FEBRUARY - APRIL 2016







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

Water Improvement Project

Phase 1 is finished and we have already started Phase II. The Project will take a few months to complete, so please be patient with the workers as they work toward improving our water system. Intermittent water outages may occur due to connecting new system. We are also improving drainage issues we have in various areas of the City. We are working hard to fix the water issues in resident's yards.



Early Warning Phone Apps

As the spring storm season approaches, please make sure that you have signed up for different early warning phone applications. We urge you to download certain weather apps on your cellular phone. If you are not sure how to do that, please come see us here at City Hall and we will help you. (KLTV 7 Weather, myEastTex, Weather Channel)







Harrison County ESD #5

HCESD #5 has completed construction of a new fire station on FM 2625, just south of FM 968. The new station is 7,200 square feet. It has 3 bays that will be filled with four new trucks. There is a small area for the fireman to sleep, eat, and shower. There is also a sitting area with a small office for the Chief. This location is primarily meant to serve the area South of I-20.



THIS IS GOOD FOR OUR AREA!!



City Offices and the Water Department will be closed on February 15, 2016 for Presidents Day and March 25, 2016 for Good Friday.

Alderman Packet's for the May 7, 2016 City General Election are available in the City Secretary's Office. All the information that you will need to run for office is in this packet.

Election Information

Three Alderman & Sales/Use Tax 1% Increase May 7, 2016

Early Voting: HISD Admin Building 210 Green Street Dates:

April 25 – May 3, 2016 This location is tentative. Watch our Facebook Page and Website for up to date information.

Election Day: Gold Hall 300 North Central Street May 7, 2016 – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

You must be registered to vote by April 7th to be eligible to vote at the May 9th Election. Contact Harrison County Elections Office @ 903-935-4822 or go online to harrisoncountytexas.org, click on Departments and click Elections. All the information is there for you.



Playground Equipment

The City of Hallsville has been working with a company that repairs Park Equipment. The City had the four animals (two horses, snail, and a lion) that are stationary on the merry-go-round repainted and repaired. After the merry-go-round is completed, all the animals will be back at the Park. The City has a long-term plan for making improvements to our Park. If you would like to see the work done on the animals, please stop by City Hall and take a look.



New Development Projects

The City of Hallsville is growing rapidly. We have two new residential developments in the planning stages. Scott Newland is currently clearing 40 acres just south of town on FM 450 to build a new residential neighborhood. Mr. Pike Blakely is also building a new residential subdivision on Galilee Road, across from the East Elementary School. This will be a gated subdivision with a horseshoe driveway. East Texas Professional Credit Union is building a new branch on West Main Street between El Sombrero and Fred's. This location will have a drive-thru and ATM. The City of Hallsville is pleased with the new developments that are coming to our community.



Hallsville Planning Commission



The City of Hallsville would like to welcome our new Planning Commission Members and Alternates that will serve: Members Pike Blakely, Skip Buchanan, JP Daub, Robert Kelsey, and Tommy Pool; Alternates Wayne Walker and Tommy Goforth. This Commission will recommend achievable community goals for long-range planning & development, recommend zoning, programs, and policies in achieving defined goals, and to help the public understand the plans, programs, and policies, approved by City Council. Members will serve for two year terms. These appointments will be effective February 1, 2016 and meetings will be held once a month. Please watch the City's website for all information regarding our new Planning Commission.



7th Annual Day in the Park FUN RUN April 16, 2016

10 am to 2 pm

The Hallsville Outreach Center is in the process of planning another great Day in the Park Fun Run. Please watch the City of Hallsville Facebook Page, the Hallsville Outreach Center Facebook Page, and the City of Hallsville website for updated information regarding this event.

Hallsville Outreach Center PO Box 1257 Hallsville, TX 75650 (903) 452–4188

hallsvilleoutreachcenter@gmail.com

4th Annual Spring Clean-Up Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 8am - 1pm

Trash Containers are provided by Sanitation Solutions and will be located in City Park.

Residents will be asked to show proof they live in the City Limits (Water Bill).

We <u>cannot</u> accept paint cans unless the paint remaining in the can has dried. We <u>cannot</u> accept batteries, chemicals, tires, shingles, paint, oil, or refrigerants. Bring us those large unwanted items you no longer need or want. There will be help at the site to unload. Any questions, please call Anita at 903-668-2313.



FIDELITY COMMUNICATIONS



Coming Soon! Even Faster Internet! Fidelity Communications' construction crews will be in the area building new and updating existing plant to provide services to a broader area and improve the services that can be offered. A door hanger will be placed on your door by Fidelity if they are in your area. Please be patient with them as they work to improve their systems. If you have questions, please call 1-800-392-8070.

The hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce is starting a new year with new ideas. A growning membership meets at 6pm the first Tuesday of every month at the Clay Medrano Meeting Room at the front of the Police Department. A Business Mixer is scheduled for March 17th at Guaranty Bank & Trust from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Come by and join in the discussion with business owners and citizens about ideas to get new family fun events for Hallsville. Annual fee for business owners is \$50 and for individuals is \$25.

Any questions, please call Gabby at 903-619-0251



Rickey Dugger's



30th Anniversary

Refurbished Merry-Go-Round Animals



A Note from the Mayor

Dear Community,

Lots of activities going on within our City. Community Folks are stepping forward to work and serve their home town. Volunteers are constructing an amphitheater, new subdivisions, planning committees, businesses opening, schools growing, and more. We are thankful for the Chamber of Commerce...business people working for the total good of everyone. A great spring is in the making!!

"Lucky Us - We live in Hallsville".

Steve Eitelman

Street Repairs

We know! We know! The weather is not nice to our streets. The City is fixing, not just patching pot holes. We have not stopped working! Dry weather and warm days help! You will continue to see improvements! The City is active, cleaning clogged ditches and culverts that back up water, which in turn, floods and deteriorates streets. Crews are working on these projects! Please be patient with our workers!





PO Box 899 Hallsville, TX 75650 PRESORTED
FIRST-CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
HALLSVILLE, TX
PERMIT #1

Community Amphitheater

A group of local citizens and business owners have formed a committee to build an amphitheater in the City Park. Tommy Pool of Pool's Chevron is the Chairman of the committee. This will be a great asset for our growing community and the City of Hallsville supports this project. The estimated cost of this project is \$18,000 to \$20,000 and will be totally paid for by contributions. Donations are appreciated and accepted to help build this great Park Project. Please contact Tommy Pool.



RICKEY DUGGER'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

January 20, 2016 marked the 30th Anniversary for Water Superintendent Rickey Dugger. Rickey came to Hallsville from Dallas at the young age of 23 and started working with Water Superintendent Frank Craig as an Assistant Water Operator. In December 2010, Rickey was promoted to Water Superintendent after the sudden passing of Frank Craig. Rickey has worked hard to protect the quality of your water. Maintaining this high quality is his prime concerned. Over the past 30 years, Rickey has been involved with different projects and watched our City grow. Congratulations to Rickey Dugger for his great success.