

CITY OF HALLSVILLE

TEXAS

November 2013

Citizen's Update

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Message From our Mayor



As I look out my office window it is partly sunny but if the weather forecast is correct, that should change in a few hours. It is already cold and windy and I am praying that we do not get debilitating ice. Our water guys have been working around the clock the past few days. The SCADA system is down and a new circuit board will not be in until Tuesday. The system monitors the levels in the water towers. They have to manually check and fill all of them. It's a tiring and cold job. With the temps so cold, we are concerned there will be water breaks and that means working out in the wet and cold. Please say a prayer for Rickey, Michael, Kevin and Aaron. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated guys. They never complain, they just get out there and get the work done.



A couple weeks ago, when we had that heavy rain, we had a major roof leak. What a mess! It was in our back storage vault and of course it was full. The employees got right on it. It took a couple of days of sorting, drying and tossing but most everything was salvaged. Thanks to H & C Sheet Metal, D&S Construction, All-Seasons A/C for getting out to take care of us so quickly. The vault is all repaired, loaded and organized. The next step is to figure out how to construct a new roof over the building. D&S is working on that so hopefully we will have that taken care of soon.



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Hallsville, TX 75650

Police Department:
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Hours of Operations:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Upcoming Events

Christmas Parade:
December 10, 6:30 PM
A Christmas Carol:
December 12 7 PM
December 14 7 PM
December 15 3 PM & 7 PM



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Continued....

There are lots of things going on in our community. New businesses moving in and new home construction continues. I am amazed at how much our City has changed in the last few years. I am still looking for volunteers to serve on a future growth/goal setting committee. I have 4-5 names and I will start calling on a few of you soon. We need to get this started in January and I would like to have 20 or folks on the committee. Please email me and let me know if you would consider serving, some of your background and experience, etc.

The holiday season is upon us. I want to encourage everyone to **Dine in and Shop in Hallsville!** We have almost everything you could need right here in our City. Stop and check our restaurants and retail businesses.

Our annual **Christmas parade is set for December 10 at 6:30 p.m.** One thing that will be different this year will be the lack of Christmas decorations on the electric poles along Highway 80 and FM 450. I've been in office for a little over 4 years and have gotten constant complaints about the old, ugly decorations that we put up each year. O.k. I hear you! They were bought used 30-40 years ago and have been repaired a gazillion times and they are still old and ugly. I am giving up and giving in and they are not going to be put up this year. I think the last straw was when they were taken down last year, most of the bulbs got broken and it costs several hundred dollars to replace them. Plus the ornaments that didn't light up were due to problems with the connections on the poles. After investigating and talking to AEP, we do not own those poles. They are all on State property and belong to AEP. They have allowed us to continue to use them 'as is'.

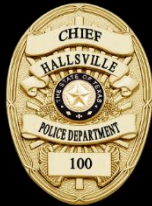
To replace ornaments, get permits, repair poles (that aren't ours) would cost into the thousands. The Beautification and Development Committee attempted to raise funds to replace the ornaments. They did receive a couple of thousand dollars in donations but that would not replace one ornament and pay for the repairs on the poles. In talking with one business owner, he has given permission to place a life-size nativity scene on his property. The B&D committee is in the process of purchasing one now but it will not be made and delivered in time for this Christmas season. If it is purchased now we have another problem and that will be storage. I will be talking to the company in the next week to see how much storage it will take. We may have to lease storage locally until more funds can be raised before storage building can be bought. Do any of you have any suggestions on how to get rid of the old decorations? I'd love to be able to sell them so we can use some of those funds for the above but we may have to be thankful if we find someone to come get them and take them off our hands! Let me know if you have any ideas.

As always, feel free to call me on my cell 903-806-4587 or email me jerrimedrano@hallsville.us

We are very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community. Hallsville citizens are some of the most giving people I have ever encountered. If they see or hear of a need...it's taken care of. Thank You! You are truly a blessing to others and I count you all as one of my blessings! **Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!**

You can now pay your
Water and
Utilities
Or Traffic Tickets
On line!





Update from Hallsville Police Department October 2013



CONTACTS 191
October 2012
113 Citations Issued
238 Contacts
78 WARNINGS ISSUED
191 VIOLATIONS
(Year to Date) 3307
(Year to date '12) 831

Montoya – 11 citations 2 warnings
Best – 39 citations 19 warnings
Treadwell – 0 citations 0 warnings
Phillips – 55 citations 38 warnings
Hawkins – 8 citations 19 warnings
Aldrete – 0 citations 0 warnings

INCIDENT REPORTS – 28

(7) WARRANT ARRESTS
(2) AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
(1) INFORMATION REPORT
(1) ASSAULT FAMILY
VIOLENCE

(1) SUPPLEMENT REPORT
(1) SUSPICIOUS PERSON
(1) BURGLARY OF VEHICLE
(2) POSSESSION OF
NARCOTICS
(3) THEFTS
(1) DWI

(1) EVADING IN A VEHICLE
(1) STALKING

Chief Montoya – 2 reports
Sgt Best – 6 reports
Detective Treadwell – 0 reports
Officer Phillips – 10 reports
Officer Hawkins – 4 reports

ARREST – 12

Chief Montoya – 0 arrests
Sgt Best – 4 arrests
Detective Treadwell – 0 arrests
Officer Phillips – 6 arrests
Officer Hawkins – 2 arrest

ACCIDENTS – 5

17 people involved
4 Injury accidents
GENERAL UPDATE
1) October 7th through the 9th, Chief Montoya attended Public Information Officer's training through LEMIT (Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas) in Huntsville, Texas.

2) October 14th through 18th, Detective Treadwell attended Basic Criminal Investigation, Crime Scene and Interrogation School at the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore, Texas.

3) October 18th, Officer Phillips with K9 Dingo, Sgt Best with K9 Bruce and Chief Montoya with K9 Marvin did a presentation for the boy scouts at the Methodist Church in Hallsville, Texas.

4) October 21st, Sgt Best trained and certified Reserve Officer Roel and Lakeport Police Department Officer Mat Allison on the TASER at the HPD.

5) October 23rd, all HPD officers were qualified on their firearms as required by law.

6) October 31st and November 1st, Chief Montoya attended GRANT writing school in Rockwall, Texas put on by Grant Writing America.

Dec 1	Tatum Sub Varsity Tourn	Away
Dec. 4	Tyler Chapel Hill	Home
Dec. 6-10	Spring Hill Tournament	Away
Dec. 11	Gladewater	Home
Dec. 13-15	Tatum Tournament	Away
Dec. 18	Nacogdoches	Away
Dec. 28	Rusk	Away
Dec. 29	Alumni Game	Home
Jan. 4	Whitehouse	Home
Jan. 8	Jacksonville	Away
Jan. 11	*Marshall	Away
Jan. 15	*Pine Tree	Away
Jan. 18	*Sulphur Springs	Home
Jan. 22	*Mt. Pleasant	Away
Jan. 25	*Texas High	Home
Jan. 29	*Marshall	Home
Feb. 1	*Pine Tree	Home
Feb. 5	*Sulphur Springs	Away
Feb. 8	*Mt. Pleasant	Home
Feb. 12	*Texas High	Away

Basketball 2013-2014



Hallsville High Theatre
Presents
Charles Dickens
A Christmas Carol
Come join us for the unveiling of
the High School Black Box Theatre
December 12th 7 PM
December 14th 7 PM
December 15th 3 PM and 8 PM