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The City of Harker Heights Parks and Recreation













"Creating community through people, parks, and programs."





-Written by Adam Trujillo

These are just three of the many faces of your parks. There are many people behind the scenes that keep everything going. It was an honor to share their passion and dedication this month. I got to see them in action and showing their dedication. Their work is important and we all should be extremely proud they chose to work here, at the City of Harker Heights. Be sure to thank them the next time you see them in the park or leave a comment at City Hall.

For all City Parks Crew Members, the work is hard and varies day to day. No matter the countless acres mowed or days working in the rain, they are always here for the citizens of Harker Heights.

There is nearly 200 acres of park land to care for, which does not include the city buildings, irrigation, drainage ditches, and maintenance of all the facilities they take care of as well. The City's Departments rely on the park's crews for so many things. We are so lucky to have them on our team.



Norris Lockett
Athletics Grounds Crew N

Athletics Grounds Crew Member 17 years with HH Parks Department

Norris can always be seen grinning. His good nature and overall happiness are

contagious. Growing up in Harker Heights Norris got to see the city and number of parks grow. Coming to work and working outside is what he loves the most. Being able to serve the community in such an enjoyable way makes working in the department for 17 years go by in a flash. It even took Norris a minute to figure out how long he has been with the city! That is because he is not here just to get a paycheck. Just like his fellow Park's Crew Members, Norris loves his job and is passionate about the work he does.



### **James Mize**

Neighborhood Parks and Open Space Crew 2 years with HH Parks Department

"I knew what I was getting myself into when I took the job," James told me with a smile. It is obvious that hard work does not scare him away. James started with the city only a few months before me. However, he had already worked for a City before and knew the amount of hard work that goes with the job. He described the enjoyment he gets from seeing citizens using the parks and thanking him for his hard work.

James has been working in parks maintenance for 7 years now and we are lucky to have him working for our city.



### Luis Araujo

Neighborhood Parks and Open Space Crew 11 years with HH Parks Department

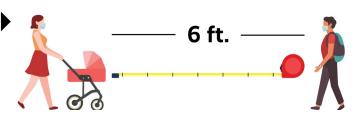
Luis is always ready for the next project. There is no "typical" day on the Parks Crew. One day you may be mowing, and the next day be setting up a stage for a festival.

As a city buildings crew member, Luis is part of the small team that is in entrusted to keep our buildings looking beautiful and running smoothly. They will support the other parks crews when they are not keeping up the city buildings. Summer is the "mowing season" and it is hard to keep up with all the work. Luis and his coworkers will be running around all summer to keep up mowing, irrigation repair, facility repair, and the list goes on from there.



# **Tips for Physical Distancing In Parks**

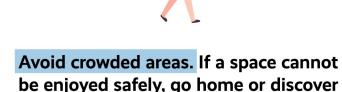
Know what 6 feet looks like. Lay measuring tape on the ground. It's the distance of a surfboard, long yoga mat or adult bike.



Go by yourself or those you live with. Strongly consider the use of a face covering.







a new park in your community.



For more resources on how to use parks safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit: nrpa.org/Coronavirus

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### **PARKS & REC ADMINISTRATION**

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Activities Center & Events Manager Activities Coordinator Activities Center Specialist

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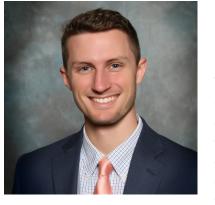
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Jennifer McCann	Place 1	Term May 202
Jackeline Soriano Fountain	Place 3	Term May 202
John Reider	Place 4	Term May 202
Jody Nicholas	Place 5	Term May 202
David Mitchell	City Manager	
Jerry Bark	Assistant City Ma	nager

### **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Natalie R. Austin Heidi Heckel Eva Keagle Patrick W. Kerr Jack Palmer Angie Wilson

# Message From the

# Director



Howdy!

Well 2020 has certainly been different than we expected... Our sports leagues have been cancelled, the community swimming pool has been shuttered for the season, and our facilities require all patrons

to wear facemasks. These examples are not utilized the minimize the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the health and wellbeing of Americans and people across the globe. Rather, these are just additional ways to show that these times represent the alteration of almost every aspect of life, including how we recreate.

These are very odd and trying times. But Parks and Recreation professionals and patrons are optimists and we believe that we can come out of this situation better and more engaged than ever. Virtual programming, family-focused events at home or at the park and use of green space have all increased during the pandemic. This shows that Parks and Recreation is not only essential to a high quality of life, but these facilities and programs are also essential to ensuring positive public health outcomes. Many are seeking respite from the stress and anxiety that the pandemic has brought to their lives and getting active is proving to be the best medicine.

Though our goal is to 'Create Community' through our facilities and programs, we must remember that there are many ways to do that. Though we may not be able to enjoy a swim at the Carl Levin Park Pool or participate in a pickup basketball game at the Rec Center, we can still find community in our love for the outdoors and for other forms of active recreation. Though it will be from 6 feet away and while wearing a mask, please be sure to say hi when you see us at one of our parks and programs; more than ever, we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Jeff Achée



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# **RECREATION GUIDE**

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### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Office: 254.953.5657 • Fax: 254.953.5658
www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/parks
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### MISSION STATEMENT

# "Creating community through people, parks, and programs."

### RECREATION CENTER HOURS

Monday – Frida Saturday Sunday & Holida

Temporary Hours 8am - 6pm, MWF 8am - 9pm, TTH

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### **2020 OBSERVED HOLIDAYS**

Independence Day (Observed)

Labor Day

September 7

\*Dates are subject to change. Please check the City website for any changes to the observed holidays and additional closures.\*

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

City Hall	254.953.5600
Fire/ EMS (non-emergency)	254.699.2688
Pet Adoption Center	254.953.5472
Police (non-emergency)	254.953.5400
Public Library	254.953.5491
Recreation Center	254.953.5657
Activities Center	254.953.5493
Sports Line	254.953.5660
Water	254.953.5630
Water After Hours Emergency	254.681.6779
In case of Emergency call 911	

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**RESIDENCY:** A resident, for registration purposes, is anyone who lives within the corporate boundaries of the City of Harker Heights and/or a business owner that pays taxes to the City of Harker Heights. Any person residing outside these limits will be considered a non-resident and assessed a fee accordingly.

**REFUND POLICY:** Refund of fees shall be made under the following conditions:

- The Parks and Recreation Department cancels the program/league. Persons registered for a program/league which is canceled by the department (i.e. lack of enrollment) shall receive a full refund of fees.
- 2. Participant Cancellation If, prior to the start of a program/league, participants cancel their registration, they will receive a refund of fees, less a \$5.00 service charge.
- 3. No refunds or credits will be issued once the program/league has started.
- 4. There will be no prorating of program/league fees.
- 5. Refund may take up to 2-3 weeks to receive in the mail.

### **ONLINE PROCESSING FEE:**

- 1. No refund will be issued for online registration processing fee in case of refund requests.
- 2. Cases that the City of Harker Heights cancels an activity, the online processing fee is Non-Refundable.

### **REGISTRATION:**

Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be accepted in the following ways:

1. Walk-in: Parks and Recreation Contact Support Suppo

Online: Visit our Harker Heights' Active Net website at https://apm.activecommunities.com/HarkerHeightsPR

# Make checks payable to: Harker Heights Parks and Recreation

(please note the program name on the memo line)
All checks returned for insufficient funds will be subject to a \$30.00 charge.

For programs with a specific registration due date, all registrations not received by said date will be placed on a waiting list. If a deadline is not specified, registration will be accepted until the program is full. For such dates, refer to the recreation guide. Registration is required BEFORE participation in any program. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel, combine, change time or date, or make any revisions which may be necessary.



### **PARK AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES:**

- Park Hours All City parks are open from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm, unless special hours are approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 2. Athletic facilities Utilization of these facilities must receive approval from the Athletics Department PRIOR to use.
- 3. Alcoholic beverages or intoxicated behavior in park and athletic facilities is not permitted.
- The use of loud speakers, public address systems or amplifiers is prohibited without written permission. (Ch. 95 – Noise Regulations – City Ord.)
- 5. Vehicles must be parked in the designated parking areas.
- 6. Animals must be confined to a leash.
- 7. All signs, placards, flags, and banners must be approved before posting.
- 8. Fishing in the pond is permitted with applicable license. Currently, the pond is a "catch and release" fishing area.
- 9. All litter must be disposed of properly to include pet wastes.
- 10. Special event permits must be submitted for reservations of facilities. (Ch. 100 Special Events City Ord.)
- 11. NO patron may kill, harm, trap, confine, catch or possess wildlife within a park.
- 12. The following are prohibited:
  - a. Glass Containers
  - b. Swimming in Ponds
  - c. Removal or Destruction of Vegetation
  - d. Selling Goods and Services (without permit)
  - e. Fires except in Barbecue Grills
  - f. Vehicles Left Overnight
  - g. Fireworks
  - h. Weapons of any kind
- 13. Smoking is prohibited within 20 feet of sports fields, sports courts, food concessions and spectator bleachers.

### **RENTALS:**

An Application for Facility Rental form and fee will be required for each park facility rental. Requests for reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Requests for reservations can be done only in person. Each facility will have its own deposit/fee requirements.

### **FACILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Hours of Operation: Recreation Center:

Temporary Hours 8am - 6pm, MWF 8am - 9pm, TTH

**Activities Center:** 

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Each parent or guardian is responsible for his/her child, guest and own behavior while participating in any activity in the facilities. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

- 1. All persons are required to comply with the instructions of HHPRD staff.
- 2. Fighting will not be tolerated in the building or on the premises. Children and adults are subject to a suspension from the facilities for any instances of fighting.
- 3. Horseplay and profane language are not allowed in the facilities.
- 4. Smoking or use of tobacco products are not permitted within the facilities.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted within the Recreation Center. Permits for alcoholic beverages at the Activities Center must be requested through City Council at least thirty days in advance.
- 6. Weapons of any kind are not allowed on the premises.
- Articles of clothing must be worn properly (shorts, pants, etc.). Appropriate shoes are to be worn during the activities (unless authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department).
- 8. Skateboards, rollerblades, skates, Heelys shoes, scooters, and bicycles are not allowed in the building.
- 9. Jewelry is not allowed in gymnasium during open and league play.
- 10. Food and drinks other than bottled water are not allowed inside the gymnasium. In the event of any spills, please inform a recreation center staff member.
- 11. Bags are not allowed inside gymnasium.
- 12. Signs are posted inside gymnasium specifying additional regulations.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was assembled in 1995. The board is composed of six members and two alternates, which are appointed by the City Council. The Board is governed by the Code of Ordinance § 33.35.

The Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall have no supervisory function and shall have no rulemaking or quasi-judicial authority. The Board is organized to advise the City Council on policy and programs.

### ATHLETICS

Each team athletic activity will have its own by-laws and constitution and will pertain to that sport solely. The make-up of these rules is governed by the Athletic Coordinator or their designee. These by-laws and the constitution will be updated prior to the beginning of each season.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

These policies are to be utilized as a guideline for staff in the development and coordination of future and existing programs and activities offered by the department. The items listed are subject to change periodically without notice. Details about specific programs, including fees, registration dates and availability of classes are subject to change at any time.

**DEPARTMENT POLICIES** 

PHOTO POLICY: On occasion, the City of Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department may take photos and/or video of participants enrolled in sponsored programs/events or at our parks. Please be aware that these photos and videos are for department use only and may be used in future brochures, flyers, presentations, advertisements, or on the City's website and social media.

### **PROOF OF RESIDENCY PROGRAM SIGN-UP**

Any person signing up for a Harker Heights Parks and Recreation program will be required to show proof of residency at the time of registration to receive resident discount.

Acceptable forms of residency confirmation: current driver's license, utility bill, or post-marked envelope with ID.

Any changes in residency must be kept up to date with the Parks and Recreation staff.

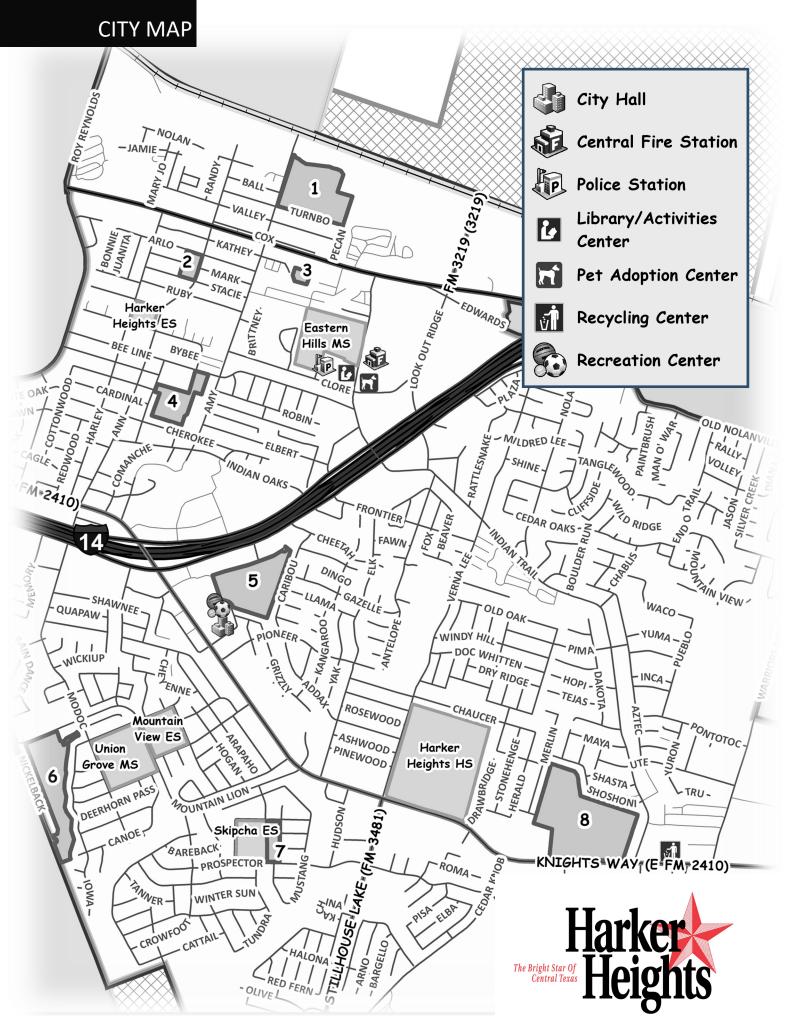
Multiple child discounts for youth sports registration and some programs are available on same day sign-ups for siblings only with same address.

### **PROOF OF RESIDENCY FACILITY USAGE**

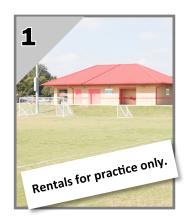
Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times in all of our facilities. Proof of age may be requested at time of visit.



A yellow-crowned night heron stalking it's next meal at Carl Levin Park. This bird is an annual visitor to Harker Heights. Usually a coastal bird, they move inland for breeding.







### **SUMMIT SOCCER COMPLEX**

401 N. Amy Ln.

Summit Soccer Complex is a 33-acre space with 11 soccer fields as well as concessions and restrooms. Fields are open to the public when not reserved.

### Amenities:

- Restroom
- Open Play Area
- Soccer



### **KERN PARK**

400 S. Ann Blvd.

This 8-acre neighborhood park has picnic tables, an open play area, basketball court, and play ground equipment. Enjoy the wide open spaces and close proximity to nearby neighborhoods.

### Amenities:

- Playscape
- Picnic Areas
- Open Play Area
- Basketball (Half Court)



### **KERN FIELD**

220 E. Kathey Rd.

This 2-acre athletic park is available to rent. Fields are open to the public when not reserved.

### Amenities:

- Restroom
- Baseball/ Softball



### **GOODE - CONNELL PARK**

110 E. Beeline

This 14-acre Neighborhood park will include an exercise trail, playground area, climbing boulders, picnic tables, open play area, park benches, and practice fields for soccer and baseball/ softball.

### Jogging Walking Amenities:

- Playscape
- Picnic Areas
- Soccer Baseball
- Open Play Area





### **CARL LEVIN PARK**

400 Millers Crossing

This 35-acre Community park has picnic units, grills, basketball court, lighted walking/ jogging trail, playground equipment, outdoor swimming pool, exercise stations, open play area, fishing pond, 40'x60' pavilion, gazebo, amphitheater and restroom facilities.

### Amenities:

- Playscape
- Restrooms
- Picnic Areas
- Open Play Area
- Pavilions
- Swimming
- Fishing Pond
- Pool
- Gazebo
- Jogging
- Walking Basketball
- Amphitheater



### **PURSER FAMILY PARK**

100 W. Mountain Lion Rd.

This 35-acre community park has a lighted walking/jogging trail and two 20'x20' pavilions. Purser Family Park has something for everyone and provides a beautiful backdrop for any occasion.

### Amenities:

- Open Play Area
- Pavilions
- Grills
- Jogging
- Walking
- Frisbee Golf
- Dog Park



### **SKIPCHA PARK**

515 Prospector Trail

This is a joint use park on 5acres with playground equipment, picnic units, open play area, a pavilion, and jogging/ walking trail. This parks is adjacent to Skipcha Elementary School.

- Playscape
- Restrooms
- Picnic Areas
- Open Play Area Pavilions

Amenities:

Playscape

• Picnic Areas

Jogging Walking



### **HARKER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK**

1501 E. FM 2410

This 62-acre athletic/ community park is one of the cities athletic facilities and features a lighted walking/ jogging trail.

### Amenities:

- Playscape
- Restrooms
- Picnic Areas
- Open Play Area
- NEW STORY WALK!
- Pavilions
- Jogging
- Walking
- Baseball Softball

### **COVID-19: PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS**



Follow CDC's guidance on

ersonal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.

Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.





**Observe CDC's minimum** recommended physical distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.





# **VIRTUAL** RECREATION CENTER

# **COVID-19 Resources and Activities**

Harker Heights Parks and Recreation, Activities Center, and Library has brought you safe activities together during the COVID-19 pandemic. In our devoted webpage you can find information on:

- Nature and the Great Outdoors
- Staying active
- Staying ready for Sports from home
- Virtual Tours and Live Feeds
- Arts and Crafts
- ·Books, Storytimes, Authors, and More
- •Education For Kids
- Museums and Zoos
- •COVID-19 Resources



Find these resources at http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/index.php/virtualrecreationcenter. HARKER HEIGHTS

# **RECREATION CENTER**



### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Mor Satu Sam - 6pm, MWF 8am - 9pm, TTH

HARKER HEIGHTS REC CENTER PARKS & RECREATION 307 MILLER'S CROSSING HARKER HEIGHTS, TX 76548

OFFICE 254.953.5657 FAX 254.953.5658 WWW.CI.HARKER-HEIGHTS.TX.US/PARKS

### **STAFF**

### **Recreation Superintendent**

Jonathan Hanson - jhanson@harkerheights.gov

### **Athletic Coordinator**

W. Bailey Ross - wross@harkerheights.gov

### **ALL YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION FEES**

Resident Non-Resident \$45.00 for 1st child \$55.00 per child

\$40.00 for 2nd child \$35.00 for 3rd + child

Multi-child discount applies for same day registration for residents only.

Register at the Harker Heights Recreation Center or online at

https://apm.activecommunities.com/HarkerHeightsPR.

### **Athletics**

Visit <u>www.teamsideline.com/harkerheights</u> for up-to-date schedules, scores, standings, notifications, downloadable by-laws, and more!

### **SportsLine**

Please call the Harker Heights SportsLine in the event of bad weather conditions 254.953.5660.

### **REGISTER IN PERSON**

Register in person at the Recreation Center, 307 Miller's Crossing where staff can help you.

We encourage you to create an account online first at <a href="https://apm.activecommunities.com/HarkerHeightsPR">https://apm.activecommunities.com/HarkerHeightsPR</a> before registering. This will help speed up the registration process and ensure correct information.



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### **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Get immediate confirmation of payment, activity or sport registration, and all from the comfort of home or on the go! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 254.953.5657.

### Register online at:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/HarkerHeightsPR or scan the QR code. ActiveNet charges a nonrefundable convenience fee for this service and a valid email address is required.

# YOUTH SPORTS

### **CO-REC YOUTH FALL SOCCER**

Registration Dates: TBD Ages: 4 - 14 Season Starts: TBD Coaches Meeting: TBD \*all dates subject to change

All games will be played at the Summit Soccer Complex, 401 N. Amy Ln Harker Heights, TX 76548. Participants will learn skills and practice techniques as well as develop an interest in sports and physical activity.

## **ADULT SPORTS**

### **DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Registration: TBD Coaches Meeting: TBD Season Starts: TBD

Fee: TBD

\*all dates subject to change

# Thank You

### to our 2020 Youth Sports Coaches

Adam Parker Aime Strickland Alexis Groce Alicia Mora Allen Doyle Allen Strickland Allison Hayes Ambria Farley Andre Williams Anibal Guzman Anthony Chandler Anthony Collins Ashley Grant Barry Gormley Betty Monjaras Bobby Webb Bradley Cockrell Brandón Miner Brett Becker Brian Key Bryan Reed Bryan Walters Burton Oliver Chandler Colton Charles Cyrus Charles Jónes Cherith Caldwell Christopher Burrell Christopher Stelle Colsha Dawson Cory Webster Crystal Stelle Damaris Cabrera **Daniel Sturges** Darlene Beckett David Mull David Scott Denise Botello Derrick Watson Eddie Romero Elisabeth Ramirez Elizabeth Kratwell Elsa Coucannouer Ernest Hernandez Esperanza Rodriguez-Ethan Lewandowski Farron Kelly - Wurst

George Crowder Gerardo Moralez Hanna Steelman Ileana Rodriguez Faure Isis Espinoza- Gold Jack Byse Jackeline Fountain Jaime Vargas James Adcock James Burnett James Henderson Jarrod Provost Jarrod Sabrowsky Jason Woolverton Jc Schoel Jeffrey Dressing Jeffrey Peirre-Louis Jessicá Colsia Joel Kipuke John Leivan John Turck Jonathan Dvareckas Jonathan Juliano Jonathan Stilley Jonathan Trandem Joseph Ingalls Iulia Hamre Julian Gibbs Justin Dingman Justin Millsap Justin Moss Kaleb Warner **Kandice Records** Karry Woods Katrina Hennington Keri Jones Kerry Ann Frazier Keviń Durham Kristen Lawhorn Larry Carver Laura Dvareckas Leslie Hufstedler-Alvarez Lorissa Byse Loyal Farley Martin Loeffler

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to our Parks and Recreation Sponsors!















# RECRUITING COACHES

### **COACHING IS A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Volunteering to coach is an incredible opportunity to give back! You will have the ability to mentor children, interact with parents and officials, and make a difference.

### COACHING CAN PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

If you are looking to coach, work as a teacher, or work with kids; volunteering to coach will allow you to have real life experience. It will be excellent preparation and help your resume stand out!

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### **CONNECT TO THE COMMUNITY**

Be a part of where you are! Get out, get active, and connect to the community. Volunteering can help make your community a better place!

### HARKER HEIGHTS PARKS AND RECREATION

Harker Heights Parks and Recreation is a division of the City of Harker Heights. Parks and Recreation is in charge of planning and running a sports programs year round! Our goal is to get kids out, get them active, and create a love for sports through the different programs offered.

To accomplish these goals, we need volunteers as officials and coaches. If you want to have a future in coaching or teaching, have a passion for sports, or just want a way to volunteer, this is a perfect opportunity to get involved!

# OFFICIALS NEEDED

### DO YOU LOVE SPORTS?

If you are or were an athlete, a sports enthusiast, or want to work with kids; officiating is a great way to get involved and stay involved in sports. It might even star your future officiating career!

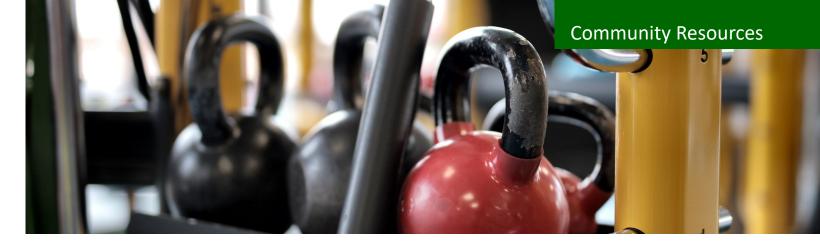
### OFFICIATING IS A PART TIME POSITION

What's better than knowing about and watching sports? Getting paid to know about and watch sports! You could one day turn it into a full time job.

### **POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE**

This is one career field where organizations are always hiring! Texas and the nation are currently short officials for multiple sports. This is an opportunity to get involved right away.

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# COMMUNITY RECREATION RESOURCES

### **Desert Storm Paintball**

562.235.5533

https://www.heightssportspark.com/paintball

401 Farm-To-Market 3219 Harker Heights, TX 76548

# Gametime Indoor Soccer Arena

254.768.6200

https://www.heightssportspark.com/ 401 Farm-To-Market 3219



Harker Heights, TX 76548

# Boulders Sport Climbing Center

254.690.9790

www.climbboulders.com 325 Indian Trail Harker Heights, TX 76548



# Central Texas Athletic Club 254.698.2542

www.ctxac.com

701 Sun Meadows Dr. Harker Heights, TX 76548

# Armed Services YMCA Killeen:

Harker Heights Wellness Center

254.690.9622

<u>asymca.org/Killeen-home</u> 110 Mountain Lion Rd. Harker Heights, TX 76548

### Me, My Mat, and I Yoga Studio

512.640.9707

https://www.memymatandi.com/ 905 Mountain Lion Circle Suite 600 Harker Heights, TX 76548

# Texas Tumblers Gymnastics 254.690.6800

http://www.texastumblers.com/ 323 Indian Trail

Harker Heights, Texas 76548

### **Texas Skateland**

254.699.8852

https://www.facebook.com/
txskateland

205 Cox Dr

Harker Heights, Texas 76548

### Gyms

# Orangetheory Fitness 254.870.4700

harkerheights.orangetheoryfitness.com

3045 Stillhouse Lake Road, Suite #108 Harker Heights, TX 76548

### **Anytime Fitness**

254.449.7667

anytimefitness.com/gyms/4046

560 E Central Texas Expy Ste. 103-107 Harker Heights, TX 76548

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FITNESS & RECREATION



# GET OUTDOORS HARKER HEIGHTS

GO Heights! (Get Outdoors Heights) is Harker Heights' year-round outdoor recreation program. It offers outdoor adventure opportunities to participants of all ages and abilities. Participants are given the opportunity to learn outdoor skills, challenge themselves, find adventure, and enjoy the great outdoors. For more information call 254.953.5466.

www.meetup.com/GO-Heights





## HIKING

### Haunted Forest Hike Ages 13+

Dana Peak Park

3800 Comanche Gap, Rd.

Come hike and learn to identify some trees! Join your guide, Adam, on an adventurous hike. There may even be some time for spooky stories!

We will meet at the 90° turn right before the gate house. Email atrujillo@harkerheights.gov for a map.

Oct 17, 2020 Sat, 5pm-7pm FREE

# Tree Tour— Family Hike Chalk Ridge Falls Park

5600 FM1670, Belton, TX 76513

This is a fun introductory level hike. We will be preparing for Texas Arbor Day on this hike by exploring and identifying local trees. Email atrujillo@harkerheights.gov for a map.

Nov 4, 2020	Wed, 5pm-6pm	FREE
Nov 7, 2020	Sat, 9am-10am	FREE



## **KAYAKING**

Kayaking 101 Ages 18+
Stillhouse Lake Park

4596 Simmons Rd, Belton, TX 76513

Space is limited for this adventure, sign up early to reserve your spot. This short lesson in kayaking will get you excited about the sport and all its benefits. \*All children must be accompanied by an adult on a tandem kayak. Call 254.953.5466 for information. Meet at Scuba Paradise.

Oct 1, 2020 Thur, 6:pm-8pm TBD

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# **FITNESS & RECREATION**

Enjoy the benefits of staying healthy and fit by enrolling in one or more of the Harker Heights fitness and recreation classes. The department offers a wide range of year-round classes for all ages. Regular physical activity can improve your mood, health, and life expectancy. Attending classes provides opportunities to learn something new, stay active, and meet new friends.

### REGISTRATION

To register for sports, recreation, and fitness programs, visit Active Net online registration

https://apm.activecommunities.com/ HarkerHeightsPR

or the Recreation Center (307 Miller's Crossing).



# MARTIAL ARTS

### Tae Kwon Do Ages 5+

**House of Discipline** 

Instructor: Grand Master James McMurray

Beginner		Activity #: 2	2027
Monthly (Resident) Monthly (Non-Resident)	Tu/Th, 5:30pm-6:15pm	Rec Center	\$35
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Advanced		Activity #: 2	028
Monthly (Resident) Monthly (Non-Resident)	Tu/Th, 6:45pm-7:30pm	Rec Center	\$35
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Hapkido Ages 17 + **House of Discipline** 

Instructor: Grand Master James McMurray

Activity#: 2029

Monthly (Resident)	Tu/Th, 8pm-8:45pm	Rec Center	\$35
Monthly (Non-Resident)	Tu/Th. 8pm-8:45pm	Rec Center	\$40

# FENCING

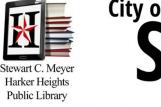
Swordplay Ages 7 - Adult **Recreational Fencing** Instructor: Coach Jo Tye

Activity #: 2030

Olympic style foil, epee and saber. Fencing teaches self-confidence, selfcontrol, quick thinking, and good sportsmanship. Everyone from the beginner to advanced fencers will have fun learning new skills and techniques practices and used throughout history. All ages and physical condition will benefit from this historically based sport. No experience required. Equipment is provided. Two to Three class tournaments per year.

Class motto: Respect, Honor, Tradition. Homeschool curriculum guide is available upon request.

\*Closed toe shoes and long pants required.



# StoryWalk®



# **Harker Heights Community Park** 1501 E. FM 2410 in Harker Heights

Take a stroll along the path! Read a new page of a story at each of the Story



Stops! Go to the website listed or click on the QR code to listen to the story as read to you by City of Harker Heights Staff and Volunteers!



August and September 2020 Story: "Little Red Running Hood: The Social Distancing Edition"



### **Community Garden Plot Rental**

**Carl Levin Park** 

400 Miller's Crossing 254.953.5493

Space is limited for the garden, contact us for availability at 254.953.5493. The Harker Heights Community Garden is comprised of 36 total (4 ft. x 8 ft.) garden plots. All beds are filled with a chocolate sandy loam compost mix which is ready to garden, but will need to be amended for best results. Members of the Community Garden are given an exclusive combination to unlock the gate and enter the garden between sunrise and sunset. The garden provides access to water with hoses and a shed for storage of personal gardening tools.

1 Year Lease	Residential	4x8ft plot	\$50
1 Year Lease	Non-Residential	4x8ft plot	\$60
1/2 Year Lease	Residential	4x8ft plot	\$25
1/2 Year Lease	Non-Residential	4x8ft plot	\$30





# **GARDEN EDUCATION**

Soil: It's Alive!

Did you know each handful of healthy soil can have more organisms in it than there are humans on Earth? That's a lot of living things right below our feet. In order to have healthy crops you must first have healthy soil.

How do you "feed" your soil? Well that's easy, organic matter. All the billions of organisms in your soil rely on the Carbon and Nutrient Cycle. By adding organic matter (dead plants and plant based products) we are adding carbon to the soil. This carbon feeds the microorganisms. The easiest way to build up organic matter is to compost at your home.

For more information check out the Community Garden Webpage by clicking HERE.

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### **ACTIVITIES CENTER**

400 Indian Trail Harker Heights, TX 76548 Office: 254.953.5493 Fax: 254.953.5467

www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/parks



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# ACTIVITIES CENTER SPECIALIST

Adam Trujillo, 254.953.5466 atrujillo@harkerheights.gov



### **ACTIVITIES CENTER**

The *Harker Heights Activities Center* offers various programs, organizes many of the city events, and offers recreational classes throughout the city.

Civic organizations, government entities, non-profits, businesses, and community programs supporting Harker Heights are eligible to rent the rooms from the Activities Center. Such uses may include meetings, retreats, trainings, workshops, conferences, and interviews. We currently do not rent the Activities Center for private functions. The Activities Center is located in the same building as the Harker Heights Public Library.

### Follow us on Facebook for Events and Program information. Click HERE to visit the Special Event Webpage.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS** 



# **Sponsor the next Recreation Guide:**

Heights Happenings

### Not sure how to help?

Sponsor the next addition of Heights Happenings, and help spread the word about our events and programs.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities contact Adam Trujillo at 254.953.5466, pick up an application at the Activities Center, or email atrujillo@harkerheights.gov.





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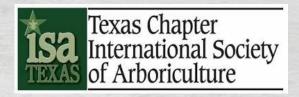
TEXAS ARBOR DAY 2020

The City of Harker Heights is honored to host the official Texas Arbor Day Ceremony for 2020. Tune-in live on Facebook or join us in person on November 6, 2020 at 10:00 am (live feed begins at 9:30 am). Harker Heights Parks and Recreation, along side the Stewart C. Meyer Public Library, will be providing online resources and activities for you to enjoy as family leading up to the event. Continue to check our <a href="webpage">webpage</a> and <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> for updates.











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# STEWART C. MEYER PUBLIC LIBRARY



### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Friday - Saturday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday & Holidays CLOSED

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OFFICE: 254.953.5491

WWW.CI.HARKER-HEIGHTS.TX.US/VIRTUALLIBRARY FACEBOOK.COM/HARKERHEIGHTSPUBLICLIBRARY

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Check out the Library's website at www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/virtuallibrary for a complete list of programs. All library programs are free of charge.

# VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS:

VIRTUAL BABY STEPS LAPSIT ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Tuesdays Year Round at 10:15 am

On Facebook

0 - 12 months

Babies and parents/caregivers learn the earliest of literacy skills! From nursery rhymes to songs to creative movement, babies will love this special program!

STORYTIME ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Thursdays at 10:15 am
Held Virtually on Facebook
Best for 3 – 6 years

# VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN:

VIRTUAL SCIENCE ON FACEBOOK

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm

**On Facebook** 

Best for 6-12 years

Join us each week for more videos. Our science topics will follow your journey in the Summer Reading Club.



### **TASTY TUESDAY**

Tuesdays at 2:00 pm Held Virtually on <u>Facebook</u> Best for ages 6 and older

Join us each week as we cook up tasty treats in the kitchen! All our recipes are easy for kids AND really yummy to eat!







### **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **VIRTUAL TEEN PROGRAMS**

READ, LEAD, SUCCEED!
FALL 2020 TEEN READING CLUB

Sign Up starts September 21, 2020

Teens ages 12-17 can "Fall" into reading adventures with the 2020 Teen Reading Club! With reading goals, badges, mini games, and a certificate once finished, this Fall Reading Club is full of fun. Just sign up at <a href="http://harkerheights.readsquared.com">http://harkerheights.readsquared.com</a> and start reading!

TEXSHARE DATABASES IN THE VIRTUAL LIBRARY
Remember, your Library card grants you FREE
access to the TexShare Databases and other great
researching resources! Visit the Virtual Library at
<a href="http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/VirtualLibrary">http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/VirtualLibrary</a> for
help with homework, science projects, and more!

### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

# VIRTUAL WRITER'S SUPPORT GROUP Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 pm

The Writer's Support Group has gone virtual!

Discuss your novel, get new ideas, help with plot twists, and more with this awesome group!

Email snelson@harkerheights.gov for the group link.

### **GET CRAFTY - FALL FRAMES**

### Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 4:00 pm

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this picture frame is worth a thousand looks! Get crafty by creating a beautiful Fall-inspired picture frame featuring tree bark. Registration is required and can be done on Active Net at

https://apm.activecommunities.com/ harkerheightspr starting on Monday, August 31, 2020.

The video will be posted on www.facebook.com/ harkerheightspubliclibrary on Sept. 8, 2020 at 4 pm.

### FIBER FRENZY FRIDAYS: KNIT-ALONG SPECIAL

### Fridays, Sept 11, 18, and 25 at 4:00 pm

Join us as we learn how to knit in the round to make a fun and simple seam-free hat. You will need worsted weight yarn in your choice of color(s), size 7



"We are here to keep you reading."

(16 in.) circular needles, and size 7 double-pointed needles. Even if you already know how to knit in the round, please join us and share your projects online!

### **VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB**

### Every Third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

We are excited to offer a Virtual Book Discussion Club! Please email lyoungblood@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5492 beforehand for the link to join the group. The books are:

Sept-Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok

Oct- Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Nov- Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson

Dec- Bad Blood by John Carreyrou

Jan 2021- Homer & Langley by E. L. Doctorow

### **ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE**

Need help with downloading e-books, searching on TexShare Databases, or finding resume information? Then schedule a one-on-one PHONE appointment with Reference Librarian Christina Link by calling 254-953-5491. The Library is currently only offering this service through phone calls.

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