



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.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Boys' basketball sign-ups have begun. Registration will begin on October 1st and end October 31st with games beginning in January. You can register on-line at www.cityofharrisville.com. A Saturday registration will be held at the city offices on October 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All boys in grades 1-9 are invited to play.



FALL CLEAN-UP

November 7th to 11th has been designated as Fall Clean-Up Week. Dumpsters will be located in the parking lot of the main Harrisville Park, 1350 W. Hwy 89. This is a great opportunity to not only clean-up your own home and yard but to assist a neighbor or organize a neighborhood clean-up. There will be a separate dumpster for all green waste. Please be considerate and ensure that leaves and garden debris are put in the appropriate dumpster.

2012 COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

In 2012, Harrisville City will celebrate 50 years since incorporation as a township on April 9, 1962. To commemorate the jubilee year, the history committee has prepared a historical calendar. The calendar includes historic pictures of homes, barns, all of the mayors, churches, schools, the brickyard, and other interesting historical pictures. A record of significant happenings in Harrisville, since its establishment in 1851, is written on the month and day throughout the calendar. The calendar is a great way to become acquainted with the events that formed Harrisville from the beginning, and using it allows you to reflect on the past while moving into the future.



*Buy a few of these excellent
Calendars as Gifts for the Holidays.*

Available at the Harrisville City Offices.

801-782-4100

MAIN PARK RECONSTRUCTION

What is happening at the main park??? Residents are interested in the progress and happenings at the main park. Here is a recap from past newsletters of our main park project.

In early 2009, an audit of park fees showed that the City needed to start looking at ways to spend the money, or possibly risk losing these funds. Meetings were held on this topic and it was decided to form a park committee to get community input on what is wanted and needed to update and expand the main park. A park committee was formed in the fall of 2009 and charged with making a recommendation on the park. The committee met often to discuss the current state of the park, look at old maps, review the park's history, held open houses for the public, and determined what could be expanded and improved. A number of residents and recreation officials indicated that the main ball diamond had become inadequate, dilapidated, and had functional problems. The ball diamond lights were falling apart, some complained that there were dangerous sprinkler boxes in line with bases. Others expressed concern about the ball field being too small to handle new growth, fences were inadequate, and more parking was needed. Many residents also expressed interest in a splash pad on the north side of the county. Riverdale and South Ogden have a splash pad, but it is far from Harrisville. North Ogden has a water park, but it costs to get in. Residents expressed interest in this new amenity during the survey and open houses.

Getting all the input they could, the park committee came up with a prioritized list of items that were presented to the city council last December. The city council reviewed the pros and cons to the items on the list, and opted to pursue additional grant funds to match with the park fees. The city submitted several grant applications to construct the splash pad and relocate an expanded ball diamond.

In February 2010, the park committee hosted two additional open house events giving residents the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed park improvements. A survey was distributed to those who came and was also made available on the city's website. Those who responded to the survey indicated strong support for a splash pad along with



CRIME PREVENTION IN HARRISVILLE CITY, A PARTNERSHIP

Dear friends and neighbors,

I am writing to call attention to a pressing issue within Harrisville City and the surrounding area. As many of you may know from first hand experience or the unfortunate experience of a friend or neighbor, thefts from homes, garages, yards and vehicles is not only continuing to occur but has increased.

I recently worked a series of night shifts to cover for patrol officers who were on unplanned leave and was surprised to see how many residents take no action to protect their personal property. In every area of the city I observed open garages, valuable property left in front yards, gates and sheds open and property visible in vehicles.

The criminals who commit these crimes of opportunity wander the city looking for unsecured items, open doors, and easy to find items. They prefer to work in the dark and they can see and hear police vehicles patrolling the areas. While a police presence will deter them in one area they will simply return later or step into the shadows until we pass. These folks are not stupid; they utilize the darkness and normally wear gloves. They work fast and leave little or no evidence behind.

The belief that CSI will locate the criminal in little or no time is a TV myth. In fact, the majority of these types of crimes are unsolved. Valuable items can be pawned or traded and never located because owners cannot provide serial numbers for their property. Without serial numbers or owner applied ID numbers property cannot be readily identified or traced.

To protect your property record the make, model, serial numbers and any owner applied ID numbers for your property and store them in a safe location. Bikes, guns, TV's and items valued over \$500 dollars can be listed in a national crime database if those identification numbers are available. The police department also has the ability to search the statewide pawn shop database when identifying information is available.

There are several things all residents can do to prevent crimes of opportunity.

- Lock your homes, vehicles, fence gates, sheds and garages.
- Do not leave valuable, portable items out in public view.
- Watch for and report, immediately, any suspicious behavior or vehicles in your neighborhood.
- Let trusted friends and neighbors know when you are not home so they can watch your home.
- When on vacation, stop mail and newspapers, place a timer on interior lights.
- Place motion sensors on exterior lights.
- Never advertise your plans on social media for the world to see.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Keith Wheelwright

Harrisville Police Department

MAIN PARK RECONSTRUCTION (continued)

walking trails around the softball field.

In March 2010, the city was notified that a grant application had been approved to construct a splash pad and ball field. The overall concept culminating from the park committee open houses was approved by the city council. Since that time, staff members have been working with engineers to design the new park features, acquiring bids for construction, working to meet all the state and local guidelines, and creating the new park.

A design concept was posted during

Heritage Days and was well received.

Construction was delayed in order to accommodate the baseball/softball season this year. Additional delays were caused by the unusually wet weather this year. Now the project is well under way, and if all goes as planned, the park project should be complete by October 15th.

This has been an exciting project and one we hope will bring years of enjoyment to the residents of Harrisville and the surrounding communities. Our parks are one of our most valuable resources.

We hope it becomes a gathering place, a place for those old and young to engage in physical activity, and a place that gives our residents a feeling of pride in their community. Thank you to the many residents who have participated by giving input at meetings, assisting on the park committee and at open houses, and helped remove trees during construction. Our community's main park is created by the people for the people.