

City of Harvard NewsNotes



Community Newsletter, Spring 2008

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan



It looks like the winter snows have finally ended and spring is on its way. The City's street crews did a great job battling this year's record snowfall and I would like to personally thank them for their efforts. They kept the streets clear as cities throughout the region struggled to find the road salt we all needed.

Spring will also bring the commencement of the City's streetscape program in downtown Harvard.

The contract for the project has been awarded to Alliance Contractors of Woodstock. Work is expected to be completed by November, in time for the holiday tree lighting ceremony to be held on Ayer Street.

The streetscape project will make an impressive difference in our downtown district and will complement the Historic Preservation District that was recently approved by the City. I hope that you are as excited about it as I am. There may be limited areas of inconvenience during the summer months, but it will be well worth it in the end!

The Wal-Mart SuperCenter on McGuire Road is expected to open on July 15. No doubt, a very special grand opening will be planned.

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 in
the Police Dept. lobby to
pay water bills.

www.cityofharvard.org



Upcoming City Events

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| May 1 - 22 | Hydrant Flushing |
| June 6-8 | 67th Annual Milk Days Festival |
| June 9 | Opening Day at the Pool |
| June 28 | Country Fair |





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

Mayor.....Jay Nolan
City Treasurer.....Beverly Meseck
City ClerkAndy Wells

Aldermen

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

Municipal Staff

City AdministratorDave Nelson
Chief of PoliceDan Kazy-Garey
Administrative AssistantLori Moller
Supt. Public WorksJim Kruckenberg
Supt. UtilitiesKeith Gibson
Supt. Parks & RecreationBob Burkart

Building Department

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

City Phone Numbers

City Hall943-6468
Fax: 943-4556
Dial-A-Ride943-7700
EMERGENCYDial 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
WWTP943-6626

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.

Spring News From Your City Library ...

By Harriet Roll, Harvard Diggins Library

Spring is finally on its way! The prairie wildflowers are showing signs of waking, a pair of Canadian geese are in the library's 'rain garden' and Summer Reading Club is about to begin.



Here's another new service: If you have requested items but are going on vacation, you can now 'freeze' your requests until you come back. You can check out the library's new online catalog at www.niclibraries.org.

These free programs are coming to the library this season:

May 8 at 7 PM — Simon Cordery will present **Crossroads of the Nation. The Hidden History of Illinois Railroads**. All Aboard for an informative evening!

June 19 at 7 PM — Chris Vallillo will present **Roots of Rural Music**, which will review the many forms of music in Illinois.

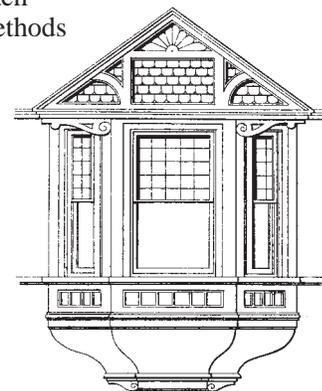
June 16th — **Summer Reading Club** begins, offering six weeks of reading incentives for children from toddler to 6th grade. Join the fun!

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

New Historic Preservation District

The City of Harvard has created a Downtown Historic Preservation District that encompasses all of the Ayer Street business district and portions of the side streets. In order to help maintain or bring back the original architectural features of the historical buildings within this district, the City is compiling a history of each structure through records of construction methods and old photographs.

We will use the photos to help restore lost architectural details, such as traditional shop fronts and building ornamentation. We'd be grateful to hear from anyone who has old photos of Harvard that they are willing to share as part of this effort. Please bring them to Harvard City Hall, where they will be copied and promptly returned to you.



Steve Santeler
Community Development Director

Chief's Chat

By Harvard Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey

The mission of the Harvard Police Department is to improve the quality of life for those whom we serve and protect by creating a professional cooperative environment within the community that embraces the City of Harvard's motto: 'Winning With Teamwork'.

The men and women of the Harvard Police Department take great pride in the service that we provide and consider ourselves to be 'one of the finest small police departments in the country'. Our Department is a multi-service, community-oriented police agency providing services in these areas: Patrol, Investigations, DARE, School Resource Officer, Neighborhood Watch, Crime Prevention, K-9, Crimestoppers and Bicycle Patrol.

The Police Department is located at 201 W. Front Street and can be contacted by calling (815) 943-4431. In an

emergency, always dial 9-1-1. Residents are encouraged to call the Department to report a crime or any suspicious activity. You can call Crimestoppers at (815) 943-4343 if you wish to remain anonymous.

I have enjoyed serving the community as your Chief of Police over the past year and look forward to serving you for many years to come. Please feel free to contact me with your questions, suggestions or complaints, or to compliment any member of our staff. I am normally in the office from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and can be reached at (815) 943-4431 or emailed at kazy-garey@cityofharvard.org.



Police Chief
Dan Kazy-Garey



Games!
Music!
Food!
and more!

Join the City of Harvard in An Old-Fashioned Country Fair

Join us Saturday, June 28, 2008
At Milky Way Park
11 am to 4 pm Rain or Shine



This new city-supported event is intended to showcase and support the many fine not-for-profit organizations in our community and help residents and visitors have a great time!

For more information contact 815-333-2136

This event is sponsored by the City of Harvard Events Committee



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2007

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the HARVARD water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by HARVARD is Ground Water.

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name Keith Gibson, Supt. of Utilities
Phone (815) 943-6626

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

A Source Water Assessment summary is included below for your convenience.

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey, published by the Illinois EPA, three potential sources or possible problem sites were identified within the survey area of Harvard wells. Furthermore, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank and Remedial Project Management Sections of the Illinois EPA indicated several additional sites with ongoing remediation that may be of concern. The Illinois EPA has determined that the source water obtained from Harvard Community Water Supply's Well #9 is not susceptible to contamination. However, the source water obtained from Wells #6 and #7 is susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data on the wells. The Illinois Environmental Protection Act provides minimum protection zones of 200 and 400 feet for Harvard's wells. These minimum protection zones are regulated by the Illinois EPA. In addition the community enacted a "maximum setback zone ordinance" for wells #6 and #7, which is authorized by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and allows county and municipal officials the opportunity to provide additional potential source prohibitions up to 1,000 feet from their wells. To further minimize the risk to the groundwater supply, the Illinois EPA recommends that six additional activities be assessed. First, the city should obtain aquifer property data and groundwater flow direction information so the recharge area for the cities Wells #6 and #7 can be mapped. This information can be obtained by completing pump tests on the CWS wells and completing mass water level measurements on wells finished in the aquifer utilized by Wells #6 and #7. Upon completing this effort, the city may wish to enact a "maximum setback zone" ordinance for well #9 to further protect their water supply. These ordinances are authorized by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and allow county and municipal officials the opportunity to provide additional protection up to a fixed distance, normally 1,000 feet, from their wells. Third, the city should explore the options of either properly abandoning inactive Well #8 or retrofitting it for use as a source of water supply. Inactive wells that are not properly abandoned can act as direct conduits for surficial contaminants into the aquifer and are considered "potential routes of groundwater contamination" under the Environmental Protection Act. Fourth, the water supply staff may wish to revisit their contingency planning documents. Contingency planning documents are a primary means to ensure that, through emergency preparedness, a city will minimize their risk of being without safe and adequate water. Fifth, the water supply staff is encouraged to review their cross connection control program to ensure that it remains current and viable. Cross connections to either the water treatment plant (for example, at bulk water loading stations) or in the distribution system may negate all source water protection initiatives provided by the city. Finally, the Illinois EPA recommends that the city investigate additional source water protection management options to address land use activities within the recharge areas of Wells #6 and #7. Specifically, these management options must include potential impacts from point and nonpoint sources of groundwater contamination.

2007 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper - Date Sampled: 12/31/2007

Definitions:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	Lead 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL	Likely Source of Contamination
0	15 ppb	7.2 ppb	1	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	1.38 ppm	10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.mg/l: milligrams per litre or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.ug/l: micrograms per litre or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.na: not applicable. Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
Chlorine	12/31/2007	1.6667	1.1667 - 1.6667	MRDLG =4	MRDL =4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
Barium	10/11/2007	0.31	0.093 - 0.31	2	2	ppm	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	10/11/2007	1.02	0.9 - 1.02	4	4	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge
Nickel	10/11/2006	6	5 - 6	N/A	N/A	ppb	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
Nitrate-Nitrite	1/31/2006	0.9	Not Applicable	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (As N)	1/31/2006	0.9	Not Applicable	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Antimony	10/11/2006	3	Not Applicable	6	6	ppb	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Selenium	10/11/2006	2	Not Applicable	50	50	ppb	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
State Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
Sodium There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.	10/11/2006	16	8.7 - 16	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used in water softener regeneration
Iron This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA. However, the state has set an MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.	10/11/2006	390	24 - 390	N/A	1000	ppb	No	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits
Manganese This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA. However, the state has set an MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.	10/11/2007	10	2 - 10	N/A	150	ppb	No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits

Note: The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

Parks & Recreation

SWIMMING POOL 2008 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 9th! 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 10th, 17th, 24th at the pool from 9-11 a.m.
 Evenings – June 3rd, 4th, 5th 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

PRE-SEASON RATES MAY 1st to JUNE 4th (PURCHASE AT CITY HALL)	RATES AFTER POOL OPENS JUNE 9th 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 \$ 85.00	Individual \$110.00	Individual \$ 85.00
Family* \$110.00	Family* \$135.00	Family* \$110.00
Sr. Citizen \$ 50.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 70.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 50.00
<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>
Individual \$150.00	Individual \$200.00	Individual \$150.00
Family* \$200.00	Family* \$250.00	Family* \$200.00
Sr. Citizen \$ 70.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 90.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 70.00
* <i>Family passes include <u>only</u> legal, immediate family! <u>NO</u> 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 <u>and</u> attending college. **In-Town: Proof of residency will be required. A Senior Citizen is defined as 65 years of age or older.</i>		

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:	06/16 - 06/27
Session 3:	07/14 - 07/25

Session 2:	06/30 - 07/11
Session 4:	07/28 - 08/08

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

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

NEED TO KNOW ...

Spring Brush Pick-Up

Effective April thru October, 2008 brush pickup for residential property only begins the second Monday of the month (no pickup in June and August) and will continue until all wards have been picked up. 2008 Dates Include: **May 12, July 14, September 8 and October 13.**

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. The crew will not accept boards or wire. 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.

Hydrant Flushing May 1-22

Hydrant flushing may create rust and brown-colored water. The water is safe to drink but will stain clothes that are washed in it. If you experience rusty water, let your faucet run until clear.

Get Into Mowing!

When mowing your lawn this season, the Public Works Department asks that you please mow IN, towards your lawn and AWAY from the street. This will help prevent the storm drains from clogging up.

*It's a Great Place to Live,
Work and Shop!*



Special Recreation Program

The Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) provides year-round recreation activities and Special Olympics training for residents with disabilities of all ages and ability levels. Sports, fitness, social, cultural, outdoor and pre-school programs, along with camps, special events and trips, offer recreational opportunities for children, teens and adults. A few programs are located in Harvard and transportation is available to programs in other communities. Pick up NISRA's catalog at City Hall, view it at www.nisra.org or call (815) 459-0737 for more information.

J.U.L.I.E. — Call Before You Dig!

You may be surprised by what is buried in your yard. That's because today more power, gas, water and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. To avoid damaging those lines, state law requires that you call J.U.L.I.E. before ANY digging project.

J.U.L.I.E. is a 24/7 not-for-profit message handling service for homeowners and contractors that alerts member utility companies to come out and mark their underground lines at your site. J.U.L.I.E. neither owns nor marks any underground facilities. Call 8-1-1 at least two working days before digging is to begin. The call is free and so are the services. For more information, visit www.Illinois1call.com or call (800) 892-0123.

Consumer Electronics Recycling Program

OfficeMax and Sims Recycling Solutions have partnered to encourage consumers to recycle their obsolete electronics instead of sending them to a landfill. Consumers who bring their electronics to OfficeMax will pay a small recycling fee and receive an instant in-store savings coupon that is valued at up to 150% of the fee they pay. More information is available at www.officemax.com.

Need To Know Community Information

See Inside



Harvard Milk Days

June 6 - 8, 2008

67 Years of
'MOO'rific
Family Fun!



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- May 10 Queen Coronation at Moose Lodge
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- May 18 Prince and Princess Contest at Jefferson School
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- May 30 Bed Race Preliminaries on Ayer Street
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- May 31 Farm Tours/Breakfast, Craft Show and 'Udder' Neat Stuff, Horse Show (Fun and Pleasure) and Outdoor Grilling Competition at Milky Way Park
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- June 1 Horse Show (Driving and Speed) at Milky Way Park
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- June 4 Big Wheel Races/Bed Race Finals on Ayer Street
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- June 6-8 Carnival, Concessions, Petting Zoo, Antique Tractor Display, Milk Days Market Place, Chain Saw Carving, Hot Air Balloon Launch
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- June 6 Entertainment: 'Clarissa and the Auburn Sky Band' and 'Denny Diamond & the Family Jewels'
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- June 7 Milk Run/Walk (2-Mile Run/Walk and 10K Run), Antique Tractor Show, Milk Days Brunch, Dedication of New Building, Milk Drinking Contest, Cow Chip Lotto, 67th Annual Milk Days Parade at 1 PM
- Entertainment: 'Battle of the Bands'
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- June 8 Community Church Service, Junior Dairy Cattle Show, Antique Tractor Display, Talent Show, Cow Chip Lotto,
- Entertainment: 'New Odyssey'
- Grand Finale: Fireworks at dusk

There will be short ground fireworks displays on Friday and Saturday, which will be a visible at the festival grounds.
Various ground attractions to be announced at a later date.