



# CITY OF HARVARD NewsNotes

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2017



April 17 - May 12	System Wide Hydrant Flushing
May 8	Brush Pickup Begins
	Pool Opening Weekend & Season Opening (see article)
June 2 - 4	76th Annual Milk Days Festival
Sept. 1 - 3	2nd Annual Harvard Balloon Fest



## 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 serve basis. 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 may be reserved to avoid conflict with another activity. Contact City Hall to reserve a pavilion for your event.

Adult Co-ed Softball will be offered again this fall. Games will be played Thursday evenings at Moose Field. The season will begin September 7 and run through October 12. A tournament will be held on October 14. The team registration deadline is September 1. More information available on the City of Harvard's web site at [www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org).

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

### City of Harvard Parks & Recreation Swimming Pool 2017 Schedule

The Harvard City Pool will be open Memorial Day weekend from Saturday May 27th - Monday May 29th. The pool will be closed Tuesday, May 30th thru Friday, June 2nd and will officially open for the season on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017. Complete details for opening day, pool pass information, pool hours, swimming lessons and pool parties will be available on the City's website: [www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org).

PRE-SEASON RATES MAY 1 <sup>st</sup> to MAY 26 <sup>th</sup> (Purchase at City Hall)	RATES AFTER POOL OPENS MAY 27 <sup>th</sup> to JUNE 30 <sup>th</sup> (Purchase at Pool)	LATE SEASON RATES JULY 1 <sup>st</sup> thru 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.

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: 06/05 - 06/16	Monday - Friday morning	10:10 am - 10:45 am	10:55 am - 11:30 am
Session 2: 06/19 - 06/30	Monday - Friday morning	10:10 am - 10:45 am	10:55 am - 11:30 am
Session 3: 07/03 - 07/14	Monday - Friday morning	10:10 am - 10:45 am	10:55 am - 11:30 am
Session 4: 07/17 - 07/28	Monday - Friday morning	10:10 am - 10:45 am	10:55 am - 11:30 am
Session 5: 06/05 - 06/28	Monday & Wednesday evening*	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	
Session 6: 07/03 - 07/26	Monday & Wednesday evening*	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	
Session 7: 06/10 - 07/29	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](http://www.cityofharvard.org)

### From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Michael P. Kelly

With summer just around the corner, thoughts turn to tourism and how to attract more visitors to town. The 76th edition of Harvard's signature event, Milk Days, is coming up next month.



The City's Event Committee has also done an exceptional job creating other events, including Harvard Balloon Fest. Balloon Fest will return on Labor Day weekend and the Events committee is contracting 23 balloons this year. Music and other activities will also become part of the lineup.

Harvard's Heritage Inn is about to become a Baymont Inn & Suites franchise. The motel is undergoing a full renovation and update of the entire facility. A kitchen and breakfast room will also be added. The new Baymont signs are expected to go up in mid-April - just in time for the start of the warm weather tourism season in northern Illinois.

This is good news for Harvard for several reasons. Baymont is a fast-growing chain which is part of the worldwide Wyndham Hotels group. That carries weight with tourists who are looking to visit Harvard or nearby Lake Geneva. Adding another national brand name to Harvard's business roster also shows growth and progress in our community.

More events and better lodging options are likely to bring both visitors and other potential business owners to town. Both are very good for Harvard.

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.

**READ IT ALL ONLINE AT [WWW.CITYOFHARVARD.ORG](http://WWW.CITYOFHARVARD.ORG)**

### From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Mark Krause



With the arrival of Spring, thoughts often turn to upcoming vacations. The Harvard Police Department has a House Check Program for residents who may be going away on vacation this summer. The City's website ([www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org)) has a 'Vacation House Check Form', which can be found under the FAQ/FORMS/MAPS tab. Complete the form and then mail, email or drop it off at the Police Department at least one week before your departure date. You'll gain some peace of mind knowing that officers will keep an extra eye on your home while you're out of town.

Warmer weather also has residents looking forward to spending more time outside. Many of the Police Department's service calls during the summer involve burning and noise complaints. Harvard City Ordinances are posted on the city website. The open burning of construction materials, yard waste, garbage or refuse, furniture or

clothing is prohibited. Citizens can use grills, outdoor fireplaces, smudge pots or ignite welding torches or heat construction material. Ordinances prohibit the unsafe storage of combustible materials. Our ordinances also restrict the volume of permissible sound during certain times of the day and days of the week. Anyone looking to have sound amplification devices that are audible beyond 50 feet must have a permit issued by the Chief of Police. Residents may secure a permit by submitting a written request noting the event location, date, times and requestor to my attention.



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](mailto: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, both now and in the future. The value of homes will also increase when properties are attractive and well maintained.

The Code Enforcement 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. Peeling, flaking, and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted.
- 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, and which at no time exceeds five inches in height. Dead plants, trees and shrubs are expected to be removed and disposed of properly. Mowing of grass clippings into the street is prohibited.

To submit a complaint regarding property maintenance, overcrowding or other code violations within the City of Harvard, please contact us at (815) 943-6468 or at [nutley@cityofharvard.org](mailto:nutley@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 8, July 10 and October 9) 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

Hydrant flushing will take place from April 17 through May 12, 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 while hydrant flushing is taking place in your ward. Signs will be out 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.

## Community Development

### 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 for the 2017 season. Please contact Mike Clingsmith at (815) 943-6468 for information. Applications are available at [www.cityofharvard.org/news\\_jobs.asp](http://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](http://www.cityofharvard.org)
- NOTE: The City Council will change in May subject to the results of the Consolidation Election.
- Mayor ..... Michael P. Kelly  
 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, Bob O'Halloran  
 Ward 4 ..... Carl Opper, 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 Kruckenber  
 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 ..... (815) 943-6468  
 ..... Fax: (815) 943-4556  
 McRide ..... 800-451-4599  
 EMERGENCY ..... Dial 9-1-1  
 Police Dept. Administration ..... (815) 943-4431  
 Police, Fire & Rescue ..... (815) 363-2130  
 Dispatch Dept. ..... (815) 943-4671  
 Harvard Diggins Library ..... (815) 943-0301  
 Public Works Dept. ..... (815) 943-4161  
 Public Works Garage ..... (815) 943-4300  
 Swimming Pool ..... (815) 943-6626  
 WWTP ..... (815) 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.