

Harrisonville Happenings

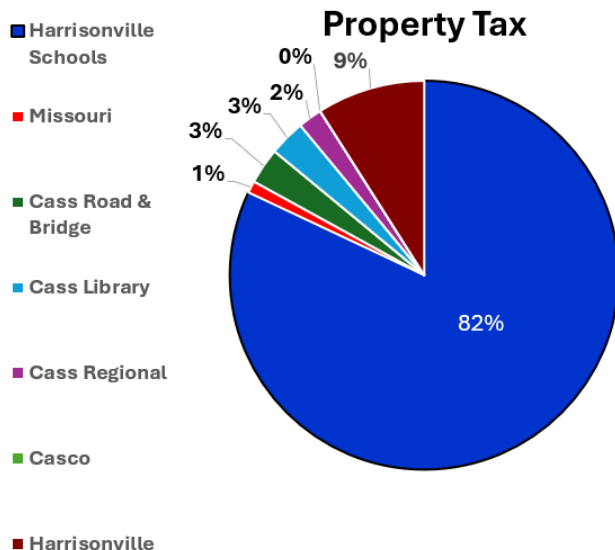
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YOUR TAX DOLLARS — Taxes can often be a sore subject. We get that. But it can also be a subject that is full of inaccurate information or myths. We want to take a quick moment to debunk a few of those myths.

All of the personal property tax I pay goes straight to the City. This is actually a common misconception. In reality, personal property tax is split between several organizations in and around Harrisonville. These include: Harrisonville Schools, Cass County Public Library, Cass County Road & Bridge, Cass Regional Medical Center, the State of Missouri, Casco Sheltered Workshop and the City of Harrisonville. The Harrisonville School District actually receives the largest portion of your personal property tax, as they bring in 82% of the total amount; while the City only brings in 9% of your personal property tax. This comes out to about \$296,006 per year.



But when you add in Real Estate Tax, it more than covers any shortfall. Another common misunderstanding. The City of Harrisonville does receive both personal property tax and real estate tax, just like every other town. But this number is also quite a bit lower than most people know. In

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 24 Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 5 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.

Work Session to follow

Aug. 7 Historic Preservation, noon

Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 13 Park Board, 6 p.m., @HCC

Board of Zoning Adjustments, 6 p.m.

Aug. 15 Planning & Zoning, 6 p.m.

Aug. 19 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.

Work Session to follow

Aug. 21 Municipal Court, 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 2 **Happy Labor Day!** 🇺🇸

City Offices Closed. Community Center Open, 7 a.m.—3 p.m.

Sept. 3 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.

Work Session to follow

2023, the City brought in about \$775,000. This brings the total funds received for both real estate and personal property tax to just over \$1 million. And while that is more money than many people get the opportunity to make, it truly fails to make a dent in what is needed to keep a community running; even a smaller community like Harrisonville. Did you know that when you look at the budgets for vital City services like police and fire, those budgets total nearly \$9 million?

Property taxes in Harrisonville are higher than most communities in our area. One would think that Harrisonville would have one of the higher tax levies in Cass County, but when you look at the numbers, you might be surprised. Currently the property tax levy in Harrisonville is \$0.6165 per \$100 of assessed valuation. In 2023, that actually ranked eighth lowest out of 22 communities; only ahead of Cleveland, Freeman, Garden City, West Line, Riverview Estates, Lake Annette and Baldwin Park.

Lead Service Line Survey Update — We want to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the self-reporting survey that was sent out for the Lead Service Line Inventory project this past spring. Those who completed the survey and submitted it



by the deadline should keep an eye out for their \$20 credit on an upcoming utility bill. Our utility staff hope to have these in place very soon.

The next phase in the project involves our Public Works staff verifying the materials for the service line coming from the water main to each building. This will be done by a process called potholing. During this process, crews will dig a pair of small, one-foot wide holes on each side of your water meter. This will

allow for testing on both the line from the water main to the meter and from the



meter to the home. Once crews complete their tests, they will fill in the holes and take steps to restore the grass in the area. It will take time for staff to move throughout the entire community. Notices will be hung on doors before crews begin work on your property. If you have questions about this process, please call 816-380-0646.

Attention Harrisonville Schools Parents — Please keep this month's utility statement for the school district's annual Residency Verification Program.



All district families must provide annual proof of residency and the easiest way to do this is with your utility statement. If you have questions, please call the district offices at (816) 380-2727.

You can also print out a copy of your statement on the City website (www.harrisonville.com) by using the Utility Payment Portal:

www.municipalonlinepayments.com/harrisonvillemo



HARRISONVILLE Parks & Recreation

DOGGIE DIVE!

August 24

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendors open at 11. Pool opens at noon.

\$5 per doggie

Concessions available

All dogs must have current vaccinations.

Proceeds go to improvements at the dog park!

COMBUSTION QUILTING!

July 31 — August 14

5 to 8 p.m.

Wednesdays at the HCC

Register at HCC or by phone 380-8980

SUMMER CAMP!

Through August 16

\$130/week – Multi-Child Discount \$10

Register: Monday before each week.

Register at HCC or by phone 380-8980

SIGN UP FOR RAINOUT LINE!

Parks & Rec is now using Rainout Line.

Download the app or register for text/emails about programs, events and facility updates.

Visit www.harrisonvilleparks.com to register.

For complete details on classes & programs at the Harrisonville Community Center, please call 380-8980 or visit www.harrisonvilleparks.com