



## Upcoming City Events

- Oct. 7-13 National Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 8 Brush Pickup Begins
- Oct. 20 Jr. Hornets Intramural Basketball Sign-Up/Practice
- Oct. 20 Community Movie Night
- Oct. 27 Family Fall Festival
- Oct. 31 Halloween Trick or Treat 5-8 p.m.
- Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov. 6 Election Day
- Nov. 17 Community Movie Night
- Nov. 24 Jr. Hornets Traveling Team Basketball Tryouts
- Dec. 1 Christmas in Harvard
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Kid's Bash
- Jan./Feb. Open Gym on Wednesdays
- Feb. 2 Chamber of Commerce Recognition Dinner



## 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  
 ..... Brian Leyden  
 Ward 2 ..... Phillip Ulmer  
 ..... Crystal Musgrove  
 Ward 3 ..... Scott Logan  
 ..... Mike Clarke  
 Ward 4 ..... Carl Oppen  
 ..... Darrell Perkins

**Municipal Staff**  
 City Administrator ..... Dave Nelson  
 Chief of Police ..... Dan Kazy-Garey  
 Administrative Assistant ..... Lori Moller  
 Supt. Public Works ..... Jim Kruckenberg  
 Supt. Utilities ..... Jim Grant  
 Supt. Parks & Recreation ..... Bob Burkart

**Building Department**  
 Community Development  
 Director ..... Steve Santeler  
 Code Enforcement Officer ..... Clayton Brennecka

**City Phone Numbers**  
 City Hall ..... 943-6468  
 ..... Fax: 943-4556  
 Dial-A-Ride ..... 943-6468  
 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

Make plans to attend the Fall Family Festival, which will be held on Saturday, October 27 in downtown Harvard. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Ayer Street. There will be an art and craft fair, a petting zoo, fresh produce for sale, food, fun and entertainment for the whole family.



Halloween follows a few days later, with the holiday season not far behind. Fall events, school activities and sports programs have more people on the streets at different times of day. Please drive carefully.

The City of Harvard has joined the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network, a statewide organization that provides mutual aid and response when communities are faced with major natural or man-made emergencies or disasters that affect their public works systems. As a member, Harvard will have access to additional resources should our City's resources run short in an emergency. In turn, Harvard will provide assistance to other communities that face similar difficulties. Fire and police departments have cooperated like this for many years. It makes sense, especially with smaller communities.



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 YOUR LIBRARY

By Karen Sutera, Director

The calendar may only say October, but it's not too early to start thinking about holiday shopping. If your gift or personal shopping list includes technology items, be sure to stop by the library on Saturday, November 3, when representatives from Best Buy in McHenry will be on hand from 9:30 a.m. until noon as part of a 'Technology Petting Zoo'.  
 Event displays will have smart phones, tablets, e-readers, a laptop and other technology for you to look at and learn about. Library staff will be there to share information on how each of those devices can be used with the library's downloadable e-books, e-audiobooks and mobile catalog. District 50 personnel will also be available to demonstrate how

many of these devices, such as iPads, are utilized in today's classrooms.  
 Products will not be available for purchase during the event, but it will be a great opportunity to talk to experts, ask questions and try out some of the technology. It will also be a great opportunity to make 'smart' choices for yourself, or the technology lovers on your list.  
 Visit our website at [www.harvard-diggins.org](http://www.harvard-diggins.org) to learn about services and for a complete calendar of upcoming library activities.



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

## GATEWAY PARK TAKING SHAPE

A lot has happened at Harvard Gateway Park since spring. The Land Conservancy of McHenry County (TLCMC) purchased the 15-acre property at the intersection of Routes 14 and 23 in March. Since then, more than 500 volunteers hours have been donated to restore the oak woods on the parcel. Teachers at Richard D. Crosby Elementary School are receiving training on how to use the site as an outdoor classroom and TLCMC is working to raise the \$47,000 that it needs to pay off the property's mortgage, complete the woods restoration, and install trails and signs.

The park will ultimately be donated to the City of Harvard. An endowment will be created by the organization to fund the ongoing maintenance of the park.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to TLCMC, Gateway Park Fund, P. O. Box 352, Woodstock, IL 60098. Call (815) 337-9502, ext. 13 or email Executive Director Lisa Haderlein at [lhaderlein@conservemc.org](mailto:lhaderlein@conservemc.org) for more information.



## Parks & Recreation News

### Intramural Sports Are Back!

The Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for the Fall/Winter sports intramural sports season. Contact Parks Superintendent Bob Burkart at (815) 943-6468 or (815) 405-6712 for more information on park programs, or visit the City's website at [www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org).

### Jr. Hornets Intramural Basketball

For all students 3rd - 6th grades  
 Sign-up/Practice Saturday October 20  
 Harvard Jr. High School  
 3rd and 4th Grade from 8:30 am - 9:30 am  
 5th and 6th Grade from 9:30 am - 10:30 am



### Jr. Hornets Traveling Team Basketball

For boys in 5th - 8th grades  
 Tryouts: Saturday November 24  
 5th and 6th Grade from 10:30 am - Noon, White Gym  
 7th - 8th Grade from 10:30 am - Noon, Wood Gym

### Open Gym 2012

High School Gym: Wed. 7 pm - 9 pm in January/February, 2013  
 Jan. 9, 16, 23 31  
 Feb 6, 13, 20, 27  
 All Jefferson, Jr. High and High School students are welcome.

### Winter Recreational Activities

A sledding hill is located at Lion's Park. Parking can be accessed from Harvard Hills Road and also by the library/pool.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Winter is just around the corner and snow is predicted — again!

Following a snow fall, residential streets will be plowed one pass in each direction. Once all City streets are open, snow will be plowed to the curb. The downtown business district, emergency routes and school areas will be plowed to the curb on the first pass. These areas will also be salted, as will all intersections and steep grades. All other City streets will be plowed only. The downtown area will be plowed to the center as normal, but clean up and removal will be done once all City streets are open. The removal will proceed as quickly possible, but may take a few days. Please be patient. We ask everyone to drive with caution this winter.

### During Snow Emergencies

All vehicles must be off the streets following a two-inch snowfall. This enables City workers to plow and salt the roads quickly. If a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles must be removed from the streets immediately. A snow emergency can 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 ended, call the Public Works Department at 943-4161 or the Police Department at 943-4431.

## NEED TO KNOW ...

### Brush Pickup Schedule

Pickup will begin on Monday, October 8 and continue until all Wards have been picked up. **This will be the last brush pickup until May 2013.** Have all branches by the curb before pickup begins on 10/8, but no earlier than one week ahead of time. **All branches/brush must be a minimum of three feet long.** This helps ensure the safety of our employees. Shorter pieces pose a hazard when feeding them into the chipper. Please stack branches with the larger end at the curb. A 20-minute time limit for each stop is City policy. Arrangements can be made to remove the rest of the pile at a cost to the owner of \$125.00 an hour. A minimum charge of \$50.00 will apply. For branches that come down as a result of a storm, please place at curb and notify Public Works at 943-4161.

### Leaf Vacuuming

Leaf vacuuming will tentatively occur from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30, depending on weather conditions and when leaves begin to fall. Leaves should be raked to the curb, **NOT INTO THE STREET.** Marengo Disposal Co. will vacuum through the end of November, weather permitting. Contact them with questions at (815) 943-4939.

### Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The City's Utilities Department will be flushing dead end hydrants the third week in October, as weather permits. Hydrant flushing will disrupt the water in the main and may create rust or brown-colored water. If you experience rusty water, let your faucet run until clear and do not wash any white clothes while flushing is taking place in your Ward. The water is safe to drink but will stain any clothes that are washed in it. Hydrant flushing signs will be out when we are in your area and City Hall will have a list of active locations each day.

### Faith In Action

Faith in Action of McHenry County is a volunteer organization which provides assistance to senior citizens who need help with rides, shopping, minor home repairs, caregiver relief or a friendly visit. Volunteer training sessions are held twice a month. For more information, visit [www.fiamchenrycounty.org](http://www.fiamchenrycounty.org) or call (815) 455-3120.

## From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey



Halloween will be here soon. Official trick or treating hours in Harvard will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 31. Now is the time to remind children, parents and residents about Halloween safety to ensure that everyone has a safe and fun holiday.

### Children

- Always carry a flashlight and Trick or Treat with an adult or older sibling on designated routes;
- Only Trick or Treat at homes that have a porch light on and never enter anyone's home;
- Never talk or go anywhere with a stranger;
- Costumes should be a bright and have reflective material. Avoid using ill-fitting costumes or masks that make it hard to see clearly;
- Don't carry fake swords, guns, knives or similar 'weapons' or accessories that may look real;
- Always cross the street at an intersection and walk on sidewalks, not in the streets;
- Respect everyone's property;
- Carry an extra Trick or Treat bag in case you fill or break yours;
- Never eat any treats until your parent or guardian has checked them. Don't eat fruit, homemade items or any unwrapped candy or other items; and
- Say thank you and have fun!

### Parents

- Review the above safety tips with your children;
- Plan a designated route and times for your children and accompany them while they Trick or Treat;
- Always inspect your children's treats for tampering or unwrapped items;
- Consider hosting a Halloween party that takes the place of Trick or Treating;
- If you are driving, be cautious of children who may not be paying attention or darting across streets.
- Review stop, drop, and roll with your children in the event a costume catches fire; and
- Report any suspicious activities to the Harvard Police at (815) 943-4431 or call 911 in an emergency.

### Homeowners

- If you welcome children to your home to Trick or Treat, please turn your porch light on. If you don't, leave your porch light off and close your door;
- Never invite children into your home and only distribute prepackaged treats;
- Secure your dogs in your home to avoid contact with Trick or Treaters;
- Remove hazards from your yard or porch that could cause a child trip and fall. Don't use candles to illuminate any decorations outside; and
- Report any suspicious activities to the Harvard Police at (815) 943-4431 or call 911 in an emergency.

**If you have questions or have anything else to share, I can be reached Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. at (815) 943-4431 or e-mailed anytime at [kazy-garey@cityofharvard.org](mailto:kazy-garey@cityofharvard.org).**

