

## July 2025 Newsletter

Harker Heights Senior Recreation

### Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing

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Message from Harker Heights Senior Program Manager

#### Hello,

July is a time to celebrate freedom, community, and the great outdoors! We're proud to observe both Independence Day and National Parks & Recreation Month—a time to recognize the vital role Parks & Recreation plays in our lives.

Parks & Recreation Professionals Day – July 18 Take a moment to thank the dedicated staff who help make our parks, programs, and events possible.

Popsicles in the Park and Parks Bash are happening this month! See event details inside the newsletter.

July 1: The Rec Center will be closed from 2:30-5:00 PM — no Mahjong or Ping Pong that day.

July 4 & 5: Both the Rec Center and Activities Center will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

July 7 & 14: No Granny Basketball due to Youth Basketball Camp.

Join us for Mahjong every Tuesday from 1:00–4:00 PM at the Rec Center. All skill levels welcome! We hope to see you at our programs and events throughout the month. Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!

Best Regards,

## Nichole Broemer

Recreation Center & Senior Program Manager

# Did You Know?

- Canada Day on July 1 is a Canadian federal holiday that celebrates the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867.
- July 3 brings the start of the hon and sultry Dog Days of Summer!
- We celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 on July 4 each year.
- International Town Criers Day is on July 11.
- Celebrate National Hot Dog Day on July 17.
- July 27 is Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day.
- Enjoy a tasty cheesecake on National Cheesecake Day.
- Celebrities Birthdays: Princess Diana (7/1/61), Liv Tyler (7/1/77), Tom Cruise (7/3/62), Kevin Bacon (7/8/58), Harrison Ford (7/13/42), Jennifer Lopez (7/24/69), Arnold Schwarzenegger (7/30/47).









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The Harker Heights Recreation Center & Activities Center

## CLOSURE Tuesday, July 1, 2025 from 2:30 pm - 5 pm

for biannual employee recognition ceremony. The centers will resume normal business hours at 5 pm.



HARKER HEIGHTS

PARKS AND RECREATION



Enjoy free popsicles WEDNESDAYS in IULY 10am-12pm Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month

JULY 2- CARL LEVIN PARK JULY 9- PURSER FAMILY PARK **JULY 16- KERN PARK** JULY 23- POOL AT CARL LEVIN PARK







Thursdays | 11 am - 12:45 pm Harker Heights Recreation Center 307 Miller's Crossing

Active Seniors (50+) are invited to PLAY a variety of recreational activities and games. Each month will be a new activity to keep you moving and having fun. A great opportunity to exercise and socialize with friends.

For more info, email nbroemer@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5683.



July's Activity: Pickleball





CLOSED Independence Day

Friday, July 4, 2025 & Saturday, July 5, 2025

The centers will resume normal business hours on July 7, 2025.



V.I.A. MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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# Mahjong

Tuesdays | 1 pm - 4 pm
Harker Heights Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing

A tile-based game based on Chinese characters and symbols. Similar to the Western card game rummy, Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and luck.

For more info, email nbroemer@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5683.







# BINGO



Thursday, July 17, 2025 / 1 pm - 2:30 pm Harker Heights Recreation Center 307 Miller's Crossing

Sponsor: Amy Sargent UnitedHealthcare

For more info, email nbroemer@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5683.



# Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library Summer 2025 Book Discussions

Join our book discussion club for adults! Enjoy a lively discussion in person at the Library and/or online at 6:30 pm!

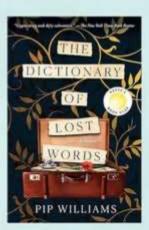
Just e-mail <u>lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov</u> for an invitation to our virtual meeting or drop in the Library for the in-person meeting!



Thursday, June 26



Thursday, July 17



Thursday, August 21





## LUNCH & LEARN

Friday, July 18, 2025 11:45 am - 1:30 pm

Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD

FREE Lunch / Harker Heights Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing Space is limited; pre-registration required. / Registration opens: July 7, 2025

Pre-register by calling 254-953-5657 or in person at the Recreation Center.

For more info, email nbroemer@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5683.

# **OPEN SWIM HOURS**

Carl Levin Park Outdoor Pool: 400 Miller's Crossing

Tuesdays-Fridays: 1:00 pm-7:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

**OPENS** June 3, 2025 **Daily Admission Fees** 

Non-Residents Ages Residents Free Ages 0 - 1 Free Ages 2 - 17 \$3.00 \$4.00 Ages 18 - 49 \$4.00 \$6.00 Ages 50 + \$3.00 \$4.00

Gate Admission: Cash Only Pool Passes on sale at the HH Rec Center.



## Lets Help Feed the Kids of Tomorrow



### HHPRD ATHLETICS FOOD DRIVE

Donate items to benefit the Killeen ISD H.A.R.P. (Homeless Awareness Response Program)

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter\* Chili\* Pasta Soup\*

Rice Pasta Sauce\* Macaroni & Cheese Fruit (canned)\*

Starches Meat (canned)\*

Non-Perishable Snacks Beans\*

Ramen Noodles Veggies (canned) Can Openers

**Indicates High Need** 

### DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Rec Center: 307 Miller's Crossing Police Dept: 402 Indian Trail

Accepting donations until Oct 31, 2025

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### Important Reminder for All Harker Heights Residents!



As we approach Independence Day, we want to ensure everyone enjoys a safe and happy celebration. Please be reminded that discharging fireworks within the Harker Heights City Limits is illegal. Let's keep Harker Heights safe for everyone!

Enjoy your celebration responsibly and thank you for helping us maintain a safe and peaceful community!



This ordinance is in place to protect our community from potential hazards.

The discharge of fireworks within the Harker Heights city limits is illegal per Chapter 130, Section 130.41 FINDINGS; PURPOSE, of the City of Harker Heights Code of Ordinances. A violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.