \$694,011.00
- 201 E. CTE, Suite 1450, Commercial Remodel
  - Valued at \$129,000.00
- 201 E. CTE, Suite 2100, Commercial Repairs
  - Valued at \$13,050.00

**To date (July 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of eighteen (18) commercial permits totaling \$22,990,552.00 in project valuation for calendar year 2022.**

### RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- 2 Single Family Permits in Cedarbrook Ridge

The City has issued a total of **zero (0)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of July.

**To date (July 31, 2022) the City has issued a total of ninety-four (94) residential permits in calendar year 2022; eighty-six (86) single-family permits, eight (8) two-family permits, and zero (0) multi-family permits.**

As of July 31, 2022, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **34,537** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020 was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 485 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.