



Upcoming City Events

- Oct. 9-15 National Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 10 Brush Pickup Begins
- Oct 15 Family Fall Fest
- Community Movie Night
- Oct. 22 Jr. Hornets Intramural Basketball Sign-Up/Practice
- Oct 23 11th Annual Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk - Starts at 8:30 a.m. at Woodstock High School
- Oct. 31 Halloween Trick or Treat 5-8 p.m.
- Nov. 5 Community Movie Night
- Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Ends
- Dec. 3 Christmas in Harvard
- Jan. 21 Chamber of Commerce Recognition Dinner
- Jan/Feb Open Gym on Wednesdays



City of Harvard Municipal Information

www.cityofharvard.org

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City Phone Numbers
 City Hall 943-6468
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 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 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

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan



The new Harvard Senior Center and Food Pantry is now a reality, thanks to the support of the Harvard community. Many volunteers donated their time, resources and money to make this project happen, including a \$50,000 anonymous donation that got the ball rolling last year and fundraising projects throughout the community. Students, families, business owners and residents worked together to build a facility that will be an asset to Harvard for many years to come. The Senior Center opened in September and the food pantry will open this week.

Sales tax revenues are holding their own in Harvard, despite what is happening in other nearby communities. Revenues from retail sales have steadily increased over the past four years in Harvard and are currently running about 1.7% higher than in 2010. Many McHenry County communities are seeing flat or decreasing sales tax revenues.

We attribute Harvard's more stable revenue stream to the continued performance of our local car dealerships, stable sales at the Walmart SuperCenter and other local businesses and a commitment by Harvard residents to shop locally whenever possible. Sales tax revenues are critical to providing important City services and your support is appreciated by your neighbors as well as by local business owners.



Harvard Senior Center & Food Pantry Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 9/18/11.

From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City of Harvard's Police Commission plays an important role in our community that deserves recognition. The three-member volunteer commission is appointed by the mayor, approved by the City Council and charged with overseeing hiring, disciplinary proceedings and promotional testing for members of the Harvard Police Department. Current commission members include John Hollingsworth, Steve Wright and Mick Schuld.

Earlier this year, the Police Commission began the process of testing to develop a new officer eligibility list. This is a time-consuming process which includes advertising for candidates and communicating with applicants. Nearly 140 applications were distributed to prospective candidates and testing began in August with an orientation, a physical agility test and a written exam.

GATEWAY PARK PLANNED

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County has kicked off a campaign to raise funds to establish a park at the intersections of Routes 14 and 23.

Harvard Gateway Park would be created and maintained by the organization and ultimately donated to the City of Harvard. The parcel is located outside of the city limits, but would be annexed in when the City of Harvard takes possession. According to Land Conservancy Executive Director Lisa Haderlein, an endowment will be created by the organization to fund the ongoing maintenance of the park so that it 'never becomes a burden to the City.'

The City of Harvard supports this project and invited Haderlein to submit an article on the project. Her words follow:

'If you have ever driven into Harvard from the south or east on Route 14 or 23, you have seen a piece of living history. Right at the traffic light, and bounded by Heritage Lane and Marengo Road, sits the only portion of Rush Creek that was never ditched. Also, on either side of the creek, just outside of its floodplain, are about a dozen oaks that have been there since Harvard was founded over 150 years ago.

Since the time of Harvard's founding, farmers and landowners have dug and blasted the wild twists and turns of local creeks into straight ditches to improve drainage and reduce flooding, but this stretch was untouched. As the City developed, many oaks were cut down as homes and businesses were built, but the trees on this property were left to grow.

The 15-acre property will be called Harvard Gateway Park since it will provide a beautiful, natural entry to the community forever. A partnership between the City of Harvard, The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, School District 50, the Harvard Chamber of Commerce & Industry and others is working to make the park a reality.

The vision for Gateway Park is to purchase the land, restore the oak groves and wetlands and

establish a permanent endowment that will provide annual income for management of the land. The park will be owned by the City and The Land Conservancy will hold a conservation easement on it to ensure that it will remain open and natural in perpetuity.

The total budget for the project is \$188,000. To date, nearly \$22,000 has been raised through gifts and pledges. You can help make this dream a reality by making a donation or pledging your support today. We are suggesting that pledges be paid over three years to make it easier for supporters to budget for their donations. All contributions to the project are tax-deductible, as The Land Conservancy of McHenry County is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

A Campaign Committee has been established, and is actively seeking new members to help organize fundraising events. Please contact Lisa or Linda at The Land Conservancy at (815) 337-9502 to lend a hand.

One of the exciting parts of Gateway Park is that it is a short distance from the new Crosby Elementary School. Generations of local students will have the chance to visit and learn about the area's natural and agricultural heritage first hand.

The entry sign "Harvard, success comes naturally here" is right across the road from the property. Gateway Park is an opportunity to bring those words to life.'

For more information, please contact:
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NEED TO KNOW ...

Brush Pickup

Pickup will begin on Monday, October 10 and continue until all Wards have been picked up. This will be the last brush pickup until May 2012. Trucks go through each Ward one time. Have all branches by the curb before pickup begins on 10/10/11, but no earlier than one week ahead of time. All branches 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 cut end to the street. Stumps, bushes, plants, leaves and weeds will not be picked up. 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. For branches that come down as a result of a storm, please place at the curb and notify Public Works at 943-0301.

Leaf Vacuuming

Leaf vacuuming will tentatively occur from Oct. 1 through Nov. 31, depending on weather conditions and when leaves begin to fall. Leaves should be raked to the curb, NOT INTO THE STREET. Marengo Disposal will vacuum through the end of November, weather permitting. Call them with questions at (815) 943-4939.

Getting Ready for Winter

Winter is just around the corner and snow is predicted — again! Similar to last winter, residential streets will be plowed one pass in each direction following a snowfall. When all City streets are open, snow will then be plowed to the curb. The 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. Please drive with caution this winter!

Please note: The downtown area will be plowed to the center, but clean up and removal will be done after all City streets are open. This may take a few days, so please be patient.

Snow Emergencies

All vehicles must be removed from City streets following a two-inch snowfall so that roads can be plowed and salted quickly. When 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 terminated, call Public Works at 943-0301 or the Police Department at 943-4431.

Parks & Recreation News

Basketball and Gym Programs

Jr. Hornets Intramural Basketball
 For all students 3rd - 6th grades
 Sign-up/Practice Sat., Oct. 22
 Held at Harvard Jr. High School
 3rd & 4th Grade from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 5th & 6th Grade from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Jr. Hornets Traveling Team Basketball

For boys in 5th - 8th grades
 Tryouts Sat., Nov. 12 at Harvard Jr. High School
 5th & 6th grade from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 7th & 8th grade 11 a.m. - Noon



Open Gym 2012

Held in High School Gym on Wednesdays
 7 - 9 p.m., Jan. - Feb.
 Cost: \$3 per night or \$15 for all
 Jan 18, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22

For more information, contact **Park and Recreation Supt. Bob Burkart** at 405-6712 or visit the City of Harvard [website at www.cityofharvard.org](http://www.cityofharvard.org)

Winter Recreation at Lion's Park

A lighted sledding hill and ice rink are located at Lion's Park. Parking can be accessed from Harvard Hills Road.

FROM YOUR LIBRARY

School is back in session, sports are in full swing, and the call of the apple orchard and pumpkin patch is strong. Who has time to read when all those fun activities beckon? The library has the answer: audiobooks!

Perfect for 'reading on the go', an audiobook can make a long commute feel shorter or help quiet little ones when football practice runs into overtime. The library has a wide selection of audiobooks to choose from in either CD or cassette tape format. This month, the library will also debut *OneClick Digital* audio books that can be downloaded directly to an iPod or MP3



player. Choose from classics, bestsellers, mysteries and children's titles in the *OneClick Digital* collection. Stop by the library for a demonstration of how *OneClick Digital* works and to learn how you can download audiobooks to your personal player.

The library will host a 'step back in time' on Saturday, October 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. when the McHenry County Historical Society's James Bus brings its 'Feeling Groovy: A Tribute to the 60's' exhibit to Harvard. The exhibit will provide a snapshot of what life was like in McHenry County during that decade. Don your bell bottoms or pin on your pill box hat and be sure to visit the exhibit!

Visit our website at www.harvard-diggins.org for a complete calendar of activities.

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By Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey



Applicants who passed these tests and a typing test were invited to participate in interviews with the Commission and the staff of the Harvard Police Department. Fifty-nine applicants made it to this phase of the testing process.

Interviews were conducted in August and September, during evening and weekend sessions. Qualified candidates can apply preference points to their applications for military or education, as allowed by state statute.

A final eligibility list is then compiled, which is generally valid for a two-year period. When a position opens, the next candidate from the list is selected and a background investigation is initiated by the Harvard Police Department. Upon successfully passing this portion of the process, the Harvard Police Commission

approves the candidate for employment and a conditional offer of employment is made to the applicant. Once the candidate accepts a conditional offer, they must pass polygraph, psychological, medical and vision examinations to be offered employment.

The entire process requires a dedication to public safety, attention to detail and a willingness to serve. The Harvard Police Department, the City of Harvard and all of its residents would like to thank the members of the Police Commission for their continued commitment and service to our community.