OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2019

CITY OF HALLSVILLE

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Holidays

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Several holiday events are happening soon in our City. These events are hosted by the Hallsville Chamber of Commerce and the First United Methodist Church. Show your support by attending these events.

Pictures with Santa and his Elf – hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, December 9th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Guaranty Bank & Trust. Free Hot Chocolate.

5K Turkey Trot – hosted by First United Methodist Church, November 28th. Sign up at fumchallsville.org.

Watch the City's Facebook page and City's Website for other happenings in the City of Hallsville.

PARK

Great news about the City Park! The City received a $75,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The City had to match it with $75,000 and was able to accomplish this through gifts from the Park Committee ($12,000), the Hallsville Lions Club ($12,000) and numerous donations from individuals. We had a group from East Elementary that raised money for the park, a girl that asked for money be donated to the park in lieu of birthday presents and some girls that had a lemonade stand to donate proceeds to the park. We can do wonderful things when we all work together!

Here are the scheduled changes to the park.

- The Public Works department put in a series of French drains to help with the drainage in the park. Thanks to the guys for all their hard work.
- There are two new pavilions with solar lighting. The pavilions can be reserved through City Hall for parties and events. It is no longer a first come, first serve situation.
- A new playground is coming with new swings. This includes ADA swings.

I hope the kids will enjoy the new equipment.

Be sure to thank your local Lions Club members for their donation and say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all the hard work our Park Committee has put in the last few years!

Road Projects 2019

Willow, Willow Creek Court and Branch. These streets were rebuilt with a grant the City received from Texas CDBG. The total grant for this project was $275,000 which included a $41,250 match from the City of Hallsville.

Young Road was rebuilt from Buchanan to Hwy 450 N. This project was done with an Inter-local agreement with Harrison County. A great big thank you to Commissioner Phillip Mauldin and the rest of the Harrison County Commissioners!

The Public Works department in, conjunction with Rayford Truck and Tractor, made major repairs to Waldron Ferry Road and Cider.

The City is currently pursuing a $646,000 grant from the Safe Routes to School Program to rebuild Cider, with drainage improvements, and the addition of a 12' sidewalk on the west side of the road. The sidewalk would be of great benefit to the students who walk from the High School. Even though we have made it past the first cut these grants are very hard to obtain so please say a prayer, cross your fingers or do whatever you do to help this come to fruition.

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A Note from the Mayor!

Hello neighbors! I hope everyone had a great summer and managed the heat. Hopefully cooler weather is on its way.

It was a productive summer for the city, and you can find information about road projects and the park renovations in this newsletter. There are several new restaurants and businesses in town. Be sure to support your local stores and restaurants!

A Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to do some long-range planning for the community. We have 40 members that have met numerous times and formed sub-committees to address different issues. I would like to say a big thanks to the members that are serving diligently to share their ideas on the direction of our City.

Several events are coming up within the City in the next few months. Several dates to remember:

- Western Days October 4-5
- Sesquicentennial October 25-27
  Hallsville's 150th Birthday party! There is a list of activities for this event in this newsletter.
- Christmas Parade December 3 @ 6:30 pm

I hope you can make it out for these events!

I wish everyone a great Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be careful if you are traveling and return safely to the greatest town in Texas.

GO BOBCATS!

Small Town Values in a Growing Community!

Jesse Casey

Christmas Light Up The Park

This will be our 3rd Annual Christmas Light up in the Park. Registration forms as well as Sponsorship forms and information can be obtained at City Hall or by calling 903-240-4438. If you or you know of a group, that would like to bring a little Joy by performing, please contact Rodney Blackwell at 903-240-4438. We will be flipping the switch on Saturday, November 30th at 7pm with the celebration running thru Christmas.

HALLSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Texas DOT has rezoned the intersection at Hwy 80 and FM 450. East bound traffic on Hwy 80 is again permitted in the inside lane. It was previously changed to a left turn only at the intersection. As of this time, the left turn only marking on the road remains but should be corrected soon by TxDot.

As the holidays approach, please remember to lock your vehicles and houses while away. Please do not leave any valuable items inside of unattended vehicles. If you plan being away from your home for an extended period of time, you may visit the city website or mobile app to request a vacation watch.

And please remember, be responsible and do not drink and drive. There are plenty of options in our modern world for alternate transportation.

Christmas Parade

The 2019 Lion's Club Christmas Parade will be Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm. For information please call Charlie Hunt at 903-387-8431.

Sesquicentennial Celebration

October 25-27, 2019
Schedule of Events

Friday Events

Historical Site open across from City Hall

Saturday Events

6-8am - Free Sawmill Breakfast at Gold Hall
10am - Parade
11am - Mayor Jesse Casey's Introduction of State Representative Louie Gohmert
11:30am - Performance by Bobcat Band & Friends
12pm - Birthday Cake Celebration at Gold Hall
1pm - Performance by Marty Byers & Friends
2-4pm - Little Miss Sesquicentennial & Jr Miss Pageants
4pm - Performance by Riley McNeece
5-7pm - Bobcat Band Boosters Spaghetti Dinner at Gold Hall
7pm - Headliner Performance by Bo Brumble

Sunday Events

8-9am - Community Wide Church Service at Noonday Holiness Camp

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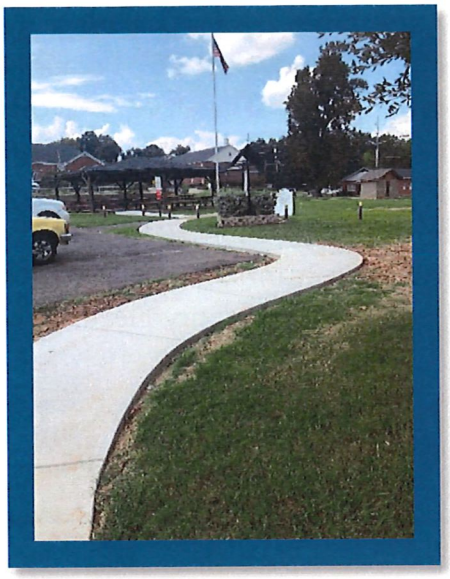
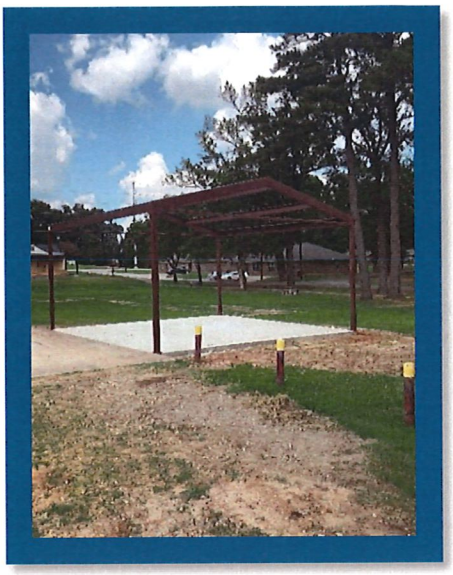
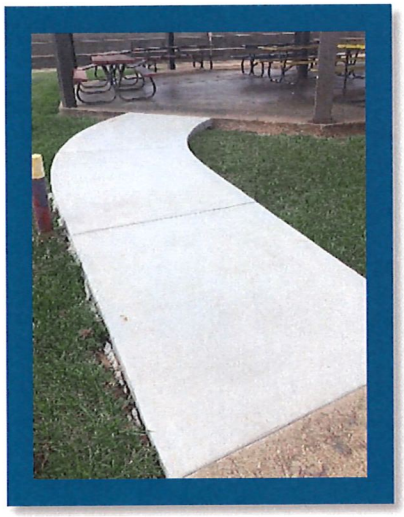
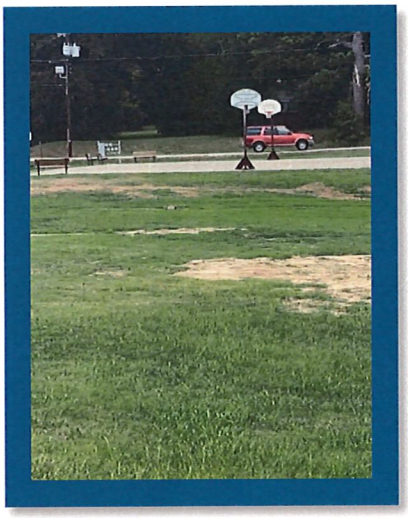
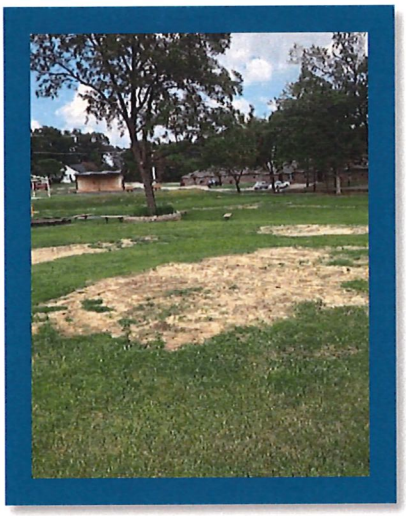




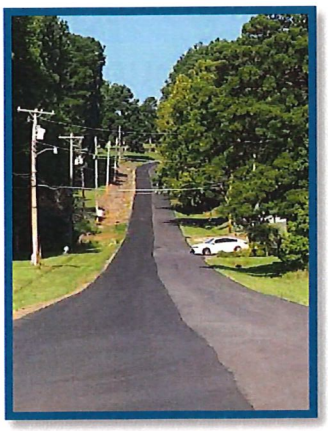
City Park (new sidewalks, benches, & pavilions)







Street Improvements



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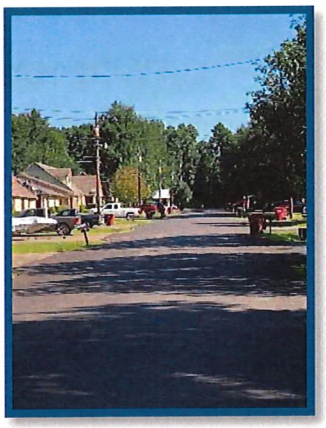

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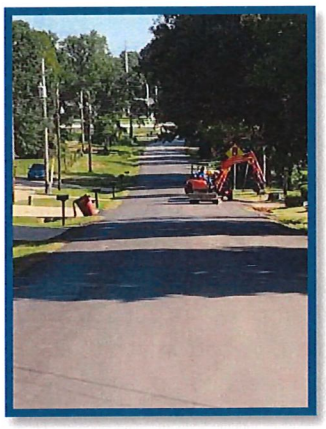

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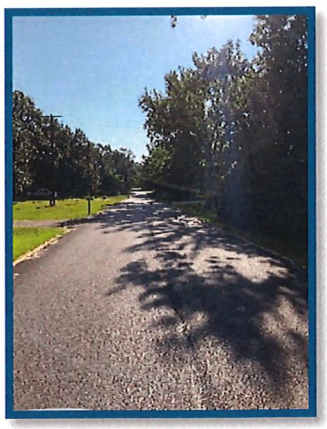

Young Road

CHIEF'S DESK

I hope everyone had a safe and fun filled summer. Now that school has begun please, be patient and courteous with other drivers so that everyone gets to their destination safely. Remember the use of wireless communication devices (cell phones) in a school zone is illegal, this includes sitting in the pickup lines.

With Fall approaching, we hope that everyone will join us for the annual Western Days parade and we also will be having the Sesquicentennial parade this year. These will be a great community events for everyone.

I would like to thank the citizens who have submitted tips to the police department. All tips are very much appreciated and helps to keep the community safe. You may submit tips using the Hallsville City App or website. You may also e-mail us at **hallsvillepd@hallsville.us** . Thank you for your continued support.

Chief Wesley Freeman

Election Information

The City is happy to announce we will be canceling the City General Election for November 5th because there are no opposing candidates. Therefore, Mayor Jesse Casey, Alderman Charlie Hunt and Alderwoman Lauren Bresch will be sworn in for another two years. There will still be an election on November 5th for Harrison County. You can find all the voting information on the Harrison County Elections Office on their website.

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46th ANNUALWESTERN DAYS

It's about that time again. Western Days will be held on October 4th & 5th. The parade will be on October 5th at 10 am traveling the same route as last year. There will be activities on October 4th and most of the day on October 5th. If you would like to be a vendor, you can pick up a form and pay the fee at City Hall. Deadlines for the Vendor Forms are 9/18/2019. If you have any questions, you can contact Kim Cotton at 903-736-4957. Watch the City's website and Facebook page for more information and activities.

CITY OF HALLSVILLE HOLIDAYS

The City of Hallsville will be closed to celebrate the following Holidays:

October 14th	Columbus Day
November 11th	Veteran's Day
November 28th	Thanksgiving Day
November 29th	Thanksgiving Friday
December 24th	Christmas Eve
December 25th	Christmas Day