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**Christopher J. Clark, Mayor
CITY OF HARVEY**

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



Mayor Christopher J. Clark

Dear Residents of the City of Harvey,

We are living in unprecedented times with concern for the health and wellness of ourselves, family, and friends due to the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). During this heightened period of awareness, I encourage residents to be relentless in taking precautions, which will prevent transmission of this dangerous virus. Page 10 of this newspaper provides helpful tips for virus prevention.

We are amid the 2020 Census - a movement of significant importance to our city, county, and state. Population data from the Census has many uses. However, of utmost importance, the Census has a financial impact on state and local governments, as well as the determination of our congressional and state representation, and the distribution of federal dollars. If you haven't already, I ask you to respond to the Census today. It is crucial to count every resident.

Quality of life is essential and, therefore, my top priority. We will improve the quality of life through our aggressive development of programs that address community beautification, public safety, civic engagement, and senior and youth services. By focusing on a variety of life programs, there is an increase in homeowner curb appeal, real estate value, business development, and city pride.

To advance our mission, we have developed and executed several plans. We are resurfacing damaged roads, repairing or replacing street lights and sidewalks, and eradicating open dumping areas and pests. We are also demolishing or repairing abandoned homes, replacing faded street signs, and installing additional signage (stop, one way, yield, etc.).

Additionally, we have prioritized our seniors and youth. As such, we created a Department of Senior Services in coordination with the Department of Aging, Thornton Township, and other resources. We also created a Senior Advisory Committee with a focus on developing short and long-term programs to improve the quality of life for Harvey's senior population. Finally, a new Senior Transportation Program is underway to allow seniors ease of travel throughout the city for all needs and outside the city limits for grocery shopping, health visits, and prescription pick-up.

Our team is developing opportunities for youth engagement. A few ideas are currently underway, such as a new youth city council to encourage youth civic engagement, groom young adults for leadership responsibility, and advise and recommend issues to mayor and city council.

We are cultivating relationships with religious leaders to address spiritual health as a vital part of community health. Finally, we are embracing all cultures by recognizing our uniqueness through our diversity. We are building a better Harvey.

Your Servant Leader,

Christopher J. Clark, Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Pictured above (l-r): Remona Simpson, Inventory Specialist; Tim Williams, City Administrator; Brittany Currin, Administrative Assistant; Corean Davis, Chief of Staff

In the Mayor's Office, the staff is working on the administration's top priority, which is to ensure the highest quality of life for residents. Since Mayor Christopher J. Clark took office in May 2019 and established a dynamic new administration, an ambitious list of goals is complete. The following is not an exhaustive list of recent accomplishments:

- technology upgrades that will allow for faster and more efficient service and communication
- a new website for residents and business owners to stay up-to-date with current information and to conduct business, such as pay your water bill or sign up for alerts
- cut at least 80 unused ATT lines, saving the city more than \$40,000 in this utility expense per month
- implemented GovPilot, a cloud-based platform used by local governments to drive productivity and constituent engagement
- cleaned and updated multiple locations throughout City Hall, including the Council Chamber, which now serves as a multipurpose room
- worked with the Cook County Sheriff for additional street patrol
- moved the 911 dispatch system to save more than \$500,000 per year
- reduced the number of liquor licenses
- introduced a Crime Free Housing Program, which holds owners accountable for criminal activity on their property
- established an appropriations budget
- brought all City of Harvey audits to "current" status
- set up a partnership with CEDA (the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc.)
- established a new Communications Department to help residents stay informed
- distributed over 1,500 turkeys for the 2019 Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons
- the City of Harvey, with the support of Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, is tearing down 16 dilapidated, hazardous buildings (building demolitions are part of a new program, titled Blighted Reduction Program).

Even in light of these difficult times of COVID-19, the Office of the Mayor has not wavered from its top priority - Building a Better Harvey.



The property at 159th and Park Avenue is among 16 properties scheduled for demolition.



This property on Halsted was part of the Blight Reduction Program, supported, in part, by Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

On April 21, 2020, Mayor Christopher J. Clark issued Executive Order No. 2020-03 in response to the latest development for COVID-19. The order provides guidelines for residents, businesses and organizations in the following areas: face covering, notification to first responders regarding possible COVID-19 exposure, and required notification to the City of Harvey if any facility is to be used to house, hold, or lodge persons either quarantined, recovering from, or receiving treatment for COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms.

All residents and businesses are required to wear face coverings. Face coverings (masks) can be made from a variety of material as long as it restricts fluids from exiting your mouth or nose. Instructions provided by the CDC, as well as a video for making homemade masks, are available on the City of Harvey website - cityofharveyil.gov. Also required of residents and businesses is to advise police and paramedics of potential COVID-19 exposure before they enter a business or residence.

At the police station, the city has implemented stringent protocols. Lobby doors are locked to allow officers to maintain social distancing requirements of visitors. Also, officers have masks, gloves, sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes. We also check their temperature daily.

HAVE A CONCERN

Do you have a concern? The City of Harvey wants to know about it. Is there something troubling in your neighborhood, such as:

- potholes,
- debris,
- abandoned homes,
- abandoned vehicles,
- stray animals,
- issue with a neighbor?



Any concern you have in the City of Harvey, please report it. For your convenience, go online to cityofharveyil.gov and report it.

IMPORTANT DATES IN SUMMER

June 19 - Juneteenth

July 4 - Independence Day

June 21 - Father's Day

September 7 - Labor Day

The month of May marks one year in office for Mayor Christopher J. Clark and his administration. Take a look at the back page for a review of accomplishments.

This summer, take a moment to reflect on the collective and personal achievements of the African American community. Express your love and appreciation to fathers and father-figures. Celebrate the freedom and democracy of our nation. Recognize the contributions American workers have made to the growth, strength, and well-being of our country.

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CITY CLERK

The City of Harvey Clerk's office has many duties, including:

- maintenance of official records and documents, ordinances, resolutions, and archives
- attends and records the proceedings of all City Council meetings
- produces City Council meetings minutes
- keeper of the City of Harvey seal
- administers oaths and seals official documents
- answers inquiries from other governmental units and the Citizens of Harvey
- serves as the registrar for birth and death certificates
- responds to all FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests.

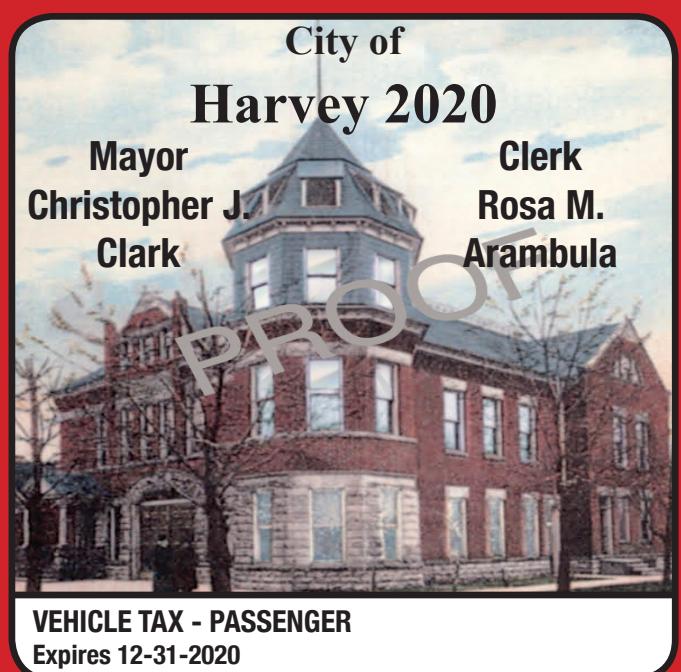
The City Clerk's office has an open-door policy and has streamlined processes, resulting in a higher level of efficiency. By establishing new processing protocols, the clerk's office completes customer's information requests at a faster rate.

Clerk staff digitalized city ordinances and resolutions, and the city's Municipal Code is now fully updated, which was seven years overdue. As Clerk Rosa M. Arambula mandated the update to be a high priority goal, the Clerk's Office accomplished this essential update within the first seven months of serving the community.

To learn more about the City Clerk's Office, visit online at cityofharveyil.gov/cityclerk or call 708-210-5330.



Rosa M. Arambula, City Clerk



2019-2020 VEHICLE STICKERS

NEW FEE: \$35.00

NEW LATE FEE: \$15.00

(If purchased after January 31, 2020,
but excludes new purchased vehicles)

SENIOR FEE: \$6.00

Remember to bring your current
Driver's License and registration with
you to purchase a new sticker
at City Hall,
15320 Broadway Avenue.

For more information, visit
cityofharveyil.gov.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The City of Harvey's Human Resources Department (HR) has been busy establishing professional development for staff, settling cases, and creating new efficient systems and protocols. As a new team working as part of the city's administration, HR has achieved several important goals. They successfully settled over five arbitration cases inherited from the previous administration, and ultimately saved the city tens of thousands of dollars. Additionally, the department prevented dozens of fraudulent worker's comp cases from being filed. The remaining inherited cases are near completion.

In November 2019, HR launched a new professional development program. These training courses include customer service, leadership and management training, and essential communication. Last month, employees completed Round 2 of customer service training, preparing staff to serve residents better.

In December 2019, HR began the transition of the employee management system, which now ensures accuracy with time and attendance, payroll, and benefits. The system also offers a convenient app for employees to access their employee portal for information.

Short term goals of the HR Department are to audit each department and employees to ensure the City of Harvey is maximizing its current workforce. Additionally, the department wants to move the city's workforce into the latest level of technology that offers support for their professional development. As over 40 percent of the city workforce are Harvey residents, HR has actively partnered with local colleges and universities, such as South Suburban College, to promote continuing education and workforce opportunities.

Harvey's HR Department is currently seeking applicants for several positions. To learn more, see the article on Page 4 and check out posted opportunities online at cityofharveyil.gov/employment.

On behalf of the City of Harvey Police and Fire Departments, a heartfelt thank you is extended to local businesses, as well as to the State of Illinois and several agencies. They have provided personal protective equipment for the men and women of our safety team.

Thank you to all who have made masks for our safety personnel. Your contributions help to keep our team safe as they work to keep the community safe. You are our heroes!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Over the past six months, the efforts of the Economic Development Department have revolved around loss prevention. The department has established a City Economic Incentives Policy. The policy ensures the city follows a "prudent process" for using incentives to attract business. Not many towns have a formal, written process in place. Harvey is one of a select few. The policy will help ensure the city saves money when it receives requests for assistance.

The department is also pursuing grants and recently received an award to do a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan update. The award will save the City of Harvey \$30,000 or more since CMAP and RTA will pay for it (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and Regional Transportation Authority).

For the first time, the City of Harvey has a comprehensive economic development strategy, which includes such goals as increasing the tax base and get more jobs in the city. To do that, the department has many short-term objectives, such as promoting more redevelopment on Halsted and later in the year a streetscaping program for Dixie Highway, as well as plans for a new bus depot. The department will undertake an outreach effort to attract a grocery store in Harvey, which will eliminate the "food desert" that has plagued the community for a long time. Those are just a few examples for 2020.

In the past several months, department director, Nicholas Griefer (pictured right), has been doing more and more zoning "consultations." He advises homeowners and business owners on whether certain areas qualify as a permitted use within a given zoning district. His advisement helps them avoid costly mistakes when buying or leasing property to prevent a transaction that violates the zoning code.

Technology is an integral part of nearly every job, including those at City Hall. Griefer relies on email, voice mail, and texting to stay in touch with real estate investors and developers. His vision for the department is to do even more using GIS tools to map real estate and all the assets the city owns or controls. The City of Harvey recently joined the South Suburban Mayors and Managers GIS consortium, which will allow the city to pay a one-time fixed annual fee to get nearly unlimited numbers of maps. GIS staff can create crime hot spot maps on the fly, new zoning maps, better TIF maps, new flood maps, etc. Equally important, this will increase transparency. Maps will be online and "clickable," allowing a property owner to click on his or her property and find out such information as zoning, TIF, crime information about the specific property or nearby properties.

To keep up with the latest development projects and incentives, visit <https://www.cityofharveyil.gov/economicdevelopment/>.



Nicholas Griefer, Department Director

REGIONAL SUPPORT

Collaborative efforts to benefit the city

The City of Harvey has aggressively pursued regional support for its ambitious endeavor to build a better community. The city identified resources to help ensure all residents participate during the 2020 Census, which results in more funding allocated for local needs. Harvey applied and secured a \$25K Cook County Census 2020 Outreach Grant, which allows city officials to secure resources to better educate residents on the importance and value of participating in the Census. Homes for a Changing Region selected the City of Harvey for its program. The program is a consulting engagement/study to be covered by a grant/technical assistance, and therefore, provided at no cost to the city. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and Metropolitan Planning Council will jointly undertake the work on behalf of the City of Harvey. Residents can learn about Homes for a Changing Region by visiting the website: cmap.illinois.gov/programs/housing/homes. Several elected officials (as pictured below) have visited and met with Mayor Christopher J. Clark in 2019, committing their support for the city's mission to build a better Harvey.



*U.S. Congresswoman
Robin Kelly*



*Illinois State Senator
Napoleon Harris*



*Cook County Commissioner
Deborah Sims*



*State Representative - 30th District
Will Davis*



*Cook County Board President (center)
Toni Preckwinkle*



*Thornton Township Supervisor
Frank Zuccarelli*

PUBLIC WORKS

Working to Build a Better City



The Public Works Department has made a lot of progress towards the city's goal to build a better Harvey. Improvements include enhancement to personnel, city infrastructure, equipment, training, and more. A few notable accomplishments are as follows:

New Equipment

Acquisition of two Wright stand-mowers, six weed whackers, six blowers, three new trailers, two new dump/plow trucks, and a new tractor/bush hog.



Clean-up

Picked up over 2,196 tons of garbage throughout the city.

The department also established a landscaping maintenance schedule for the Dixie Square site, reducing coyotes and raccoons that were bothering seniors living in the Jessie Jackson and Robey building.

Board-ups

Board-up crew tackled approximately 50 vacant/abandoned properties, posting "No Trespassing" signs, as pictured right.



Pot Holes

Repaired more than 500 potholes across the city.



Moving forward to building a better community, the Public Works Department has set its sights on the demolition of several properties throughout the city, as well as acquiring additional equipment such as a Street Sweeper to tackle the cleaning/clearing of city streets. Also, the department plans to hire more full-time employees in its effort to build a Water/Sewer Department that would be able to adequately address the city's needs as it pertains to water and sewer maintenance. A new water/sewer team will advance the department's vision to move in a direction that allows the city to address water main breaks, sewer back-up issues, and dig-out, among other challenges. The department also plans to add a certified electrician to its team who will address all electrical and lighting needs throughout the city.

To learn more about the Public Works Department, visit online at cityofharveyil.gov/publicworks or call 708-210-5403.

WATER DEPARTMENT

A New Customer Experience

The City of Harvey's Water Department has proactively improved customer experience by updating equipment, assessing water service, and staff training. The installation of new Smart Meters has allowed the department to be able to detect leaks 30 - 40 days before they become costly. Also, they completed a citywide leak survey and will soon provide a full report with the ultimate goal of giving customers savings on their bill.

Additionally, the department has provided free leak tablets to all residents who have high bill complaints. If there is a leak (owner can show receipt of repair), the city may reduce the water portion of the bill by 20% and allow a payment plan, if needed, on their balance. The City of Harvey is the only water department in the south region serving its customers with this level of understanding, empathy, and flexibility. Also implemented is new legislation. The new Water Bill of Rights provides residents due process as it relates to their water bill account.

The city will install up to 90% of the new commercial meters. The meters provide efficiency in regards to meter readings and high bill complaints from some of the most significant users in the city of Harvey.

In 2019, the department staff participated in a dynamic customer service training program, provided by South Suburban College. As an improvement to service, the city will soon install a new payment method in the lobby (Kiosk) for customers who want to come in for a quick transaction, such as to pay a service bill. The modification will increase the level of excellence by allowing those customers who need special attention more time with the clerks versus holding up the line.

The city reduced vehicle stickers from \$50 to \$35.

To learn more about the Water Department, visit online at cityofharveyil.gov/waterdepartment or call 708-210-5300.



Pictured with their staff are Department Supervisors Andre Lewis (far left) and Camille Soria (far right).

BUILDING & INSPECTIONAL SERVICES



Members of the Building and Inspectional Services Department hold businesses accountable for cleanliness and safety.

The Building and Inspectional Services Department have become more effective and efficient with a new culture of authentic open communication that has enabled positive office morale. The department encourages communication, collaboration, and feedback among staff. When employees are positive about their work environment and believe they can meet their most essential career needs, morale is positive, resulting in a more productive team overall.

Building and Inspectional Services Department have updated business forms, implemented Crime Free Housing/ ProChamps, hired new inspectors, and established a uniform policy for city inspectors.

To learn more about the Building and Inspectional Services Department, visit online at cityofharveyil.gov/planning or call 708-210-5346.

DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

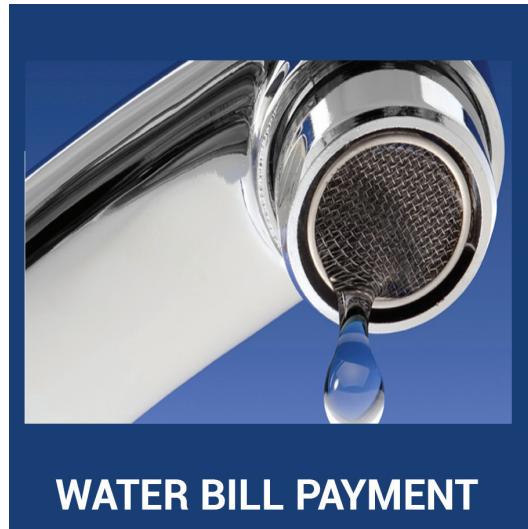


Due to restrictions on hosting gatherings for groups of people because of COVID-19, City of Harvey has suspended senior programs and activities. All will resume when it is safe in the future.

The City of Harvey is partnering with Thornton Township to host its senior luncheon program. It is on hold due to COVID-19. However, when it is safe, Harvey and the Township look forward to resuming the weekly lunch program on Tuesdays in Harvey at City Hall, 15320 Broadway Ave. Senior citizens, 60 years and older, are entitled to attend for a nominal fee. Proof of residency and age are required when residents sign up for the program. To learn more about programs and services provided by the township, call 708-596-6040, ext. 3170.

The City of Harvey is working closely with POAH (Preservation of Affordable Housing), a national nonprofit organization chartered to preserve, create, and sustain affordable, healthy homes for low-income residents. In 2019, POAH acquired South Suburban Senior Housing in Harvey from the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago that preserved 461 affordable apartments for low-income seniors.

PAY ONLINE



WATER BILL PAYMENT

The City of Harvey wants to ensure that residents have the necessary resources to manage their household business. These resources are especially crucial during COVID-19 in which people are encouraged to stay at

home for their health and safety. You don't have to leave your home to pay for the water bill. Without ever departing your home, water bill payments can be made quickly in just three easy steps. Go online to cityofharveyil.gov to get started. You can also view your electronic payment history and balance due, set up Auto-Pay, and more.

STAY CONNECTED



Because it is crucial to stay informed and to protect yourself during an emergency, the City of Harvey encourages residents to sign up for Smart 911. You will

receive important messages and emergency alert notifications. Sign up is easy. Go online to cityofharveyil.gov. You can also sign up for text alerts by texting **cityofharvey** to **67283**.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Service Enhancements for the Community

Personnel

With the hiring of a dozen recruits, the fire department has increased the workforce, which is a significant accomplishment for the city. The increase has been a boost to public safety and reduced the overtime hours and costs that were draining the department's budget. Currently, seven recruits are attending the Fire Training Academy, while five other individuals, who are already Illinois State Qualified, are working for the department.



Project Install

The fire department has always received stellar reviews related to customer service, thanks to its customer-centric initiatives, such as Project Install. The program provides a smoke alarm and installation to a Harvey resident who is in need and cannot otherwise afford one. The service is no cost to residents. The influx of requests for free smoke alarms has provided a more significant opportunity for Project Install to highlight the department's exemplary customer service further. Due to the pandemic, firefighters will not be installing the alarms until further notice.

Inspections

The Fire Department is collaborating with the Building and Inspectional Services Department in a meaningful way. The departments are in the process of creating a platform to conduct both business and fire inspections together, beginning this year. The collaboration will significantly aid in effectiveness and efficiency by having parallel recordkeeping and information sharing.

Fire Hydrants

The Harvey Fire Department has tested and painted more than 200 fire hydrants throughout the community. Fire hydrant checks will continue throughout summer and fall.

Future Planning

The Fire Department will launch its project to reopen Fire Station #3. Department employees will do the rehab work with no labor costs to the City of Harvey. The fire department has planned for work to begin within the next 30-60 days.

With the increase of personnel in which residents and businesses are thoroughly served and protected, in addition to virtually eliminated overtime and the strain on the city's budget, the fire department has provided service enhancements to benefit the community.

To learn more about the Fire Department, visit online at cityofharveyil.gov/fire or call 708-331-7720.

REAL ID

What it means for you

If you have domestic travel plans this fall and beyond, now is an excellent time to prepare for new identification requirements. Effective October 1, 2020, Illinois residents who fly domestically will be required to carry either a valid U.S. passport or obtain a REAL ID from the Illinois Secretary of State's office. Residents have a choice to either receive a REAL ID card or keep their state-issued ID or driver's license when traveling. However, anyone who declines to acquire the REAL ID must carry a valid U.S. passport when traveling domestically.

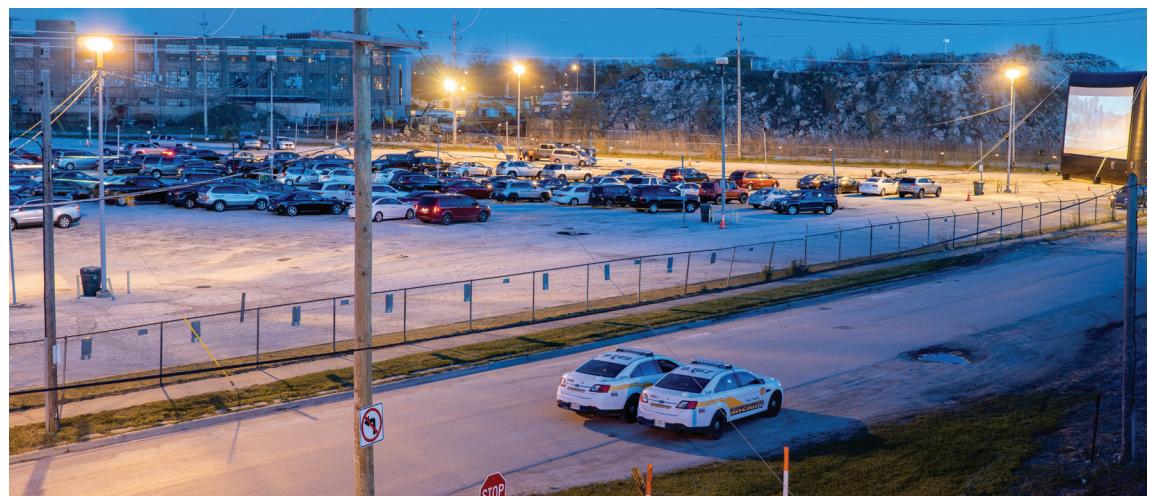


To better understand your options and to learn about documents required to apply for a REAL ID, visit <https://realid.ilsos.gov>. Also, take a look at the REAL ID Interactive Checklist at <https://realid.ilsos.gov/checklist>. The checklist will help residents prepare before visiting an Illinois Driver Services Facility.

All Driver Services facilities are issuing REAL IDs, except for mobile units and express facilities (Diversey, Lockport, Orland Park, Rockford Auburn St., Roscoe, and Washington).

DRIVE-IN MOVIE

An Old Favorite Brought Back to Life



The COVID-19 pandemic has had residents sheltered in place for weeks. Restrictions have limited access to social engagement and activities that we take for granted, such as seeing a movie at the theater. The City of Harvey helped residents escape the realities of COVID-19 by offering two nights at the cinema. The city hosted a Drive-In Theater on Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10, at the Harvey Metra Station Parking Lot on 147th Street. More than 300 residents came out to the drive-in to see Black Panther, Bad Boys for Life, Love Jones, and Hidden Figures.

Residents should stay tuned, as the city prepares more opportunities for people to enjoy time outside of their home.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

A Culture of Progress

The City of Harvey Police Department is creating a culture of progress. In areas of personnel, enforcement, equipment, training, and community engagement, the department is contributing to the city's mission to build a better Harvey.



Seven new recruits pictured lined up in front of the recently painted command vehicle.

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Personnel

Seven recruits from the City of Chicago Police Academy will join the Harvey Police Department (HPD) upon graduation. Also, four lateral officers have joined the team. The city appointed a new Commander over Internal Affairs to improve the accountability and transparency of the police department.



Robert Collins, Police Chief

Patrol and Enforcement

HPD Detectives have made numerous arrests aimed at reducing criminal activity in the city. The department is working with the Cook County Sheriff's Office for an increased patrol around the city. Some recent activities have included:

- a seizure traffic stop resulting in the recovery of a semi-automatic handgun, multiple packages of narcotic cocaine, heroin, drug paraphernalia, numerous cellular phones, and a large sum of U.S. currency totaling over \$21,000.00
- an arrest following a vehicle chase through several cities
- arrests of members of a known gang involved in an aggravated battery, attempt murders, and homicides, resulting in charges of attempted murder, aggravated battery, possession of stolen vehicles, and unlawful use of a weapon
- over the last nine months, the department recovered 24 weapons from off the streets and two seizures of vehicles
- during a traffic stop, detectives recovered a gun and confiscated controlled substances
- officers retrieved a loaded firearm from an individual at the Popeye's Chicken located on 147th Street
- two juveniles were taken in custody for a shooting. The department charged the youths with aggravated battery with a firearm and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon (one juvenile's charges were upgraded to an adult, and he also had an active warrant for burglary).

Equipment and Training

HPD has acquired and is now using body cameras. The department is also making training a high priority in such areas as weapons training. As an example, the city requires officers to recertify on tasers and radar guns.

The department applied for and was selected for a scholarship to attend the 2019 PTACC (Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative) Training Conference worth more than \$5,000.00. The training covered pre-arrest diversion and deflection and was attended by Mayor Christopher J. Clark, the Police Chief, Harvey Community Partner Restoration Ministries, and behavioral health partner Revolutionary Perspectives. At this training conference, the City of Harvey Police Department was able to collaborate and receive guidance from many experts in the field of deflection and diversion.



2019 Citizens' Police Academy graduates

Community Engagement

The 2019 Citizens' Police Academy was successful, and preparation for a new session is currently underway. The Citizens' Police Academy is a program designed to inform the citizens of Harvey how the police operate as a unit daily. After completion of the program, graduates will act as liaison with the Community Policing Department to further assist with the needs of the community and the eyes and ears of the City of Harvey.

Request A Birthday Parade

The coronavirus has changed the way we celebrate special occasions, and the City of



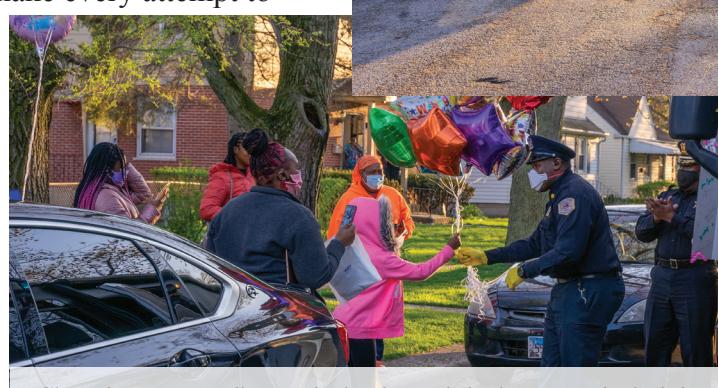
Harvey Police Command Vehicle led the caravan of police and fire units that participated in the birthday parade.

Harvey wants to help. During COVID-19, the Harvey police and fire departments are providing ***Birthday Parades***, upon request. The vehicular parade is for Harvey residents celebrating a birthday during the COVID-19 extended Shelter in Place order.

Please be mindful that if a community emergency is in progress, then police and fire may not be available during the requested time, but they will make every attempt to accommodate the requests.

To request a ***Birthday Parade***, complete a form on the website, cityofharveyil.gov.

To learn more about the Police Department, visit online at cityofharveyil.gov/police or call 708-331-3030.

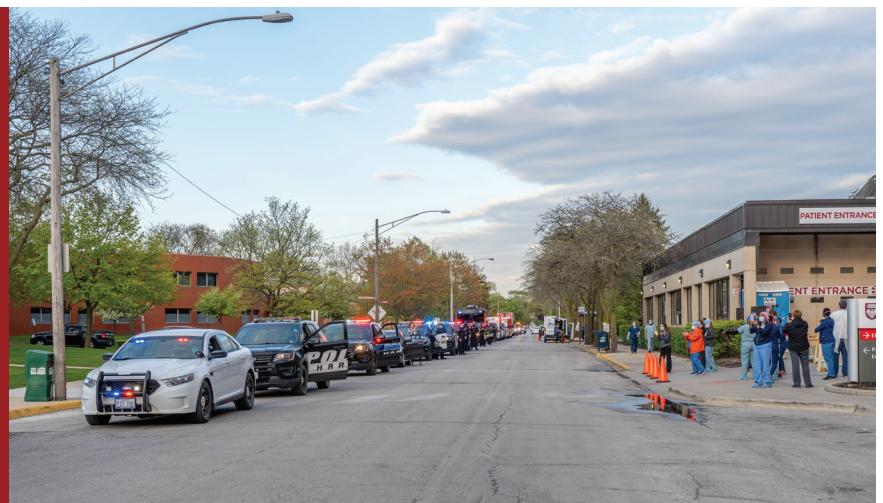


City of Harvey Police and Fire hosted the inaugural Birthday Parade for Kennedi, who celebrated her 10th birthday in late April.

COVID-19

City takes precautions

The City of Harvey is taking precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while continuing to provide services to our residents in a safe manner efficiently. City administration briefed elected officials and staff on COVID-19, and the city has instituted protocols, including, but are not limited to, hand washing and sanitization, monitoring of staff and constituents' health, and increased frequency of custodial services where staff or the public come in frequent contact. The Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Cook County Department of Public Health have provided protocols and guidance.



On May 6, National Nurses Day, Harvey Police and Fire paid tribute to nurses at Ingalls Hospital. Please take a moment to say "Thank you" to those who risk their personal health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

VIRUS PREVENTION

Take everyday preventive actions

- wear a mask and visit cityofharveyil.gov/covid-19 for instructions on how to make one (provided by the Center for Disease Control)
- wash your hands frequently
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- stay home when you are sick
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



In case of an outbreak in your community, protect yourself and others

- stay home and speak to your healthcare provider if you develop fever, cough, or shortness of breath
- if you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19, get medical attention immediately
 - difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - new confusion or inability to arouse
 - bluish lips or face
- keep away from others who are sick
- limit close contact with others as much as possible (about 6 feet).

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptom that is severe or concerning.

Highest risk, particularly older adults and those who have severe underlying health conditions

- consider staying at home and away from crowds if you or a family member are an older adult or have underlying health issues
- make sure you have access to several weeks of medications and supplies in case you need to stay home
- when you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick and limit close contact with others
- practice good hand hygiene.

CITY OF HARVEY PARTNERS WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



FREE RIDES ON PACE BUS!

Pace has implemented a "Quick Board Safe Board" program to expedite boarding.

For more information, visit cityofharveyil.gov.

CEDA CEDA's COVID-19 Crisis Program

CEDA has a program to help you with . . .

- water bill payments
- telephone bill payments
- childcare assistance for essential workers
- medical supplies
- prescription cost, and more.

[Cityofharveyil.gov](http://cityofharveyil.gov) provides a link to more information.

HELP WITH FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

If you are having trouble with a debt collector and need help, you can file a complaint by contacting IDFPR or Illinois Attorney General's Office.



Visit cityofharveyil.gov for program information.

Census 2020

United States
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2020



Make Sure Harvey Counts!



Complete the Survey Now!
www.my2020census.gov

We must ensure that everyone is counted in Harvey so we all get the resources we need. It's up to each of us! The census reports impacts:

- Making sure your child and your neighbor's child have a seat in the classroom
- Helping insured and uninsured families get access to healthcare
- Ensuring single moms wanting to work have adequate childcare and seniors have a safe place to live



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COVID-19 TESTING

A drive-up testing site is now open at Ingalls Memorial Hospital, One Ingalls Drive, Harvey.



Hours:

Telephone triage: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon-Fri
Testing clinic: 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Mon-Fri

If you or someone you know need to speak with a health care professional regarding the virus, you can call the Ingalls COVID-19 hotline number at (708) 915-2683 or the general number 24/7 at (855) 826-3878.

Testing is available by appointment and only to symptomatic adults.

Call (708) 915-2683

Always Be Notified.



SMART 911

Be Smart About Your Safety

[SIGN UP](#)

Text
cityofharvey
to 67283

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Asegúrese de que Harvey Cuenta



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Debemos asegurarnos de que todos cuenten en Harvey para que todos obtengamos los recursos que necesitamos. Depende de cada uno de nosotros. El censo informa impactos:

- Asegurándose de que sus hijos y sus vecinos tengan un asiento en el salón de clases
- Ayudar a las familias aseguradas y no aseguradas a tener acceso a la atención médica.
- Asegurar que las madres solteras que desean trabajar tengan un cuidado infantil adecuado y que las personas mayores tengan un lugar seguro para vivir



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A YEAR OF PROGRESS

City Ordinances Passed

- Created incentives to help generate new businesses
- Automatic reduction in the number of liquor licenses
- Reduced the hours of operation for liquor sales
- Water Bill of Rights which allow residents to prevent water shut-offs
- Crime Free Housing that holds owners and landlords more accountable
- Created a pet registry program and established a licensing fee to reduce stray animals
- Intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Sheriff Department for Police Dispatch
- Reduced the price of city vehicle stickers from \$50 to \$35
- Authorized future special tax allocation fund for expenses incurred in connection with the redevelopment of Harvey Town Square
- Reduced fees for water meter installation
- Passed a “no nepotism” policy restricting the hiring of family and friends
- Created new revenue streams without raising property taxes (Push Tax)
- Created incentives for economic development in the Dixie Square Mall area
- Created incentives to attract grocery stores to the area
- Entered into a redevelopment agreement to develop multiple properties located on Halsted
- Created a Complete Count Committee for Census 2020
- Adopted a hazard mitigation plan to identify vulnerabilities that exist prior to and during a disaster

Streets and Sanitation

Department

- Boarded up approximately 50 vacant/abandoned properties
- Implemented the Blight Reduction Program in collaboration with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart to demolish more than 16 buildings throughout the city
- Demolished two blighted buildings
- Fixed watermain breaks occurring throughout the City
- Repaired more than 500 potholes throughout the City
- Worked with GovPilot to receive residents’ concerns and respond with the completion of the tasks
- Purchased four new trucks to remove dumping
- Purchased two new snow plows
- Cut overgrown grass on vacant lots and abandoned houses due to years of neglect
- Developed a main thoroughfare cleaning and maintenance program
- Improved customer service by adding a representative at the front desk
- Hired an alley inspector that has reduced fly dumping throughout the city
- Removed over 1,500 tons of fly dumping
- Purchased equipment that will assist in sewer repairs and water main breaks
- Ensured all streets were properly salted during the winter months
- Purchased new landscaping and grass cutting equipment
- Hired temporary and seasonal employees
- Created a fleet management and maintenance position that saves thousands of dollars on outside cost

City Hall

- Upgraded the Council Chambers and created a multipurpose room
- Established an online portal that allows residents to report a concern
- Established Harvey alerts that allows the City to communicate with the residents more efficiently
- Installed digital billboards for more effective communication
- Created a new city website
- Inspected restaurants and other businesses for food safety/sanitation
- Created the Department of Senior Services
- Coordinated with Thornton Township to create a Tuesday Senior Luncheon program
- Eliminated ghost payrollers
- Installing fiber network that will allow for faster technology throughout the city
- Implemented customer service training to ensure delivery of the highest quality service
- Approved bus stop shelters to be placed on Lincoln and Lexington
- Offered a career fair to Harvey residents
- Celebrated veterans with a program put together by the City Clerk’s Office
- Prayed for Harvey during “Hands Across Harvey” in which 1,000 participants gathered in support of this monumental event
- Offered a pandemic relief drive-in movie for residents who wanted to safely get out of their homes and enjoy a movie
- Gave out over 1,500 turkeys to needy families for Thanksgiving
- Gave out over 1,000 toys to families in need for Christmas
- Sponsored Harvey Senior Community Luncheon for seniors 55 and up to enjoy a hot meal

Public Safety

- Hired a new police chief who is holding the department accountable
- Hired seven lateral police officers and eight recruits in the police academy
- Implemented body cameras for police accountability
- Received a grant for four new police vehicles
- Partnered with Cook County Sheriff to increase patrol throughout the City
- Conducted a safety stop that lead to the arrest of seven individuals with prior warrants
- Implemented a crisis intervention team allowing officers to be trained on mental disabilities
- Added police customer service reps during non-business hours
- Coordinated with Cook County to transfer dispatch and provide better 911 service (ongoing)
- Firefighters tested and painted more than 200 fire hydrants
- Awarded a \$5,000 grant for help in purchasing vehicle extrication equipment
- Hired 12 new fire recruits, which has reduced overtime hours
- Implemented Project Install that provides free smoke alarm installation to Harvey residents
- Increased fire inspections by collaborating with the Building and Inspectional Services Department
- Hosted the Girls Motivated by Success (G.E.M.S.) program at Brooks Middle School to help girls transition into high school
- Participated in the salute to nurses who help fight the pandemic every day
- Started a pandemic birthday parade program

