

Harrisonville Happenings

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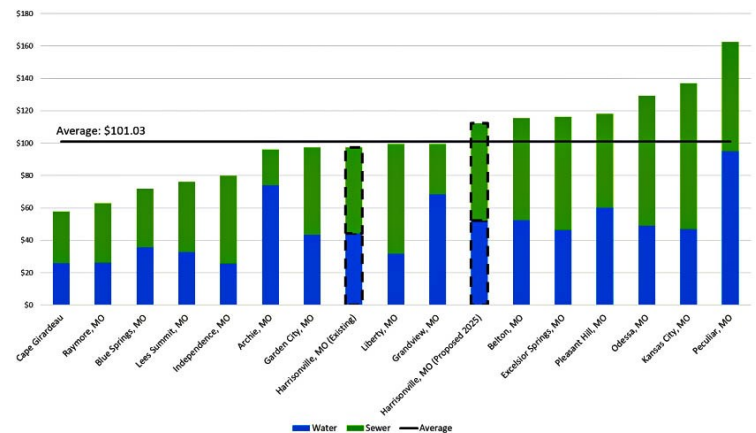
Sustainable Water & Sewer — Part of ensuring our community continues to thrive and offer a sustainable quality of life is by making sure the services and programs in place for Harrisonville residents and businesses are able to operate efficiently, both now and in the future. Currently, the City of Harrisonville faces significant challenges in maintaining water and sewer infrastructure due to rising operational costs, aging systems and the increasing regulations for operation. As we look to provide a stable future for our community, a water and sewer rate study has been conducted to assess how the community can best meet infrastructure needs amidst rising costs.

National and Local Trends

Since 2000, household water and sewer costs have risen by about 4.7-percent per year, almost double the rate of general inflation at 2.5-percent. The City's utility rates are competitive but are no longer able to support the growing financial burden of maintaining Harrisonville's water and sewer systems.

Capital Improvement Plan

The City's CIP plan outlines essential projects over the next five years. For water, key projects include replacing water mains, lead service line replacement programs and replacing the nearly 50-year-old raw water transmission line, which alone is projected to cost over \$19 million. For sewer, the rehabilitation of sewer mains and the implementation of infiltration and inflow reduction measures are crucial to preventing system failures. These infrastructure upgrades are essential but come at a significant cost. The City plans to fund the projects through a combination of debt issuance and rate increases.



Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Adjustments — The City has proposed using a tiered five-year approach for adjusting both water and sewer rates. Water rates would see a base adjustment from \$15.33 to \$18.09, if the new rates are approved. Sewer rates would see a base adjustment from \$19.87 to \$22.45. If the changes are approved, a resident using an average of 4,000 gallons of water per month should expect to see their combined monthly bill rise about \$15 per month. This proposed gradual

approach would ensure that residents are not hit with sudden, steep increases but rather experience moderate annual adjustments. Despite the change in rates, Harrisonville residents would remain competitive throughout the Kansas City metro area, avoiding higher rates seen in communities like Pleasant Hill, Excelsior Springs, Odessa and Peculiar.

Conclusion — The need for additional funding to support Harrisonville water and sewer services is clear. Harrisonville's aging infrastructure, combined with rising costs and stringent regulations, requires immediate attention. Without these rate adjustments, the City risks system failures, non-compliance with environmental regulations and potential disruptions in service. The proposed rate adjustments, while challenging, are a necessary step to ensure the long-term sustainability of Harrisonville's water and sewer systems for both residents and businesses. The Board of Aldermen will vote on the proposed adjustments during their October 7, meeting. To view agendas for City meetings, please visit www.harrisonville.com

Enjoy the Log Cabin Festival! — Oct. 4 & 5 —

There's something for everyone at the Log Cabin festival on the Historic Harrisonville Square! Kick back and enjoy the fall weather, while spending time with friends and family in the heart of Harrisonville! The fun starts Friday at 5 p.m. There will be vendors of all kinds, some selling their handmade arts and crafts, some showing off their goods and services and others offering delicious foods and treats. There will also be a carnival for the kids! Things starts back up on Saturday at 9 a.m.!

**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

- Oct. 2..... Historic Preservation, noon
Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 4-5..... **LOG CABIN FESTIVAL!** 🎪
- Oct. 7..... Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
BOA Work Session
- Oct. 8..... BZA, 6 p.m.
Park Board, 6 p.m., @HCC
- Oct. 14 Columbus Day
City offices closed — HCC open
- Oct. 16 Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 21 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
BOA Work Session
- Oct. 31..... Happy Halloween!** 🍎



HARRISONVILLE
Parks & Recreation

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

Morning Fit Kids: 6:30 - 8:15 a.m.
Afternoon Fit Kids: 4 - 6 p.m.
COST: \$40 per week/per child/per program
Register online or at the Community Center.
For more info call 380-8980.

Annual Duck Blind Drawing

Registration is FREE
Deadline is open until 5 p.m. on 9/24
Drawing will take place at 6 p.m.
Must be present to win.
Must provide proof of residency.
Call (816) 380-8980 to register.

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

With funds secured from an AARP Community Challenge grant, Parks & Rec staff are installing a sidewalk connection in City Park, enhancing safety and accessibility. The new sidewalk will close an 800-foot gap that forces pedestrians to walk in the road between the outdoor pool and the tennis courts. Harrisonville is one of only six Missouri cities to receive this 2024 AARP grant.

