

Harrisonville Happenings

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NEW Playground in City Park! — Crews are working quickly to install the new playground equipment in City Park! Several of the pieces are now in place, and crews hope to have the new Sona interactive dance and play arch installed soon.

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Why Sales Tax? — It's a common question. Why do we need things like a sales tax or a use tax? But do you know just how big an impact these little amounts make in our community?

Communities all across America receive a large portion of their operating budgets from property, sales and use tax dollars. Harrisonville is no different. And while many feel that the amount paid in property tax should do more than enough to provide vital community services, like police and fire, we want to briefly illustrate just how much is needed to keep a community like ours safe.

In 2023, the City of Harrisonville brought in \$296,006 in personal property tax. This is only 9% of the total paid by the community, as a majority of the funds are paid to the school district, county roads and the library. When you look at that number compared to the budgets to run just police and fire services in Harrisonville — \$8,919,778, we can see a substantial



gap. This is why sales tax is such a vital piece for rural communities in Missouri. These departments are unable to operate as a for-profit business, and rely

solely on what comes in from our local taxes.

Another thing to think about, is how well Harrisonville is positioned within Cass County. With our location being in the center of the county and with so many other smaller communities around us, Harrisonville sees thousands of non-residents come and go each day. This is beneficial because it takes some of the weight off of our residents when it comes to supporting City services. Those coming into town are always here for something, whether to buy groceries, visit retail shops, eat a meal, go to the mechanic, etc. Each time they visit, they help support the services you benefit from each and every day.

We are grateful for our strategic positioning within the county and, more importantly, are grateful for the role you play in supporting our community.

We know that taxes are no one's favorite thing, but we hope this helps understand the benefit they can bring to small communities like ours.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are subject to change or cancellation. All meetings are currently being held at City Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Feb. 5.....Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.

Work Session

Feb. 7.....Historical Preservation, noon

Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 13.....Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m.

Park Board, 6 p.m. @ HCC

Feb. 14.....Happy Valentine's Day! ❤️

Feb. 15.....Planning & Zoning, 6 p.m.

Feb. 19.....Happy Presidents Day! 🇺🇸

City offices closed. HCC open.

Feb. 20.....Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.

Work Session

Feb. 21 ... Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 29.....Leap Day! 🐸

Indoor Pool Closed for Repairs — As we continue our mission to provide our members and guests with both an enjoyable and a safe experience while visiting the Harrisonville Community Center, we have some information we would like you to be aware of.

Staff are preparing to make a series of important safety upgrades to the indoor pool area. Unfortunately, these upgrades will require the pool to be closed for an extended period of time. Staff will close the pool from Monday, February 5,

and hope to reopen the pool on April 1. We understand that this temporary closure will create an inconvenience for several of our members and guests.

In light of this, we are offering an option for members who exclusively utilize the pool to either suspend or extend their memberships during the closure period. Additionally, during the pool closure the infrared sauna will be available for free use.

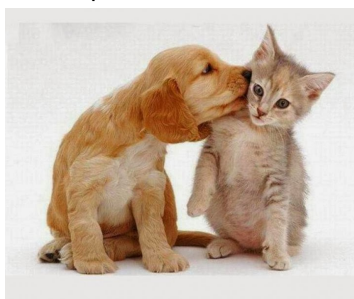
Reservations will be required. Safety upgrades include the installation of new duct work, installation of new lighting and a new coat of paint. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this period of enhancement. Your safety and well-being are our top priorities, and these enhancements are aimed at ensuring a safe & enjoyable environment for everyone.

Enrollment Starts Jan. 23 for Utility Level-Pay Plan — Level Pay open enrollment will take place from January 23 to February 2. The program is available to any City of Harrisonville residential-electric-utility customer with a good payment history and at least 12 consecutive months of billing history at their current service address. Call (816) 380-8900 for details.

Pet Licenses — 2024 pet licenses are available for purchase at the Harrisonville Animal Shelter, through the month of January. The cost is \$5 for each sterilized pet and \$8 for each non-sterilized pet.

Please bring proof of current vaccinations from your veterinarian.

Late fees are applied to licenses issued after Jan. 31.



HARRISONVILLE Parks & Recreation

Youth Volleyball!

Grades: 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9-12

\$75 for members — \$85 for non-members

Registration deadline: February 11

Late registration (+\$10): February 18

Register at HCC or by phone 380-8980

Tiny-Tot Basketball!

Saturdays from 9-10am or 10-11 am

\$35 for members — \$45 for non-members

Registration deadline: February 4

Late registration (+\$10): February 11

4 sessions: 3 practices & 1 mini game.

Register at HCC or by phone 380-8980

Youth Flag Football!

Grades: K, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8

\$85 for members — \$95 for non-members

Registration deadline: February 11

Late registration (+\$10): February 18

Register at HCC or by phone 380-8980

Princess Ball (Ages 4-18)

Feb. 17, 6 to 9 p.m.

Cost: Male guardian—\$20 Princess—\$5
DJ, Photographers, Snacks & Dancing!

Pre-registration is required by Feb. 9.

**Register online, at HCC or by phone
380-8980.**

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