

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

## MAY 24, 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		\$455,951.18*	\$337,662.28	\$311,719.63	\$281,788.14
June		\$457,853.17	\$291,251.93	\$271,114.94	\$320,454.59
July		\$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		\$114,615.29	\$88,860.54	\$88,378.47	\$75,977.68
June		\$117,093.13	\$88,539.21	\$74,513.43	\$80,826.26
July		\$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		\$12,642.08	\$16,670.43	\$15,446.69	\$15,516.51
June		\$13,961.69	\$13,795.19	\$14,092.62	\$17,806.76
July		\$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		3,364	2,847	2,533	2,482
June		3,396	2,931	2,588	2,439
July		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 **Parks Department** welcomed five (5) new seasonal employees on May 10<sup>th</sup>. **Anna Lajarin Rivero, Nathan Cassidy, Peyton Brazzil, and Luz Barreto Gonzalez** were hired for the position of Lifeguard and **Arissa Erickson** was hired for the position of cashier.

**Water Service Worker Nathaniel Kolodjay** was promoted to Crew Leader on May 14, 2022. Congratulations Nathaniel!

The **Public Works Department** welcomed a new employee on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Jaime Davalos** was hired for the position of Water Service Worker.

**The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions:**

Firefighter/EMT, Paramedic Preferred

Collections Operator

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

A citizen emailed and wanted to thank **Firefighter/Paramedics Gandara, Kiefer, Rochford, Sparkman and Truitt** for responding to a call for her nephew. She said that because of their efforts, it allowed her family additional time to part with her nephew and they were truly grateful for that.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Services will be hosting the annual Cops and Kids in the Park event at Kern Park on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

**Angel Rodriguez** was honored by his coworkers as the **April Parks and Rec Employee of the Month!** Congrats Angel!

## ACTIVITIES CENTER

**Volunteers are needed** for various activities and programs. Please direct anyone interested in volunteering to Adam Trujillo at [atrujillo@harkerheights.gov](mailto:atrujillo@harkerheights.gov) or 254-953-5466. Volunteer jobs include hike leaders, archery instructors, citizen scientist, event leaders, and more.

**Donate your old craft supplies** to the **Makerspace**. Items we always need include glue, popsicle sticks, hot glue sticks, and paper.

### ***'GO Heights' Program***

- **Kids to Parks Day** was this past Saturday. If you missed our **Monarch Geocache**, don't worry! We will be keeping it out in the parks through the week. For more information on joining the hunt go to <https://bit.ly/harkerheightsevents>.
- Don't have a fishing license? No problem June 4<sup>th</sup> is **Free Fishing Day** in the State of Texas. Join the **GO Heights program** from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Carl Levin Pond to try your hand at fishing. GO Heights will be providing a few fishing poles and bait if you do not have any.

### ***ATHLETICS***

The **2022 Youth Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball** season started with games on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> with over 40 teams. Thank you to our many coach and officials who are volunteering.

Registration is ongoing until May 17<sup>th</sup> for **2022 Ability Bowling**, a program designed for those aged 5-22 with special needs or disabilities.

Positions are available for **Officials and Scorekeepers** for Baseball, Softball, Tee Ball, and Volleyball. A training will be held for Softball Officials on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and a Baseball Officials training will be held Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Community Park.

### ***AQUATICS***

You can purchase your 2022 Carl Levin Park Outdoor **Pool Pass** or reserve for a **Pool Party** now at the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

We are still hiring **Lifeguards, Water Safety Instructors, and Pool Managers** for the 2022 summer season. Apply by visiting the Harker Heights Recreation Center.

### ***SENIOR RECREATION***

The Recreation Center is wrapping up **Older Americans Month** with **We Go Bananas for Our Seniors** on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Join us for banana splits and ice cream sundaes at the Recreation Center.

The new topic for **Lifelong Learning** is **“History’s Greatest Voyages of Exploration”**. Join us as we watch a video series on the greatest voyages of exploration throughout history every Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center.

Enjoy some recreational **Senior Volleyball** every Thursday from 12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. The first 30 minutes will be a warm up and then followed up with game play.

Senior citizens 50+ are invited to the **Wednesday Wellness Walks** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at the new time of 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at Carl Levin Park, 400 Miller's Crossing. Participants will meet by the pool.

### ***RECREATION CENTER***

Election Day for the **Primary Runoff** will be held at the Recreation Center on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

The City of Harker Heights and Veterans Council invite everyone to the **Memorial Ceremony & Remembrance Walk 2022**. The ceremony will be at Carl Levin Park Amphitheater (400 Miller's Crossing) on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with the walk to follow. It will feature a traditional wreath laying to honor those who gave their lives. Following the ceremony will be a Remembrance Walk around the park. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will move indoors at the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing). For more information, call 254-953-5657.

**Parks and Recreation Month** is right around the corner in July. Be sure to mark our big events so you don't miss any of the excitement.

**Parks and Rec Fest** is on July 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come on out and celebrate our Parks with a fun day out at the park.

**Splash Bash** will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> in Kern Park (400 S. Ann Blvd) from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Join in on water slides, fun activities, and the largest water balloon fight of the season!

## **LIBRARY**

**It's Summer at the Library!** Join the **Family Camp READ Summer Reading club!** Read, listen, and write all summer long. You can join either in person at the Library or online at [harkerheights.readsquared.com](http://harkerheights.readsquared.com). The virtual portion of the club contains challenges, booklists, games, and more! You can even collect virtual badges. Let's all read together as a community.

**The Library's Family Camp Read summer program booklet is here!** Check out the array of story times, craft programs, science clubs, performers, book discussion groups, and special events at <https://harkerheights.gov/librarispecialevents>. The Family Camp read encourages the entire community to develop healthy minds, bodies, and hearts with a combination of intellectual, physical, and emotional pursuits. We all learn when we have fun together! Practicing healthy life habits improves attitudes and cultivates happiness. Only a few programs require prior registration. You can also pick up a booklet at the Library!

**The Library's hours are changing in June!** Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Library will increase its open hours on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Our community can now enjoy more time for finding great books, using our computers, enjoying the Maker Space, and attending special events.

For June, July, and August 2022, the **Maker Space** will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Drop by to see what you can make with whatever is there! The Maker Space provides an environment for innovation, critical thinking, and collaboration. Do you have craft supplies, rolls of paper, unusual buttons, or other odds and ends? The Library and Activities center can use them! We have opened our Maker Space, and we always need supplies to encourage attendees to be creative!

**Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> the Library will begin accepting book donations again!** Bring by your used books, audiobooks, or movies to be given to the Friends of the Library. These books will be placed into circulation by the Library, used in the Little Free Libraries found throughout the City of Harker Heights, sent to needy groups and individuals, or sold in the Friends of the Library book sales. Book donations are taken during the Library's open hours at the front circulation desk. If you have a large number of books or will need assistance moving them from your vehicle, please call 254-953-5491 to make arrangements for the Library to help. The Library is unable to accept magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, journals, textbooks, or class notebooks.

The **Library Director spoke at the Texas Library Association Meeting** in April 2022. Her presentation, entitled **"Get Movin': Healthy Living Programs for community Engagement,"** focused on the need for Libraries to collaborate with local service organizations, clubs, schools, and City Departments to provide programming that combines physical activities with intellectual and emotional growth. **The Library would like to thank the Harker Heights Activities Center, Parks and Recreation, and Police Department** with which they have worked to provide a variety of fun, educational, and beneficial programs. The Library featured to other Texas Librarians the advantages of working with other professionals to implement meaningful programs that will positively affect the community.

# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT / CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Economic Development Report

### APRIL 2022 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

#### COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City issued **two (2)** commercial construction permits within the month of April.

- 2315 Indian Trail, Nine-suite commercial retail and office center
  - Valued at \$1,536,000.00
- 400 W. Central Texas Expressway, A+ Federal Credit Union (remodel)
  - Valued at \$47,500.00

**To date (April 30, 2022) the City has issued a total of four (4) commercial permits totaling \$2,365,500.00 in project valuation for calendar year 2022.**

#### RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The City has issued a total of **nineteen (19)** permits for single-family residential construction within the month of April.

- 19 Single Family Permits in Cedarbrook Ridge

The City has issued a total of **three (3)** permits for two-family (duplex) residential construction within the month of April.

- 1 Duplex within the North Side – Turnbo Rd.
- 2 Duplexes within Comanche Land – Hopi Tr.

**To date (April 30, 2022) the City has issued a total of fifty-eight (58) residential permits in calendar year 2022; fifty (50) single-family permits, eight (8) two-family permits, and zero (0) multi-family permits.**

As of April 30, 2022, the estimated population for the City of Harker Heights is **34,517** residents. According to the US Census, the population as of April 1, 2020 was 33,097 residents. Since that time, we have added 478 new water accounts with an average household size of 2.97.

# **CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

**April 1 thru April 30, 2022**

<b>Violation Type</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Other*	63	43.15%
Outside Storage	25	17.12%
Bulk Items	15	10.27%
Brush	14	9.59%
Grass	13	8.90%
Trailer	4	2.74%
Trash	4	2.74%
Basketball Goal	3	2.05%
Tires	3	2.05%
Boat	1	0.68%
Fencing	1	0.68%
Building Inspection	0	0.00%
Junk Vehicle	0	0.00%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Skirting	0	0.00%
Tree limbs	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</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

## CODE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

**October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022**

Violation Type	Quantity	Percentage
Other*	519	34.35%
Grass	367	24.29%
Outside Storage	259	17.14%
Bulk Items	141	9.33%
Brush	72	4.77%
Trailer	44	2.91%
Tires	25	1.65%
Basketball Goal	24	1.59%
Trash	22	1.46%
Fencing	19	1.26%
Tree limbs	10	0.66%
Junk Vehicle	3	0.20%
Boat	2	0.13%
Building Inspection	2	0.13%
Skirting	2	0.13%
Rubbish & Trash Containers	0	0.00%
Total	1,511	100.00%

\*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