City of Harvard NGWSNOTES

Community Newsletter

From the Mayor's Desk By Mayor Jay Nolan



The City of Harvard, the City of Woodstock and McHenry County worked together to make McHenry County's first-ever Enterprise Zone a reality. The approved zone includes 7.73

square miles and is expected to take effe on January 1. Businesses that choose to expand or locate within the zone will be eligible for special incentives. Watch for program specifics to debut later this year

The blue ribbons that you see in downtown Harvard are a well-earned tribute to our men and women in blue. thanks to the efforts of the senior class at Harvard High School. Harvard's police officers are a valued part of our community, and we appreciate their hard work, and the hard work of their fellow county and state officers.

The holidays are also right around the corner and downtown Harvard will soon be aglow with holiday lighting. Christmas in Harvard will take place on December 5 Please shop at local stores whenever you can. Harvard businesses depend on your patronage and sales tax revenues help pay for important city services.

Changing seasons bring changing, unpredictable weather with them. Watch the community sign for snow alerts and move your cars when needed, so plowing can begin when necessary.

THE LAST BRUSH PICKUP UNTIL MAY 2016.

LEAF VACUUMING SCHEDULE

HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

daily schedule while work is in progress.

additional information.

Fall brush pickup will begin on Monday, October 12 and will continue until all wards

have been picked up. Public Works will go through each ward one time, THIS WILL BE

To ensure that your brush is picked up, have all branches by the curb before pickup

begins on 10/12. All brush must be at least 3 feet long. This is a safety precaution for our

employees. Shorter branches pose a hazard when feeding them into the chipper. When

placing branches at the curb, stack the brush in a manner that it is easily picked up from

remove. The time limit for chipping brush at each stop is 20 minutes, per City policy.

Arrangements can be made to remove any remaining brush at a cost to the owner of

\$125.00 an hour, with a minimum charge of \$50.00. If you have branches down after a

storm, place them at the curb and notify Public Works at 943-0301.

the street, with the large end at the curb. This makes it easier, faster and more efficient to

Leaf vacuuming will tentatively occur from October 1 through November 30, depending

on weather conditions and when leaves begin to fall. Please rake your leaves to the curb,

NOT INTO THE STREET. Marengo Disposal Company will vacuum through the end of

The Utilities Department will flush hydrants from October 12 – 21, as weather permits.

faucets run until clear and do not wash white clothes during the time that hydrant flushing

is taking place in your ward. Signs will be placed in each ward during flushing and City Hall

Hydrant flushing disrupts the water in the main and may turn your water rusty. Let your

will have a schedule of where work will take place each day. Call (815) 943-6468 for the

November, weather permitting. Contact them at (888) 775-3691 or (815) 568-7274 for

From the

POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Mark Krause

As summer fades into fall and children return to school, traffic picks up and everyone rushes around town. That makes this a good time to review some school-related traffic rules and regulations.

Motorists need to remember that school buses MUST stop at all railroad crossings. These stops require the bus driver to activate their hazard lights and open their front door in order to determine if the crossing is safe enough to pass. If another vehicle is oncoming, they may pass by the school bus with caution. A vehicle that is behind the school bus may not pass the school bus while within 100 feet of the railroad crossing.

School buses are equipped with yellow and red lights and a stop arm to notify motorists when children are loading or unloading. Flashing yellow lights warn vehicles that the school bus will be stopping soon. Red flashing lights and a stop arm notify drivers that the bus is in the process of loading or unloading children and that all traffic in both ways of travel on two-lane

roads must stop. On roads with four lanes or more and traffic moving in both directions, vehicles traveling in the opposite direction of a stopped school bus do not need to stop. Motorists may proceed after stopping for a bus if one of the following occurs: 1) the bus resumes motion, 2) the bus driver signals the motorist to proceed or 3) the flashing lights are turned off and the stop arm signal is no longer extended.

A motorist's failure, for the first offense, to obey a stop arm can result in a mandatory minimum fine of \$150 and three-month suspension of driver's license. A second offense or subsequent conviction within five years can result in a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 and a one-year suspension of driver's license. Motorists

cited for illegally passing a school bus are not eligible for court supervision. The Harvard Police Department participates in a program where stop arm violators can receive a citation

even if an officer is not present when the violation occurs

Many children walk to school. On a school day when children are present and close enough to the road that a potential hazard exists, no person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour while

passing a school zone or while traveling upon any public thoroughfare where children pass going to and from school. School zones are typically marked with a yellow pentagon shaped to resemble an old-time school house with a pointed roof. If the sign has a picture of two children walking but no crosswalk, you are getting close to a school zone. If it shows two children walking inside a crosswalk, there is a school crosswalk

ahead. You should slow down and be alert for children and crossing guards. School zones also have special speed limit signs to warn drivers of the change in speed limit. These signs are white and rectangular, with a yellow band on top that has the word 'school' written across it.

Keep in mind that ALL school zones are no passing zones. Also: Children or adults in a crosswalk of a school crossing area always have the right of way. When you see a crosswalk come into view, always be prepared to stop.

I can be reached Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. by calling (815) 943-4431, or via email anytime at krause@cityofharvard.org. You can follow Harvard Police on Twitter @CityofHarvardPD

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

PREPARING FOR WINTER

streets will be plowed one pass in each direction following a snowfall. Once all City streets are open, snow will be plowed to the curb. The business district, emergency routes and school areas will be plowed to the curb and salted right away. Intersections and steep grades will also be salted. The remainder of the streets in the city will be plowed only. We ask all drivers to please drive with

The removal will be done as soon as possible, but it may take a few days, so please be patient.

SNOW EMERGENCIES

All vehicles must be off the streets following a two-inch removed from the streets immediately. A snow emergency can be Dept. at 943-4431.

Parks & Recreation News

JR. HORNETS BOYS TRAVELING **BASKETBALL TEAMS**

Tryouts will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, November 10 and 12 at the Harvard Jr. High School. Please bring a completed registration form and your basketball with your name on it to tryouts. Payments will not be collected until coaches have finished their team selections.

Tryout Schedule:

5th Grade 6:30-7:30 pm 7th Grade 7:30-8:30 pm 6th Grade 6:30-7:30 pm 8th Grade 7:30-8:30 pm Practice: Monday and Friday evenings between 6:30-9:30 pm.

Fee: \$178 res. /\$188 non-res. Fee Includes new uniforms, officials and facility usage

\$148 res. /\$168 non-res. If you will be using last season's uniform and don't need a new one.

Watch for additional details on the city website at www.cityofharvard.org. Coaches are needed. Please email Mike Clingingsmith at: clingingsmith@cityofharvard.org if you or someone you know would be interested.

BASKETBALL SPEED & AGILITY

This 6-week basketball class will help you to the next level. We will enhance the basics you may have learned, along with advancing your skills that will concentrate on more teamwork and game strategies. Our speed and agility training session is built to make our participants faster, stronger, and more agile athletes. Be the fastest kid on the court! We use SKLZ equipment for our class which is highly recommended by multiple coaches and trainers. A scrimmage game will be played at the end of each class. Min/Max 8-20.

Location: Jefferson School Gym

Dates: 10/15-11/19 Thursday's for 6 weeks 5:30-6:30 Time: 6:30-7:30 Time: Grades: 3rd – 4th Grades: 5th - 6th Fee: \$60.00 Fee: \$60.00

TRAIN DIRTY FITNESS HIT IT

½ hr. AM Class Ages: Adult

High intensity interval training fitness class perfect for adults, but open to all ages and abilities. Functional cardio conditioning and total body strength workout. Fee: \$5.00 per class Register at class. Date: Ongoing Monday mornings - Starting 10/19

Time: 8:30 - 9:00 am Instructor/Location see below.

Danced based fitness class perfect for adults, but open to all ages and abilities. Hip-hop, burlesque, belly-dancing and moves from the latest music videos.

Fee: \$5.00 per class Register at class.

Date: Ongoing Tuesday mornings - Starting 10/20

Time: 8:30 - 9:00am Instructor/Location see below.

TRAIN DIRTY FITNESS BOOT CAMP

1 hr. PM Class Ages: Adult

Total body workout utilizing resistance training & cardio conditioning for all levels and abilities.

FUN and extremely effective.

Fee: \$5.00 per class Register at class. Date: Ongoing Monday evenings - Starting 10/19

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm Instructor/Location see below.

Instructor TDF Classes: Eva Anderson **Location TDF Classes: 1**st **National Bank** - lower level conference room (former Castle Bank) 355 S. Division St., Harvard, IL 60033

ZUMBA Ages: Adult

Experience calorie-burning, heart-racing, muscle-pumping, body-energizing movements! Move to different tempos of Latin American music with low/high-impact moves that build muscle. Instructor: Nicole Wolf

Fee: Punch cards purchased at class (5 classes for \$25)

Location: Crosby School Date: Ongoing- Starting 9/23

Time: 6:30 - 7:30

QUEEN OF THE DIAMOND HITTING LEAGUE

SportsCity invites girl softball players in Jr. High to join us for this 6 week hitting league at our indoor training facility located at: 1269 Cobblestone Way, #A, Woodstock, IL 60098. Teams of 4 are recommended. SportsCity will place individuals who don't have a team.

Sundays 10/4 - 11/8 Time: 11am - 1 pm

Fee: \$65 per player.

To register your team or for more info, call Kim Turner at 815-355-0661, or by email:

kim.turner@sportscityacademy.com. Make sure to tell her you're registering through the City of Harvard's Recreation Department.

GOLF INSTRUCTION

Outdoor and Indoor golf lessons are instructed by Beaver Creek Golf Course and Revolution Golf HD staff. Class instruction will include: G.A.S.P. (Grip, Aim, Stance and Posture), golf etiquette, full swing mechanics, basics of chipping and basics of putting. Students need to provide their own equipment. Please make arrangements with Revolution Golf HD if you do not have your own equipment.

Outdoor Golf Lessons are starting on Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22.

Grade: K-4th Mondays 9/23 – 10/26 Grade: 5th-8th Tuesdays 9/24 – 10/27 **Location:** Beaver Creek Golf Course, 19619 Leroy Center Rd., Capron, IL 61012

Time: 3:30-4:30

Fee: \$40 res. /\$45 non-res.

Indoor Golf Lessons to be held on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month and lasting for four weeks. First session starts Monday, Nov. 2 and Tuesday, Nov. 3. Sessions will continue through late Spring 2016.

Location: Revolution Golf HD77

N. Ayer St., Harvard, IL 60033 Grade: K-4th Mondays, starting on 11/2/2015 Grade: 5th-8th Tuesdays, starting on 11/3/2015

Time: 3:30-4:30

Fee: \$40 res. /\$45 non-res.

Register at Harvard City Hall or Revolution Golf HD

EQUINE RIDING PROGRAM

RFD-TV star of Sure in the Saddle World Challenge 2014, AQHA Professional Horseman, and Certified Western Dressage Instructor, Christy Bourbonnais and her staff will provide Introduction to Western riding and Horsemanship programs. The programs are grouped in 3 – half hour dates and will cover riding from the ground up. A fun yet well rounded approach to balance and core foundation exercises are emphasized. Lessons are taught to the level of the rider. Advanced riding, barrel racing, roping, goat tying, pole bending, and cow work programs are also available on individual requests for those who are more advanced. Helmet, boots with a heel and jeans are required. Some helmets are available for shared use.

Location: Cripple Creek Ranch. 23215 Graf Road, Harvard IL 847 533-4513

Register at Cripple Creek Ranch www.ccrequinecenter.com **2015 Dates:**

Program Fees: \$75.00

Session IA: Sept. 24, Oct 1 & Oct 8 (Thursdays) 6:30-7:00 pm. Session IB: Sept. 24, Oct 1 & Oct 8 (Thursdays) 7-7:30 pm. Session IIA: Nov 5, 12 & 19 (Thursdays) 6:30-7:00 pm. Session IIB: Nov 5, 12 & 19 (Thursdays) 7-7:30 pm. Other dates can be scheduled privately by calling the ranch directly, (815) 943-4513.

Upcoming Programs - Watch for details on the City website at www.cityofharvard.org

Adult Open Gym

Pee Wee Sports for ages 3-4 yrs. Pee Wee & Lil Pint Soccer for ages 5-7 yrs.



Upcoming City Events

Oct. 3	Family Fall Festival -
	Downtown Harvard

Community Movie Night Oct. 4-10 National Fire Prevention

Brush Pickup Begins

Oct. 12-21 Hydrant Flushing

Halloween Trick or Treat Hours 5-8 p.m.

Nov. 1 **Daylight Savings Ends**

Christmas in Harvard



Check the City's website at www.citye to e-pay water bills and parking tickets. There is also a drop box located in front of the City Hall building at 201 W. Diggins St.

READ IT ALL ONLINE AT WWW.CITYOFHARVARD.ORG



Municipal Information

www.cityofharvard.org

Mayor	Jay Nolan
City Treasurer	Deb Szczap
City Clerk	
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Aldermen	
Ward 1	Chuck Marzahl
	Ron Burlingame
Ward 2	
	Michael Kelly
Ward 3	
Ward 4	
Municipal Staff	doronny / taanno
City Administrator	Dave Nelson
Chief of Police	
Deputy Chief of PoliceTyson Baum	
Administrative Assistant Lori Molle	

Jim Kruckenberg

Jim Grant

Building Department Community Development

Supt. Public Works.

Supt. Utilities.

Steve Santeler Code Enforcement Officer

Supt. Parks & Recreation... Mike Clingingsmith

City Phone Numbers Fax: 943-4556

McRide 800-451-4599 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 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

From the **NEED TO KNOW ...** TRAIN DIRTY FITNESS DANCE ½ hr. AM Class Ages: Adult **BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULE**

Winter is just around the corner. As in past years, residential

The downtown area will be plowed to the center as normal, but clean up and removal will be done after all city streets are open.

snowfall. This enables city workers to plow and salt the roads quickly. If a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles must be declared before an expected two-inch snowfall and will be posted on the Community Sign as soon as possible. If there is any question as to whether an emergency had been called or terminated, call the Public Works Dept. at 943-0301 or the Police