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# HALLSVILLE NEWS & VIEWS

## USE TAX - IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

**Vote April 8th at the Hallsville Community Center located at 324 E Hwy 00!**

A use tax for general funds ensures that out-of-state and online purchases contribute to local services, without creating a double tax. Here's how it could impact your community:

✓ **Park & Community Center**

- Provide funding where the park sales tax may fall short to maintain the park and community center.
- Help with upkeep and repairs for playgrounds and recreational facility.

✓ **Public Works Purchase Vehicles and Equipment**

- Fund new vehicles, such as dump trucks or snow plows and skid steers or mini excavators.

✓ **Fix City Vehicles and Equipment**

- Repair and maintenance of City owned vehicles and equipment.

✓ **Repair Roads Beyond What the County Road Tax Covers**

- Road taxes often only provide enough funding for small projects, leaving entire neighborhood streets in need of repairs. In many cases, funds must be accumulated for several years before there is enough to fully complete a street or multiple streets.
- A use tax would provide additional revenue to patch potholes and repave streets.

✓ **Fund Employee Benefits & Reduce Turnover**

- Help provide competitive wages and benefits for city employees, ensuring experienced workers stay on the job.
- Reduce costly turnover, so the city doesn't have to retrain new employees constantly.
- Keep essential workers—like public works crews and police officers—on the job, experienced, and ready to serve the community.

✓ **NOT a Double Tax**

- The use tax only applies if **no sales tax** was collected on an out-of-state or online purchase.
- If you buy locally and already pay sales tax, you will **not** pay an extra tax.



## April 2025

- **April 1st:** Garage Sale sign up sheet out at City Hall! City-wide garage sale is Saturday, June 7th!
- **April 2nd:** Emergency sirens are tested the first Wednesday of every month.
- **April 8th:** Election Day! Go vote at the Community Center!
- **April 10th:** Accounts signed up for automatic withdraw payments for City water and/or trash will have payments removed from your account.
- **April 11th:** A 5% penalty is added to all water and/or trash accounts that are unpaid.
- **April 14th:** The Board of Aldermen has their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- **April 21st:** A \$35 nonpayment fee will be added to all water and/or trash accounts that are unpaid. Services will be discontinued. Needing help with your bill? Call City Hall before the 21st!

## City Anniversaries and Birthdays - April

Happy birthday shout-out to the fabulous Vicki Duffen, our crossing guard superstar at Hwy 124-N and Elizabeth Street, celebrating her big day on April 8th! And let's not forget our part-time hero, Officer Devin Stevenson, who's blowing out candles on April 25th. This month is a party for milestones too! A big shoutout to the amazing Daniel McCaleb who's been rocking it with the City and celebrates an incredible 22 years of dedication and hard work on April 14th! Thank you for keeping things running smoothly in the Public Works Department! And a high-five to Officer Lance Ketchum, who's hitting the one-year mark this month! Let the celebrations begin!

## Hallsville City-Wide Garage Sale



Get your treasure-hunting hats on because the City-Wide garage sale is coming on Saturday, June 7, 2025! Time to unleash your inner decluttering ninja and dig through those closets, garages, and cabinets to find hidden gems that others are just itching to snag, not to mention making space for your own fabulous finds! Swing by City Hall to get your name on the list and map from April 1st until Tuesday, June 3rd! The map drops on Wednesday, June 4th, so you can plot your ultimate shopping spree route! Some savvy sellers will have their sales on Friday & Saturday, and a few eager beavers might even open on Thursday! So get ready to shop 'til you drop and don't forget to refuel at the Historical Society BBQ for a tasty lunch!

## Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce

**Wednesday, April 9th:** The Chamber Coffee Chat will be held at City Hall from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. April's will be hosted by Nicole Muirhead, owner of Hallsville's Heroes Grilled Subs. Local businesses in the Hallsville area are encouraged to attend this monthly networking opportunity, which takes place on the second Wednesday of each month. Join us for coffee and breakfast, where you can discuss your business, connect with other local businesses, and explore membership with the Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Grow Hallsville Parks Foundation

**Sunday, April 6th:** Get ready to show off those muscles at Park Clean Up Day, starting at 1:00 p.m.! Join us for an afternoon packed with weed wrangling and stick scoopin' shenanigans!

**Monday, April 7th to Friday, April 18th:** The grand return of the fundraising toilets! "Hoppin' Johns - Pay to Pass the Pot!" That's right, the fundraising toilets are back in action! All the "Hoppin' Johns" are already claimed, but if you spot one in your yard, call City Hall at 573-696-3885! For a mere \$20, we'll whisk it away; for \$25, we'll send it packing to a yard of your choice; and for \$35, we'll remove it forever—goodbye, potty, to never return again, and send it to a yard of your choice! And the best part? *All proceeds help our Veterans Memorial!* Let the potty party begin!

**Thursday, April 10th:** Snaps with the Bunny! Bring your little munchkins and/or fur babies to City Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a quick pic with the Easter Bunny—just \$5 a picture! Enjoy sweet treats while you crack up with the Bunny! Keep your peepers peeled for a Google sign-up on Facebook! *Proceeds go to the Veterans Memorial in Tribble Park!*

**Saturday, April 12th:** Dust off those bunny ears and hop on over to Tribble Park for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. It's going to be a hopping good time!

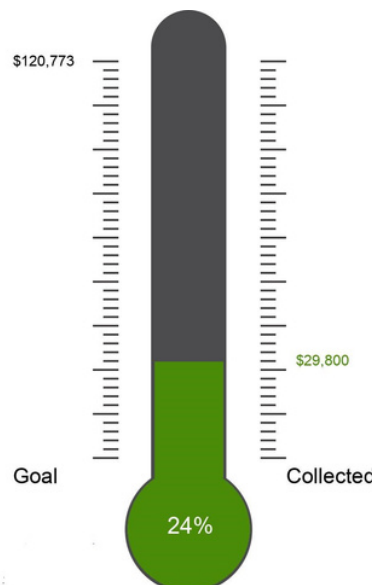
## Police Foundation of Hallsville

**Friday, March 21st to April 29th:** Spring Gun Raffle featuring a Mossberg 590 Retrograde 12-gauge with a 3-inch chamber and a 9-round capacity. It's all for a fantastic cause: the Veterans Memorial! Now, thanks to some pesky Facebook rules (seriously, what's up with that?), they can't shout about their gun raffles online anymore, so here's the scoop: snag your ticket for just \$10, but hurry, there are only 200 tickets available! The grand reveal happens at noon on Wednesday, April 30th. Swing by City Hall to grab yours and do your part for a great cause! And hey, if guns aren't your thing, we totally get it!



Don't forget that the Run with the Cops 5K is being held on Saturday, April 5th. The Run/Walk starts at 8:00 A.M. from in front of the Intermediate School. The route will be through Little Indians parking lot, a left on Wesley Avenue, a left on North Street, continuing on Ricketts Road until Brooke Drive (at Douglas Pointe Subdivision), going right on Brooke Drive, left on Larry Lane, left on Douglas Parkway and then left on Ricketts Road following the same path back to the Intermediate School.

**PLEASE WATCH FOR THE RUNNERS AND WALKERS ON THESE STREETS!!!**



**COMPLETION DATE: SUMMER OF 2026**

