

HALLSVILLE NEWS & VIEWS

From the Mayor's Desk

Happy New Year, Hallsville!

As we step into 2025 with a sense of purpose and optimism, I want to take a moment to share some of the exciting initiatives your city leadership is working on to improve our community.

We understand the concerns about traffic congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times, and we're actively exploring solutions to enhance traffic flow and safety in these areas. Collaboration with the school and traffic experts will help us create a smoother process for parents, students, and residents alike.

Economic development remains a top priority for Hallsville as we seek to attract new businesses to our city. Growth brings new services and vitality to our community, and we're committed to pursuing strategies that maintain the small-town charm we all love.

We're also hard at work identifying grant opportunities to fund future projects. These grants will allow us to expand and improve city services and infrastructure without overburdening our local budget.

Together, we're working to build a brighter future for Hallsville. Thank you for your continued support, input, and passion for our community. Let's make 2025 a year of progress and pride for all!

Kate Boatright
Mayor of Hallsville



2025

City Employee Anniversaries - January

Happy 1st Anniversary to our fabulous Deputy Clerk Valerie Brightwell on January 15th! She's the sunshine that greets you at City Hall, so make sure to shower her with congrats when you see her! She's officially conquered a whole year! And mark your calendars for January 25th, because it's party time for crossing guard Vicki Duffen, who's celebrating her 7th anniversary! Every morning and afternoon, she's the dazzling superstar on Highway 124-E, making sure the kiddos cross safely!

JANUARY 2025

- **January 1st:** City Hall is closed for New Year's Day! Celebrate responsibly!
- **January 1st:** Emergency sirens will be belting out a tune at high noon!
- **January 4th:** It's a special day — School Resource Officer Hill is the birthday boy! Don't forget to shower him with birthday wishes before the weekend!
- **January 10th:** Time to say goodbye to ACH payments from your checking account — poof, they're gone!
- **January 13th:** Oops! A 5% penalty will crash the party for any unpaid accounts!
- **January 13th:** The Board of Aldermen will gather for their meeting at 7:00 p.m. — bring your popcorn!
- **January 20th:** City Hall will take a break and be closed to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day — let's reflect and honor!
- **January 21st:** Missed the payment? A \$35 nonpayment fee will be added, and services will be disconnected! Need to make a payment arrangement? Call City Hall before the 21st!
- **January 23rd:** Give a massive round of applause for Public Works Superintendent Daniel McCaleb — it's his birthday today!

POLICE FOUNDATION OF HALLSVILLE

Want to give a shout-out to a Veteran, a beloved family member, a buddy, or that mentor that always had your back? Get them a personalized brick at the Hallsville Veterans Memorial in Tribble Park! Not a Hallsville local? No problem! We're all about honoring those who mean the world, wherever they call home! Pick from snazzy 4x8 or 8x8 brick to leave your mark! 4x8 bricks are \$150.00 and 8x8 bricks are \$250.00. Get your orders in by March 31st and watch as the Veterans Memorial starts taking shape in the Spring/Summer of 2025. Order forms also available at City Hall in Hallsville.



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Important updates regarding road safety in proximity to our schools! The following roads surrounding the Hallsville School District will be officially designated as "School Zones" from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on days when school is in session. This initiative aims to enhance safety for students and community members. Please be aware that traffic violations occurring during posted school zone hours will incur double fines.

The roads designated as school zones include:

- **Wesley Ave: From Highway 124-E to North Street**
- **Bertie Ave: From Highway 124-E to North Street**
- **Elaine Ave: From Highway 124-E to North Street**
- **North Street/Ricketts Road: From Bertie Ave to Tayler Court**
- **Hudson Ave: From Highway 124-E to State Route B**
- **Brown Ave: From Highway 124-E to Hudson Ave**
- Additionally, the following road will be included in the school zone while maintaining its current posted speed limit: **Highway 124: From State Route 00 to the Hallsville Primary School driveway**

Furthermore, Ricketts Road will enforce a speed limit of **15 mph** from North Street to Route U. Parking regulations on Ricketts Road will stipulate **"No Parking Anytime, Except for School Pick-Up and Drop-Off."** Vehicles parked in violation of this regulation will be subject to towing. This policy applies to both sides of Ricketts Road from North Street to Allison Industrial Drive. All changes will take effect on **January 13, 2025**, and new traffic signs will be installed accordingly.

