

Harrisonville Happenings

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Aldermen approve hiring of new City Administrator —

The City of Harrisonville is excited to announce the hiring of Brad Ratliff as our new City Administrator! The decision to hire Ratliff was made following a unanimous vote during an Executive Session meeting of the Board of Aldermen on December 16, 2019.

Ratliff brings with him 23 years of local-government experience, with 12 of those years coming in a City Administrator role. He values relationships and holds strong county ties, as he has served as the City Administrator for the City of Peculiar since 2007. Brad holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University and a Master's in Management from Friends University.



“The City of Harrisonville has many great opportunities and I feel my experience and skills can maximize those opportunities. The airport, the interstate and the rail assets make Harrisonville a prime opportunity for Economic Development, capable of surpassing any city in Cass County,” Ratliff said.

During his time in Peculiar, Ratliff oversaw a period of incredible community growth, orchestrating a turnaround from near bankruptcy to the City being recognized by Standard and Poor's as an A+ rated G.O. He worked to reduce the overall budget expenditures by 25-percent, while delivering improved service across all departments and at the same time increasing the assessed value of the City by 20-percent. In his role, Brad also oversaw more than \$19 million in capital improvements and secured over \$12 million in grant funding. Mayor Judy Bowman says she was pleased with the Board's decision and looks forward to the experience Ratliff will bring to Harrisonville. “I have had the privilege of knowing Brad Ratliff for several years. I am confident that his experience and track record will help us move Harrisonville forward.”

New crosswalk flashers installed — The Harrisonville Streets Department recently installed new crosswalk flashers and signage at the crosswalk near the corner of Locust Street and Jefferson Parkway. If you are driving and see the lights on this flasher, or any of the others in town, please slow down and look carefully for pedestrians who are crossing the road. There are now a total of four crosswalk flashers in our community. Others include: South Street at Eastwood Road, Mechanic Street at Highland Drive and Mechanic Street at James Street. These flashers are part of an initiative by the Harrisonville Cares Coalition to keep students and the rest of our community safe when walking or driving throughout town. The flashers were graciously purchased by the Board of Aldermen.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Jan. 20.....**Martin Luther King Jr. Day!**
City offices closed. HCC open.

Jan. 21.....BOA Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 21.....Board of Aldermen, 7 p.m.

Jan. 22.....Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 3 BOA Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 3 Board of Aldermen, 7 p.m.

Feb. 5.....Historical Preservation, noon


Feb. 5.....Municipal Court, 3 p.m.

Feb. 11..Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m.

Feb. 11.....Park Board, 6 p.m.

Harrisonville Community Center

Feb. 14.....Happy Valentine's Day! 

Feb. 17.....Happy Presidents Day! 

City offices closed. HCC open.

Feb. 18 BOA Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 Board of Aldermen Meeting, 7 p.m.

Feb. 19Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 20.....Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m.

Something to think about in 2020 — As we enter the new year, we know you are working hard to remember to write 2020 instead of 2019. That said, we want to let you know about a safety tip that could save you both time and money. Experts say people should write out the full year when signing important financial documents. If you only write the date with the last two digits, 20, it can easily be changed to a year in the past or a year in the future, like 2019 or 2021. This is especially important for any notarized documents or for legal agreements and contracts, where the dates matter. It can also be important when writing checks, as someone could change the date to the future and then cash it years after it was originally written.

Utility Deadlines —We would like to make residents aware of the final deadlines for payment of past due January and February utility accounts.
 January.....Saturday, Jan. 25, before 5 p.m.
 FebruaryTuesday, Feb. 25, before 5 p.m.

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

Enrollment Starts Jan. 29 for Utility Level-Pay Plan — Level-Pay open enrollment will take place Jan. 29 — Feb 12, 2020. The Level Pay program is available to any City of Harrisonville residential electric utility customer with a good payment history and at least 12 consecutive months of utility billing history, at their current service address. Interested utility customers are encouraged to call the Utility Office at 380-8900, during regular business hours, to check eligibility and for full program details.

Pet Licenses — 2020 pet licenses are now 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 (rabies and distemper for dogs, and rabies for cats) from your veterinarian. Animal Shelter hours are Monday - Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Late fees will be applied for licenses issued after January 31.



MOSSA Centergy

Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30
 Cost: Free for members, \$36 for non-members.
 MOSSA Centergy incorporates the fundamentals of Yoga & Pilates with athletic training for balance, mobility, flexibility, and core.

Boys & Girls Youth Baseball/Softball

Register at HCC thru March 15.
 Cost: \$78 for T-ball, \$93 for 1st-8th grade.
 \$5 discount for each additional child.
 Volunteer sponsors & coaches are needed!
 Contact Vincent Schroeder (380-8980) ext 5998 for more information.

Competitive Softball League

Register at HCC through March 8.
 Cost: \$800 per team. Several age divisions.
 12 game season.

Competitive Baseball League

Register at HCC through March 8.
 Cost: \$1,200 per team for age 9 and up.
 12 game season.

Youth Volleyball

Register at HCC thru February 16.
 Cost: \$65 per player.
 Volunteer sponsors & coaches needed.
 Contact Vincent Schroeder (380-8980) ext 5998 for more information.

NFL Youth Flag Football

Register at HCC thru February 16.
 Cost: \$65 per player.
 Volunteer sponsors & coaches needed.
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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.harrisonville.com/parks