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District to expand opportunities through Learning without Limits

The Harrisonville School District has made a commitment to "Learning without Limits." The district believes that in today's world, teaching and learning can occur at any time in any place. Administrators are committed to providing the resources and support to help teachers and students of all ages realize this potential of 24/7 learning.

Some of the "traditional" limits to learning for students include the school day (7:30-3:00 or 8:50-3:50), the school walls, access to resources, and parent and community involvement.

Many teachers have already embraced "Learning without Limits" for students and for themselves. They are using social media, Google Drive, teacher websites, and more to collaborate and encourage learning outside the school day and to expose students to technology tools. Teachers have created project-based learning opportunities in which students are engaged in real-world chal-



lenges. Teachers have invited the community in, taken students out, or used Skype/Facetime to experience the connection between them and their community/world. Teachers have created Personal Learning Networks for themselves using Twitter or have simply used technology to enhance their own learning in areas important to them. Teachers have invited parents in or planned projects that encourage their involvement in the curriculum.

One of the limits addressed in the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan is access to technology for students. To that end, the district is moving forward with a plan to provide 1:1 devices at the high

school. Prior to the 2014-15 school year, all Harrisonville High School students will be receiving an Apple MacBook Air laptop computer.

The purpose of providing this "Learning without Limits" resource to all HHS students is as follows:

- Increase student achievement and engagement
- Prepare students for 21st century careers and the ever-changing world we live in
- Provide the opportunity for 24/7 learning, communication, and collaboration
- Add relevancy to curriculum by bringing real-time information into learning

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From the Desk of Dr. Bryan McDonald

Winter weather decisions based on student, staff safety

Through the various seasons, there are many things I like. In the winter, I enjoy seeing people out making snowmen and I enjoy sitting around the fireplace enjoying a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. However in the winter season, a little goes a long way. This year, we have missed a number of days because of winter weather and I thought I'd provide a little insight into the decision-making process for school cancellation.

When snow is predicted, my day generally begins around 4:00 in the morning. I will go out and drive some specific roads to check their condition. Our transportation director will often drive specific area roads. We will talk around 4:30 a.m.

At the same time, I have conversations with area superintendents to see what they are planning to do. Our goal is to make the call by 5:30 a.m. This is sometimes a real challenge.

I know one morning this year, there was no snow or ice on the ground at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 or even 7:00. However around 7:15, it be-

gan icing. In situations like this, we look at the weather to see if it will be better to cancel quickly or better to wait and let salt trucks work and keep kids in school for the day. Oftentimes, the weather improves and the roads are better by the close of school.

There are some times when the weather is predicted and school is canceled prior to anything hitting the ground. This was the case in February. Our goal is that we can make the call as soon as possible so parents can make plans for child care.

Generally if we have a snow day, we drive roads around 3 p.m. and again in the early evening hours to determine if they've improved in order to make a decision about the next day. Oftentimes we can make the call that evening, but sometimes we will wait and drive the roads again in the early morning before making the call. Our goal is to make a decision that will keep our students and staff safe.

Many times school may be canceled when city roads are relatively

clear. Our busses travel a number of miles on county roads each day. Our county road crews do an amazing job, but clearing gravel roads is different than clearing paved roads. They also have many miles to clear around the county. We have a few specific roads we drive that we know may be later on the list of cleared roads.

Another reason for school cancellation can be bitter cold temperatures. Some area districts have a wind chill guide that is used. As you know, the wind chill predicted in the evening and the actual wind chill in the morning can be two different things. We will always try to err on the side of safety.

In order to reduce the number of snow days, we are exploring snow routes. These would be used in situations where 95 percent of the roads are passable, but a few roads are still ice or snow covered. In this case, a snow route would allow us to still have school and those students on the snow route would be asked to meet the bus at a specific point. Again, our ultimate goal is the safety

of our students and staff.

I look forward to the change in season as it allows us to get back into the routine of school. However, the spring is also a very busy time as we wrap up one year and begin planning for the next. Please take time to look at the event calendar on the last page of this newsletter. We have many opportunities for parents and community members to enjoy our students' talent and celebrate our students' success.

As always, please contact me with questions or concerns at any time at bryan.mcdonald@harrisonvilleschools.org

Also, please follow me on Twitter - @HvilleSupt - to get a first-hand look at what's happening in our classrooms and around the district on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bryan McDonald
Superintendent

HHS students to receive laptops to start year

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- Level the playing field for all students

Administrators and teachers have been working to make this initiative a reality for 18 months. It began with the goal 1:1 devices at HHS. During the process, the team looked at both "Bring Your Own Device" and district-provided device programs and determined that district-provided devices were the best option for HHS students. The technology department has worked on upgrading the infrastructure at the high school. Administrators have visited and talked with other schools that have started 1:1 initiatives. Stu-

dents and teachers have participated in pilots with different devices. This has all led to this stage in which students will get the devices before the start of school next year.

However, this is just the beginning. The teachers received their MacBook Airs at the end of January. They have already started ongoing professional development to learn effective use of the devices within the curriculum. The district will host parent meetings to answer questions, disburse devices, and provide follow-up information. Students will receive training on the use and care of the device, as well as ways

to use the MacBook Air to enhance their learning.

Beyond Harrisonville High School's 1:1 initiative, plans are also underway to expand technology and "Learning without Limits" throughout the school district. Teacher laptops and Chromebook carts from HHS will be distributed to other buildings in the district. Harrisonville Early Childhood Center kindergarten classrooms and Harrisonville Elementary School first and second grade classrooms will get 2-3 iPads per classroom. At the third grade level at HES and at McEowen Elementary for grades 4-5, the plan is to provide three Chromebooks per

classroom, in addition to the school computer labs which are already in place. Harrisonville Middle School will have multiple Chromebook carts with a classroom set of computers for checkout in addition to their computer lab.

In addition, "Learning without Limits" will extend outside the classroom with parents, community members, and businesses. As the 2014-15 school year gets underway, the district will be providing additional information for parents and the community regarding opportunities to engage with students and be a part of "Learning without Limits."



Five candidates file for seat on Board of Education

Voters in the Harrisonville School District will be asked to elect school board members to three seats in the April 8th election.

Five people have filed for the positions including one incumbent. Those seeking election include Deb Welhoff, Susie Yoder, Doug Alexander, Jerald Dickey, and Theresa Stephens.

Deb Welhoff has served on the Harrisonville School Board since 2008 and as president since 2011. She is an operational solutions consultant at DST Systems, Inc.

Welhoff has a bachelor of arts from Avila University and has obtained basic, advanced and master board member certification from the Missouri School Boards Association.

"Unfortunately potential and real educational state budget cuts have been a major concern for several years now. Preparing for an unknown financial future is not an easy task. We, as a school district, must continue to focus on spending our resources wisely. The administration and school board should continue to assess programs and contracts with the intention of instituting change if necessary. We have to be able to answer whether or not it is running effectively and what the impact on student achievement is."

"The four biggest strengths are our educators, our administrators, our community, and our students. Our teachers constantly strive to make the classroom experience conducive for all levels of learning. Each student, regardless of learning styles, is challenged to grow academically. The administration always puts our students' academic and personal achievement first and foremost. The community including businesses, parents and patrons are always supportive and involved. And finally, our students continually humble and amaze me with their academic advancements and talents."

Welhoff is married to Randy and they have two sons, Austin, a 2013 HHS graduate and Matt, a sophomore at HHS.

Susie Yoder is a retired teacher. She has a bachelor of science in edu-

cation from the University of Central Missouri and a master of arts in teaching from Webster University.

"The biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville School District is much the same challenge facing the majority of schools nationwide. Educators are being asked to navigate new curriculum, teach new standards, and prepare students to be college and career ready. Today's high-stakes testing to measure growth and effectiveness adds more responsibility and pressure than ever on students and teachers. Teachers and students need support and relief from the overwhelming pressures laid upon them, parents deserve answers and explanations for changes in the education process, and there are widespread misconceptions in education in all states."

"This district is filled with successful students strong in academics and athletics; effective teachers; and exemplary sports, clubs, and organizations, not to mention supportive parents who help make the success of our district possible. Harrisonville School District is a community with a lot to be proud of!"

Yoder has three children and two grandchildren – one daughter who lives in Colorado; her son and his wife with two children, one of whom is a kindergarten student at Harrisonville Early Childhood Center; and her daughter, Jaquilyn, who is a student at UCM.

Doug Alexander works for KCP&L in corporate services. He has a bachelor of science in criminal justice administration from the University of Central Missouri.

"The biggest challenge I can see facing our district is the rapid change of technology and equipment associated with new technology. The students in our district are more familiar with computers and software than in the generations/years past. Our students will be exposed to computers in the work environment and college on a daily basis, so working to find ways to keep the students exposed to these advances in technology is a continuous process."

"Harrisonville School District has



several strengths. Our district has a strong academic core which allows the students to be prepared for the next phase of their life. Harrisonville Schools offers academic opportunities to challenge the students and expose them to various educational classes for their career paths as long as the students are willing to push themselves and learn. The buildings, athletic facilities, and community support are also some of the key components which make our school district a desired place to live within."

Alexander is married to Trish and they have two children, both HHS graduates. Chance is a student at Missouri Science and Technology and Anisa is a student at Missouri State University.

Jerald Dickey is the owner of Dickey Funeral Home. He is a graduate of Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. He is also a past member and president of the Harrisonville School Board.

"The district's biggest challenge is budget. As financial concerns face the State, it will affect all school boards. We have to maintain a reserve and be fiscally responsible to our patrons, students and staff. We also must maintain a quality staff and a salary structure to retain staff."

"The district's biggest strengths are the staff that shows up every day and gives 100%; patrons that sup-



Board Candidates (clockwise from top): Deb Welhoff, Susie Yoder, Doug Alexander, Theresa Stephens, and Jerald Dickey

port this district through tax revenue; parents and volunteers that give of their time; and business owners who support this district from donations to advertisements."

Dickey is married to Sonya and they have five children – Brok, an HHS graduate, and current students Dawson, Alison, Rhyse, and Truman.

Theresa Stephens is a production scheduler for a local manufacturer. She is a Harrisonville High School graduate.

"The biggest challenge facing the district is functioning within the budget requirements while maintaining the highest level of education for our students."

"Students, teachers, parents and the district's citizens have to be our biggest strengths if we are to succeed. We will need to rely on each other if the funding becomes an issue."

Stephens has two children in the district, a senior and a sixth grader.



Foundations continue support of students, teachers

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation presented nearly \$11,000 to district teachers and schools over the last month with plans to present another \$28,000 in scholarships to students in May.

The spring teacher grants provided teachers with funds to purchase books to encourage kindergarten readiness through reading, owl pellets for hands-on science learning at McEowen, and a document camera to enhance learning in the HMS art classroom. A classroom of McEowen students also worked together to write a grant to expand their study of penguins through a trip to the Kansas City Zoo.

In addition to the teacher grants, the Foundation distributed nearly \$9,000 to schools as part of the Major Saver restaurant discount card sales. Students in grades K-8 sold the cards at the end of January and the proceeds are split between the participating schools and the Foundation.

The Foundation is currently accepting applications for the scholarships for graduating seniors that it manages. Those scholarships include the Bob Hodge Achievement Award, the Steve Catron Memorial Scholarship, the Stephen and Virginia

Childress Athletic Award, the William G. and Nettie Z. Deacon Family Scholarship, the John and Wanda Foster Construction Trades Scholarship, the Cara Roberts Memorial Scholarship, and the Scott T. Morse Memorial Scholarship. Information about the scholarships and the applications are online at www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation/whowehelp/scholarships. The applications are due April 11 and scholarships will be awarded during the Senior Excellence in Academics Ceremony on May 15.

The Foundation will also once again present \$500 scholarships to seniors who earn the four-year Excellence in Academics honor. These students will have completed each year of high school in the top 15 percent of their class.

The Foundation seeks subscribers to support the Excellence in Academics program. Donation levels are Subscriber (\$100) and Scholarship Subscriber (\$500) and all supporters receive recognition in the Ceremony program and follow-up press releases. Donations may be sent to the Foundation at PO Box 1000, Harrisonville, MO 64701.

Another spring event for the Foundation is the recognition of the



Students in American History classes at Harrisonville High School had the opportunity to analyze primary documents & artifacts from World War II thanks to a grant from the Harrisonville Public School Foundation. The World War II Footlocker is a collection of artifacts loaned to schools from The National WWII Museum. Items in the locker included a wartime Life magazine, an army garrison cap, an American tank periscope, a US Army field manual, Philippine occupation currency, war ration book & tokens, and much more.

Harrisonville Schools Educator of the Year. District award winners, including the Educator of the Year, and district retirees will be recognized at the End-of-the-Year Celebration at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7 in the Harrisonville High School Performing Arts Center. The event is open to the public.

Finally, the Foundation will be

beginning preparations for the annual Homecoming golf tournament and 5K Walk Run for fall 2014. The golf tournament will be held on Friday, September 12 at Hoots Hollow and the 5K will be Saturday, September 13 at HHS.

For more information, visit the website at www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation

Kindergarten, preschool enrollment dates set

Parents of 2014-15 Harrisonville Schools kindergarten students are invited to attend Parent Information Night on Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Harrisonville Early Childhood Center multi-purpose room. Parents will meet the kindergarten teachers, learn more about the kindergarten curriculum, screening process, and immunizations. Appointments for kindergarten round-up screenings can be made following the meeting. Students are not required to attend this meeting.

Enrollment for Harrisonville

Schools kindergarten students for the 2014-15 school year will be held April 10-11 and 14-16 at the Early Childhood Center, 500 Polar Lane. Parents need to call the Early Childhood Center, 380-4421, April 2 - April 9, 2014, to schedule an appointment if you are unable to attend the information night on April 1.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be five years of age before August 1, 2014 and must live in the Harrisonville School District. Parents must bring a certified copy of the child's state issued birth cer-

tificate and his/her current immunization records. A proof of residency such as a current utility bill will be required in August.

Preschool enrollment for 3- and 4-year-olds will start on April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center.

Children who turn three by August 1 have the option of Monday/Tuesday morning classes or Monday/Tuesday afternoon classes.

Children who turn four by August 1 have the option to attend Wednesday-Friday morning classes

or Wednesday-Friday afternoon classes.

Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis.

Parents should bring the following items for enrollment: a copy of the child's state issued birth certificate and his/her current immunization records. Students will not be placed in a class until all items are turned in.

For more information, call 816-380-4421.



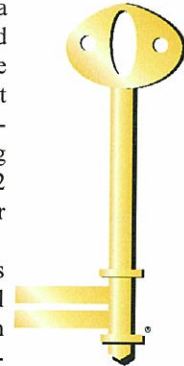
Cass Regional named top performer

Cass Regional Medical Center has been named a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. Cass Regional was recognized by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions.

Cass Regional Medical Center earned the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. The organization was recognized for its achievement on the following measure sets: hospital-based inpatient psychiatric services, surgical services, and pneumonia care. The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability mea-

sure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2012 calendar year.

Cass Regional and each of the hospitals that were named as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures must: 1) achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures; 2) achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there are at least 30 denominator cases; and 3) have at least



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- Pneumonia
- Surgical Care
- Hosp-Based Inpt Psych

one core measure set that has a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set all applicable individual accountability measures have a performance rate of 95 percent or above. A 95 percent score means a

hospital provided an evidence-based practice 95 times out of 100 opportunities. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice - examples include giving aspirin at arrival for heart attack patients, giving antibiotics one hour before surgery, or providing a home management plan of care for children with asthma.

"Cass Regional Medical Center and all the Top Performer hospitals have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to quality improvement and they should be proud of their achievement," says Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and chief executive officer, The Joint Commission.

"It's a pleasure to receive this Top Performer recognition as it is a testament to the exceptional care that our physicians, nurses, and clinical staff provide on a daily basis. Out of the 3,343 eligible hospitals submitting accountability measure data to The Joint Commission, Cass Regional was one of 1,099 to meet or exceed the target rates of performance for 2012," says Chris Lang, CEO.

Helping Hands Project: Providing TLC to Patients

The Helping Hands Project started in the fall of 2012 to provide special "TLC" (tender loving care) items to patients at Cass Regional. The idea for the project began when the Guests First Now team at Cass Regional, which includes staff, auxiliary members, and board members, identified certain items that would be helpful and comforting to patients during their treatment and recovery.

The effort was soon adopted by the Cass Regional Auxiliary, and an "army" of volunteers was recruited to create the handmade items. Using their sewing, crocheting, knitting and quilting skills, several groups from across the area have since

made hundreds of items for patients. In addition to Cass Regional Auxiliary members, the "helping hands" have included area Girl Scout troops, the VFW Auxiliary, the Harrisonville United Methodist Women, the Progressive Priscilla Home Makers Club, and individuals who've been patients themselves or have had family members treated at Cass Regional. Several of these helpers, along with area businesses, have also donated thousands of dollars in materials to create the TLC items.

Since its inception, the Helping Hands Project has provided the following items to patients at Cass Regional:



- 484 comfort pillows
- 112 lap throws
- 110 walker caddies
- 63 knitted hats
- 51 rice bags

Items are distributed to patients in the Emergency Department, ICU, Medical/Surgical Unit, Surgery Department, and the Physical and Occupational Therapy Department. They are also given to infusion therapy and oncology patients in the Specialists Clinic.

If you are interested in supporting this project by producing handiwork or donating goods needed (fabric, poly-fill, yarn, etc.), or know a person or group who would like to participate, please contact Martha Sims, project chair, at 816-210-3554 or via email at mhsims@aworldofsmiles.net.

Above: All items are carefully tagged with a special greeting from the Helping Hands Project volunteers.



City proposes a ten-year plan to improve streets, neighborhoods

The Election – On April 8, Harrisonville voters will have the opportunity to approve a half-cent sales tax to fund a decade of street improvements and upgrades that will include all city streets. The sales tax will run for ten years (Oct. 1, 2014—Sept. 30, 2024), requires a simple majority to pass, and will generate \$10 million for streets. Monies collected will be held in a separate fund and used only on these prescribed improvements.

The Need – Motorists in Harrisonville deserve streets that are wide, smooth, engineered for safety and efficiency, and able to carry today's vehicles at posted speeds. Most of the major streets need upgrades to provide residents with these benefits. Pedestrians in Harrisonville deserve level, unbroken and unbuckled sidewalks on both sides of major streets so they can safely walk to parks, churches, the post office, and other points of interest. Children, the smallest and most vulnerable pedestrians, need sidewalks and cross walks so they can safely walk to school, a friend's house, to the Community Center or to the sports fields.

Residents in Harrisonville deserve modern, efficient storm drainage systems to protect homes and businesses from flooding after spring and summer storms.

The Plan – Each year, Harrisonville staff craft a budget that includes funds for street and sidewalk repair and additional funds for special projects. While these funds are enough to keep streets and sidewalks in good repair and correct some pressing problems, the city is requesting additional funding to address the long standing issues associated with older streets and neighborhoods. With a dedicated revenue stream such as the transportation sales tax, the city could develop plans to im-

prove every street in Harrisonville within the next ten years.

The Streets – With research from a traffic study undertaken in 2008, the city has compiled a list of six of Harrisonville's most heavily-traveled streets that need substantial upgrades to make them a true network capable of carrying traffic from one area of town to another in a manner that is convenient and safe. Most need full depth reconstruction to give them strong stable foundations, as well as widening to modern standards, curbing and sidewalks. Plans also call for these streets to be striped to facilitate traffic flow.

All other streets in Harrisonville will be resurfaced during the 10 year lifespan of the sales tax. This will entail chip sealing, slurry sealing or mill and overlay.

In this way, everyone will benefit from the transportation sales tax.

The Sidewalks – Many of the busiest streets have sidewalks on only one side or no sidewalks at all. This can be especially dangerous for those who might like to walk to church, the post office, or just next door to visit a neighbor. Children who are attempting to walk to school, playgrounds or sports should have access to sidewalks as well. There is a need to craft a network of broad smooth sidewalks to connect neighborhoods and make walking a pleasure. With a transportation sales tax, Harrisonville can have those neighborhood sidewalks restored and developed into a continuous system.

Storm Drainage – Without curbs and gutters, rainwater can quickly flood streets or run off into ditches where it becomes a hazard to public health and property. Funds from the transportation sales tax can be used to build storm inlets and drainage channels to carry the run off from the roads before it can threaten

homes and neighborhoods.

The Current Sales Tax – Currently, the sales tax rate is 7.85%, community wide, and in transportation development districts and community improvement districts, the rate is 8.85%. If the ballot question passes, the new rate will be 8.35% and 9.35%, respectively. Under the new rate, those who spend \$5,000 a year on taxable items will pay an additional \$25 in sales tax. Those spending \$10,000 a year will pay an additional \$50, and so forth. Sales taxes are paid by everyone who shops in Harrisonville, including travelers on the new interstate. In addition, new retailers who open shops in Harrisonville will also collect the tax, thereby increasing revenues for street improvements. Even with this increase, Harrisonville will still have a lower sales tax rate than Raymore, Belton and many other Kansas City suburbs.

The Map – The map on the next page gives an overview of the ten year plan. Streets to be reconstructed are lined in blue. Those that will be resurfaced during the ten year period are indicated in red.

"The Promise to the People" – Many people in Harrisonville remember that in 1977 the Board of Aldermen made its "Promise to the People" to spend 38% of sales tax revenue on streets. Furthermore, they challenged future boards to follow their example. In the last 10 years, Harrisonville has more than met the challenge, spending 83% of our one-cent general sales tax revenues on maintaining and improving streets, sidewalks and storm sewers. The new transportation sales tax would provide an income stream that will allow the city to improve all streets and address the larger projects that it has not been able to afford.

Frequently Asked Questions (as answered by the City)

When is the election?

The election is April 8, 2014.

When will the tax take effect?

If passed by the voters on April 8, the new tax will take effect on Oct. 1, 2014.

How long will the tax last?

The sales tax will last for 10 years and will sunset on Sept. 30, 2024.

How much will the new tax generate?

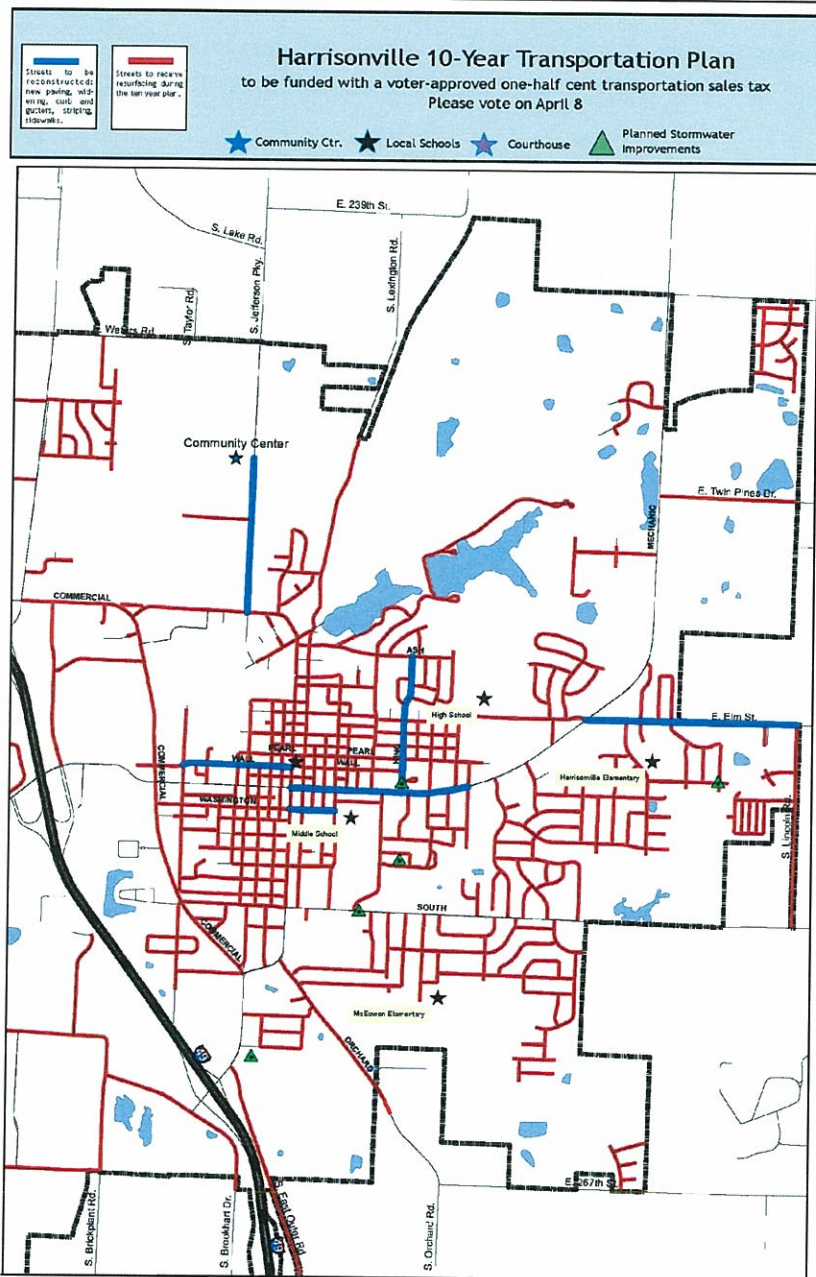
At present spending levels, the tax is expected to generate approximately \$1 million annually. These funds will be kept in a separate account and used only on the prescribed improvements.

Why are you asking for an increase in sales tax, rather than in property tax?

We believe a sales tax is the most equitable and least burdensome way to finance these types of improvements. Since all residents enjoy the benefits of good streets and roads, it is reasonable to share the cost among shoppers, rather than property owners. Collecting a sales tax also means out of town shoppers and travelers passing through town will contribute as well, thereby decreasing the overall burden on Harrisonville residents.

What will you do if the issue fails?

The Transportation Sales Tax will provide a dedicated revenue stream to be used for Harrisonville's roads and sidewalks. These funds will allow the city to resurface every street in town during the next 10 years and to begin planning and implementing some of the major projects that would significantly enhance our infrastructure. Without the sales tax, we will place our available street funds only where most urgently needed.



Six Streets to Get Major Upgrades

The following streets have been reviewed by city staff and transportation professionals and are considered to be the best candidates at this time to receive major upgrades and improvements using funding generated by a new half-cent sales tax, if it is approved by voters. The streets are:

Mechanic Street (from Independence to Stella): Full depth reconstruction; widen to 3 lanes (39 ft.) and stripe, install sidewalks. Proposed Year: 2015. Estimated Cost: \$510,000.

Please note: The city has signed an agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation to complete this project, regardless of whether or not the Transportation Sales Tax question is passed. Total cost is \$2.9 million, and MoDOT will pay the largest share, \$2.4 million. The city has budgeted monies to pay its share; however, if the sales tax passes, the \$510,000 currently budgeted will go to other street projects.

East Elm Street (from Mechanic Street to E. City Limits): Full depth reconstruction; widen to 36 ft. and stripe; install sidewalks. Proposed Year: 2017. Estimated Cost: \$1,287,780

Jefferson Parkway Phase I (Locust to the Community Center) & Phase 2 Design (Community Center to Waters Rd. and Waters Rd.): Full depth reconstruction; widen to 36 ft.; traffic markings, install sidewalks. Proposed Year 2019. Estimated Cost: \$3,136,700

West Wall Street (from Oakland St. to Independence St.): Full depth reconstruction; widen to 28 ft. (residential standard width) where possible; install sidewalks. Proposed Year: 2021. Estimated Cost: \$1,273,364

King Street (from Mechanic to Ash): Full depth reconstruction; widen to 28 ft. (residential standard width) where possible; install sidewalks. Proposed Year: 2022. Estimated Cost: \$1,350,000

East Washington Street (from Independence Street to Highland Street): Full depth reconstruction, widen to 28 ft. (residential standard width) where possible; install sidewalks. Proposed Year: 2023. Estimated Cost: \$331,080



HARRISONVILLE Highlights

Community Calendar of Events

Mar. 31-Apr. 4	College & Career Week	May 8	HMS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
April 1	ECC Kindergarten Information Night, 6 p.m.	May 8	HCC Coalition of Chambers Luncheon, 11:45 a.m., Branding Iron, \$10, RSVP 380-5271
April 1	PAT Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC	May 9	CRMC Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 2-5 p.m.
April 2	Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	May 9	ACT Registration Deadline for 6/14 test
April 2	CCPL AARP Tax Help, 9:30-3:30	May 9	FFA Banquet, 7 p.m., HHS
April 3	HES 3rd Grade MAP Night, 6 p.m.	May 9	ECC Field Day
April 4	HHS Student Council Blood Drive, 8-2, HHS	May 9	HES 3rd Grade Bunk-In
April 4	HMS Career Day	May 9	McEowen 5th Grade Civil War Day
April 4	Community-wide College Spirit Day	May 10	City Junk in the Trunk Flea Market, 5-7 p.m., Square
April 4	HCC First Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., First United Title	May 12-13	ECC Preschool Screenings
April 4	HCC Mouse Races, 6 p.m., Elks Lodge	May 12	Band Banquet, 6 p.m., HHS
April 7	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., McEowen Elementary	May 13	CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
April 8	Election Day	May 13	5th Grade Parent Night at HMS
April 8	PAT Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC	May 13	HES Field Day
April 8	CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.	May 13	HHS Choir Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
April 8	CRMC Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery Seminar, 6 p.m.	May 14	ECC Breakfast w/Books, 8:15 a.m.
April 9	CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m.	May 15	CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
April 9	CCPL AARP Tax Help, 9:30-3:30	May 15-17	Citywide Clean Up, Town & Country, TBA
April 10	HCC After Hours, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Stafford & Stafford	May 15	HES Field Day
April 10-11	Kindergarten Round-Up, ECC	May 15	Senior Excellence in Academics Ceremony, 8 a.m., HHS
April 10-12	HHS presents M*A*S*H, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	May 15	McEowen Accent on Achievement, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
April 11-12	City Spring Brush Drop Off, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., City Park	May 16	Graduation, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
April 12	City Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Community Center	May 17	Graduation Rain Date #1, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
April 13	Veteran's Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., HHS	May 18	Graduation Rain Date #2, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
April 13	HHS presents M*A*S*H, 2 p.m., HHS PAC	May 20	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
April 14-19	CCPL Student Art Show	May 22	HMS 5K Walk/Run, 9 a.m.
April 14-16	Kindergarten Round-Up, ECC	May 26	City Offices closed, Community Center open 7 a.m.-4 p.m.
April 14-18	National Library Week	May 27	Last Day of School, ½ day for students
April 15	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office	June 2-27	Summer School, K-6, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
April 15	PAT Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC	June 2	CCPL Summer Reading Program Kickoff Carnival, 6 p.m.
April 16	ECC Breakfast w/Books, 8:15 a.m.	June 4	CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m.
April 16	CCPL - National Library Week Thank You Day	June 4	CCPL Fizz! Boom! Read! Storytime, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
April 17	HCC Luncheon, 11:45-1, HPD, \$10, RSVP 380-5271	June 4	CCPL Teen Seed Bomb Event, 3 p.m.
April 17	CCPL - Student Artists' Reception, 5 p.m.	June 5	CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
April 17	CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.	June 6	HCC First Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Russell Stover Candies
April 17	HES Career Day	June 6	CCPL Rhonda Kasper, 11 a.m.
April 18	CCPL - Teen Literature Day	June 7	City Farmer's Market, 7-11:30 a.m., Every Saturday, Square
April 18	City Offices Closed, Community Center open 7 a.m.-4 p.m.	June 9	CCPL Keys to the Music, 6:30 p.m.
April 18	No School	June 10	CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
April 21-25	Public School Volunteer Week	June 11	CCPL Fizz! Boom! Read! Storytime, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
April 22	McEowen Spring Concert, 7 p.m., McEowen	June 11	CCPL Teen Craft Event, 3 p.m.
April 22	PAT Wild About Animals, 6 p.m., ECC	June 12	CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
April 23	CCPL Manga Language Program, 6:30 p.m.	June 13	CCPL Rhonda Kasper, 11 a.m.
April 24	Administrative Professionals Day	June 14	ACT
April 24	CCPL Teen Movie Event, 3:30 p.m.	June 14	City Junk in the Trunk Flea Market, 5-7 p.m., Square
April 24	HES Art Fair/Ice Cream Social/3rd Grade Honor Choir, 6-8 p.m.	June 16	CCPL KCTV5 Tom Wachs Weather Program, 6:30 p.m.
April 25	CRMC Free Health Screenings, 9-11 a.m., CCPL	June 18	CCPL Fizz! Boom! Read! Storytime, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
April 27	Monarch Butterfly Gardening, 2 p.m., Community Center	June 18	CCPL Think Before You Ink Tattoo Program, 3 p.m.
April 28	Preschool Enrollment, ECC, 6 p.m.	June 19	CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
April 29	ECC Art Fair/Reading Night, 6-7:30 p.m.	June 19	CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
April 29	HMS Spring Choir Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	June 19	HCC Golf Tournament, 11:30 a.m., Creekmoor
April 29	PAT Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC	June 20	CCPL Rhonda Kasper, 11 a.m.
April 29-May 2	MAP Testing - HES, McEowen, HMS	June 21	CCPL Outdoor Program, 2-3 p.m.
May 1	HES 1st grade Music Program, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	June 23	CCPL Buck Kids Production: The Smartypants Show, 6:30 p.m.
May 2-3	FFA Plant Sale, CCC	June 24	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
May 2	Mr. Wildcat Pageant, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	June 25	CCPL Fizz! Boom! Read! Storytime, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
May 2	HCC First Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Absolute Health	June 25	CCPL Teen Minute to Win It Games, 3 p.m.
May 3	Prom, 8 p.m., Bordner Events Center, Raytown	June 26	CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
May 3	Citywide Garage Sale	June 27	CRMC Free Health Screening, 9-11 a.m., Commerce Bank
May 5-6	ECC Preschool Screenings	June 27	CCPL Rhonda Kasper, 11 a.m.
May 5-9	Teacher Appreciation Week	June 30	CCPL Exotic Animals R Us, 6:30 p.m.
May 5	CCC Awards Night, 7 p.m., HHS PAC		**PAC - HHS Performing Arts Center **HCC - Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce
May 6-8	HES & HMS MAP Testing		**CCPL - Cass County Public Library **CRMC - Cass Regional Medical Center
May 6	HMS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC		
May 6	PAT Moreland Dairy Farm Field Trip, 9:30 a.m.		
May 7	School Nurses Day		
May 7-14	HHS Art Show, HHS PAC lobby		
May 7	District Retirement Reception, 3:30-4:15 p.m., HHS PAC Lobby		
May 7	District End-of-the-Year Celebration, 4:15 p.m., HHS PAC		
May 8-10	Citywide Clean Up, Town & Country, TBA		

Ongoing at CCPL

Tuesdays in April - Me & My Toddler, 11 a.m.
 Wednesdays in April - Storytime, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 Thursdays in April - Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
 2nd Tuesday - Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 1st & 3rd Wednesday - Crop & Chat Scrapbooking, 9-11:30 a.m.
 1st Thursday - Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 2nd Thursday - Legit Readers (Teen Book Club), 3:30 p.m.
 2nd Monday - Brown Bag Book Club, noon
 2nd Monday - General Book Club, 6:30 p.m.