

# **AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2016**









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

# City's New Phone Application

The City has developed a new phone app that you can download onto your electronic device. It will be available around August 22th. The app was developed for citizens to have a quicker notification of severe weather, upcoming events in City, or other pertinent information. This app is linked to the City's Facebook page and allows you to receive updates. You are able to pay your water bill or your City citation with this app. This app is made to be at your fingertips for quick results. If you have any ideas of possibly improving the app, please do not hesitate to contact the Mayor or the City Secretary. This is how you download the new app:

- Go to your App Store and click on search
- Type in City of Hallsville Texas
- Click on Get, then click Install
- Once it's downloaded, make sure you click on get notifications.
- Now, you are ready to browse through the app.

If you have any questions or problems downloading the app, please come by City Hall and we will help.





City of Hallsville and Hallsville Water Department will be closed on September 5, 2016 in observance of Labor day.



### HOT... HUMID... HEAT



Due to the hot humid East Texas weather, make sure that you check on your neighbors and family. You should always drink plenty of fluids and take multiple breaks. Don't leave pets out in this heat and make sure that they have plenty of shade and water. Let's come together as a community and take care of each other.

#### Veterans Memorial

After much hard work and dedication, the Veterans Memorial is finished. A dedication was held on May  $30^{th}$  with guest speakers and residents present. If you haven't already seen it, go to the City Park to see Hallsville's Veterans Memorial.



All Gave Some, Some Gave All



### THANK YOU!!

The City of Hallsville would like to say thank you to Devin Anderson for painting the benches at City Hall and the tables at City Park, and Jacob Tefteller for doing the landscaping at the City Park. Both guys did this work for their Eagle Scout projects. It is great that Hallsville has motivated kids that are working towards greatness. Congrats to both!!





## CITY WIDE ZONING





Over the past few months, the City Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council have been working closely with Public Management, LLC on getting the City of Hallsville Zoned. On July 14th, the City Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing for residents to attend with questions or concerns. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved and recommended to City Council the Current Land Use Map. On July 26th, the City Council also held a public hearing for residents to attend with questions or concerns. The City Council adopted Zoning Ordinance 2016-06 and the Current Land Use Map.

Zoning is very important for the City of Hallsville and its residents. This will allow City leaders & Planners to control future development in our City. City leaders must consider availability of utilities and other infrastructure issues as we continue to grow. Zoning your property does not affect your property taxes. A request can be made to the Planning & Zoning Commission for rezoning any property. There will be a copy of the Zoning Map and the Zoning Ordinance 2016-06 on the City's Website, cityofhallsvilletx.com. If you would like a copy, due to the size of the Ordinance, there will be a charge for copies. Please come see the City Secretary for any copies of the Ordinance.

### **VOTE**

### ATTENTION VOTERS



At the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council has agreed to move the City's General Election from May to November starting in 2017. Moving the election to November will help reduce Election costs which in turn will help with the City's Budget, because the cost of the election will be split with the County. The Election will be moving from a Saturday in May, to Tuesday in November. The City will cover all the normal costs for ballot programming, and will share the costs of the equipment, labor, and supplies for the polling locations within the City's jurisdiction. Moving elections will help with a higher number of voters, which is very good for City's elections. Keep in mind, early voting and election day will be held at Gold Hall. Make sure you are registered to vote for each election for the City and Harrison County, and don't forget to vote!!

### **Community Amphitheatre**

Progress has started for the Community
Amphitheater. The concrete is complete and they have begun on the building. The project will continue as donations come in, because this project is made possible through the generosity of our citizens. Donations are appreciated and accepted to help build this great Park Project.
There will be a fundraiser held on August 13th from 8pm – 11pm at City Park. If you would like to donate, please bring your donations to Faron at City Hall. Let's make this another great project as Hallsville comes together as a community.









# VETERANS MEMORIAL AT CITY PARK





VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION ON MAY 30, 2016;

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RIBBON CUTTING FOR TWO NEW BUSINESSES—EDWARD JONES AND EAST TEXAS PROFESSIONAL CREDIT UNION



# A Note from the Mayor

Friends, sure is hot and dry around Hallsville. Please take care in the heat. Your City Water Department has been working overtime on heat related breaks, sewer and water. They are trying their best to not shut off water unless necessary. When the three (3) phases of the new water lines are completed, breaks will be something we won't be having. Plus, we will have improved water pressure. Don't forget the fund raiser in the park, August 13<sup>th</sup> – good music for a good cause. Many good things happening here in Hallsville.

"Lucky Us - We live in Hallsville".

Steve Eitelman

### Street Repairs

The City of Hallsville opened bids on July 7th, for repairs on three streets within the City limits. Willow, Galilee, and Branch Streets are due for major repairs. We are anticipating to have Galilee finished by August 19th. Please be patient with the workers as they improve our City streets. The money used towards these repairs will come from the Sales Use Tax increase that was voted on at the May 2016 Election. Watch for updates on the City's Facebook page and the City's New Phone App.





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#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce has had a busy few months. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, there was a ribbon cutting for the new Edward Jones office that opened at 328 West Main Street. They are located by Milano's Pizza and Marisol's. On July 8<sup>th</sup> there was a ribbon cutting for East Texas Professional Credit Union that opened at 802 West Main Street. They are located between El Sombrero and Fred's. The Chamber of Commerce meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. If you would like to become a part of the Chamber, please contact Gabby at 903-668-2313 or visit her at Hallsville City Hall.



#### **FIREWORKS**



Should we? Should we not? Ban fireworks inside the City limits of Hallsville. The City of Hallsville would like opinions of City residents and business owners if fireworks should or should not be allowed inside the City. It is important to the City to have the input of our citizens. We ask that you write an email or letter to the City of Hallsville marked "Fireworks".