



## Upcoming City Events

April 16 - May 4	Hydrant Flushing
May 5	Harvard Electronic Recycling
May 14	Brush Pickup Begins
June 1-3	71st Annual Milk Days Festival
June 4	Opening Day at the Pool
July 27-28	Tri-County Pro Rodeo



### 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
	Scott Logan
	Mike Clarke
	Carl Opper
	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
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.



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 Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan

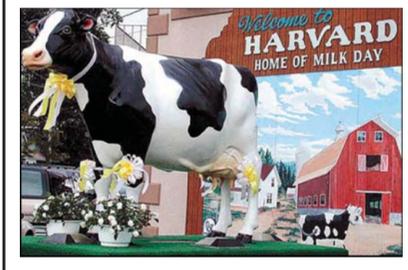
Warm temperatures took the pressure off of home heating bills and the City's salt supplies this winter. Hopefully, any spring storms and the coming summer heat will be as mild.



Nice weather also brings more people out in the evening and on the weekends. Watch for children who are playing in or near the streets and more activity by the parks. The state of Illinois now requires all electronic devices to be recycled separately from the regular waste and landfill streams. The City of Harvard is hosting a free e-cycling event on May 5 to make compliance as easy as possible for local residents and businesses. This event is for electronics only. Call City Hall if you have a question regarding whether an item that you have qualifies for e-cycling.

Harvard Milk Days returns on June 1-3 with 'The 71st - We Still Have The Thirst' and a full schedule of fun, family-oriented events. You can learn more at [www.milkdays.com](http://www.milkdays.com)

The Tri-County Pro Rodeo will be back in Harvard this summer July 27-28. Last year's event drew visitors from throughout the region and a good time was had by all. Get your tickets early this year to avoid disappointment. Visit [www.tricountyprorodeo.com](http://www.tricountyprorodeo.com) for details or follow the rodeo on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TriCountyProRodeo](http://www.facebook.com/TriCountyProRodeo)



## Parks & Recreation News

### Community Pool Opens Monday, June 4

The Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for the summer season. Information on pool passes, pool hours, swimming lessons and pool parties can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org).

Park shelters that are operated and maintained by the City are available for use on a first come, first served basis. Use of any shelter is considered to be non-exclusive, which means that, if there is a conflict with a scheduled or reserved activity, you will be asked to vacate. Call City Hall at (815) 943-6468 to reserve a pavilion for an event.

Contact Parks Superintendent Bob Burkart at (815) 943-6468 or (815) 405-6712 for more information on park programs.

## NEW LAW REQUIRES ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

### Harvard To Host Free E-Cycle Event on May 5

The City of Harvard will host an Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, May 5 to help residents and local businesses dispose of obsolete and no longer needed electronics. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to Noon in the back parking lot at City Hall, 201 W. Diggins Street. There is no cost to drop off eligible electronic devices. No chemical waste or other recycling items will be accepted at the event.

The Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, which took effect on January 1, 2012, created a landfill ban for electronics including televisions, monitors, computers, printers and other items (see box). Items like these must now be taken to an organized collection event, to a retail store that accepts electronics for recycling, donated to a charitable organization for reuse, or picked up by a home collection service. These items can no longer be included with regular trash or recycling pickups.

Illinois residential consumers who violate the act by mixing electronic devices with other waste may be subject to a \$25 fine for the first offense and \$50 for subsequent violations. Non-residential consumers (businesses, organizations) may be subject to a \$500 fine. E-waste has become an important issue in landfill management. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), discarded televisions, computers, peripherals (including printers, scanners and fax machines) mice, keyboards and cell phones totaled about 2.37 million short tons of U.S. landfill waste in 2009



alone. Some of what ends up in landfills as e-waste is actually not waste at all and can be recycled for reuse or material recovery. Televisions and cell phones top the list of items that have reuse rates of 8 to 25%. McHenry County will host a similar collection event from 8 a.m. to Noon on May 19 at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake. More information can be found at <http://www.mchenry.edu/recycling/>.

**Items Which Must Be E-Cycled:**

- Computers
- Video game consoles
- Computer monitors
- Electronic mice
- Printers
- Scanners
- Televisions
- Digital converter boxes
- Electronic keyboards
- Cable receivers
- Fax machines
- Satellite receivers
- VCRs, DVRs
- Portable video disc players
- Portable digital music players



## From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spring is officially here. Calls to the Police Department typically rise along with the seasonal temperatures. Many of the calls around this time of year are for nuisance violations, so named because the reported incidents negatively impact the quality of life for residents.

The City of Harvard's website, [www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org), has a list of City Ordinances and Codes concerning many of the issues that the police department commonly deals with during the hotter months. A few of the more common ones include:

The **Curfew Ordinance** (26.02) makes it illegal for persons 16 years old and younger to be present at, in or upon any public assembly, place, street or highway between 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday or between 11:01 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following day on Sunday through Thursday. Curfew is enforced throughout the year. There are no changes when school is out or for special events. For information on exclusions, please contact City Hall.

The **Burning Ordinance** (27.02) prohibits the open burning of yard waste, landscape debris, construction materials and debris, garbage, trash, household waste, paper goods, cardboard, wood, food waste, animal waste, furniture, clothing, mattresses, appliances, automobiles, and similar items and or materials. Burning in outdoor fireplaces and operating barbecue grills are permitted.

The **City's Noise Ordinance** (27.04) restricts sound amplification devices and heavy construction equipment from running between 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Sunday through

By Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey

Monday and between 9 p.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturdays. The City does not allow mechanical, electrical or gasoline motor driven tools, such as lawn mowers and weed eaters, to operate between 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday, between 9 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. on Saturday and between 9 p.m. on Saturday to 8 a.m. on Sunday. A permit from the City is required for special events.

Without a City permit, issued by the Chief of Police, any sound amplifying device, including a car stereo, that can be heard more than 50 feet away is a violation, as is any dog, bird or other animal which, by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking or otherwise, causes loud noises and produces a seriously annoying disturbance to any person.

The **City's Fireworks Ordinance** (27.06) follows state law and allows for the sale, possession and use of snakes, sparklers and caps or other devices that contain less than twenty hundredths grains of explosive materials only.

You can learn more about these ordinances and other need-to-know community safety information on the Police Department's new website, which can be accessed through the City of Harvard website at [www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org). Officer Robert Schultz and Explorer Chris Bruha have worked hard to ensure the site is updated, user friendly and attractive. Their efforts have provided a great source of information and service to the community.



## NEED TO KNOW ...

### Brush Pickup Schedule

The City of Harvard picks up brush in May, July and October. Pickup begins on the second Monday of these months (May 14, July 9 and October 8) and will continue until all wards have been picked up.

To ensure that your brush is picked up, 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 the better. Please stack branches with the cut end to the street. Stumps, bushes, plants, leaves and weeds will not be picked up by the City. The time limit for chipping brush piles is 20 minutes. After 20 minutes, the resident will be charged \$125/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 City's Utilities Department will be flushing dead end hydrants April 16 through May 4, as weather permits. Hydrant flushing signs will be out and we will let City Hall know what ward we are in each day. 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 occurring in your Ward. The water is safe to drink but will stain any clothes that are washed in it.

### Prepare for Pool Season ... Before You Install!

A swimming pool can be very appealing during the summer months, but it can also present a real danger to young children. City of Harvard building codes require all swimming pools to be fenced and to have self-closing and self-latching gates.

A fence or other barrier must surround in-ground and above-ground pools, including collapsible or inflatable pools holding more than 24 inches of water. The fence must be at least five feet high and must be constructed so that gaps or openings are no wider than a certain size, depending on the type of fencing used. These codes are an added safety measure to protect you and your guests from pool-related accidents.

Some swimming pools may have a relatively low cost, but still require fencing. Check with the Community Development Department to find out what is required before you buy and install a pool in order to avoid any surprises. A \$150 pool may cost hundreds or even thousands of dollars to fence in, depending on your property. Call first to determine exactly what permits are needed and what requirements must be followed.

Other things to consider when installing a pool include zoning requirements, electrical clearances and utility easements. The Community Development Department also recommends that you contact your insurance agent before installing a swimming pool to determine whether you need additional coverage.

## Yeesham! The Rodeo Returns to Harvard!

The Tri-County Pro Rodeo will return to Milky Way Park this summer. Performances are scheduled for Friday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Smokin Gunz band will perform at Friday night's rodeo dance. Special children's activities will take place on Saturday, before the evening rodeo show. Children and their parents will have an opportunity to spend time with the rodeo cowboys and clowns and create stick horses that the children can use to join the 'Stick Horse Grand Entry' before the rodeo.

The popular event is coordinated by the Harvard Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Harvard Events Committee, which teamed up with Harvard Chevrolet Buick GMC to host last year's two-day rodeo debut. Harvard Chevrolet Buick GMC returns as the primary sponsor of the 2012 event. Part of the International Professional

Rodeo Association tour, the Tri-County Pro Rodeo features bareback riding, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding and bull riding. During last year's event, spectators were thrilled by specialty acts and family-friendly rodeo clowns, concessions, pony rides, novelties and more.

For more information and advance ticket locations, visit the rodeo website at [www.tricountyprorodeo.com](http://www.tricountyprorodeo.com), e-mail at [info@tricountyprorodeo.com](mailto:info@tricountyprorodeo.com) or call at (815) 714-8277.

**Advance Ticket Prices**

Adults	-\$12 (\$15 at gate)
Children	-\$8 (\$10 at gate)



## FROM YOUR LIBRARY

By Karen Sutera, Director

Have you heard the good news? The library now offers e-books which can be downloaded to a portable reading device such as a Kindle, Nook, Kobo or the applications for those readers on iPad. Two e-audiobook services are also now available for those who enjoy listening to audio books on their iPod or other MP3 player. Stop by the library for more information on how to use downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks.

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