

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

JULY 26, 2022

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The **Parks and Recreation Department** welcomed a new employee on July 21st. **Jonathan Del Toro** was hired for the position of Light Equipment Operator.

The **Police Department** welcomed a new employee on July 25th. **Leslie Itibus** was hired for the position of Telecommunicator.

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of Victim/Witness Coordinator.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Courtney Fye, Building Official Secretary, was elected to be the Secretary for Bluebonnet Chapter of the International Code Council.

LIBRARY

The **Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library** is ready for a week of magical fun! From in-library displays to in-person and virtual programs to on-your-own activities, the Library is filled with wonders!

Fan-favorite Magician Kent Cummins dazzles families with magic and more on Wednesday, July 27th at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.! Be amazed by his illusory feats!

It's a **Harry Potter Night At Hogwarts** on Friday, July 29th from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.! **Muggles, wizards, and magical creatures** are invited to enjoy an evening of magical fun as the entire Library and Activities Center is whisked into the world of Harry Potter! Bring your whole family for this free, in-person event! Dress up if you like, or come as you are. Hang out in the common room or Great Hall, make your own wand, create some wizarding poetry, learn about herbs, find fantastic beasts, dance like a hippogryph! Baby wizards even have a playroom! No registration is needed.

Magic is in the air with stories, songs, activities, and more for preschoolers! **Drop by the Library** for displays, activities, and in-person programs!

Thursday, July 28th at 9:00 a.m. – **Reading Is Magic Storytime** for ages 3-6 years and their families! Drop by for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes.

Thursday, July 28th at 10:00 a.m. – **Reading Is Magic Toddler Time** for ages 0-3 years and their families. Drop by for a lively morning of songs, stories, and rhymes!

Thursday, July 28th 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, July 30th 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 **"Reading Is Magic"** program series by enjoying our weekly virtual program series on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/harkerheightspubliclibrary> for **Storytime** on Wednesday, July 27th at 10:15 a.m., **"Reading Is Magic" Family Night** on Thursday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m., and a **guest reader** on Friday, July 29th at 10:15 a.m.

The Carl Levin Park Little Free Libraries have returned! Thanks to the efforts of the community-minded **Allen family**, the popular libraries have been repainted and re-roofed. Located just off the walking trail near the playground and garden, these boxes are ready to be used. Take a book if you like! Leave a book if you like! Just be sure to keep **READING!**

Library Director Lisa Youngblood spoke at the local **"Children Are Stars" Caregiver conference** sponsored by the **Central Texas Association for the Education of Young Children and Workforce Commission**. The Library focused on **"Kindness Matters"** and discussed 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION

*Visit the **City Hall Farmers Market** every Saturday from 9am-1pm!*

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

Bump, set, SPIKE! Saturday, July 9th **2022 Youth Volleyball League** is ongoing with nearly 200 participants!

2022 Summer Adult Softball began on Tuesday, July 12th with 23 teams signed up from around the community.

Ability Sports Bowling registration has been extended to August 15th, with the program starting that same week. The Ability Sports program is for children between 5 and 22 with various special needs.

AQUATICS

The Outdoor Pool season will conclude on Saturday, August 13th. We thank our staff and community for a great pool season!

Seniors continue to beat the heat during **Senior Swim** on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SENIOR RECREATION

Spades - our new Senior class, is on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Our next **Wednesday Wellness Walks** will be every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at Carl Levin Park, 400 Miller's Crossing. Participants will meet by the pool.

Seniors ages 50+ can cool off during **Senior Swim** on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for free. Must have with a Harker Heights Senior Recreation Check In card.

RECREATION CENTER

Open Gym Pickleball, Basketball, and Volleyball hours for the summer can be found on the Parks and Rec website!

Tae Kwon Do & Hapkido classes are temporary being held at the Activities Center for July and part of August during our Volleyball season. Register online or in person at the Recreation Center for July and August classes prior to arriving at the Activities Center.

New class addition: **Adaptive Chair Yoga** on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Adaptive 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 July 4th, July 11th and Sept. 5th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks and Recreation Month is being celebrated all throughout July! Be sure to mark our big events so you don't miss any of the excitement.

Splash Bash has been cancelled in an effort to conserve water resources for our citizens. We apologize for the inconvenience.