



### Upcoming City Events

- April 7  
Election Day
- April 20 – May 8  
Hydrant Flushing
- May 11  
Brush Pickup Begins
- May  
Pool Opening Weekend  
& Season Opening  
(see article in newsletter)
- June 5, 6, 7  
74th Annual Milk Days Festival



Check the City's website at [www.cityofharvard.org](http://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.

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WWW.CITYOFHARVARD.ORG**



### City of Harvard

#### Municipal Information

[www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org)

Mayor ..... Jay Nolan  
City Treasurer ..... Deb Szczap  
City Clerk ..... Andy Wells

**Aldermen**  
Ward 1 ..... Chuck Marzahl  
Ward 2 ..... Brian Leyden  
Ward 3 ..... Phillip Ulmer  
Ward 4 ..... Crystal Musgrove  
Ward 5 ..... Raul Meza  
Ward 6 ..... Mike Clarke  
Ward 7 ..... Carl Opper  
Ward 8 ..... 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  
City Treasurer ..... 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 Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan

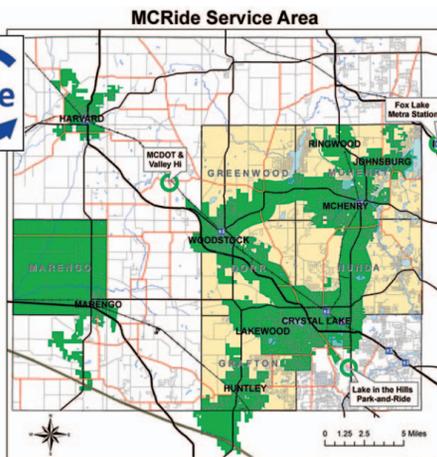


The City of Harvard attended the Harvard Economic Development Corporation's recognition dinner on March 11, where guests received an update on the Enterprise Zone project that Harvard has partnered on with Woodstock and McHenry County. The first Enterprise Zone designations will be made in December.

Spring can't come fast enough after a long cold, snowy winter. City crews will be evaluating roads for needed repairs as the weather moderates. This month, the City will also begin a system-wide flushing project to protect Harvard's water system. Be sure to watch for signs of work in progress in your neighborhood.

Better weather will also start bringing visitors back to Harvard for popular events including Milk Days and 4th Fridays at the Starline Gallery. Visitors bring tourism dollars that benefit local businesses. These same visitors are often also business owners who may discover that Harvard is the ideal spot for their next location. Let's be sure to make them all feel welcome, any time of the year.

## McHenry County Dial-A-Ride Comes to Harvard



The City of Harvard has partnered with McHenry County and other communities within the county to participate in a coordinated Dial-a-Ride service called McRide. The new McRide program will provide expanded service levels and greater mobility to Harvard residents, including transportation to out of town locations that are within the partner service area. To access McRide, call the Pace Call Center at 800-451-4599 the day before you need a ride and provide your pick-up and drop-off location, along with your desired pick-up and drop-off times. McRide has a distance-based fare structure. See the chart below the map for details.

Service hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. There is no service on Sunday. Visit the City of Harvard website at [www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org) for more information.

Green Area: General Public Dial-A-Ride available to Everyone  
Tan Area: Seniors (60+) and People with Disabilities Only

Base Fare	First 5 Miles	Each Addtl Mile
General Public	\$2.00	\$0.25
Senior (60+)	\$1.00	\$0.25
Individual with Disability	\$1.00	\$0.25

## Community Development Update

As spring nears, many residents begin planning home improvements. Some of these projects may require hiring a contractor. The majority of contractors are skilled and honest, but it is still important to do some homework before making a decision. Always ask for references and get several quotes for work. The contractor should have adequate liability and worker's compensation insurance, and be willing to provide proof when asked. The City of Harvard requires that all contractors be licensed by the City when working within the Harvard corporate limits. You can call City Hall to check on a contractor's licensing status. State law also requires certain types of contractors to be licensed by the state, including roofers and plumbers.

It is also important to contact City Hall to determine whether a permit is needed for your project. City staff may also be able to answer questions about your project and its needs.

Door-to-door solicitations of services of any kind are illegal in Harvard, unless the solicitor is registered with the City. If a contractor comes to your home to solicit services, please call City Hall to determine if they are registered, or to report a complaint. We have received complaints about door-to-door sales efforts and the high pressure tactics used. Often, you will end up paying more for these services.

## Parks & Recreation News

The Parks & Recreation Department is gearing up for the summer season.

The Harvard City Pool will be opening for weekends only on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25. Then again on Saturday, May 30 - Sunday, May 31 and Saturday, June 6 - Sunday, June 7. The pool will officially open for the season on Saturday, June 13. Complete details for opening day, pool pass information, pool hours, swimming lessons and pool parties is available on the City's website: [www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org)

PRE-SEASON RATES MAY 1st to MAY 22nd (PURCHASE AT CITY HALL)	RATES AFTER POOL OPENS MAY 23rd to JUNE 30th (PURCHASE AT POOL)	RATES JULY 1st TO AUGUST (PURCHASE AT POOL)
<b>In-Town**</b>	<b>In-Town**</b>	<b>In-Town**</b>
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
<b>Out-of-Town</b>	<b>Out-of-Town</b>	<b>Out-of-Town</b>
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.**

Park shelters operated by the City are available and open to the public on a first come, first serve basis daily from dawn to dusk. Keep in mind that the use of any park shelter is considered non-exclusive and if there is any conflict with a scheduled or reserved activity, you will be required to vacate. Park shelters can be reserved in advance to avoid any conflict with another scheduled activity. Contact City Hall for more information.

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? Children who are entering grades 1-4 can now register for summer camp right here in Harvard! There will be three two-week sessions featuring a variety of exciting activities including arts, crafts, sports, games and more. Snacks, and special events will be provided. Summer camp will be held Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Watch the City's website for details!

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

## From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Mark Krause



The past year has been a very busy one at the Harvard Police Department. With the retirement of two veteran officers in the spring and 26-year veteran Darrell Tennant in December, the department lost nearly 85 years of combined experience. The City has added officers in an effort to fill the void.

The hiring of Officers Spencer Smith, Cody Noren, Carmen Sacco and Keith Salas has increased our department's strength to 17 members. As of this newsletter, Officer Smith has completed the department's 12-week Field Training Program and has been on his own for a few months. Officers Noren and Sacco are completing the final days of Field Training. Officer Salas is completing the Police Academy and will begin Field Training in late March. Each of these Officers has worked hard, demonstrated teamwork and dedication to their new careers, and is eager to contribute to the safety and welfare of the City and residents.

Despite being short on manpower, the entire department came together several times this past year. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children recognized our department for being the third in the nation and first in Illinois to have both the dispatch and patrol complete 'best practices' training in the Missing Kids Readiness Project. In December, the community and the Police Department teamed up and, in a matter of days, put on a successful Shop with a Cop program at the WalMart SuperCenter in Harvard. More than \$2,000 was raised to help local children and families have a happy Christmas.

In January, Officer Aaron Palmer was named as a finalist for the 2014 McHenry County Police Officer of the Year Award. Officer Palmer saved the life of a Harvard resident by administering C.P.R. in May 2014. Earlier this year, Harvard dispatchers received training and were certified in new Emergency Medical Dispatching that will enable them to present the highest quality of pre-arrival care in trauma situations. All of these accomplishments demonstrate the high level of commitment that Harvard's police department is driven by.

This summer will mark the end of my first year as Chief of Police. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity and for their continuing support. One of my goals has been to reach out to the community and strengthen relationships. Later this spring, the department will begin using social media (you can find us on Twitter) to share news about vital warnings, information and announcements quickly and easily. Also be sure to visit the Department's website at [http://cityofharvard.org/dept\\_police.asp](http://cityofharvard.org/dept_police.asp). The Department's mission statement is a strong one: "To create a professional cooperative environment with the community to improve the quality of life for those we serve and protect by embracing the City of Harvard motto: Winning with Teamwork."

If you have comments to share or need information, you can call me at (815) 943-4431 on Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or via email anytime at [krause@cityofharvard.org](mailto:krause@cityofharvard.org)

## FROM YOUR LIBRARY

By Karen Sutera, Director

Harvard Diggins Library, 900 East McKinley Street, Harvard IL 60033  
(815) 943-4671 | [www.harvard-diggins.org](http://www.harvard-diggins.org)

The library will be a very busy place in April. The month begins with the Friends of the Library's second annual Links in the Library mini-golf outing on Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. With the creative support of local business sponsors, the Friends have created a mini-golf course that winds throughout the library. Raffle prizes will add to the excitement. Cost is \$3 per person so bring the family and enjoy a little friendly competition to see who can nab a hole in one.

National Library Week will be celebrated April 13 - 18. This year's theme is 'Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library'. During the week, the library will offer its first 'Food for Fines' program in an effort to collect food for the Harvard Food Pantry while helping patrons pay off large fines. For each canned good or personal care product brought to the library, \$1 in fines will be forgiven - up to a total of \$25. Some limitations apply. Stop by the library or visit our website at [www.harvard-diggins.org](http://www.harvard-diggins.org) to learn more.

Well-known local photographer Nancy Merkling will present an iPhone photography workshop on Saturday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m. Nancy is a highly regarded artist and the creative director of 4th Fridays at the Starline Factory. Get the most from the camera that is an integral part of your iPhone. This workshop is limited to 20 participants and is open to Harvard library cardholders only. Call the library at (815) 943-4671 to register for this one-of-a-kind program.

Mystery lovers won't want to miss Chicago-based author Libby Fisher Hellman, who will stop by the library on Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m. for a visit and book signing. Ms. Hellman is the author of several crime novels featuring detective Georgia Davis. Her latest, 'Nobody's Child', as well as many of her other titles, are available for checkout at the library.

Don't turn the calendar page on April without stopping by the library to take advantage of one or more of these fantastic programs. You'll see why there truly are unlimited possibilities at your library!

## 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 11, July 13 and October 12) and will continue until all wards have been picked up. To ensure that your brush is removed, please have all branches by the curb before pickup begins, but no earlier than one week ahead of time. All branches must be a minimum of three feet long and the longer it is, the better. Please stack branches with the cut end to the street. This is a safety precaution for our employees. Shorter branches pose a hazard when feeding them into the chipper. 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.

### Emerald Ash Borer Update

The Public Works Dept. has been busy identifying and removing ash trees that have been infested with emerald ash borer from the right-of-ways and the park system. About half of the identified infested trees have been removed to date. When the weather permits, the Public Works Dept. will resume efforts to identify and remove infested trees. Trees yet to be taken down have been marked with a red 'X' and will be removed as expeditiously as possible.

### Hydrant Flushing

The Utilities Department will flush hydrants from April 20 - May 8, 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. We recommend letting faucets run until the water clears up. This should only take a few minutes. It is not recommended to wash white clothes while flushing is taking place in your ward. Hydrant flushing signs will be out and City Hall will know where flushing is taking place each day.