

Haltom City... a place to call home

# CROSSROADS

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### ***Information Please?***

Smart phones and the internet have completely changed the information flow over the past 20 years. The internet now has developed an ever-increasing hunger for more information to be immediately provided to each individual, and has virtually made telephone books, newspapers, magazines, or encyclopedias obsolete. And while it is important for all to be informed of things that affects their lives, it is just as important to consider the source of the information.

One of the functions of a city government is to provide truthful and useful information to its citizens. This is a tremendous responsibility because the material is based on actual facts, statistics, and other legitimate data that is not altered to promote an agenda or program. The truth in all of the information given to the public must be sincere and subject to inspection. This is what is defined as "transparency" and it is an important factor of the trust citizens want to have with their elected officials and city staff.

Many citizens don't realize how much change is happening in Haltom City from one area to the next. Several major city properties have been purchased by developers for new residential housing and businesses and this has provided new economic growth that has positively impacted our community. And the Administration Department is doing its best to keep them informed. Remember development in one area can serve as a catalyst to benefit the whole. It takes time to revitalize a city and we are on the right track. It is the objective of the Council, Boards, and Staff to place the value of all citizens as our main priority. And that is the primary reason information provided on the city website is there to assist the community and is updated with figures that are accurately true. We will continue to be transparent in our actions and reports for the citizens of Haltom City, so always feel free to pick up the phone and call our Staff, Departments, or Council Members. You can also send an email or just drop by City Hall. Remember, we are here for you.



***Mayor of Haltom City, Dr. An Truong***

# COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Remember to sign up for our upgraded public notification system. This program gives us the ability to maximize our reach when immediate notifications are necessary in "imminent threat to life" situations. If you already receive Nixle alerts your data will transfer over, but you are encouraged to create a new account and add your contact and location information and subscribe.



**OPT-IN FOR NOTIFICATIONS HERE: [HCTX.GOV/EMERGENCY-NOTIFICATIONS](http://HCTX.GOV/EMERGENCY-NOTIFICATIONS)**

## OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

As a reminder, the City's outdoor warning system is activated for the following:

- Winds of 70 mph or greater
- Hail 1.5" in diameter or larger
- And/or signs of tornado rotation.

Our system activates automatically if we're included in a Tornado Warning polygon issued by the National Weather Service.

## HEAT SAFETY

Texas is known for its scorching hot summers with temperatures often soaring to dangerous levels. While the summer season brings opportunities for outdoor fun, it's crucial to be aware of the potential dangers associated with high temperatures. Here are some essential tips to help you beat the heat and enjoy your summer while keeping yourself protected:

### STAY INDOORS DURING HEAT WAVES

- Stay indoors in **air conditioning** whenever possible. If your home doesn't have AC, check if your area has a cooling center.
- Remain hydrated by drinking **water** and avoiding alcohol.
- Check on those **most vulnerable** to heat, including children and the elderly.
- If you must go outdoors, go early or late in the day, and dress in light-colored clothing.

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### HEAT SAFETY WHEN WORKING

- Drink a cup of cool **water** every 20 minutes, even if you aren't thirsty. For long jobs, drink a beverage with electrolytes.
- Take regular breaks to **rest**. During hot conditions, skipping breaks is not safe!
- Seek periodic breaks in the AC if possible. Spend time in the **shade** when outdoors.

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### Heat Exhaustion

ACT FAST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Move to a cooler area</li><li>Loosen clothing</li><li>Sip cool water</li><li>Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve</li></ul>



*Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.*

### Heat Stroke

ACT FAST
<b>CALL 911</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Move person to a cooler area</li><li>Loosen clothing and remove extra layers</li><li>Cool with water or ice</li></ul>

*Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.*

 Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed! 

### Heat Related Deaths ARE Preventable LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK

The temperature in your car can quickly become deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°

Inside	Time Elapsed:
99	10 Minutes
109	20 Minutes
114	30 Minutes
123	60 Minutes

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# SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!

Every September, communities across the United States come together to observe National Preparedness Month. This annual event serves as a reminder for individuals, families, and organizations to take proactive steps towards enhancing their preparedness for emergencies and disasters.

The primary goal of National Preparedness Month is to educate the public about the importance of being prepared for all types of emergencies, including natural disasters like tornadoes, severe storms, and floods, as well as man-made crises such as power outages, cyber attacks, and pandemics. By promoting preparedness, this initiative aims to empower individuals and communities to effectively respond to and recover from these events. Here are some key aspects that individuals should focus on during this month:



## MAKE A PLAN

Developing an emergency plan is crucial for every household. Identify potential hazards in your area and create a family emergency plan that includes communication strategies, evacuation routes, and a meeting point. Ensure that everyone in your family knows and practices the plan once you've put one in place.



## STAY INFORMED

Stay updated about potential hazards and emergency situations through reliable sources such as local news, weather alerts, and official government channels. Sign up for emergency alerts in your area and familiarize yourself with emergency response plans and protocols.



## BUILD A KIT

Assemble an emergency kit with essential supplies that can sustain your family for at least three days. This should include water, non-perishable food, medication, a first aid kit, batteries, a flashlight, a portable radio, and important documents. Customize your kit to meet the specific needs of your family members, including infants, seniors, and pets.



## GET INVOLVED

Engage with your community and encourage preparedness among your neighbors, friends, and colleagues. Participate in community preparedness events, volunteer with local organizations involved in disaster response. Consider joining the Haltom City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to enhance your skills and knowledge in disaster preparedness and response!

Remember, preparedness is not a one-time effort; it requires ongoing attention and commitment. Take advantage of National Preparedness Month as an opportunity to assess and strengthen your preparedness measures, and encourage others to do the same. Together, we can build resilient communities that are better equipped to face any challenge that comes our way.



Haltom City Emergency Management

@HaltomCityEM

## HALTOM CITY ECONOMIC REPORT

**Rex Phelps, City Manager**

I wanted to take a moment and inform our community on some of the major progress we have made economically in our city over the past five years to include roads, public facilities, development, tax rate, etc. Our recent independent annual audit was just presented to the City Council not more than a few weeks ago.

We welcome and encourage any citizen to come and review this report and our Budget in person at City Hall.

It is exciting as your City Manager to report such positive turnaround in our great city that will serve us well as we position ourselves to become even more economically competitive in attracting the types of businesses and amenities that our great citizens desire. \*It is important to remember over the past several years the City Council has lowered the property tax rate to the lowest rate since 2010. This is remarkable considering all that we have accomplished. Some will state the values have gone up and this is true. But, in the past we were not able to lower the tax rate (that had gotten too high) in addition to the values increasing. The recent record economic growth helped us broaden the tax base to a point that we were able to take care of capital needs while at the same time significantly lowering the tax rate. When we can lower the tax rate, we can at least offset the increasing taxable values which are determined by the county appraisal district and the market.

The right kind of development is key to bring an influx of new money into our city so that it all does not fall on the shoulders of our taxpayers. Other revenue streams are starting to significantly increase like our development fees and sales tax. These other revenue streams are finally starting to outpace our property tax revenue. These other revenue streams help offset residential property taxation. In the past, we had become too dependent on a property tax rate to keep up with a crumbling infrastructure. But all that is changing. **\*According to the State Comptroller we are in the top 100 cities out of 1,221 Texas cities in producing sales tax revenue.** Lowering the tax rate is also instrumental to attracting new businesses.

Our Mayor, City Council Member, and staff have been listening very carefully to our citizens for the past several years. **\*We have funded more road improvements over the past five years than ever before.** The below list of **"Road Repair & Reconstruction"** will communicate the commitment this council, city staff have made and will continue to make on road replacement and repair. Streets take a long time to build through the design and engineering phase and through the construction phase. It is important to remember when roads are replaced the drainage, water, and sewer infrastructures are also replaced. These added costs and inherent time delays are often not considered. We do not build new streets over 20- to 50-year-old utilities. Additionally, we must work and coordinate with other non-city utilities such as gas lines, fiber optics, etc.

As the below list and summary illustration will show we have committed approximately \$72 million to road replacement and repair just from adding the projects from the last five years and the current projects that are funded and under the design phase. Additionally, we are planning another estimated \$36 million in future road projects. Our City Council the past several years has committed more to street replacement/repair than at any time in the past. This total is approximately \$100 million tax dollars at work for all. For a more detailed report visit: [www.haltomcitytx.com/economic-report-may-2023](http://www.haltomcitytx.com/economic-report-may-2023)

### ROAD REPAIR & RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (Last 5 Years, Present, & Beyond)



For a more detailed report, visit [www.haltomcitytx.com/economic-report-may-2023](http://www.haltomcitytx.com/economic-report-may-2023) or scan the QR code below.



## DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The citizens also overwhelmingly voted for the much-needed replacements of City Hall, Police Department, and Fire Station #3. We were also finally able to relocate and remodel the new Senior Center so that our seniors would have the necessary accommodations and room that they need and deserve. The city staff is now paid competitively with our neighboring cities so that we may attract and retain the best staff possible. Our citizens deserve the best service that we can provide. We are working diligently to that goal.

Several years ago, city leaders and administrative staff produced a new economic development plan. The old plan of just waiting for a "ship to come in" was not working. Some in the past thought location and access was enough. It was not enough. Time and decay had proven this to be true. Those things are great assets, but it still takes money to be competitive. Although, we have a great city with great people we did not have an abundance of discretionary income amongst our citizens. When there is no significant money then there is no shortcut to attracting development. In fact, development leaves if there is no discretionary income, high tax rate, and low valuations. This is exactly the scenario we were in, and the economic decisions of the distant past almost placed us in a point of no return as it relates to revitalizing our great city.

We knew we needed to diversify and attract other revenue generating businesses. Although we love all our small businesses, we had become too saturated with certain businesses that simply did not create enough revenue to produce an environment of community prosperity. So, we went back to the basics, and we are turning the city around.

## BACK TO THE BASICS PLAN

Our **"Back to the Basics Plan"** included a three-pronged/step approach to getting more money in this town so that we can create an environment where businesses prosper and families flourish.

**STEP ONE:** Attract the highest and best use (profitable) businesses by rezoning for large distribution and warehouse centers.

- These business parks will serve us moving forward in the day of E-commerce.
  - They bring jobs, industry, symbiotic partnerships, and a significant influx of new daytime money to the city.
  - These new employees now are bringing shoppers from other cities to purchase from our local merchants to fill their cars with gas, patronize our businesses, and eat locally.
- These types of developments insulate cities from recessionary times, pandemics, and inflationary impacts.
  - During tough economic times cities that are dependent more on primarily just retail do not weather the economic storm as well.

**STEP TWO:** Attract new residents at a higher income level so that there is an influx of new nighttime money to sustain and draw new merchants.

**STEP THREE:** Increase our code enforcement efforts by enlarging the code department. We are now handling over 5,000 code cases a year to clean up our city.

All these efforts have created more than a **billion dollars** of new overall valuations. An additional billion dollars of new growth will be realized once the current projects are complete over the next several years. **This new growth will produce approx. 5,000 new jobs and 5,000 new residents.**

**Additionally**, the City Council recently approved a **740+ acre Tax Increment Revitalization Zone (TIRZ)**. This zone follows the corridors of Denton Highway (South of Loop 820) to Belknap and Belknap to Beach Street. This zone is designed to provide incentive for developers to revitalize the South part of Haltom City. Once our new growth continues to mature, this TIRZ District will be in place for developers to revitalize the Southern portion of our city. **This is the first revitalization zone ever created and funded by any Haltom City Council EVER.**

The city currently has development agreements with developers to bring numerous restaurants, retail, and entertainment. As soon as the interest rates come down and the economy bounces back these developments will move forward. We are also negotiating several other development possibilities that will attract the types of businesses and amenities that our citizens desire and deserve in our city. It needs to be understood that these retail developments would not be possible if we did not utilize the **"Back to the Basics Plan"** described above.



# CITY NEWS

If we kept doing what we always did, we would have gotten more of the same: a declining city with a high tax rate, low valuations that yield low equity wealth to the owner, low alternative revenue streams, and no discretionary money to provide for road replacement, public facilities, and city services. Clearly, these facts reinforce the future would have continued to place all the pressure on the shoulders of the residents with little return on investment. You might hear from some about vacant buildings. This is a reality and always will be a reality to some extent. All cities lose businesses and gain businesses every year. Our commercial vacancy rate is lower than some of our surrounding neighbors. Property owners will generally start making improvements and updating their buildings as our city starts to attract new developments and our economic turnaround continues to bring new money into our town. The plan is working. Things are being done and progress is being made. Recent accomplishments that have never been realized in our city's past prove all the above. Remember: The plan is working. Things are being done and progress is being made.

## RECAP OF PERFORMANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Lowest tax rate since 2010

### Record new Economic Development

- Commercial – approx. 2 million square feet
- Residential – estimated 2 thousand residential units.
- Record Commitment to Road Replacement and Repair
- New City Hall
- New Police Station
- New Fire Station
- New Senior Center

All the above only scratches the surface of describing all the efforts of the Mayor, City Council, and Staff. I am so thankful and honored to serve as your City Manager. I appreciate all the direction and support of the Mayor and the City Council. I am also so thankful for all the city staff. We have the least number of staff per capita of any city in Northeast Tarrant County. Our staff is designed to stay lean, but they are extremely effective. And mostly we all want to thank our community (our citizens) for all the support, volunteerism, all the boards and commissions, and all our residents for making Haltom a great place to live. \*We are on the right track, and we will continue to create an environment where business prospers and families flourish. We have a bright future because we changed directions. Stay tuned more economic development to come!

Respectfully and sincerely,

Rex Phelps  
City Manager  
Haltom City, Texas

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## NOW HIRING!

The City of Haltom City does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation or preference, national origin, age, disability, marital status, pregnancy, military or veteran status, citizenship, genetic information, gender identity or expression in employment or the provision of services.

### Benefits

#### Haltom City's full-time employees enjoy a wide array of benefits including:

- Employee paid medical, dental and vision insurance
- Retirement through the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS), a state-wide system with over 850 participating cities. Employees contribute 7% of their salary and the City matches that 2 to 1 at retirement; vesting after 5 years of service. Employees are eligible to retire after 20 years of service (regardless of age) or at age 60 with five years of service.
- Identity theft insurance & Life insurance (one-times the annual salary)
- Long-term disability insurance
- Employee assistance program
- Paid vacation, sick & personal leave, and 15 paid holidays

## UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAYS

### City of Haltom City Closures for 2023

- Independence Day Tuesday, July 4, 2023
- **Labor Day / Sept. 11 Observation Day** Monday, September 4, 2023

## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL SERVICES OFFICERS

### SUMMER'S HERE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THOSE HOT SUMMER DAYS AND YOUR FUR CHILD

Suns out and that means it's time to be outside whether its long walks on the beach or down the street and around the corner you must remember the ground get **HOT HOT HOT** and burnt paws are no fun!!!

Concrete and asphalt are much hotter than the air around you. The rule of thumb is place your barehand on them and hold for 7 seconds. If its to hot for your hand its too hot for your fur kid. If you have a pup that just must get its daily walk in there are some alternatives to be mindful of. They do make some sweet kicks (shoes) made just for your fur baby. We have even found crocs for pets! If wrangling your fur kid and strapping on shoes does not seem like an ideal extracurricular activity for you, try walking only in grassy areas or make it an evening stroll.

Please always remember to keep your pets on a leash and display their rabies tag proudly on their collar or harness.

Haltom City Animal Services receives countless calls during the hot summer months about dogs being left in cars. Please do not take your pets with you on errand running unless you are planning on taking them inside with you. Be Prepared and plan ahead.



## ADOPTIONS

Haltom City Animal Services (HCAS) has a wonderful adoption program, and we invite you to consider our shelter when looking for your next pet. Available animals may be viewed during normal shelter hours. We also have a play yard and a play room where you can get to know your new best friend and find out if the match is right.



Based on age and health, most of our animals receive all necessary vaccinations before adoption.

\$60 for all animal adoptions, microchip included

All animals are required to be spayed or neutered after they are adopted, with documentation provided to the shelter. This is the responsibility of the adopter, and is required by both city and state laws.

You must be 18 or over, with a valid I.D. to adopt an animal. A legal contract is required for each adoption, and HCAS has the right to refuse adoption to anyone.

## AMAZON WISHLIST

Wanted! The Haltom City Animal Service is seeking donations of animal care products such as cat food, kitty litter, dog food, treats, humane traps and more. To donate, order from our Amazon Wishlist, linked here: [tinyurl.com/HCASWishlist](https://tinyurl.com/HCASWishlist) or scan the QR code.



## ADOPTABLE ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT

Haltom City Animal Services may have your new best friend! Take a look at some of these cuties waiting to be adopted! All animals are first come first serve. For more information visit [tinyurl.com/HaltomAdopt](https://tinyurl.com/HaltomAdopt)

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# LIBRARY NEWS

## STORYTIME SCHEDULE

Storytime break from August 8th to August 22nd.

### BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 10:45AM



### MOVIN' AND GROOVIN' STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:45AM



### STORYTIME STARS

Fridays at 10:45AM



### STARLIGHT STORYTIME

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00PM



### SENSORY PLAY

July 27th at 2:00PM



August 24th at 2:00PM



September 28th at 2:00PM



We will have different stations set up to explore the various senses. This program is intended for children ages 1 to 3 years old and those that identify as neurodivergent.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### SUMMER READING CLUB 2023

Summer Reading begins June 3 and ends August 5!

Children, teens, and adults are all invited to read and earn prizes this summer. You will log every day that you read. We don't care if you read the newspaper, a magazine, a picture book to your kids, your cereal box, a gigantic novel, or listen to a book in your car.

### SUMMER READING CLUB FINALE

Friday, August 4th from 6:30PM to 8:00PM

Join us on the evening of Friday, August 4th from 6:30 PM until 8 PM for fun, games, face painting, a bounce obstacle course, refreshments and tie dye as we celebrate another successful year of summer reading club! If you wish to partake in tie dye, you **MUST** bring your own t-shirt as they will **NOT** be provided!

### Full STEAM Ahead Wednesdays

Join us every Wednesday, at 2:00PM starting June 7 to July 26 as we alternate every week between either a STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) based activity or an art based activity. This program is intended for children entering grades K-5th.

### Fantastic Fridays

Join us every Friday starting June 9 to July 28 at 2:00PM for a Fantastic Friday event! Each program is intended for kids entering grades K-5th.

### Karate Dance Party

Friday, July 7th at 2:00PM



Join us for a highly interactive, live music dance party for kids and grownups alike. Presented by Mr. Gene from The Que Pastas!



### Shark Party

Friday, July 14th at 2:00PM

Come celebrate all things sharks with us at this shark-themed party! We will have shark-themed crafts and games and maybe even a shark-y visitor!

## Perot Museum Tech Truck

Friday, July 21st from 2:00PM to 4:00PM



The Perot Museum is coming back AGAIN but this time with different experiments! How cool is that?

### Happee Birthdae Harry!

Friday, July 28th at 2:00PM



We're throwing a birthday party for the boy who lived! Come celebrate with games and crafts!

## TWEEN PROGRAMS

Tween program break from August 8th to August 22nd.

### TWEEN MAKE IT MONDAY

July 10th at 2:00PM: BYOT-Shirt Tie Dye



September 11th at 4:00PM: Comic Book Coasters

Tweens in grades 2nd through 6th are welcome to join us as we try our hand at making different crafts! Second Monday of the month.

### MAD SCIENCE MONDAYS

July 17th at 2:00PM



September 18th at 4:00PM

Where science meets fun! Enjoy hands on experiments learning about science! This program is all ages, but best for tweens in grades 2nd through 5th.

### TWEEN TASTING TABLE

August 28th at 4:00PM: Pop Tarts

September 25th at 4:00PM: Pringles

Tween Tasting Table- 4th Monday of each month at 4:00 P.M. Have you ever wanted to try all the different flavors of a snack? Join us each month as we try the different flavors of various foods!

## TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen program break from August 8th to August 22nd.

### SUMMER READING CLUB 2023

#### SUMMER CRAFTS

Starting June 6th, every Tuesday at 2:00. Each week we will be creating a different magical themed craft. 6th-12th grades

**Clay Mushrooms**   **Fairy Lanterns**   **Shrinky Dinks**

July 11th at 2:00PM   July 18th at 2:00PM   July 25th at 2:00PM



#### SUMMER MOVIE MADNESS

Starting June 8th, every Thursday at 2:00. Each week we will be watching a different magical movie. Movies are rated PG or PG-13. 6th-12th grade.

**Labyrinth**

July 6th at 2:00PM



**Jumanji**

July 13th at 2:00PM



**Shang-Chi and the 10 Rings**

July 20th at 2:00PM

**The Mummy**

July 27th at 2:00PM

# TEEN PROGRAMS

## TEEN ESCAPE THE ROOM: HARRY POTTER AND THE ESCAPE FROM DETENTION

**July 14th from 6:00PM to 8:30PM**

Can you escape from Professor Umbridge's detention before time runs out? For teens entering 7th-12th grades.

**Registration is required** and will open on June 26th. To register please visit [hcpl.ticketleap.com](https://hcpl.ticketleap.com)

## GAME ON!

**Thursdays from 4:30PM to 5:30PM**

Video, card & board games, & homework space.



## TEEN ANIME CLUB

**September 20th at 4:00PM**

Come celebrate all things anime! Each month we will watch and geek out over our favorite anime. For teens 6th-12th grade. Teen Anime Club will be on the third Wednesday of each month.



## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

**August 30th at 4:00PM**

**September 27th at 4:00PM**

Join the TAB (Teen Advisory Board) to help plan future teen programs! For teens 6th-12th grades and meets the last Wednesday of each month.



## TUESDAY TEA TIME!

**September 5th, 4:30PM to 5:30PM: Disney Trivia**

**September 12th, 4:30PM to 5:30PM: Coffee Mug Painting**

**September 19th, 4:30PM to 5:30PM: Book Club**

**September 26th, 4:30PM to 5:30PM: Pringle Tasting**

Join us Tuesdays for TEA (Teen Enriching Activities) Time! Each Tuesday will be a new activity. Grades 6th through 12th.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## DIY WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of each month brings a new hands on craft or DIY project. **Registration is required** and opens the week prior. To register, visit [hcpl.ticketleap.com](https://hcpl.ticketleap.com)

**July 5th at 6:30PM: Paper Marbling**

Registration opens Monday, June 27 at 10:30AM.

**August 2nd at 6:30PM: Vinyl Record Perler Bead Coaster**

Registration opens Monday, July 24 at 10:30AM.

**September 6th at 6:30PM: Triangle & Square Tie Dye Bandanas**

Registration opens Monday, August 28 at 10:30AM.

## COLORING & COOKIES FOR ADULTS

**July 12th at 6:30PM**

**August 9th at 6:30PM**

**September 13th at 6:30PM**

Enjoy an evening of coloring, cookies, and good company!



## SHELF INDULGENCE BOOK CLUB

**July 19th at 6:30PM**

July's selection is *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan.



**August 16th at 6:30PM**

May's selection is *There There* by Tommy Orange.

**September 20th at 6:30PM**

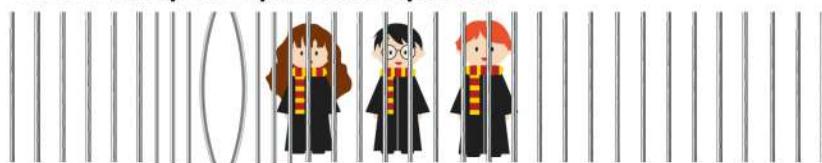
June's selection is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.

Join us the third Wednesday to discuss books of all genres.

## HARRY POTTER ESCAPE ROOM

**July 21st at 6:00PM, 6:45PM, 7:30PM, and 8:15PM**

Can you escape from Professor Umbridge's detention? You and your classmates will have 30 minutes to work together to solve puzzles, find keys, and figure out how to escape! **Registration is required**. There is a maximum of 8 people per time slot. You may be in a group with others. Registration will open Monday, July 17 at 10:30AM. <https://hcpl.ticketleap.com/>



## NIGHT NEEDLERS

**July 26th at 6:30PM**

**August 23rd at 6:30PM**

**September 27th at 6:30PM**



Join this group of needle crafters to help each other and learn new techniques. This is not a guided program.

## STOP THE BLEED

**September 7th at 6:30PM**

Participants will learn first aid for bleeding caused by major trauma including the use of tourniquets and compression bandages.



## PROSTATE SCREENING

**September 8th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM**

About 1 in 7 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime. The good news is that prostate cancer has a high cure rate if caught early, and the key to early detection is screening. Moncrief Cancer Institute offers free blood tests to screen for prostate cancer on our Mobile Screening Clinic for men who are uninsured and qualify. This simple blood test is quick and easy! Get screened today – it could save your life.

## DIABETES PREVENTION

**September 9th at 2:00PM**

Learn diabetes "basics." This class includes information about the types of diabetes, risk factors, signs/symptoms, and prevention. This class is presented by Tarrant County Public Health. Registration is required.

[hcpl.ticketleap.com/](https://hcpl.ticketleap.com/)



# PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

## MEMBERSHIP RATES

Membership rates for residents and non-residents are listed below. If you have any questions please call the Recreation Center at 817-222-7171.

**Resident:** \$5 per year

**Non-Resident:** \$50 per year



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Saturday, October 28th

Haltom City's Annual Carfest event will be on Saturday, October 28th! We'll include a trunk or treat and costume contest for the kiddos this year, too. Hope you can join us for this great event that benefits Refresh BISD Back to School Health Fair.



## FALL SPORTS FOR EVERYONE

**Registration: 06/27-08/27**

**Youth Soccer: \$80/player**

**Adult Basketball: \$350/team**

The Parks & Rec Department will be hosting our fall youth soccer league and Adult Basketball league starting in September. Cost for youth soccer is \$80/player and adult basketball is \$350/team. For more information, please contact our Athletic Coordinator, Matt, at [mgosnell@haltomcitytx.com](mailto:mgosnell@haltomcitytx.com) or **817-222-7171**.

## FALL SWEEP CLEANUP

### Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00PM

Join Keep Haltom City Beautiful for the annual Fall Sweep Cleanup! We will have the Crud Cruiser and a Shred Truck at the Library. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date. You can follow the Keep Haltom City Beautiful Facebook page or check on the City website for registration and more details.



## SENIOR CENTER SPOTLIGHT

### ACTIVITIES AND HOURS

**3201 Friendly Ln 817-834-8021**

**Monday-Friday 9:00AM - 3:00PM**



The center extends an invitation to come in out of the heat and enjoy some fun and fellowship with new friends.

Activities include **FREE** exercise classes each morning at 9:30AM, Art Class, Bean Bag, Baseball, Bible Study, Bingo, Card Games, Chicken Foot, Ceramics, Computer Games, Craft Class, Crochet Class, Dominoes, Gospel Singing, Painting on Glass, Puzzles, Sewing, Quilting, and seated Volleyball.

There's something for everyone!

## MEALS

Meals at the center include Metro port Meals that works with local restaurants. Meals are ordered and payment of \$5.00 is **due on Friday** before meals are delivered and **served on Monday, Tuesday - Thursday** meals are prepared or delivered and served for a donation only. **Friday** meals are prepared and served by our local churches, donations welcome and appreciated.

If you'd like more information on programs, events and meals scheduled please call the center at **817-834-8021** or stop by for a cup of coffee, lunch, and a tour.

# SENIOR CENTER SPOTLIGHT

## PATRIOTIC PARTY

**July 3rd 12:30PM**

Let's celebrate July 4th early! Wear Red, White and Blue and plan to party on July 3rd.



## JUST JAZZ BAND

**July 5th 10:30AM to 12:00PM**

Welcoming for the first time to our center Just Jazz Band and invite you to join us for some great music to start your day.



## TCPH IMMUNIZATION COLLABORATION PRESENTATION

**July 5th at 12:15PM**

## MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

**July 6th at 11:00AM**

Sponsored by Guardianship Services. Guardianship Services Benefits Specialist will provide information on Medicare Savings Program. Plan to attend and see if you're eligible.



## SWAP 'N' SHOP

**July 7th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM**

**August 4th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM**

**September 1st from 9:00AM to 1:00PM**

Swap N Shop is back on the first Friday each month. This event allows center friends to sell items they no longer use, wear, or want, as well as live entertainment with Chris Journeyay.

## TITANIUM DENTAL & IMPLANT MEET & GREET

**July 12th**

Welcoming a brand new community partner join us as we welcome Titanium Dental and Implant and hear about the new advances in dental treatments and implants.

## BEACH PARTY & COOKOUT WITH PARKS DEPT.

**July 14th 11:00AM**

It's Beach Party Time and everyone's invited to celebrate. We'll have a volleyball game and some fun beach games to play and then enjoy lunch provided by Humana and prepared by our Haltom City Parks Department. Special entertainment provided by local singer - songwriter Bill Sanner

## DOC TALK WITH DR. ATANDA

**July 19th 12:15PM**

U.N.T. Health Science Center "Doc Talk" brings Doctors each month to share information on different topics. This month's topic is "medication allergies".

## GREGG FAMILY GOSPEL SINGERS

**July 21st at 10:30AM**

**August 18th at 10:30AM**

## PRICE IS RIGHT WITH THOM VANCE

**July 21st at 12:30PM**

Sponsored by AdVance Senior Options

## TRAVELIN' TEXANS TRIPS & TOURS PRESENTATION

**July 24th at 12:15PM**

Travelin Texans will be at the center to share some fun upcoming trips and tours.

## MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Monthly Birthday Celebrations sponsored by Care N Care.

**July 26th at 10:30AM**

Entertainment will be stand up comedy show.

**August 23rd at 11:30AM**

Entertainment will be Tina Thompson, a local talented musician.

**September 27th at 10:30AM**

Entertainment provided by Craig Murphy.

## SENIOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM FINALE

**August 4th at 10:30AM**

Registered readers will receive recognition and awards for their Summer Reading accomplishments.



## NATIONAL KOOL AID DAY

**August 18th at 11:30AM**



Celebrating National Kool Aid has become a favorite activity. As kiddos most remember just three flavors.... cherry, grape, and orange. Come join the fun as we "sample" and vote for the favorite flavors they now have available. Sponsored by Universal Health.

## FAMILY FEUD WITH THOM VANCE

**August 18th at 11:30AM**

Sponsored by AdVance Senior Options



## BURGERS & BINGO FUNDRAISER

**August 26th at 6:00PM**

Burgers & Bingo Fundraiser event for Friends Helping Friends Transportation Program.



## HAWAIIAN LUAU

**August 30th at 11:00AM**

Our wonderful annual event Hawaiian Luau is sure to be a big hit as we have a hula performance with Grave Hula Dancers and enjoy some fun tropical games and treats.

## 10TH ANNUAL SENIOR SYNERGY EXPO

**August 31st**

10th Annual Senior Synergy Expo for seniors, family members and caregivers returns to Will Rogers - Amon Carter Exhibit Hall. This annual event brings together hundreds of senior affiliated agencies and organizations for older adults. Stop by the senior center to complete a registration form for this fun free event or visit [seniorsynergy.org](http://seniorsynergy.org) for more information.

## MUSIC WITH ALLEN WRIGHT

**September 8th at 10:30AM**

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

**September 9th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM**



Grandparents Day Event sponsored by Tarrant County Extension Office and 4 H program. They're planning to have fun activities and information for kids of all ages.

## PICTIONARY WITH THOM VANCE

**September 15th at 12:30PM**

Sponsored by AdVance Senior Options

## SING A LONG WITH BILL SANNER

**September 22nd at 10:30AM**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SAVE THE DATES!

The Haltom City Public Library is hosting a series of health and emergency related classes with Haltom City's Community Health Specialist, Jayson Steel.

### September 7th at 6:30PM: Stop the Bleed

Participants will learn first aid for bleeding caused by major trauma including the use of tourniquets and compression bandages.

### October 5th at 6:30PM: Safe Kids Poison Control

This course is aimed at parents/caretakers of small children to inform them about the dangers of and how to prevent accidental poisonings of children.

### November 2nd at 6:30PM: AHA HeartCode BLS CPR

Participants will learn adult, child and infant CPR and what to do when someone is choking.

### December 7th at 6:30PM: Opioid and Narcan Administration

Participants will learn what happens in the body during an opioid overdose and how Narcan works in the body to reverse an overdose.

## COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

### Haltom City NEED

5028 Broadway Avenue

Monday thru Friday 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Serves people residing in zip codes 76111, 76117, 76118, 76137, 76148, 76180, and 76182. Their services include food, personal care items, clothing, TXU electric assistance when funds are available.

### Christian Center of Fort Worth

4301 N.E. 28th Street

Tuesdays 8:00AM - 10:00AM (Drive thru Only)

(817) 834-5595

### COMMUNITY TABLE / ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3200 Denton Hwy

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00PM - 7:00PM

(817) 838-6834

### TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK / HALTOM CITY

O.H. Stowe Elementary

4201 Rita Ln

1st Thursday of every month 5:30 PM

## TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK



## CRUD CRUISER RETURNS

September 23 at 9:00AM to 11:00AM



Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste. The fort worth crud cruiser will be at **Haltom City Public Library on 4809 Haltom Rd**, Saturday, September 23, 2023 From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until the truck is full, whichever comes first. **Proof of residency is required.**

### What's accepted by the Crud Cruiser?

Automotive fluids, batteries, cleaners & chemicals, cooking oil, lawn/garden & pool chemicals, light bulbs, paint & painting supplies\*.

\***LATEX PAINT** collection will be limited to **20 gallons per household**. If you have latex paint and need to dispose of it, you can dry it out by removing the lid or by using kitty litter or other absorbent. Once dry, latex paint can be thrown away with your household garbage. Paint must be thoroughly dry before it is thrown away

### What's NOT accepted by the Crud Cruiser?

Ammunition & explosives, appliances & electronics, building materials, bulk trash & yard waste, butane/propane cylinders, medical waste, asbestos/PCBs & radioactive items. For more info about what is and isn't accepted, call the FW Environmental Collection Center at **817-392-1234**.

