



From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan



The City of Harvard is pleased to be able to use Harvard's new newspaper, the *Harvard Main Line*, to distribute our regular newsletter to residents. We worked with the Harvard Chamber of Commerce to encourage the management of the *Woodstock Independent* to bring a local paper to Harvard and we hope that you will show your support for this important new venture in our community.

You will not receive a copy of this newsletter in the mail, as you have in the past, but you will now be able to view it online, at www.cityofharvard.org. Let us know what you think of our new format.

This has been a challenging year for Harvard residents and businesses and it is no different for the City of Harvard. There are, however, many good things that we can point to in our community. This newspaper is one of them. The downtown district, which is seeing new life and vitality, is another.

The City Council is working hard to maintain city services and programs while we all await economic recovery. Here's more good news: There are other signs that Harvard is not only holding its own, but continuing to move forward. Arrowhead Industrial Park remains a busy place, with new tenants settled in and a 42,000 square foot industrial facility now under construction. That facility could house as many as four companies by the spring of next year, or it could become the home to one larger new employer in Harvard. Either way, our community will grow stronger.

We have a new elementary school rising out near South Route 14. There is no stronger sign of a community that believes in its future than a willingness to invest in its children. Some of its students will become the local leaders of tomorrow. We should be very proud of the community that we are building for them.

Thank you for your patience and for your commitment to keeping Harvard strong.

United States™ Census 2010 IT'S IN OUR HANDS



Less than six months from now, a very important event will take place.

In April, 2010, the United States Census Bureau will conduct its survey to find out just how many Americans there really are. The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in our country. It is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Everyone — not just U.S. citizens — is counted.

The census count is extremely important to Harvard, according to Mayor Jay Nolan. "We receive State and Federal funds based on our population," he explained. "A short count means that Harvard won't get its fair share of those funds which are used for schools, transportation, healthcare, housing and more."

Population counts also determine State and

Federal legislative boundaries. After the census is concluded, Congressional, State Senate and State House districts will be redrawn based on the new population information.

The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest in history, consisting of only 10 questions. It will take about 10 minutes to complete. Strict laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information that is shared during the census process. No one has access to it outside of the Census Bureau. The City of Harvard only receives a broad analysis of the data and does not see the completed individual surveys.

Mayor Nolan urges all Harvard residents to respond and be counted to ensure that Harvard gets its fair share of State and Federal funding.

NEED TO KNOW ...

Leaf Vacuuming Schedule

Leaf vacuuming will tentatively occur from October 1 through November 30, depending on weather conditions and when leaves begin to fall. Please rake your leaves to the curb, and NOT INTO THE STREET. Marengo Disposal will vacuum leaves through the end of November, weather permitting. Contact them at (815) 943-4939 with any questions.

Preparing For Winter

Winter is just around the corner. The cost of road salt has decreased. The City will not mix the salt with sand this year, but will continue last year's salting policies to ensure that there is sufficient salt on hand for the season. The downtown area, the areas around the schools and emergency routes will be salted as usual. Intersections and steep grades will also be maintained as in the past. The rest of the streets in the city will be plowed only. **We ask all drivers to please drive with caution this winter.**

The City's winter parking restrictions have not changed. 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 electronic Community Sign as soon as possible. If there is any question as to whether an emergency had been called or terminated, call the Public Works Dept. at either 943-0301 or 943-4161, or the Police Department's non-emergency number at 943-4431.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The City's Utilities department will be flushing dead end water lines during the weeks of October 19-30. Hydrant flushing may create rust and brown colored water. The water is safe to drink but will stain any clothes that are washed in it. If you experience rusty water, let your faucet run until clear.

Special Recreation Fun

NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association) provides year-round recreation activities and Special Olympics for residents with disabilities of all ages and ability levels. A few programs are located in Harvard and transportation is available to programs in other communities. Pick up NISRA's catalog at City Hall, view it at www.nisra.org or call (815) 459-0737 to have one mailed to you.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters Needs Male Volunteers

Big Brothers, Big Sisters is a mentoring program that matches carefully screened adult volunteers (called 'Bigs') with children ages 6-14 (called, 'Littles'). Littles are at-risk youths who come from a single parent home that is lacking two positive adult role models. A Big spends time with their Little doing activities they enjoy.

The program currently has six little brothers who are waiting for a big brother in Harvard. If you are interested in helping, please call (815) 385-3855 or email Katie Cook, Intake Specialist, at Katie@bbbsmcherry.org



Big Brothers Big Sisters

FROM YOUR LIBRARY

By Harriet Roll, Director

School is back in session, Halloween is practically here and the holidays are not that far away. It's a good time to take advantage of the services at your library, whether you are looking for patterns for costumes, new recipes for Thanksgiving or gifts that you can make for the holidays.

This is a time of limited income and tight budgeting for many families and your library represents one of the best values around. See for yourself, by calculating what library services and other items would cost if there wasn't a public library facility in town. The chart (right) is taken from the American Library Association's website at www.ala.org. You can create a personalized chart of the services and programs you use at <http://tinyurl.com/libraryvalue>.

Get your money's worth. Come visit the library today!



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Visit <http://tinyurl.com/libraryvalue> to calculate the value of the library services that you use.

Calculating the Value of Services Used at Your Local Library — An Example

| Input Your # of Uses | Library Services | Retail Value | Value of Services |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 5 | Books Borrowed | \$20.00 | \$100.00 |
| 2 | Magazines Borrowed | \$3.00 | \$6.00 |
| 5 | Videos Borrowed | \$4.00 | \$20.00 |
| 3 | Books on Tape Borrowed | \$30.00 | \$90.00 |
| 2 | Copy/Fax Machine Use | \$2.00 | \$4.00 |
| 3 | Magazine Use in Library | \$2.00 | \$6.00 |
| 1 | Inter-Library Loan | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| | Meeting Room Use per Hour | \$30.00 | \$0 |
| | Adult Programs Attended | \$10.00 | \$0 |
| | Children's Programs Attended | \$6.00 | \$0 |
| 1 | Hour of Computer Use | \$12.00 | \$12.00 |
| 2 | Newspaper Articles Viewed Online | \$1.00 | \$2.00 |
| 1 | Month's Use of Other Databases | \$20.00 | \$0 |
| 1 | Reference Questions Asked | \$7.00 | \$7.00 |
| | Total Value | | \$272.00 |

From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey



I'd like to take this opportunity to provide Harvard families with some Halloween safety suggestions to ensure that our kids have a safe and fun holiday:

Reminders for Children

- Always carry a flashlight while Trick or Treating;
- Trick or Treat with an adult or older sibling;
- Only Trick or Treat at homes with a porch light on;
- Never enter anyone's home;
- Never talk to or go anywhere with a stranger;
- Costumes should be brightly colored and have reflective material;
- Avoid ill-fitting masks that make it hard to see. Use non-toxic, hypo-allergenic makeup or face paint instead to maintain unobstructed vision;
- Costumes and shoes should be fitted to avoid tripping;
- Do not carry fake swords, guns, knives, or similar accessories that look real. Make sure that any accessories are flexible and cannot harm you or others;
- Don't run. You have three hours to Trick or Treat;
- Don't cross the street between parked cars. Always cross at an intersection;
- Walk on sidewalks. Don't run between homes or on the lawn;
- Respect other people's property;
- Trick or Treat on a designated route;
- Carry an extra Trick or Treat bag in case yours fills up or breaks;
- Never eat any treats until your parent or guardian has checked them under bright lighting for tampering. Do not eat fruit, homemade items, or unwrapped candy; and
- Always say Thank You and have fun!



Reminders for Parents

- Review the above safety tips with your children;
- Plan a designated Trick or Treat route and times for your children;
- Always inspect your children's treats for tampering;
- Accompany your children while they Trick or Treat;
- Consider hosting a Halloween party to replace Trick or Treating;
- If you are driving, be cautious of children who may not be paying attention;
- Review 'Stop, Drop, and Roll' with your children in the event that a costume catches fire; and
- Report any suspicious activities to the Harvard Police at (815) 943-4431 or call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Reminders for Homeowners

- Turn your porch light on if you are inviting Trick or Treaters;
- Do not invite children into your home;
- Only distribute prepackaged treats;
- Secure your dogs in your home to avoid contact with Trick or Treaters;
- Remove any hazards from your yard or porch that could cause a child to trip and fall;
- Do not use candles to illuminate any decoration;
- Report any suspicious activities to the Harvard Police at (815) 943-4431 or call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Do you have a question about Halloween guidelines or any other public safety matter? I am normally in the office from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. I can be reached by calling (815) 943-4431 or by email at kazy-garey@cityofharvard.org.

Upcoming City Events

- Oct. 4-10 **National Fire Prevention Week - 'Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned'**
- Oct. 24 **Jr. Hornets Intramural Basketball Sign-Up and Practice**
- Oct. 31 **Halloween Trick or Treat 5-8 p.m.**
- Nov. 1 **Daylight Savings Ends**
- Dec. 5 **Christmas in Harvard**
- Jan. 23 **Chamber of Commerce Recognition Dinner**
- Jan./Feb. **Open Gym**



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Municipal Information
www.cityofharvard.org

Mayor Jay Nolan
City Treasurer Beverly Meseck
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Ward 1 Chuck Marzahl
Ward 2 Brian Leyden
Ward 3 Phillip Ulmer
Ward 4 Debra Szczap
Ward 5 Scott Logan
Ward 6 Rick Adams
Ward 7 Carl Opper
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City Administrator Dave Nelson
Chief of Police Dan Kazy-Garey
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Supt. Public Works Jim Kruckenber
Supt. Utilities Jim Grant

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Community Development
Director Steve Santeler

City Phone Numbers
City Hall 943-6468
Fax: 943-4556
Dial-A-Ride 943-7700
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.

THE ILLINOIS FUNDS



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 new City Hall building at 201 W. Diggins St.

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