



From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jay Nolan



By now, every Harvard household has received its Census questionnaire. Complete yours and get it mailed in quickly, if you haven't done so already. It only takes a few minutes of your time.

The City would like to congratulate the Harvard Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating 80 years of serving our community. Thank you for the exceptional job that you do. We'd also like to recognize Harvard area business Skinner's Amusements, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Harvard Milk Days returns June 4-6. Now in its 69th year, it is northern Illinois' longest running festival. As you can see, Harvard is a town where good things tend to stick around for a long time.

Be sure to visit the City's website, at www.cityofharvard.org, where you can watch a Video TourBook of Harvard, check out downtown streetscape photos and stay up to date with community events. You can also read this newsletter online there, any time.

Spring is finally in sight and with it, new hopes for a stronger economy. Thank you for your patience as we have worked hard to keep our community strong during tough economic times.

THE ILLINOIS FUNDS



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 new City Hall building at 201 W. Diggins St.

www.cityofharvard.org

United States™ Census 2010 SEND YOURS IN TODAY!



Harvard households received their Census questionnaires in the mail a few weeks ago and the completed surveys are now due. There are only 10 questions to complete and the whole process takes less than 10 minutes. It's fast, easy and important.

The 2010 Census is a count of every person living in our country and everyone is required by law to participate. Households that do not turn in a survey will receive a follow up, in-person visit from a Census worker.

The Census count is very important to Harvard. State and Federal funds are allocated based on population. A

short count means that Harvard won't get its fair share of funds for schools, roads, healthcare, housing and social programs.

Population counts also determine State and Federal legislative boundaries. District lines will be redrawn based on the new population information that is obtained.

Strict laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information that is shared during the census process. The City of Harvard only receives a broad analysis of the data.

Complete and return your 2010 Census survey today!

FROM YOUR LIBRARY

By Harriet Roll, Director

The Harvard Diggins Library lost a good friend, a hard worker and a devoted supporter this season with the passing of long-time Library Board member Allen Gillette in March. He was appointed to the Library Board in 1992 and served for nearly 18 years.

Allen was part of the team that chose the architect for the new library building, supported the referendum that was needed to build it, assisted in the capital campaign to furnish it and was on the building committee that oversaw its construction. It was an exciting and challenging project and he embraced it from the start.

Allen felt strongly that bringing special programs and

performances to the community was a central part of the library's mission. The Community Enrichment Committee was established in 2002 and continues to bring programs to the library that are open to the public and free of charge. Allen served as its chairman until his death.

The position of trustee on the City Library Board is appointed by the mayor and open to any adult resident of Harvard. Community members are also chosen to serve on the Community Enrichment Committee. Let the Mayor or myself know if you have an interest in either position. We are also looking for ideas for programs that we can bring to the community.



Allen Gillette



Harvard Diggins Library
900 East McKinley Street
Harvard IL 60033
815-943-4671
www.harvard-diggins.org

NEED TO KNOW ...

From the Community Development Department

The popularity of backyard swimming pools has increased in recent years due to the affordability of packaged pools. Any pool that can be filled to a depth of 24 inches or deeper will require a permit from the City and must have a five-foot high fence constructed of approved materials surrounding the pool area for safety reasons. Fences made of farm wire, poultry netting or other materials that would compromise safety are not allowed. Contact the Community Development Department if you have any questions about pool installations and fencing, before you buy. Proper fencing can often exceed the cost of the pool by many times over.

Also remember to call J.U.L.I.E. (dial 811) for underground utility locations prior to starting projects that require digging, post-holes or earth excavations of any kind.

Brush Pickup

The City of Harvard picks up brush in May, July and September. Pickup will begin on these dates and continue until all Wards have been picked up: May 10, July 12, September 13.

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 water hydrants from late April through early May as the weather permits. 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.

Helpful Water Meter Tips

The City's Water Department receives many complaints about high water bills. Often, they are accompanied by requests to test water meters for accuracy. Water meters do not operate on electricity and meters cannot register usage unless there is water flowing. Meters actually tend to run a little slow and may not detect all of the water that passes through a meter, meaning that often residents are not billed for all of the water that they use.

Sometimes an on-site problem can exist. Here are some ways that homeowners can check to see if there is a leak within the home:

- Check your water meter. It has a little red dial or a black arrow-shaped dial on the face that is a leak detector. If that dial is

moving, water is being used.

- Check all of the toilets in the home for leaks or constant 'running'. Even a small leak will add up to a lot of water usage in a short amount of time.
- Check your water softener. Softeners use water every time they regenerate. If the softener valve sticks, it will continue to use water until repaired.

Can't find a leak? Try keeping track of your water usage for a week. Document the numbers on the water meter face every day. The last two numbers are tenths, which are not used for billing purposes. The numbers to the left of the decimal point are the actual units used. Each unit equals 750 gallons. For example: If the reading on your meter is

225.00 it means that 225 units (225 x 750 gallons) have gone through your meter. You might be surprised at the amount of water that a household uses in a week. You might be even more surprised by how much water can be wasted by even a very small leak. For example, with water pressure at 60 psi over a three-month period:

- A 1/16" hole will allow 74,000 gallons of water;
- An 1/8" hole will allow 296,000 gallons of water; and
- A 1/4" hole will allow 1,181,500 gallons of water to flow through your meter.

Check for leaks throughout your home or business today!

The Harvard Events Committee Needs Your Input!

The Harvard Events Committee organized several successful community events last year, including Christmas in Harvard, the New Year's Eve Kids Bash and Community Movie Night. Upcoming events include the Easter Egg Hunt and Visit with the Easter Bunny that will be held on April 3 at the Harvard Diggins Library and a Concert in the Park on May 22 that will feature the Harvard High School Band and Choir.

The Committee would like to know what types of activities and additional family-oriented events you would like to see. **Fill out and return the survey below to Harvard Events Committee, P. O. Box 310, Harvard IL 60033 or email us at HarvardEvents@ameritech.net.** You can also call in or fax your suggestions to (815) 333-2146. We can also be reached on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/HarvardEvents>.

The Committee is also looking for individuals who would be willing to serve on event sub-committees. Let us know if you're interested!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

What types of events would you like the Committee to organize? _____

Would you be interested in working on an event sub-committee? Yes No

Thank You!

Parks & Recreation News

Opening Day for the Pool is June 7

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.

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. Contact the Parks Department at (815) 943-4300 for more information or call City Hall at (815) 943-6468 to reserve a pavilion for an event.



From the POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Police Chief Dan Kazy-Garey

The Harvard Police Department recognized some of its finest officers at the January City Council meeting.

In February 2009, **Officers Terry Baldowsky, Larry Sadoski and Aaron Palmer** (not pictured) apprehended two individuals who were suspects in several crimes occurring throughout McHenry County, including auto theft and armed robbery. The suspects were apprehended on McGuire Road, after committing a burglary at Sullivan Foods in Harvard. The officers' cooperative, quick actions truly embodied the City of Harvard's motto, 'Winning with Teamwork'. They were awarded Honorable Mentions for their performance.

In March 2009, **Officer Darrell Tennant** responded with other officers to a robbery call at the Harvard Community Credit Union. The robbery suspect was apprehended and the stolen money was recovered. It was another good example of how members of the Harvard Police Department work together to

keep our community safe. Officer Tennant also received an Honorable Mention.

At the same City Council meeting, **Officer Edward Kohn** became the first Harvard officer to be promoted to sergeant

since 2001. Sgt. Kohn began his career in Harvard in 2004. He most recently served as the school liaison officer, where he was responsible for teaching the DARE program and for interacting with school staff, parents and students. Sgt. Kohn will supervise the midnight patrol shift and continue to teach the DARE program while Harvard's new school resource officer, **Dean Burton**, transitions in.

Officer Burton has served the Harvard community well since 1992. He is a certified gang officer and a juvenile officer and he has worked investigations for more than ten years. He can be reached Monday through Friday at (815) 943-4431 or via email at burton@cityofharvard.org.

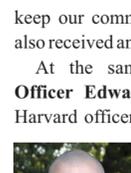
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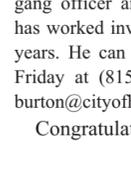
Terry Baldowsky



Larry Sadoski



Edward Kohn



Darrell Tennant



Dan Kazy-Garey



Dean Burton

Upcoming City Events

- April 3** Visit with the Easter Bunny/Easter Egg Hunt
- April 10** Community Movie Night
- May 10** Brush Pickup Begins
- May 22** Concert in the Park: HHS Band/Choir
- June 4-6** 69th Annual Milk Days Festival
- June 7** Opening Day at the Pool
- August 3** National Night Out



City of Harvard Municipal Information

www.cityofharvard.org

Mayor Jay Nolan
City Treasurer Beverly Meseck
City Clerk Andy Wells

Aldermen

Ward 1 Chuck Marzahl
..... Brian Leyden
Ward 2 Phillip Ulmer
..... Debra Szczap
Ward 3 Scott Logan
..... Rick Adams
Ward 4 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
Dial-A-Ride Fax: 943-4556
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.

**READ IT ALL ONLINE AT
WWW.CITYOFFHARVARD.ORG**