



Upcoming City Events

- April 15 – May 9**
Hydrant Flushing
 - May 12**
Brush Pickup Begins
 - May**
Pool Opening Weekend & Season Opening (see article in newsletter)
 - June 6, 7, 8**
73rd Annual Milk Days Festival
 - July 18-19**
Tri-County Pro Rodeo
- THE ILLINOIS FUNDS
E-PAY
Electronic Payment Services Program
- 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



Municipal Information

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
Raul Meza
Mike Clarke
Carl Oppen
Jeremy Adams

Municipal Staff
City Administrator Dave Nelson
Chief of Police Dan Kazy-Garey
Deputy Chief of Police Mark Krause
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 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



The City of Harvard welcomes **Mark Krause** as the our community's new Police Chief. Mark will take the helm of the Harvard Police Department when current Chief Dan Kazy-Garey retires this spring after 30 years of tireless service to our city and its residents. We are fortunate to have dedicated, hard-working men and women serving our community in every part of city government.

Mark joined the Harvard Police Department in 1995 and became our City's first resource officer in 1997. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2001 and has served as Deputy Chief since 2011. He has served under three police chiefs during his tenure and we consider him to be the ideal candidate for the job.

Spring can't get here soon enough. City roads took a real hit this winter from the cold, the snow and the record amount of salt that was used to keep the roads safe for drivers. Pot holes are everywhere and the state roads are in even worse condition. Please be patient as crews work to get Harvard roads in good shape. It will likely take a while.

From the Community Development Dept.

The City of Harvard would like to welcome **Anne Nutley** as the new Code Enforcement Officer. Anne will work in the Community Development Department and maintain the safety and appearance of the City's existing structures and properties through routine inspections throughout the city. The Code Enforcement Officer responds to complaints about housing and property maintenance code violations, and patrols the community looking for violations, conducting systematic exterior inspections of neighborhoods, notifying property owners of violations and taking appropriate legal action to obtain compliance.



Anne Nutley

If you have a complaint about junk, garbage, weeds, over occupancy or other code violations on a property, contact Anne by calling City Hall at 815-943-6468, by email, nutley@cityofharvard.org or by U.S. mail addressed to: City of Harvard, Code Enforcement Officer, P.O. Box 310, Harvard, IL 60033

From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Deputy Police Chief Mark Krause

This has already been a busy year for the Police Department, with prestigious awards, retirement announcements and hotly debated law changes.

Officer Dean Burton was recognized by the McHenry County Chiefs of Police Association as their '2013 Officer of the Year' at a special reception held in January. Officer Burton was selected from a distinguished group of 10 area police officers. He received the award for his actions in saving the life of a young man whom he found unresponsive and not breathing. Officer Burton's quick actions were credited by medical staff for saving the young man's life.

Two long-term and very distinguished members of the Police Department will be departing this spring.

Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey will be retiring after 30 years with the department, including seven years as Chief. He plans to explore other professional opportunities, including those within law enforcement, after his retirement. **Officer Laurence Sadoski** also announced his retirement, effective this Spring.



Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey

Officer Sadoski has been with the Department for 27 years, has served as the Officer-in-Charge on the midnight shift, as an Evidence Technician, Accident Investigator and Juvenile Officer. Both Chief Kazy-Garey and Officer Sadoski have provided many years of dedicated service to the City of Harvard and their knowledge, experience and abilities will be missed. The Department is working to replace the loss of these two team members.

Illinois has passed new legislation pertaining to the concealed carry of firearms and use of medical marijuana. Both of these new laws can be confusing, yet many answers can be found on the Illinois State Police website <http://tinyurl.com/ILconcealcarry> and State of Illinois webpage <http://tinyurl.com/ILmedmarijuana>. Officers are receiving training to prepare for changes in these laws.

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 to Krause@cityofharvard.org.



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 24th through Monday May 26th. Then again on Saturday, May 31st - Sunday June 1st. The pool will be officially open for the season on Saturday June 7th. 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.

PRE-SEASON RATES MAY 1st to MAY 23rd (PURCHASE AT CITY HALL)	RATES AFTER POOL OPENS MAY 25th to JUNE 30th (PURCHASE AT POOL)	RATES JULY 1st TO AUGUST (PURCHASE AT POOL)
In-Town** Individual \$ 90.00 Family* \$125.00 Sr. Citizen \$ 55.00	In-Town** Individual \$115.00 Family* \$150.00 Sr. Citizen \$ 75.00	In-Town** Individual \$ 90.00 Family* \$125.00 Sr. Citizen \$ 55.00
Out-of-Town Individual \$155.00 Family* \$170.00 Sr. Citizen \$ 75.00	Out-of-Town Individual \$205.00 Family* \$200.00 Sr. Citizen \$ 95.00	Out-of-Town Individual \$155.00 Family* \$170.00 Sr. Citizen \$ 75.00

*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.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to remind residents that 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. However, 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. If you would like to reserve a pavilion for your event, please contact City Hall for more information.

Keep an eye on the City's website for additional program offerings including Kid Fit, a cooperative venture with Anytime Fitness to offer a summer day camp at Milky Way Park for 3rd-8th grade children.

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

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department works in partnership with the citizens of Harvard to promote and maintain a desirable environment to live and work in by enforcing 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;
- Occupancy/Overcrowding – Each home is allowed two individuals per bedroom, plus one. No bedrooms in basements;
- Inoperable vehicles on private property – A vehicle that has been unmoved for a period of ten 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, at no time to exceed five inches in height. Dead plants, trees and shrubs are also expected to be removed and disposed of properly;

• Home value steadily increases when a property is attractive and well maintained. Each home also impacts the value of the homes around it.

To submit a complaint about non-emergency activities such as overcrowding and property maintenance within the City of Harvard, contact Anne Nutley, City of Harvard Code Enforcement Officer, at (815) 943-6468 or nutley@cityofharvard.org.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF MCHENRY COUNTY

Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County is looking for caring adult role models 18 years or older to mentor children in the Harvard community. A Big Brother or Big Sister is asked to spend two to four times a month with their Little Brother or Little Sister doing fun and positive activities together such as going fishing, baking, taking a walk, talking or almost anything that both parties enjoy. The children are between the ages of 6 and 14 and are waiting to be matched with someone who will encourage them to new opportunities, listen to them and encourage them to reach their highest potential. Each match relationship is supported by a Match Support Specialist and our agency offers many fun and exciting activities that you and your Little can come to throughout the year. Think of the possibilities. For more information, please visit our website at www.bbbsmchenry.org or call our office at 815-385-3855 during regular business hours.

NEED TO KNOW ...

BRUSH PICK-UP

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 12, July 14 and October 13) and will continue until all wards have been picked up.

To be sure 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 three feet long, the longer the better. 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.

FROM THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Hydrant Flushing will take place April 14 – May 9 as weather permits. This will be a complete distribution system flushing. Your water may become discolored when hydrants are flushed. We recommend letting your faucets run for a few minutes until the water clears up. It is not recommended to wash white clothes during the time that flushing is occurring in your ward. Hydrant flushing signs will be posted and we will let City Hall know which wards we are working in each day.

FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permit Information

It is important to contact the City of Harvard 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 doesn't meet the code. You may also be required to obtain permission from your Home Owner's Association (HOA) before beginning work. Ask your HOA for a copy of any subdivision covenants that may apply. Sheds and fences for example, might not be allowed or require the HOA'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. Projects such as flooring or painting do not require a permit.

Permits allow for qualified inspections to be made to insure safety and appropriate construction. All contractors who work in the City need to be licensed by the City of Harvard. Some trades such as roofing and plumbing, are required to also be licensed by the State of Illinois. Call the Building Department with questions about your project. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.