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# HALLSVILLE NEWS & VIEWS

## January 2026



- **January 1st:** City Hall will be closed for New Year's Day.
- **January 7th:** Emergency sirens are tested the first Wednesday of every month at noon!
- **January 12th:** Accounts signed up for automatic withdraw payments for City water and/or trash will have payments removed from your checking account.
- **January 12th:** A 5% penalty is added to all water and/or trash accounts that are unpaid.
- **January 12th:** The Board of Aldermen will have their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- **January 19th:** City Hall will be closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- **January 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 to make a payment arrangement.**

### Increase in Trash Rates



With the recent renewal of the 2026 contract with Dayne's Waste Disposal, there will be an increase in service costs. Unfortunately, the City must pass this increase on to residents to ensure the trash fund remains self-sustaining. This adjustment will enable us to maintain all existing services, including residential trash pickup every Wednesday, dumpster services available on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays, and bulky trash collection on the third Wednesday of each month.

The updated rates will be reflected on your bill, which is due by February 10th. The new residential trash rate will be \$17.25 if paid by the 10th of the month. Additionally, dumpster rates have also been adjusted.

### **ACH Payments \*\*\*DO NOT PAY\*\*\* on new billing**

 If you are enrolled in automatic payment withdrawals from your checking account on the 10th of each month, please note that the new utility billing system still does not reflect the message *ACH-DO NOT PAY* on your current bill. However, rest assured that the designated amount will still be deducted from your account on time, as it has always been. We anticipate that this information will be included on next month's bills. We appreciate your continued patience during this transition. Thank you!

### **Annual Consumer Notification of Service Line Material**



The Missouri Department of Natural Resources mandates that water suppliers annually inform their customers about any known or potential lead service lines. According to 40 CFR 141.85(e), water systems must notify their customers if they possess a lead service line, a galvanized service line requiring replacement (GRR), or a service line with an unknown status, following the submission of the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI). The deadline for consumer notification regarding the 2025 calendar year is December 31, 2025. If you receive a letter concerning an unknown service line, this is the reason for that correspondence.

### **Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce**

 **January 7th:** Get ready for the Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce's bimonthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall. Swing by to chat about the new year, and maybe even throw your hat in the ring for the Vice President spot!

**January 14th:** Rise and shine for a Coffee Chat from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Sip on some piping hot java, nibble on breakfast goodies, and dive into a networking fiesta at City Hall!

### **CITY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY**

🎂 A big happy birthday shoutout to School Resource Officer Ryan Hill on Sunday, January 4th! Anyone got a cane handy for the old guy? 😅 And let's not forget the fabulous Deputy Clerk Valerie Brightwell, celebrating her 2nd Anniversary on January 15th! How time flies! Give her a hearty cheer when you pop by City Hall! 🎉 Another round of birthday vibes goes to our trusty Public Works Superintendent, Daniel McCaleb, on January 23rd! He's been holding down the fort for ages, so let's make sure to serenade him with some heartfelt birthday tunes! 🎵🎂





## Who is the new face in town?

Trenton Lee has officially been sworn in as a Police Officer for the Hallsville Police Department. He graduated from Lincoln University on Friday, December 12, 2025. In addition to his role in law enforcement, he has served as a Military Police Officer in the Army National Guard since November 2023. Please join us in welcoming Officer Lee to the Hallsville community.

## Police Foundation of Hallsville with the Veterans Memorial Update

In the December newsletter, when the Police Foundation cheered about the monument being paid off, some thought the entire memorial was covered. Not quite yet, but we're almost there! We want to keep you in the loop about our progress and plans for 2026. Mark your calendars—the big unveiling is set for **November 11, 2026!**

A nice plaque at the memorial will honor our donors. For those who contributed but did not reach the higher donor levels, your name will be prominently featured in the ceremony programs. Interested in seeing your name in print or forever on the memorial plaque? Please contact City Hall to participate in this celebratory event for donors!

### Donation Tiers:

#### **Platinum Sponsor** (\$50,000 and above):

Recognition on the memorial plaque, mention in all press releases and promotional materials, special acknowledgment at the dedication ceremony, acknowledgment in the program booklet at the dedication ceremony, permanent acknowledgment in the New Resident Handbook from the City of Hallsville, and permanently on the City of Hallsville's Website.

#### **Gold Sponsor** (\$10,000 - \$49,999):

Recognition on the memorial plaque, mention in all press releases and promotional materials, acknowledgment in the program booklet at the dedication ceremony, permanent acknowledgment in the New Resident Handbook from the City of Hallsville, and permanently on the City of Hallsville's Website.

#### **Silver Sponsor** (\$5,000 - \$9,999):

Recognition on the memorial plaque, acknowledgment in the program booklet at the dedication ceremony, permanent acknowledgment in the New Resident Handbook from the City of Hallsville, and permanently on the City of Hallsville's Website.

#### **Bronze Sponsor** (\$1,000 - \$4,999):

Recognition on the memorial plaque and acknowledgment in the program booklet at the dedication ceremony, and permanently on the City of Hallsville's Website.

**Sponsor** (\$Up to \$999): Acknowledgment in the program booklet at the dedication ceremony.



**Total Cost of Project: \$125,800.00 - reflecting increases since the start of the project**

Paid as of the end of December 2025

\$59,600.00 - Black Granite Monument

\$22,000.00 - Call to Duty Bronze Statue

Still to pay:

\$33,000.00 - Remaining for Call to Duty Bronze Statue

\$11,200.00 - Foundation, benches, 3 flagpoles, flags, lights, and memorial donation plaque.

Plaque donors at the moment:

**Gold Sponsor:**

Police Foundation of Hallsville: \$49,754.95

Stafford Family Charitable Trust: \$15,000.00

**Bronze Sponsor:**

Grow Hallsville Parks Foundation: \$3,445.00

Hallsville Historical Society: \$3,099.00

Just Jeff's: \$1,200.00

Larry & Ruth Ann Douglas: \$1,000.00

Chariton Valley Corp: \$1,000.00

Shirley Bedsworth: \$1,000.00

Centralia VFW: \$1,000.00

Gary & Maury Banks: \$1,000.00

And don't forget the 26 other generous souls, chipping in anywhere from \$500 to \$20, all of whom will get a shout-out in the programs!

Raised for the Hallsville Veterans Memorial since May 2024: \$87,511.90.

Still to raise: \$38,288.10.

Balance in Veterans Memorial Account: \$5,911.90

### What's planned for the start of 2026?



Feeling lucky? On **Saturday, February 21st**, ante up with the Police Foundation at the Hallsville Community Center for a Texas Hold 'em showdown! Just pay at the door with a \$50.00 buy-in to join the fun. Rebuys are \$25.00, and you can stack up with add-ons too! 80% of all the poker action fuels the prize pot. Ready to test your poker face?



**BINGO!** You got it! Time for another thrilling round of Veterans Memorial Bingo! Join us on **Saturday, February 28th** at the Bob Lemone Building for an evening packed with Bingo thrills, tasty concessions, cash prizes, good friends, laughs, and charity. Could there be a better way to spend your night?