

April 2026



## HARRAH HAPPENINGS

### The Monthly Newsletter from the City of Harrah



#### Did You Know?

**Black Sunday (April 14, 1935)**

**THE WALL:** At 7:00 PM, a 1,000-foot-high wall of topsoil hit Harrah at 60 mph.

**THE DARK:** It turned a sunny afternoon into pitch black. You couldn't see your own hand in front of your face. People walking home from church had to crawl along fences just to find their front doors.

**THE SHOCK:** Static electricity was so high that a simple handshake could knock you to the ground. Car engines "shorted out" and died in the middle of the road.

**THE SILT:** Families hung wet sheets over windows yet still woke up with "dust shadows" on their pillows. Breathing was a battle. Many locals wore wet sponges over their noses or wrapped their faces in gauze just to filter the air.

**The Legacy:** This single storm displaced 300,000 tons of topsoil, leading directly to the modern soil conservation laws that protect Oklahoma farms today.



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Sales Tax Collections: Collections for last month \$273,987.52

Thank you for shopping Harrah first!

#### Park Progress & Community Updates

Spring is in the air, and Harrah's parks are getting a fresh look! At **Heritage Park**, construction is underway to renovate the pavilion and restrooms, ensuring a more comfortable experience for all visitors. Meanwhile, **Blacksmith Park** is also seeing some upgrades and is currently under construction. If you're looking for some outdoor competition, head over to **Lion's Park**. We've installed brand-new disc golf baskets, and the course is ready for action! Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the **Jorski Food Truck Park** ribbon cutting on March 28th. If you own a food truck and want to be part of Harrah's newest dining destination, check out the "Food Truck" section on our city website for instructions on how to sign up.

Mark your calendars for a year full of fun, food, and community spirit!

Date	Event	Details
March 28	Main Street Community Gardens	Season Officially Open
April 30 – May 2	City-Wide Yard Sale	Find your next treasure!
May – Sept	Harrah Farmers Market	1st & 3rd Saturdays (9 AM – Noon)
June 6	Hello Summer Event,	Kick off the season!
August 1	Back to School Bash	Getting ready for the new year.
September 12	Harrah Day	Our biggest annual celebration.
October 3	Market in the Park	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
October 3	Pigs in the Park	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
December 5	Christmas in the Park	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Animal Control  
Code Enforcement**  
can be reached at:  
Harrah Police Dept.  
  
405-454-1203

**Fire Department:**  
If you are going to burn,  
please contact the  
Harrah Fire Department  
at 405-454-2111.  
  
This will enable them to  
keep track of who all is  
burning.

**Police Department:**  
Visit the Harrah  
Police Department's  
website at:  
  
[www.harrahpd.com](http://www.harrahpd.com)  
  
405-454-1203



**Harrah Historical Center  
has changed their hours to:**

First and third Thursday of the month. Scheduled open hours from Noon to 7:00 PM. (Dependent on available Staff). Monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 PM. Available by appointments for group or special functions.

Visit our official website for real-time updates on city projects, meetings, and events.

**Cityofharrah.com**

**Summer Ready:** Harrah Checklist  
Keep Harrah safe and beautiful this season by following these quick maintenance guidelines.

**Lawn Care**  
•**The 12-Inch Rule:** Grass and weeds must be kept under 12 inches tall. This prevents fire hazards and pests like ticks and rodents.

•**Your Area:** Residents are responsible for mowing their yards, the area up to the street curb, and any adjacent alleys.

**Pool Safety & Health**  
•**Fencing:** Any pool holding 24 inches of water or more must have a fence at least 4 feet (48 inches) tall.

•**Gates:** Ensure gates are self-closing and self-latching to protect neighborhood children.

•**Clean Water:** Maintain your pool water to prevent it from becoming a mosquito breeding ground.

**Stormwater & Drainage**  
•**Grass Clippings:** Do not blow clippings into the street. They clog storm drains and cause neighborhood flooding.

•**Pool Draining:** Avoid draining chlorinated water directly into storm drains; it harms local wildlife. Drain onto your lawn instead.

•**Culverts:** Keep driveway culverts clear of debris to ensure rainwater flows freely.

**Questions?** Contact Harrah City Hall at 405-454-2951 for permit info or to report a concern.

**Rain Barrel Event 2026**

Capture rainwater for your garden or car wash! Pre-order by May 3 and pick up your barrel at 19745 Manek Drive. Pick-up runs May 6-7 (8 AM-5 PM) and May 8 (until 11 AM). Visit the City of Harrah website for approved usage tips, cost and to order.

**2026 BULK TRASH SCHEDULE**

- April 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**
- August 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**
- September 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please see the City's website for rules and regulations on setting out Bulk Trash!

**REMINDER:  
AFTER HOURS  
UTILITY EMERGENCIES  
CALL 405-454-2222  
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CITY OFFICES CLOSED:  
April 3, 2026**

**MEETINGS @ CITY HALL:  
CITY COUNCIL & HPWA  
April 2, 2026  
April 16, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**PARK BOARD:  
April 8, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**Planning Commission:  
April 20, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**We are Hiring:  
HR Director  
Parks & Recreation Supervisor  
Maintenance Tech  
Animal Control/Code Enforcement  
Patrolman  
Reserve Police Officers  
Volunteer Firefighters**

**For more details  
Please visit website for more  
information and applications under  
Careers:  
[www.cityofharrah.com](http://www.cityofharrah.com)**

