



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.

BALANCED BUDGETS AND RATE CHANGES

The city hosted several public hearings over the summer taking public comment about getting a balanced budget after several years of declining revenue. Since 2006, building permit revenue has declined \$115,775. With the opening of the new super centers in Ogden, our city sales tax has declined \$133,438. The falling housing and business markets have dropped property tax revenue about \$15,000 just in the last year.

In order to balance the budget this year, the council considered five options ranging from a \$146,000 property tax increase to contracting for law enforcement to cutting departments budgets. Residents expressed a variety of opinions at the budget hearings. Many felt that an increase in fees would be more appropriate in these tough economic times than raising property tax. After the budget hearings, the city council opted to cut department budgets this year rather than raise property taxes. It is important for you to know that cuts were made that may affect the following municipal services: employee benefits were reduced, zoning enforcement was trimmed, sidewalk and street repairs are reduced, snow removal may be affected if there is a harsh winter, equipment needs were reduced, and alcohol enforcement was trimmed.

Cuts were made in areas residents suggested and the budget is balanced for the next year. However, if revenues continue to decline further options may need to be considered next year. Rate increases will also go into effect to recoup losses in sewer and storm water budgets. Non-residential sewer customers (in areas like SAP zones, businesses, schools, and churches) will be charged sewer rates comparable to an Equivalent Residential Use (ERU) standard determined by the city engineer. This means that sewer rates for these areas will increase. Secondly, storm water rates will in-

crease .50 per month for residents that live in a Special Area Plan (SAP) Zone. These rate increases are necessary to cover the full costs of the sewer and storm water programs. If you have any questions as to whether you are in an SAP Zone or are otherwise affected by these fee increases, please contact the city office at (801)782-4100.

Overall, Harrisville is doing well compared to many cities across our nation. Harrisville has no debt and is one of the lowest in property taxes in our county. The city has good reserve funds that were built-up and saved when the economy was going well. We are very fortunate to have good residents who care about the community. Many have stepped forward to offer solutions instead of perpetuating additional problems. Thank you to everyone who has helped work together to reach a balanced budget for this next year.

Police Reminder LOCK UP YOUR VALUABLES.

This cannot be stressed enough. Unlocked cars, bikes, equipment, and ATV's, etc. will make you a target. All it takes is a few minutes for you to become a victim. The best protection is to lock your doors, shut your garage, and secure your valuable items out of sight of would be thieves.

EXTENSION FOR SUBMISSIONS TO GO IN TIME CAPSULE

As part of Harrisville City's 50th year Jubilee Celebration, Harrisville residents are submitting a 8.5 by 11-inch scrapbook page about their family to go into a binder that will be placed in the 25- year time capsule. The date for accepting submissions has been extended since burying the capsule has been changed to October 9, 2012. The city motto is "My Strength is My People." Please bring your page to the city office and be a part of Harrisville's great heritage.

HARRISVILLE CITY BOYS BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

WHO: All boys currently in grades 1-9 are invited to play. Must be a Harrisville City or Marriot-Slaterville City resident to sign up with Harrisville.

WHERE: Online at www.cityofharrisville.com or at the City Office building Monday-Thursday 8a-4p.

WHEN: On-line registration can be done any time during the month of October. Registration may also be done at the City office during regular business hours by paper. Saturday registrations will be held on the first Saturday in October from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the City Office building where a computer will be available for online registration.

COST: \$35.00 plus \$15.00 for jersey (must be reversible jersey with numbers on front and back).

GAMES: Games will be played on Saturdays. Season runs January through March. (1st & 2nd grade boys may play on one week night and not on Saturdays.

COACHES: VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!!! If we don't have coaches, we don't have teams. All coaches subject to criminal background check. If interested in coaching, please download both background check forms from www.cityofharrisville.com or obtain them from the City Office.

QUESTIONS: Call Bryan Fife at 801-782-6227 M-Th 8am-4pm or email at bfife@cityofharrisville.com

NOTE: Softball and baseball registrations will be held this April.

HEAT STROKE IN DOGS

This summer has been very hot, so please be aware when you leave your animals in the car. When a dog is exposed to high temperatures, heat stroke or heat exhaustion can result. NEVER leave your dog alone in the car on a warm day. Even



if the weather outside is not extremely hot, the inside of the car acts like an oven, temperatures can rise to dangerously high levels in a matter of minutes. The following signs may indicate heat stroke in a dog:

Vigorous panting - Dark

red gums - Thick saliva - Tacky or dry mucus membranes (specifically the gums) - Lying down and unwilling to get up - Dizziness or disorientation.

If you have the slightest suspicion that your dog is suffering from heat stroke take immediate action. Begin with cooling your dog by placing cool, wet rags or washcloths on the body especially the foot pads and around the head. DO NOT use ice or very cold water! Offer your dog cool water, but do not force water into the mouth.

Please be aware when walking your dog, the asphalt/sidewalk areas can burn their paw pads just like it can burn yours if you were walking without shoes.

Prevention is the key to keeping your dog safe during these "HOT Dog day afternoon".

HARRISVILLE YOUTH CITY COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

To all Harrisville youth ages 14-17. If you want to become involved in civic issues, be engaged in solving community problems, and help in building community pride and service then this is a great opportunity for you to become a member of the Harrisville Youth City Council. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, plan and participate in the best events and parties all year, gain experience in leadership and civic duties.

In addition you will gain and exchange valuable training in leadership, community involvement, citizenship and government organization, Youth City Council members in other cities have found their experience has helped them on their resumes for college scholarships, employment applications, etc.

Pick up an application at the Harrisville City Office and contact Councilmember Bruce Richins @ 801-782-5261 or at brichins@cityofharrisville.com.

NORTH VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

October 1, 2012 beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is the 10th anniversary of the station. Activities include "live burn" home sprinkler demonstration and tours of the whole station. Public is welcome to attend this event.