

City of Harvard NewsNotes



Community Newsletter, Fall 2008

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan



Join us on Friday, November 21 at 4:30 p.m. to 'cut the ribbon' on the City's recently-completed streetscape program and to watch the holiday lights come on in Downtown Harvard.

Both events will take place at the Community Sign at Five Points. Civic leaders will officially 're-open' the downtown area, which now sports new lighting, sidewalks, curbs and walkways and amenities such as planters and benches. Several downtown buildings have also received facelifts from their owners.

Harvard will then 'flip the switch' on its holiday lighting program, which features lit wreathes on more than 70 new light posts. A new era will officially begin for the downtown district.

The City is working with the Harvard EDC to help building owners recruit the types of businesses that Harvard residents say they need and want. Call the HEDC at 943-1036 to learn about special programs that may be available to help bring your business to Downtown Harvard.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season. The salt shortage is very real this year, throughout the region. Be sure to drive safely, wherever you go.



THE ILLINOIS FUNDS



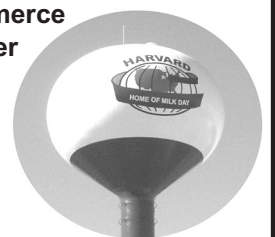
**Check the City's
website at
www.cityofharvard.org
to e-pay water bills
and
parking tickets.**

**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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| November 21 | Bring the Family! Downtown Streetscape Ribbon Cutting and Holiday Lights |
| December 6 | Christmas in Harvard |
| January 24 | Chamber of Commerce Recognition Dinner |
| Jan/Feb 2009 | Open Gym at High School |





City of Harvard Municipal Information www.cityofharvard.org

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City Treasurer.....Beverly Meseck
City ClerkAndy Wells

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.....Debra Szczap
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.....Darrell Perkins

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Supt. Parks & RecreationBob Burkart

Building Department

Community Development Dir. ...Steve Santeler
Code Enforcement Officer..Clayton Brennecka
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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 Your City Library ...

By Harriet Roll, Librarian

Often, our newest materials aren't available to browse, because they are quickly checked out by local patrons or by borrowers in the greater library system. Our library shares all of its materials with seven other libraries and they, in turn, share with us.

We have created a new procedure to make it easier to know 'what's new at the Library'. Here's how it works: Look for display of cards for new titles in the new books section and bring that card to the desk to be among the first to request new material. The card will then be returned to the section for others to browse. New books can now be checked out for three weeks. You can also suggest books, movies, music and audio books that you think the library should own.

You can access a wide range of Library services from home, using your library card barcode number. By logging in through the Library's web page, you can look up magazine articles in the Ebsco Masterfile, do genealogical research using HeritageQuest, or check to see which titles came first in a book



series by looking in NoveList. You can also place holds, renew many items and check your 'reading history' by logging into your account.

Additional online databases can be accessed at the Library. Ask a staff member to log you on to check out sites such as the Auto Repair Reference Center, the Consumer Health Index for medical references, or Books in Print covering available, out-of-print, forthcoming and other formats of fiction and non-fiction titles.

Check the library's website for upcoming events, programs and special displays — wherever you may be!

Harvard Diggins Library

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

News from Milk Days

The 68th annual Milk Days festival will be held May 9 - June 7, 2009. New attractions and entertainment are being planned and new committees have been added to expand the Craft Show, Grilling Competition and Horse Show.

We are looking for input on these projects: 1) A Milk Days cookbook featuring recipes from area residents. We hope you will share your favorites; 2) Possible themes for the 2009 event; 3) Individuals interested in creating this year's Milk Days poster. All input should be submitted by December 31, 2008 via email to info@milkdays.com or via mail to Milk Days Chair Bryce Bannwolf, P. O. Box 325, Harvard IL 60033. Questions? Call the Milk Days office at (815) 943-4614 or stop by 201 W. Front Street in downtown Harvard.

NEED TO KNOW ...

Leaf Vacuuming Schedule

Leaf Vacuuming has started and will continue depending on weather conditions. Please rake your leaves to the curb, **NOT THE STREET**. Marengo Disposal will vacuum leaves until either the leaves are all gone or it snows, whichever comes first. If you have any questions, please contact Marengo Disposal at (815) 943-4939.

Special Recreation Program

Do you know someone with a disability who would like to go out, have fun and make new friends? NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association) provides year-round recreation activities and Special Olympics for residents with disabilities of all ages and ability levels. A few programs are located in Harvard and transportation is available to programs in other communities. Pick up NISRA's fall catalog at City Hall, view it at www.nisra.org or call (815) 459-0737 to have one mailed to you.

From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey

The Harvard Police Department is accepting applications to establish an eligibility list for the position of Patrol Officer. Information may be obtained on the City of Harvard website, at www.cityofharvard.org. Applications are available at the police department. If you have questions regarding the application process, I can be contacted Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. at (815) 943-4431 or by email at kazy-garey@cityofharvard.org.



Police Chief
Dan Kazy-Garey

Please keep these City ordinances in mind as we move through the Fall and Winter seasons:

- Open burning within the City of Harvard is prohibited;
- Blowing grass and leaves into the street is prohibited;
- Parking on any City street between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. is prohibited;
- Depositing snow into the street is prohibited;
- Do not park across a sidewalk; and
- Loud music that can be heard from distances greater than 50 feet is often prohibited.

From the Public Works Department

Salt Shortage This Winter!

Winter is just around the corner.

As most of you have heard, road salt is in short supply this winter. Salt that is available costs the City of Harvard \$141.00 a ton compared to the \$40.65 per ton that we paid a year ago. Due to both factors, the City was able to purchase less than half of last year's total. We will mix sand with the salt to make our supply last through the winter. This will help extend the salt supply, but will not solve the shortage.

To ensure we have enough salt, the City has made several policy decisions. The downtown area, the areas around the schools and the emergency routes will be salted as usual. Intersections and steep grades will also be maintained as in the past. The rest of the streets in the city will be plowed only. **We ask all drivers to please drive with caution this winter.**

Please remember that after a 2" snowfall, all vehicles should be off the streets. This allows us to plow and salt the roads quickly. If a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles should be removed from the streets. A snow emergency can be declared before a 2" snowfall. A snow emergency will be posted on the community sign as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether an emergency has been called or terminated, call Public Works at 943-4161 or the police station at 943-4431.

Harvard Events Committee

Last fall, the City Council created the Harvard Events Committee to plan and organize recreational events for the enrichment of the community. Since then, the Committee has organized Christmas in Harvard and the Old Fashioned Country Fair. The Committee is seeking resident input as to what type of events are wanted. The Committee is also looking for individuals who would be interested in serving on sub-committees for various events.

Please return this form to: Harvard Events Committee,
P. O. Box 310, Harvard IL 60033

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

What type of events would you like the Committee to organize? _____

Would you be interested in serving on an event sub-committee? Yes No

Mark Your Calendars!
We're Cutting the Ribbon
on Downtown Harvard
November 21, 2008

See Inside ...



Save the Date for Christmas in Harvard

Saturday, December 6, 2008



- The Harvard Christmas Parade starts at 12:30 p.m. and travels north on Ayer Street
- Breakfast with Mrs. Claus at Kelly's Restaurant, 5420 S. Rt. 14, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Visit with Santa 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at The Harvard AF & AM Co. at 66 N. Ayer Street (across Ayer Street from Angelo's Pizza)
- While you're there, visit Santa's Gift Shoppe so the kids can purchase Christmas gifts on their own. All gifts are priced between \$.50 and \$5.00. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Craft Show at the Starline Building & at City Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Live Nativity & Petting Zoo from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (in parking lot across the street from Jimmy's Patio)
- Tree Lighting, Awards at 4:30 p.m. at the City Christmas Tree (at Five Corners)
- Cash Raffle Drawing immediately following tree lighting ceremony
- Music, crafts and refreshments throughout the downtown

Questions? Call: (815) 333-2146