

Harrisonville Happenings

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What is a Use Tax? – The Harrisonville Board of Aldermen has voted to call for an election on the question of whether to impose a local use tax. The election will be on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**. The measure is titled **Proposition U**.

BACKGROUND: A Local Use Tax is a tax on the online purchase of goods by Harrisonville residents from out-of-state vendors that don't collect the local sales tax. The use tax is applied to the same products that would be subject to the sales tax if the products were sold locally. Currently, the City of Harrisonville collects a 2.375% local sales tax on all goods and services purchased from local businesses. However, that is



not the case for purchases made online from out-of-state vendors. For example, if a person purchases new pillows at a store located here in Harrisonville, the vendor collects a state and local sales tax on that item. However, if the same person purchased those pillows online, from a vendor located outside the state of Missouri, the vendor is not required to collect the same local sales tax. This can create an advantage for online vendors, that local Harrisonville businesses do not currently have.

If voters approve Prop U, it's estimated that a use tax would bring at least \$1 million back into our community each year, but it could be even more. The funds received from Prop. U will be used for street and sidewalk maintenance, public safety, the animal shelter, and other critical services we all use every day. For additional information about the **Use Tax**, visit www.harrisonville.com

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*All meetings are subject to change or cancellation.
Meetings are held in Council Chambers at City Hall
unless otherwise noted.*

- Oct. 31 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!** 🎃
- Nov. 1 Historic Preservation Commission, Noon
Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5 Daylight Savings Time ENDS, 2 a.m.
- Nov. 6 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
BOA Work Session
- Nov. 7 Election Day—Polls open 6 a. - 7 p. ✓
- Nov. 10 **City Offices Closed for Veterans Day** 🇺🇸
Community Center Open
- Nov. 14 Park Board, 6 p.m., @ HCC
Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 16 Planning & Zoning, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
BOA Work Session
- Nov. 23 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** 🦃
City Hall & HCC Closed
- Nov. 24 **City Hall Closed**
HCC. open 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Would I pay and report the local use tax on this purchase?

NO

- Groceries, clothing, or goods from local retailers
- Netflix or Hulu membership
- Dinner from a local restaurant that is ordered online

YES

- Bulk cleaning supplies from an out-of-state wholesale company that didn't charge sales tax
- A couch ordered from an out-of-state store like Wayfair.com that didn't charge sales tax
- Mechanical equipment from an out-of-state business that didn't charge sales tax

Spring Forward, FALL BACK! —

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 5, at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night and enjoy that extra hour of sleep you lost back in March!



HARRISONVILLE

Parks & Recreation

Great Disc Golf Weather

As we get into fall, we want to remind you about the new disc golf course in Lord's Park.

The course currently features 9-holes.

The park is located at 210 S Oakland St.

Swim Lessons

A new session of swimming lessons will begin in November!

Group lessons—\$55

4 week session

Tuesday and Thursday

Register at www.harrisonvilleparks.com

Fall Fit Kids Before & After School Programs (Ages 5-12)

Morning Fit Kids: 6:30 - 8:15 a.m.

Afternoon Fit Kids: 4 - 6 p.m.

COST: \$32 per week/per child/per program

Register online or at the Community Center.

For more info call 380-8980.

For complete information on all the classes and program offerings at the Harrisonville Community Center, please call (816) 380-8980 or visit our website at www.harrisonvilleparks.com

Utility Deadlines — The City of Harrisonville would like to make residents aware of the final deadlines for payment of past due October and November accounts. OctoberWednesday, Oct. 25, before 5 p.m.

November.....Saturday, Nov. 25, before 5 p.m.

After the deadline — Any past due account will be charged a \$50 administrative fee, additional deposit fees as applicable and scheduled for disconnection. If you have questions about the City's utility-payment policy, please call City Hall, (816) 380-8900.

Welcoming a New Aldermen! — During Monday night's Board of Aldermen meeting, Mr. Larry Pfautsch was sworn in as the newest Aldermen for Ward 2.

Mr. Pfautsch was appointed to the Board on a recommendation from Mayor Zaring, and will fill the seat currently vacant in Ward 2.

We appreciate Mr. Pfautsch's

commitment to the Harrisonville community and his willingness to serve the citizens of Ward 2!



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TRUNK-OR-TREAT ON THE SQUARE



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OCTOBER



ACCEPTING
DONATIONS
OF NON-
PERISHABLE
FOOD AT
THE EVENT

3-5
PM



TO REGISTER AS A STOP AT
THE EVENT, SCAN THE QR CODE

QUESTIONS? EMAIL
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