

Harrisonville Happenings

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How Non-Residents Help Harrisonville —

Last month we took a look at some myths about property and real estate taxes and what funds the City's general fund.

This month, we want to take a deeper look at where a majority of the funds for the general fund actually come from.

A majority of the Harrisonville general fund is funded by sales tax revenue. These funds make up more than 50-percent of the general fund budget, allowing the City to operate and offer the many services Harrisonville residents enjoy.

Using tools that keep track of how many individual people visit a store, restaurant, gas station, etc, City staff have noticed a very important trend. A lot of people who do not live in Harrisonville come here to shop, work, eat and play. And we mean a lot of people. When looking specifically at the Walmart here in town, it sees over 200,000 individual visitors per month. This adds up to nearly 2.3 million individual visitors per year, from communities stretching from Peculiar to Nevada and from Pleasant Hill to Drexel. To put that into perspective, for these visits to be made by Harrisonville residents only, each individual member of the community (men, women, children, senior citizens, toddlers, etc.) would need to go to Walmart about 20 times per month. Since we can assume that this is not happening, we can also assume that this means about 70-percent of those visiting Walmart live outside our community, and therefore outside of our tax base.

So, what is important about this trend? When boiled down, this means a majority of the City's general fund is funded by those who live outside our community. This is an important benefit for our residents, schools and



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sept. 2 **Happy Labor Day!** 

City Hall & other City Offices closed

Community Center open, 7 a.m.—3 p.m.

Sept. 3 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.

BOA Work Session

Sept. 4 Historic Preservation Comm., noon

Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 10 Park Board, 6 p.m. **@HCC**

Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m.

Sept. 16 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.

BOA Work Session

Sept. 18 Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 19 Planning & Zoning, 6 p.m.

Sept. 22 First day of Autumn! 

Oct. 4-5 2024 Log Cabin Festival! 

businesses. When looking at other communities of our size, many are not able to offer as many services or programs as Harrisonville. Did you know Harrisonville is the only Cass County community that provides its own water and power? Did you know that the only other communities in Cass County that offer a full community center are Belton and Raymore; cities that are more than twice our size? Did you know that Harrisonville and Belton are the only communities that offer a fire department specifically for their city? All other communities are overseen by a separate fire protection district, with priorities that may at times be focused outside the city.

Harrisonville is grateful for the position we find ourselves in and appreciate the importance and benefit of having a majority of our general fund services paid for by non-residents.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! — As we approach fall, we want to make sure you are aware of upcoming opportunities to responsibly dispose of a wide variety of unwanted items.

City-Wide Clean Up — The first event is the City-Wide Clean Up on Saturday, September 14.

The event will be hosted at the GFL facility, located at 22820 MO-291. Gates will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brush Drop Off — The fall City-Wide Brush Drop Off will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 20-21. To access the drop off site, residents should drive to City Park at Bradley



Avenue and Ash Street and follow event signs. Crews will be available to help unload trailers. Crews ask that all limbs be less than 10 inches in diameter and want to remind residents that no yard waste will be accepted. Both events are only for those living inside City limits. Mulch will be available. Compost will not.

Are You Up-to-Date? — When was the last time you thought about the information connected to your City utility account? It has probably been a while. Many long-term utility accounts currently have old and outdated email addresses or phone numbers. Having accurate contact information not only helps City staff, but it also protects you. When important information about a bill, an expired credit card or bank account, or a leak in your water supply need to be sent to you, having the right contact information is vitally important. Help our staff protect your home and your wallet. Call the Utilities Office today to make sure your contact information is accurate and up-to-date - (816) 380-8900.

Utility Deadlines — The City of Harrisonville would like to make residents aware of the final deadlines for payment of past due August and September accounts.

AugustSunday, August 25, before 5 p.m.

September.....Wednesday, Sept. 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.



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.

Register at HCC or by phone 380-8980.

Homeschool P.E.

Enjoy physical activity while
making new friends!

Each Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 pm

\$20 per student

\$5 multi-child discount

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.

Tiny Tot T-Ball

Ages 3 to 5

Registration deadline: Sept 1.

Introduce your kids to the joys of baseball,
make new friends and stay active!

Register at HCC or by phone 380-8980.

*For complete info on all classes/programs at
the Harrisonville Community Center,
call 380-8980 or visit our website at
www.harrisonvilleparks.com*