

City of Harvard NewsNotes



Community Newsletter, Spring 2009

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan



Thank you for electing me to another term as Mayor of Harvard. The City is working hard to keep Harvard financially strong as we navigate our way through a very tough economy. The good news is that our community continues to move forward, despite the economic challenges. Retail growth continues and new companies are coming to town.

The City of Harvard moved into its new home at 201 W. Diggins Street in March. An Open House was held on April 6 with the Harvard Chamber of Commerce. Stop by and visit us soon if you could not make that event. Purchasing the former Castle Bank facility enabled the City to expand its administrative offices while remaining in downtown Harvard. It also enabled the Harvard Police Department to expand into the space that we formerly occupied on Front Street. Efficiency has been improved for everyone, all the way around.

National Night Out

The Harvard Police Department will participate in the 26th annual National Night Out on August 4. The event will take place from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at the community pool, Harvard Aquatic Center, 808 E. Brown Street. National Night Out strives to heighten awareness, generate support and increase participation in local anti-crime efforts, while fostering neighborhood spirit and building strong police-community partnerships. We're sending a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods across America are organized and fighting back. More than 15,000 communities are expected to take part in this year's activities. Harvard residents will be able to enjoy the Aquatic Center's zero-depth pool, slides, diving board, basketball hoops, sand play area and volleyball court during this FREE event. Questions? Call the Harvard Police Department (815) 943-4431.



Upcoming City Events

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| May 7 | Library Re-dedication 100 Years |
| May 11 | Brush Pickup Begins |
| June 5 - 7 | 68th Annual Milk Days Festival |
| June 8 | Opening Day at the Pool |
| June 24 | Harvard Chamber Golf Outing |
| August 4 | National Night Out |
| August 5 - 9 | McHenry County Fair |
| August 9 | Diggins Library
100 Year Gala |



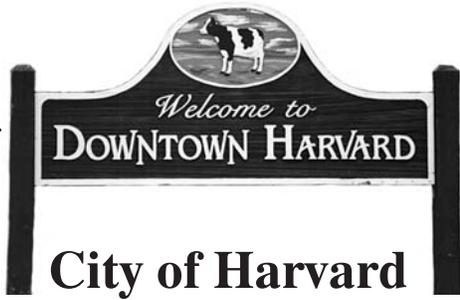
THE ILLINOIS FUNDS



Check the City's
website at
www.cityofharvard.org
to e-pay water bills and
parking tickets.

There is also a drop box
located in front of the new
City Hall building at
201 W. Diggins St.

www.cityofharvard.org



**City of Harvard
Municipal Information**
www.cityofharvard.org

Mayor..... Jay Nolan
City Treasurer..... Beverly Meseck
City Clerk Andy Wells

Aldermen

Ward 1 Chuck Marzahl
..... Brian Leyden
Ward 2 Phillip Ulmer
..... Debra Szczap
Ward 3 Scott Logan
..... Rick Adams
Ward 4..... Carl Opper
..... Darrell Perkins

Municipal Staff

City Administrator Dave Nelson
Chief of Police Dan Kazy-Garey
Administrative Assistant Lori Moller
Supt. Public Works Jim Kruckenberg
Supt. Utilities Jim Grant
Supt. Parks & Recreation Bob Burkart

Building Department

Community Development Dir. ... Steve Santeler
Code Enforcement Officer. Clayton Brennecka
Building Inspector Tim Perkins

City Phone Numbers

City Hall 943-6468
Fax: 943-4556
Dial-A-Ride 943-7700
EMERGENCY Dial 9-1-1
Police Dept. (non-emergency)..... 943-4431
Fire/Rescue (non-emergency)..... 943-6927
Harvard Diggins Library..... 943-4671
Public Works Dept. 943-0301
Public Works Garage..... 943-4161
Swimming Pool..... 943-4300
WWTP 943-6626

City Council Meetings are held at City Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

From Your City Library ...

By Harriet Roll, Librarian

Celebrating a Century of Service!

This is a very special year for our library. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 9 when we celebrate the '100 Years of the Library' in Harvard. There will be displays, music, refreshments and prizes on this very gala day!

Harvard's first library building was dedicated in May 1909 and opened to the public in August that year. It was built with \$40,000 which Delos. F. Diggins left in his will for that purpose and it was the first building to be built as a dedicated library in McHenry County. The building replaced a 'subscriber' library that was located in the home of librarian G. R. Wagner. It served our community well for 92 years until residents approved a referendum to build a new library center. The Diggins Library has been a valued asset in our community since it opened in 2000.

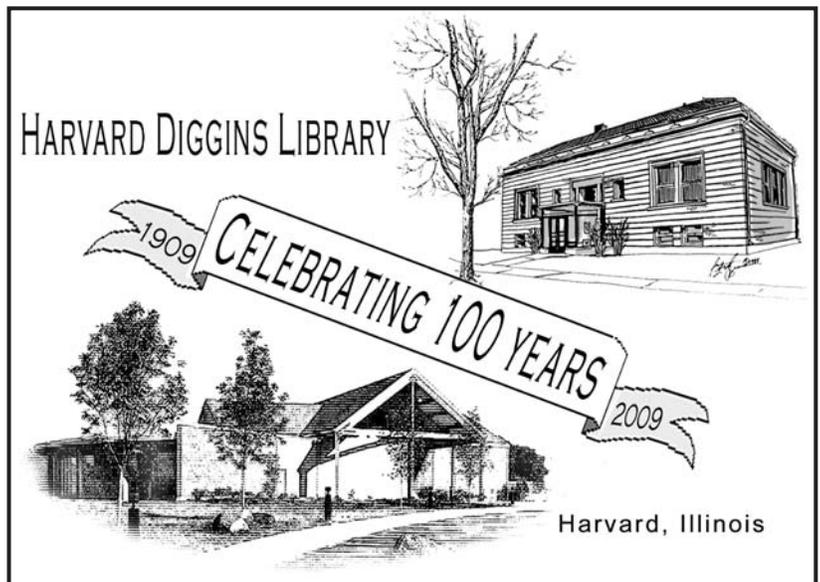
The library is commemorating this great event in many ways. The Top 10 fiction bestsellers of 1909

are on display and available to check out. Try 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine' or 'The Man in Lower Ten.' We recently hosted a program on cooking in 1909 with Elizabeth (Ellie) Carlson dressed in period costume. The recipes Ellie prepared are available at the library if you would like to try them. (No wood stove needed!) Did you know that canned oysters were a common meal in 1909?

Children can enter a contest entitled 'My Favorite Book' by submitting a project depicting their favorite book or series. Stop in for details.

On May 7, local historian and genealogist Craig Pfannekuche will share a presentation on what life was like in Harvard in 1909. This will also be the day of the official re-dedication of the library, marking 100 years since the first ceremony. Please plan to attend with your family. We would like it to be standing room only, just like it was at the first event!

Harvard Diggins Library
900 East McKinley Street
Harvard IL 60033
815-943-4671
www.harvard-diggins.org



NEED TO KNOW ...

2009 Brush Pickup

Effective this year (May through October), residential brush begins on the **second Monday** of the month and will continue until all wards have been picked up. 2009 pick up dates include: May 11, July 13, September 14 and October 12. There will be NO pickup in June or August.

To ensure pickup, ALL brush must be placed by the curb *prior to the start of pickup* but not more than one week ahead of time. All branches must be at least three feet long with the cut end stacked to the curb. Branches are to be free of roots and dirt. There is a 20-minute time limit for chipping. After 20 minutes, the resident will be billed \$125.00 per hour with a minimum \$50.00 charge.

Storm damaged trees on City property will be removed by the City. Trees on private property are subject to the same 20 minute policy as brush pickup.

From the Neighborhoods ...

A Harvard resident suggests: "Weigh down your recycling items on collection day to prevent bags and other lightweight items from blowing all over the streets." Great idea! Do you have a tip to share with your fellow residents? Let us know.



The City of Harvard Utilities Department announces that Well #10 is now on line and providing quality water to residents.

Special Recreation Fun!

Do you know someone with a disability who would like to get out and make new friends? Since 1976, NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association) has provided year-round recreation activities and Special Olympics for residents with disabilities of all ages and ability levels. Socializing, building physical skills, learning, relaxation and fun are some of the benefits gained from participating in NISRA sports, fitness, social, cultural, outdoor and pre-school programs. Camps, special events and trips round out the offering. A few programs are located in Harvard and transportation is available to programs in other communities.

NISRA offers local year-round Special Olympics training and competition in 15 sports. NISRA staff also assist park district and recreation department staff with including residents with disabilities in their community's recreation programs. Pick up NISRA's catalog at City Hall, view it at www.nisra.org or call (815) 459-0737 to have one mailed to you.

Thank You!

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank 4th Ward Alderman Tom Hay for his many years of service to the Harvard community. Tom started his first term as Alderman on May 1, 1993 and will retire from office on April 28, 2009. He chose not to seek re-election. Thank you Tom!



City Hall is now located at 201 W. Diggins Street.

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Parks & Recreation

SWIMMING POOL 2009 SCHEDULE

For information, call the Swimming Pool at 1.815.943.4300 or City Hall at 1.815.943.6468

OPENING DAY IS MONDAY, JUNE 8th! The Harvard swimming pool is open from June through August. The 7,000 sq. ft. pool is a handicapped accessible zero depth pool, with a capacity for 422 people. Features include a water slide, drop tube slide and a diving board. Don't miss the shallow end features (the raindrop, tumble buckets and the tulip shower). Also available are a sand volley ball pit, picnic area and sand play area, as well as a 5,680 sq. ft. bath house and concession stand. Pool passes and swimming lessons are available. The pool is available for private parties. The pool is located next to Lions Park and Jaycee Park/McFarlin Field and is accessible via Brown Street and also Galvin Parkway.

POOL HOURS

Sunday	1-6 p.m.
Monday	1-8 p.m.
Tuesday	1-7 p.m.
Wednesday	1-7 p.m.
Thursday	1-8 p.m.
Friday	1-7 p.m.
Saturday	1-6 p.m.

DAILY RATES

In-town	\$5.00
Out-of-town	\$7.00
Sr. Citizen In-town	\$2.00
Sr. Citizen Out-of-town	\$3.00
Children Age 4 and under	\$2.00

PRE-SEASON PHOTO ID'S (POOL PASS)

Saturdays, May 9th, 16th, 23rd at the pool from 9-11 a.m.
 Evenings – June 1st, 2nd at the pool from 6 – 8 p.m.
 If other times are needed, call Bob at 1.815.943.4300 or 1.815.943.6468. If pictures are not taken ahead of time, you will need to wait in line after the season starts!

PRE-SEASON RATES MAY 1st to JUNE 3rd (PURCHASE AT CITY HALL)	RATES AFTER POOL OPENS JUNE 8th to JUNE 31st (PURCHASE AT POOL)	RATES JULY 1st TO JULY 31st (PURCHASE AT POOL)
<u>In-Town**</u>	<u>In-Town**</u>	<u>In-Town**</u>
Individual \$ 90.00	Individual \$115.00	Individual \$ 90.00
Family* \$115.00	Family* \$140.00	Family* \$115.00
Sr. Citizen \$ 55.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 75.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 55.00
<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>
Individual \$155.00	Individual \$205.00	Individual \$155.00
Family* \$205.00	Family* \$255.00	Family* \$205.00
Sr. Citizen \$ 75.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 95.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 75.00

**Family passes include only legal, immediate family! NO grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, babysitters unless legal custody has been proven. Children over the age of 18 must purchase individual passes unless living at home and attending college. **In-Town: Proof of residency will be required. A Senior Citizen is defined as 65 years of age or older.*

POOL PARTIES

Monday & Thursday	8:15 - 10:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7:15 - 10:15 p.m.
Saturday*	9:00 - noon
Saturday & Sunday	6:15 - 10:15 p.m.

Rates: \$75 per hour (two hour minimum) and includes water slide and water features; additional charge over 40 persons is \$1 per person. There are additional charges for the gas grill, basketball hoop, swimming toys, dive sticks and kick boards.

*There will be an additional flat \$25.00 fee added to Saturday morning pool parties

SWIMMING LESSONS

Information/registration is available after May 1st.

Session 1:	06/15 - 06/26	Session 2:	06/29 - 07/10
Session 3:	07/13 - 07/24	Session 4:	07/27 - 08/07

In-Town: \$50 per child/per session

Out-of-Town: \$60 per child/per session

From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey

The mission of the Harvard Police Department is to create a professional cooperative environment within the community that improves the quality of life for those we serve and protect by embracing the City of Harvard motto, 'Winning with Teamwork'.

The men and women of the Police Department take pride in the service that we provide to the community and we consider ourselves to be one of the finest small police departments in the country. We are a multi-service, community-oriented police agency providing services to the community in the areas of Patrol, Investigations, D.A.R.E., School Resource Officer, Neighborhood Watch, Crime Prevention, K-9, CrimeStoppers and Bicycle Patrol.

We are currently in the process of moving into the former City Hall space in our building. Department members have been busy painting and cleaning as time permits to keep costs down. We are upgrading and moving our dispatch center into the old city water department and re-configuring the workspace to make it more efficient. Radio upgrades will make our communications equipment

narrowband-capable and help us become fully narrowband compliant by 2013. We are also adding a backup radio repeater that will be called into service should our main radio repeater become disabled. The Police Department plans on being completely moved by May 1.

The Harvard Police Department is located at 201 W. Front St. and can be contacted by calling (815) 943-4431. In an emergency dial 9-1-1. I am looking forward to serving you for many years as your Chief and welcome the opportunity to meet with any member of the community for any reason. I am normally in the office Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and can be reached at (815) 943-4431 or e-mailed at kazy-garey@cityofharvard.org

Residents of the community are encouraged to call the Police Department to report any suspicious activity or a crime. Or call CrimeStoppers at (815) 943-4343 if you wish to remain anonymous.



Police Chief
Dan Kazy-Garey

Severe Weather Season Is Coming!

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind residents of a few public safety procedures related to the upcoming Severe Weather season.

The City of Harvard, in conjunction with McHenry County Emergency Management Agency, tests the tornado sirens every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

In the event that a tornado is imminent, the Police Department will activate the tornado sirens. Seek shelter immediately. Do not waste time calling the Police Department or City Hall. Tornadoes can be up to a mile in width and produce winds that reach speeds of 300 miles per hour. They are a threat to anyone and everything that is in their path.

The tornado siren will sound again, once the National Weather Service declares that the immediate danger of the tornado has passed. The Police Department requests that residents only call the Police Department during a severe weather alert if there is a true emergency in progress.



Further information on tornado and severe weather safety is available at the National Weather Service website at www.nws.noaa.gov and at the Red Cross weather website at www.redcross.org.

It is important to understand the difference in these warnings:

- **Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes are possible for the area. Remain alert for approaching storms.
- **Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Seek immediate shelter.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to local news agencies for weather updates.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm. Seek shelter immediately.

**Mark Your
Calendars for
Milk Days 2009**

***Moooving in
Changing Times!***

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**Harvard Milk
Days**

June 5 - 7, 2009

**“Moooving In
Changing Times”**

**68 Years of
Family Fun**



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| May 9 | Queen Coronation @ Moose Lodge |
| May 17 | Prince and Princess Contest @ Jefferson School |
| May 22 | Bed Race Preliminaries on Ayer Street |
| May 30 | Farm Tours/Breakfast, Craft Show & “Udder” Neat Stuff, Performance/Fun & Trail Class Horse Show @ Milky Way Park: Outdoor Grilling Competition & Car/Bike Wheelz Show @ Harvard Moose Lodge |
| May 31 | NBHA Equine Speed Event/Competition & Driving Show @ Milky Way Park |
| June 3 | Big Wheel Races/Bed Race Finals on Ayer Street |
| June 4 | Youth Parade on Ayer Street |
| June 5-7 | Carnival, Concessions, Petting Zoo, Antique Tractor Display, Milk Days Market Place, Chain Saw Carving, Hot Air Balloon Launch, Great Cat Adventure, Banana Derby |
| June 5 | Entertainment: <i>Special Appearance by Pioneer Drum & Bugle Corps</i> |
| June 6 | Milk Run/Walk (2 Mile Milk Run/Walk and 10K Run), Antique Tractor Show, Milk Days Brunch, Milk Drinking Contest, Cow Chip Lotto
68th Annual Milk Days Parade at 1 p.m.
Talent Show |
| June 8 | Community Church Service, Jr. Dairy Cattle Show, Antique Tractor Display, Entertainment: <i>“Living River”</i> , Cow Chip Lotto
Entertainment: <i>“New Odyssey”</i>
Grand Finale: Fireworks at dusk |

There will be a short ground fireworks display on Friday and Saturday evenings which will be visible only from the festival grounds.

Questions? Call: (815) 333-2146