



CITY OF HARVARD

SPRING 2016

NewsNotes



Upcoming
City Events

April 18 – May 6	System Wide Hydrant Flushing
May 9	Brush Pickup Begins Pool Opening Weekend & Season Opening (see article)
June 2 – 5	75th Annual Milk Days Festival
July 27	Children's Health and Safety Fair at MCC
Sept. 2 – 4	Harvard Balloon Fest

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan

Milk Days celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, with activities scheduled for June 2 through 5. The event, themed 'Relive the



Memories', includes an extra day of fun this year, with activities beginning on Thursday, June 2. Organizers are looking for Milk Days memorabilia to feature at a May 14 anniversary open house event. See the Milk Days website at www.milkdays.com for details.

A logo designed by 14-year-old Luke Shirley will be used to promote the first Harvard Balloon Fest, which will be held September 2 - 4. Luke will receive a logo shirt featuring his original design and a ride in a tethered hot air balloon during the event.

A new state law is changing the way that the City responds to 911 calls. Calls will now be handled at a regional response center and then forwarded to local police. The City and the Harvard Police Department are working very hard to ensure that service continues smoothly at all levels.

The Harvard Economic Development Corporation will host an event on April 26 to introduce the new enterprise zone to Harvard area businesses. Contact the HEDC at (815) 943-1036 for information.



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 City Hall building at 201 W. Diggins St.

READ IT ALL ONLINE AT
WWW.CITYOFHARVARD.ORG

From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Mark Krause



Last year, Governor Rauner signed Public Act 98-634 into law. The new law will change the way that the Harvard Police Department operates in three key ways: by providing Emergency 911 services to nine downstate jurisdictions that do not currently have such service; by consolidating Emergency 911 services; and by preparing for emerging technological upgrades to Emergency 911 services, known as Next Generation 911.



Harvard has operated our own Emergency 911 dispatch center, known as a PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point), for several decades now. McHenry County's ETSB (Emergency Telephone System Board) provides the 911 infrastructure and ensures that certain standards are met when dealing with 911 calls. We are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by four full time dispatchers and two part-timers. Our dispatchers have nearly 80 years of combined experience and training, including prestigious certifications from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and rigorous Emergency Medical Dispatching preparation. Harvard has been fortunate

to have this caliber of professionals responding to our emergency calls for service.

Among other issues, the new law requires any county with a population of less than 250,000 that has a single ETSB board and more than two PSAPs to reduce the number of dispatching centers by 50 percent. The unfortunate result is that Harvard will lose our PSAP. The City has been making preparations for this consolidation and has recently signed an agreement with NERCOM (Northeast Regional Communications) in McHenry to provide dispatching for the Police Department in the future. This agreement will allow some of our full-time dispatchers to transition to NERCOM.

Plans are being developed to determine how dispatching services such as the lobby access, administrative telephone calls and payment of SOFs will be handled. If you have comments to share or need information, I can be reached from Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by calling (815) 943-4431, or via email anytime at krause@cityofharvard.org.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City's Code Enforcement division works in partnership with the citizens of Harvard to promote and maintain a desirable environment to live and work in. The value of homes will also increase when properties are attractive and well maintained.

The division enforces regulations related to the following:

- Property Maintenance - Conditions of existing structures that constitute a clear and present danger to the public or to property must be fixed. Homes, buildings, and other structures must be maintained free of deterioration.

- Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage/Sanitation;
- Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property - A vehicle that has

been unmoved for a period of 10 days, is unlicensed or unusable cannot be kept or stored on any premises.

- Lawn Parking - No vehicle is to be parked in the grass at any time.
- Nuisance Plant, Lawn and Weed Control - All parcels of land in the city shall be covered with grass or other vegetation which at no time exceeds five inches in height. Dead plants, trees and shrubs are expected to be removed and disposed of properly.

To submit a complaint regarding property maintenance or other code violations within the City of Harvard, please contact us at (815) 943-6468 or at Nutley@cityofharvard.org.

Reading Your Water Bill

A handy explanation of how to read your monthly water bill.

Cycle Date NOT Read Dates

100 cf = (750 gallons)/per unit
of units

Radio transmitters are only estimated if repairs are needed. Call Public Works at 815 943-0301 for an appointment. All other meters are estimated every other bill. When the bill is estimated, it will say ESTIMATE instead of ACTUAL.

5%

Card Holder only, Photo ID required

CITY OF HARVARD
P.O. BOX 310
HARVARD, IL 60033-0310
(815) 943-6468

ACCOUNT	SERVICE FROM	SERVICE TO	
	11/01/15	01/01/16	
SERVICE ADDRESS			
METER READINGS			
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	CONSUMPTION	NET AMOUNT
1500	1493	7	ACTUAL
WAT/SEW		42.98	
MAIN FEE		19.00	
EPA FEE		1.06	
TAXES		3.15	
TOTAL		\$	66.19

Amount due with 10% late fee if paid after due date.

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HARVARD, IL
PERMIT NO. 8

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ACCOUNT NO.

DATE DUE

02/04/16

AMOUNT DUE

\$66.19

AMOUNT IF NOT PAID BY DUE DATE

\$72.50

RETURN THIS STUB WITH YOUR REMITTANCE
ALLOW 5 DAYS FOR MAIL DELIVERY

PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE
GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN.

See an online version at
www.cityofharvard.org/waterbills.asp

BALANCE DUE IN FULL BY 02-04-16
WE NOW TAKE CREDIT CARDS, FEES APPLY

Parks & Recreation News Spring is Here!

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to remind residents that park shelters operated by the City are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk and are available on a first come, first served basis. Use of any park shelter is considered non-exclusive and you will be required to vacate if there is any conflict with a scheduled or reserved activity. Park shelters can be reserved in advance to avoid conflict with another activity. Contact City Hall to reserve a pavilion for your event.

Adult Co-ed Softball is coming to Harvard this fall. Games will be played on Thursday evenings at Moose Field. The season will begin September 8 and run through October 13. A tournament will be held on Saturday, October 15. The team registration deadline is September 2. More information can be found at www.cityofharvard.org.

For additional formation, call Supt. Mike Clingsmith at (815) 943-6468 or e-mail at clingsmith@cityofharvard.org.

City of Harvard Parks & Recreation Swimming Pool 2016 Schedule

The Harvard City Pool will be open Memorial Day weekend from Saturday May 28 to Monday May 30. The pool will be closed Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, June 3 and will officially open for the season on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Complete details for opening day, pool pass information, pool hours, swimming lessons and pool parties is available on the City's website at www.cityofharvard.org.

POOL HOURS	
Monday	1 pm - 6:45 pm
Tuesday	1 pm - 7:00 pm
Wednesday	1 pm - 6:45 pm
Thursday	1 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday	1 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	1 pm - 6:00 pm

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 RATES MAY 2 to MAY 27 (Purchase at City Hall)	RATES AFTER POOL OPENS MAY 28 to JUNE 30 (Purchase at Pool)	LATE SEASON RATES JULY 1 thru AUGUST (Purchase at Pool)
In-Town**	In-Town**	In-Town**
Individual \$ 90.00	Individual \$115.00	Individual \$ 90.00
Family* \$125.00	Family* \$150.00	Family* \$125.00
Sr. Citizen \$ 55.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 75.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 55.00
Out-of-Town	Out-of-Town	Out-of-Town
Individual \$125.00	Individual \$165.00	Individual \$125.00
Family* \$170.00	Family* \$200.00	Family* \$170.00
Sr. Citizen \$ 60.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 85.00	Sr. Citizen \$ 60.00

*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.

A Family Pass is good for up to 4 (four) people; there is an additional \$15 charge per person over 4

POOL PARTIES	
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday	8:15 pm - 10:15 pm
Tuesday & Friday	7:15 pm - 10:15 pm
Saturday & Sunday	6:15 pm - 10:15 pm
Rates: \$75 per hour (two-hour minimum) Additional charge over 40 persons is \$1 per person. There are additional charges for the water slide, water features, gas grill, basketball hoop, swimming toys, dive sticks and kick boards.	

SWIMMING LESSONS LEVELS 1 - 6		In Town Rate: \$60 per child/per session	Out-of-Town Rates: \$70 per child/per session
Session 1: 06/06 - 06/17	Monday - Friday morning	10:10 am - 10:45 am	10:55 am - 11:30 am
Session 2: 06/20 - 07/01	Monday - Friday morning	10:10 am - 10:45 am	10:55 am - 11:30 am
Session 3: 07/04 - 07/15	Monday - Friday morning	10:10 am - 10:45 am	10:55 am - 11:30 am
Session 4: 07/18 - 07/29	Monday - Friday morning	10:10 am - 10:45 am	10:55 am - 11:30 am
Session 5: 06/06 - 06/29	Monday & Wednesday evening*	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	
Session 6: 07/06 - 08/01	Monday & Wednesday evening*	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Starts on Wednesday, no evening classes on Monday, July 4
Session 7: 06/11 - 07/30	Saturday morning*	11:30 am - 12:15 pm	

*Limited Space

For information call City Hall at (815) 943-6468 or the Pool at (815) 943-4300 or visit the City's website at www.cityofharvard.org

NEED TO KNOW ...

Brush Pickup Schedule

Brush pickup in the City of Harvard will be held in the months of May, July and October. Pickup begins on the second Monday of these months (May 9, July 11 and October 10) and will continue until all wards have been picked up. To ensure that your brush is picked up, please have all branches by the curb before pickup begins, but no earlier than one week ahead of the start date. All branches must be a minimum of three feet long and the longer the better. This is for the safety of City employees. Please stack branches with the cut end to the street. Stumps, bushes, plants, leaves or weeds will not be picked up by the City. The time limit for brush piles is 20 minutes. After 20 minutes the resident is charged \$125.00 an hour with a minimum charge of \$50.00. Storm damage brush should be put to the curb for pickup. The City does not pick up brush on private property.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The Utilities Department will flush hydrants from April 18 to May 6, as weather permits. This will be a

complete distribution system flushing. Hydrant flushing disrupts the water in the main and may turn your water rusty. Let your 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 will have a schedule of where work will take place each day. Call (815) 943-6468 for the daily schedule while work is in progress.

Dogs and Cats At Large

Dogs and cats are not permitted to run at large in the City. Dogs or cats which are on any street, sidewalk, alley or other public place in the City without being held securely by a leash, shall be deemed to be running at large and could be subject to impound with potential fines to their owners.

Building Permit Information

It is important to contact the City before you begin any project. Failure to obtain a permit before work begins could result in fines and time and money spent on a project that does not meet code. You may also be required to obtain permission from your Home Owner's Association. Ask your builder or developer for a copy of

any subdivision covenants that may apply to you. Sheds and fences for example, might not be allowed or require an association's approval before construction begins.

Regulated activity includes, but is not limited to: New buildings, remodeling, additions, alterations of structural, electrical, plumbing or mechanical elements of a building, constructing exterior decks, swimming pools, sheds, fences, roofing, siding, replacement windows and satellite dishes. Some projects such as flooring or painting do not require a permit.

Permits attained for these types of activity allows for qualified inspections to be made to ensure safety and appropriate construction. Also, all contractors who work in Harvard need to be licensed by the City. Some trades such as roofing and plumbing are also required to be licensed by the State of Illinois. Contact the City's Building Department if you have questions regarding a project you are about to begin. Department hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HELP WANTED

Lifeguards & Swimming Lesson Instructors

The City of Harvard Parks & Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for lifeguards and swim lesson instructors. Please contact Mike Clingsmith at (815) 943-6468 for information. Applications are available at www.cityofharvard.org/news_jobs.asp or may be picked up at City Hall, 201 W. Diggins St., Harvard.

City of Harvard Municipal Information

www.cityofharvard.org

Mayor Jay Nolan
City Treasurer Deb Szczap
City Clerk Andy Wells

Aldermen
Ward 1 Chuck Marzahl, Ron Burlingame
Ward 2 Phillip Ulmer, Michael Kelly
Ward 3 Raul Meza, Mike Clarke
Ward 4 Carl Oppen, Jeremy Adams

Municipal Staff
City Administrator Dave Nelson
Chief of Police Mark Krause
Deputy Chief of Police Tyson Bauman
Administrative Assistant Lori Moller
Supt. Public Works Jim Kruckenberg
Supt. Utilities Jim Grant
Supt. Parks & Recreation... Mike Clingsmith

Building Department
Community Development
Director. Steve Santeler
Code Enforcement Officer Anne Nutley

City Phone Numbers
City Hall..... 943-6468
..... 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.