



# HARRISVILLE HAPPENINGS

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HARRISVILLE CITY'S NEWSLETTER

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*Join us for City Council Meeting held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm.*

## STATE OF THE CITY

2012 was our 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year here in Harrisville. We held wonderful events throughout the year including the Easter Egg Hunt, the opening of the splash pad (which has become an instant success in our community), and an incredible Heritage Days event. Now a New Year is upon us, and we look forward to the challenges that this New Year will bring. Last year we struggled with whether or not to bring about a property tax increase. Harrisville City has not had an increase in property tax in over 40 years. We were able to avoid this increase by cutting employee benefits to the minimum and by postponing improvements that will someday be necessary. We were also fortunate to get grant money to help complete the park renovation project. All of these things helped us not have a property tax increase in 2012. With the New Year upon us, we begin the budget process again. The city audit has been completed and was successful with all revenues meeting expenditures. Harrisville is fortunate to not have any debt, and continues to be among the lowest property taxes in the county. We have dedicated staff that works to continue to provide services at the most affordable price. I appreciate every resident in Harrisville. The many volunteers we have throughout our community including those that provide services

to their neighbors, and I look forward to serving you throughout this New Year.

Sincerely,

Mayor Richard Hendrix

## WINTER PARKING

Please remember the winter parking ordinance is in effect until April 1<sup>st</sup> with no parking on city streets between the hours of 12:00 am and 9:00 am. Vehicles parked on the street during or after a snow storm impede snow plowing and may be towed at the owner's expense. Home owners are responsible to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their home and private driveways. Also, please remove garbage cans from the road shoulder as soon as possible after collection. Thank you.

## POLICE NOTES

This is the time of year when we seen an increase in vehicle burglary and theft. Please remember to keep your doors locked and any items in your vehicle out of sight. Also, cars that are left unlocked while they warm up in the morning are at risk. Most importantly, when the weather gets cold and wet....SLOW DOWN.