

City of Harvard NewsNotes



Community Newsletter, Spring 2006

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan



It is a very exciting time in Harvard. Our city is in the midst of its Sesquicentennial Celebration. Upcoming events are detailed throughout this issue. Be sure to purchase your copy of Harvard's new history book: 'Harvard - 150 Years: 1856-2006'. The softcover book will be available in May for \$7.00 at City Hall, the Harvard Area Chamber of Commerce, The Harvard Historical Society and the Harvard Diggins Library. The project was coordinated by Margaret Kistler and includes articles by

local residents and historians. A photograph of Harvard founder Eldridge Gerry Ayer is on the cover.

The Sesquicentennial Committee is putting the finishing touches on a website that will include information on related events and history. Watch for it to debut at www.harvard150.com.

This year also marks the 65th anniversary of Harvard's Milk Days Festival. We have much to be proud of in our community and Milk Days is an ideal time to show it off to the nearly 100,000 people who will visit our community in the coming weeks.

The latest buzz in the community is that Super Wal-Mart is coming to town. Representatives from Wal-Mart, Inc. are expected to bring their plans for a proposed superstore on McGuire Road before the Planning and Zoning Commission in June. The new center would replace the existing Wal-Mart on Route 14 and offer groceries and expanded product lines.

New commercial growth is also coming to Route 14, with the addition of a new retail center at Airport Road. Castle Bank has announced its plans to build a new bank branch at the center. A variety of retailers are expected to follow.

The City of Harvard has purchased Castle Bank's existing facility on Diggins Street to be used as the new home of City Hall. The relocation will enable the city to serve residents better, and will provide needed additional space for the Harvard Police Department at our current Front Street location.

Our Sesquicentennial is a once-in-a-lifetime event. Be sure to participate in as many events as you can.

Special Sesquicentennial Issue!

Upcoming City Events

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| May 6 | Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at MCC 8 AM - 3 PM |
| May 15 | Hydrant Flushing Begins |
| June 2-4 | 65th Annual Milk Days Festival |
| June 5 | Opening Day at the Pool |
| June 27 | Chamber of Commerce Circus |

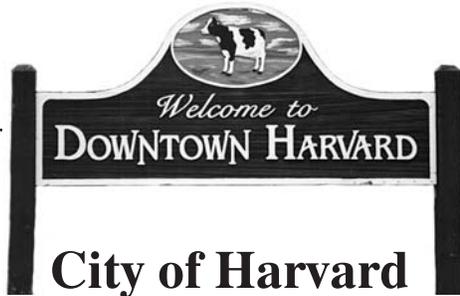
Planning Ahead ...

Sesquicentennial Events

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| Aug. 13 | Cemetery Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery |
| Aug. 18-19 | Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Traveling Wall at Library |
| Aug. 19 | Ice Cream Social
Lion's Park |
| Aug. 19-20 | World War II Re-enactment at
Lion's Park |
| Nov. 25 | Re-signing of the Original Plat
of Harvard, Moose Lodge |

A full calendar of special events is included inside!!





**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
.....Joel Berg
Ward 3Scott Logan
.....Rick Adams
Ward 4Tom Hay
.....Darrell Perkins

Municipal Staff

City Administrator.....Dave Nelson
Chief of Police.....Andy Oparyk
Administrative Assistant.....Lori Moller
Building InspectorJim Kruckenberg
Building InspectorSteve Santeler
Supt. Public WorksJim Carbonetti
Supt. UtilitiesKeith Gibson
Supt. Parks & RecreationBob Burkart

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.

From the Harvard Diggins Library

Spend some time at the library this spring and summer. It will be cool there, with plenty to enjoy!

This is a very special year for Harvard. In conjunction with the Sesquicentennial celebration, there is a new history case in the Local History room. The library also has past Harvard area newspapers on microfilm and has subscribed to the online archives of the *Northwest Herald*.

Family histories can be researched using the online Heritage Quest program.

The library is installing a new system for managing public computer usage and is adding two more adult Internet workstations for public use. There will still be two workstations for children’s Internet use. Patrons must be registered in the library’s database to use the Internet although they do not need have to have a library card. Come in today to update your registration.



Summer Reading Club will begin after Milk Days. This program is an incentive to read or be read to for children up to 13. The theme this year is ‘Voyage to Book Island’ and pirates, treasure and beaches will be important elements. A library card is required to participate in this program. There will be prizes and activities and the finale will be a swim party at the Harvard community pool! Call 943-4671 for more information.

Library Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed. 9:30 AM - 8 PM

Thurs. 3 PM - 8 PM

Fri., Sat. 9:30 AM - 5: 30 PM

Closed Sunday

Hydrant Flushing

Area 1 & 2 May 15-19
Area 3 & 4 May 22-26

Area 1 East of Division and North of Route 173
Area 2 West of Division and North of RR tracks
Area 3 South of Route 173 and East of Ayer Street
Area 4 West of Ayer Street and South of RR tracks

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.

NEED TO KNOW ...

2006 Brush Pickup

Brush pick up will occur monthly between April and October. Pick up will be the second Monday of each month. The chipper will only make one pass through each area. Mark your calendars for these start dates:

- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9

To ensure pick up, all tree branches must be placed by the curb prior to the day pick up begins. Do not put brush out 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, vines, evergreens or fir trees. 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 chipping policy as brush pick up.

Public Works

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

J.U.L.I.E. – Call Before You Dig!

You may be surprised by what's 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 you to call JULIE before any digging project, regardless of the project's size or depth.

JULIE operators are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call is free and so are the services. JULIE will alert member utility companies of your plans to dig so that they can come out and mark their underground lines at your site. JULIE neither owns nor marks any underground facilities.

You must call two working days prior to digging. Call 800-892-0123 to request service or for more information.

Utility Easements

All newer subdivisions and some of the original sections of the city have a piece of property in the back yard called a utility easement. In the new subdivisions all of the electric, telephone and cable television lines are located in this corridor. Storm water drainage tiles may also be located there.

Although not prohibited, there is a risk to installing a fence or landscaping in the utility easement area. The area must be accessible to the utility companies and the Public Works department to maintain their lines. It is not the City's responsibility to replace a fence or landscaping that may have been in the easement.

Residents with Disabilities

Do you know someone with a disability who would like to go out, have fun and make friends? Since 1976, NISRA has provided recreation programs for people with disabilities. Boating, swimming, hiking, attending outdoor concerts, making crafts, taking trips and eating ice cream are just a few of the activities awaiting participants in programs, day camps and special events. Visit NISRA's website at www.nisra.org to check it all out. A brochure is also available at City Hall or call (815) 459-0737 to have one mailed to you.

Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week, May 15-21

Twenty five years ago, Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week was created to honor police officers from northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin who were killed in the line of duty. Today, the Memorial Week Committee represents over 60 law enforcement agencies in the six-county region including Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, DeKalb and McHenry counties.

This year's events include a church service, an officer's breakfast, and a law enforcement display at Cherryvale Mall in Rockford. The Cherryvale Mall event held May 19-21 will feature displays by more than 60 law enforcement and military agencies. All of the United State military branches use this event as a major recruiting opportunity. The Harvard Police Department will have a squad car on display and a representative will be on hand at the City's booth to pass out brochures and answer questions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Andy Oparyk

When I was appointed Chief last August, I set important goals for our department. I am happy to announce that all of these goals have been reached.

Community-Police Partnerships and relations have improved greatly. We are working to keep the public better informed through the media. The department instituted a foot patrol program where officers walk and talk with the public in the business district. This has increased officer visibility greatly and has been very well received by the general public and the business owners. Officer Tyson Bauman, who serves as our Community Resource Officer, Child Seat Restraint Technician, School Resource and D.A.R.E. officer, has presented numerous programs on crime prevention, drugs, gangs, DUI, child safety seat requirements and inspections to the community.

To develop this relationship even further in the future, we are planning to offer a Citizen's Police Academy. The first class could be offered as early as this fall. Citizens have also inquired about Neighborhood Watch Programs, which I highly support. This program will require a high participation level by residents in participating neighborhoods. Let me know if you and your neighbors are interested in starting such a program in your neighborhood. I would be receptive to assisting any group of residents who think they can make a program work. You can contact me at 943-4431.

With Officer Verle Leard's promotion to Investigations, our department now has two full-time detectives. I am also pleased to announce that Officers Kyle Oligney and Charles Lorenz, who were hired in October 2005, have completed their training and are now working the street.

Officer Stephen Dixon met his new partner and began his K-9 training on April 17. The unit will begin working the streets on June 10. Hats off to Officer Dixon and the Harvard Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 134 for spearheading the fundraising effort to bring a K-9 Unit to Harvard. A check for \$32,000 was presented to the City of Harvard at the April 11 City Council meeting. A big hearty THANK YOU also goes out to EVERYONE who made a donation. The effort was a great example of Community-Police Partnership at its best!

Have a great spring and a safe and wonderful summer!



Chief Oparyk



FOP Presents City With K-9 Funds

Mayor Jay Nolan (left) accepts a check for \$32,000 from the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 134 to fund Harvard's new K-9 unit. Officer Steve Dixon (middle) and Officer Tyson Bauman (right) made the presentation at the April 11 City Council meeting.

City of Harvard
Annual
Water Report



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

HARVARD

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of

January 1 to December 31, 2005

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.

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.
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. Immunocompromised 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 Water Assessment

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.

2005 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Date Sampled: 9/27/2005

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	3.8 ppb	0	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	1.45 ppm	5	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

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. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilsons Disease should consult their personal doctor.

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 MCL's 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
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]		7/17/2001	8	Not Applicable	N/A	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine		8/31/2005	1.2989	1.0111 - 1.2989	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		11/4/2004	0.24	0.076 - 0.24	2	2	ppm	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride		11/4/2004	1.4	0.85 - 1.4	4	4	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge
Nitrate-Nitrite		2/11/2005	0.86	Not Applicable	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (As N)		2/11/2005	0.86	Not Applicable	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium		11/4/2004	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
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.		11/4/2004	350	11 - 350	N/A	1000	ppb	No	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits

<p>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.</p>	11/4/2004	8	4 - 8	N/A	150	ppb	No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits
<p>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.</p>	11/4/2004	15	8.2 - 15	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used in water softener regeneration

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 2006 SCHEDULE

OPENING DAY IS Monday, June 5th. The new pool is a handicapped accessible, zero depth pool, with a capacity for 422 people. Features include a water slide, a drop slide and a diving board. Also new 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 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	\$4.00
Out-of-town	\$6.00

PRE-SEASON RATES

APRIL 1st to JUNE 2nd
(PURCHASE AT CITY HALL)

In-Town**

Individual	\$65.00
Family*	\$90.00

Out-of-Town

Individual	\$130.00
Family*	\$180.00

RATES AFTER POOL OPENS

JUNE 5th to JUNE 31st
(PURCHASE AT POOL)

In-Town**

Individual	\$ 90.00
Family*	\$115.00

Out-of-Town

Individual	\$180.00
Family*	\$230.00

RATES

JULY 1st TO JULY 31st
(PURCHASE AT POOL)

In-Town**

Individual	\$65.00
Family*	\$90.00

Out-of-Town

Individual	\$130.00
Family*	\$180.00

Contact Pool after August 1 for rates

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.

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.

*There will be an additional flat \$5.00 fee added to Saturday morning pool parties

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.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Information/registration is available after May 1st.
Contact City Hall at 943-6468 or the Swimming Pool at 943-4300.

Session 1:	06/12 - 06/23
Session 3:	07/10 - 07/22

Session 2:	06/26 - 07/07
Session 4:	07/24 - 08/04

In-Town: \$40 per child/per session

Out-of-Town: \$50 per child/per session

City of Harvard Sesquicentennial

1856-2006

Come Join the Fun!

The City of Harvard was founded on November 25, 1856 by Eldridge Gerry Ayer. During 2006 — our city's sesquicentennial year — we will commemorate this milestone with many different events. Sesquicentennial events are shown in bold.

When	What	Where	Who/Phone
May 5	Cinco de Mayo	Brainard Street	Harvard Main Street 943-3431
May 13	Milk Days Queen Coronation	Moose Lodge	Milk Days 943-4614
May 19, 31	Milk Days Bed Races	Ayer Street	Milk Days 943-4614
May 20	Milk Days Prince & Princess Contest	Jefferson School	Milk Days 943-4614
May 25	Milk Days Cooking Show	Moose Lodge	Milk Days 943-4614
May 27-28	Milk Days Horse Show	Route 173 West	Milk Days 943-4614
June 2-4	Milk Days	All around the city	Milk Days 943-4614
June 13	Rotary Steak Fry	Moose Lodge	Rotary 943-7777
June 24	H.E.R.S. Annual Picnic	Lion's Park	H.E.R.S. 943-4153
June 27	Circus	Milky Way Park	Chamber of Commerce 943-4404
July 29	Boy's League Barbecue	Moose Field	Boy's League 943-5621
August 13	Cemetery Walk	Mount Auburn Cemetery	Sesquicentennial Committee 943-6468
August 18-19	Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall	Harvard Library	Harvard Main Street 943-3431
August 19	Ice Cream Social	Lion's Park	Sesquicentennial Committee 943-6468
August 19-20	World War II Re-enactment	Lion's Park	Sesquicentennial Committee 943-6468
August 27	Folk Fest	First Presbyterian Church	First Presbyterian Church 943-4474
Sept. 6	Lion's Club Pork Chop BBQ	Lion's Park	Lion's Club 943-6169
Sept. 16	Farmer's Market Arts & Crafts Classic Car Show	Ayer Street	Harvard Main Street 943-3431
Nov. 4	Black and Gold Ball	Cliffbreakers	Harvard Community Education Foundation 943-1975
Nov. 25	Re-Signing of Plat	Moose Lodge	Sesquicentennial Committee 943-6468
Dec. 2	Christmas in Harvard	Ayer Street	Chamber of Commerce 943-4404

Call City Hall at 943-6468 or the event sponsor for more information on any of these events. You can also visit the Sesquicentennial website at www.harvard150.com. It will be ready soon!





City of Harvard Sesquicentennial Celebration

World War II Re-enactment and Tribute to All Armed Services Veterans

Be sure to reserve the weekend of August 19 - 20 to witness and enjoy a unique segment of the Harvard Sesquicentennial Celebration that will honor Harvard's Armed Service Veterans (both living and deceased). Highlights of the weekend will include three World War II skirmishes (two on Saturday, at 11 AM and 3 PM, and one on Sunday at 11 AM), exhibits of memorabilia from World War II, Korea and Vietnam (posters, military uniforms and gear, flags, films, vehicles, weapons, etc.) and simulated military encampments. Two re-enactment groups from the northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin area will participate in realistic re-enactment exercises. At this time, the plan is to make admission to this exciting event FREE to the public. However, donations will be accepted to help offset the expense of bringing an operation of this size and magnitude to Harvard.

On Saturday night, August 19, the Re-enactment Committee hopes to hold a World War II Theme Dance in Harvard, preferably the type the USO held for service personnel in that era. The event would be open to the public on a voluntary donation basis. Everyone would be asked to come dressed in World War II-era clothing if possible. The evening's entertainment would feature music from the 1940's and 1950's, and likely some contemporary music as well. Watch for more details to come!

The Traveling Wall

As part of the Sesquicentennial celebration, Harvard Main Street will host the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, 'The Traveling Wall', at Harvard's Diggins Library on August 18-19. The memorial was completed in May 1995 and has since toured many parts of the country in respect and remembrance of those who have served. The Traveling Wall is one-half the size of the permanent memorial in Washington DC. It is 240 feet long and five feet tall in the center, tapering to one foot at the ends. The wall consists of 16 panels, each weighing 125 pounds. When fully assembled, it weighs approximately one ton. The Traveling Wall contains 58,218 names and is updated as needed. The names are laser etched and rubbings can be made.

We are very proud to have this important piece of history visit our community. Substantial volunteer support and donations are needed to make this event a success. Please consider making a donation to assist with the cost and/or signing up to help staff the 24-hour security force. Contact Harvard Main Street at 943-3431 for more information.

Mt. Auburn Historic Cemetery Tour

The Mt. Auburn Cemetery board of Directors will host a Cemetery Walk at Mt. Auburn from noon to 5 PM on Sunday, August 13. The self-guided tour will lead participants among the final resting places of many of Harvard's pioneers. Mt. Auburn covers approximately 55 acres and is known for its beauty and serenity. More than 6,000 people are buried there. The cemetery is also a bird sanctuary with over 100 recorded species. Re-enactors will be present at some grave sites and there will be demonstrations of gravestone rubbing techniques. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. The event will take place rain or shine.

Celebrate With Us!
Harvard's
Sesquicentennial
1856-2006



Schedule of Events
Inside

Mark Your Calendars for the 65th Annual Milk Days Festival

May 13	Queen Coronation
May 19	Bed Race Preliminaries
May 20	Prince and Princess Contest
May 25	Cooking Show
May 28	Horse Show

June 2	Big Wheel Races/Bed Race Finals
June 2-4	Carnival, Concessions, Petting Zoo, Market Place, Infinity Art
June 2	Youth Parade Entertainment: Boone Boys Short Ground Fireworks Display 10:45 pm
June 3	Milk Run/Walk (2 mile Run/Walk and 10K Run), Arts & Crafts Fair Milk Days Brunch, Milk Drinking Contest, Cow Chip Lotto Milk Days Parade 1 p.m. Entertainment: Tin Horse Short Ground Fireworks Display 10:45 pm
June 4	Community Church Service, Cattle Show, Talent Show, Cow Ship Lotto Entertainment: New Odyssey Grand Finale: Fireworks at dusk

