



## HALLSVILLE NEWS & VIEWS

Educate yourself on what will be on the ballot  
April 2nd for the Municipal General Election!

### Know Your Candidates

#### Sample Ballot:

FOR MAYOR: two year term - (vote for one)

*Kate Boatright*

FOR ALDERMAN WARD I: two year term - (vote for one)

*Trynton L. Roberts*

*Philip Thunhorst*

FOR ALDERMAN WARD II: two year term - (vote for one)

*Krisan Lewis*

*Tony Lindsay*

FOR ALDERMAN WARD II: one year term - (vote for one)

*Brandon Bickhaus*



Learn about Proposition U: Local Use Tax: Funds Community Services | Generates Local Revenue  
**Not A Double Tax!**

#### What is a local use tax?

A Use Tax is a tax on the purchase of goods by Missouri residents from out-of-state vendors. Products **exempt** from the Sales Tax would be **exempt** from the Use Tax.

#### I already pay sales tax. Is this the same thing?

No. The sales tax applies to purchases made at local retailers within Missouri, while the Use Tax applies to purchases made from out-of-state vendors. Purchases **cannot** fall into both groups and **cannot** be taxed twice.

#### How can a Use Tax benefit my community?

As internet purchases increase, local revenues decrease. Funds generated from the Use Tax can be used to pay for vital municipal General Revenue services including: Roads, Community Centers, Parks, Public Works, Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance, Equipment, and Public Safety.

#### What is the rate of the Use Tax?

The local Use Tax rate is the same as the local sales tax rate of 2.625%. If the local Sales Tax is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local Use Tax shall also be reduced or raised by the same action.

#### Sales tax vs. Use tax

- The use tax mirrors the current sales tax and is not a "double-tax".
- The use tax would only apply on out-of-state purchases where no sales tax was charged.
- If you pay sales tax, you **do not** pay use tax and visa-versa; a consumer never pays both.
- Although the impact on purchasers is **minimal**, the impact on Hallsville would be significant.
- The sales tax rate is based on the point of sale; the use tax rate is determined based on the point of delivery.
- The local use tax would be added to current purchases that already are subject to State and County Use Taxes. The City is missing out on their portion.



#### Number of Municipalities Currently With a Use Tax

There are currently 291 municipalities in Missouri that currently have a use tax. Some of those cities include Columbia, Ashland, Clark, Mexico, Moberly, and Sturgeon.



Drumroll, please! Valerie Brightwell is back, and ready to rock as Deputy Clerk at City Hall! She jammed with us from August to December of 2022, then took a detour. But guess what? The grass isn't always greener on the other side, and she found herself missing our amazing employees at the City of Hallsville. So, like a boomerang, she's back in action, and we couldn't be more thrilled! Please give a huge welcome back to Valerie!

## February 2024

*Here's a sneak peek of February's calendar of events:*

- **February 7th:** Brace yourselves for some screeching because the storm siren is taking a test run at noon.
- **February 9th:** Time to celebrate! It's Mayor Logan Carter's birthday!
- **February 12th:** The Board of Aldermen is ready to rumble! A meeting is scheduled at 7 pm.
- **February 12th:** Make sure there's enough dough in the bank because ACH Payments will be cashing in for those automatic pay accounts.
- **February 12th:** Don't forget to pay those utility bills on time; you don't want to see a pesky 5% penalty added.
- **February 19th:** City Hall is taking a break to celebrate President's Day.
- **February 21st:** Uh-oh! If you haven't paid those utility bills yet, brace yourselves! A hefty \$35 non-payment fee will be added to any unpaid ones, and water shut-offs will begin. Eek!
- **February 29th:** Leap Year Day! So, let's add extra pep to our step and make the most of it!

## Calendar of Events

### Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce

Mark your calendars! The Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce is back in action on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. sharp at City Hall. They're on the hunt for a new Chamber President, and they're brainstorming like mad about 2024 events. Hey, if you're the next President in the making or you're a walking idea factory, this is your golden opportunity to join the meeting and share your brilliance!



### Grow Hallsville Parks Foundation

The Grow Hallsville Parks Foundation has some epic events lined up for 2024, and it all kicks off with a bang on **March 16th!** Weather permitting, there will be a **Clean up the Park Day** to prepare for the **Easter Egg Hunt** on **March 23rd!** Mark your calendars because on **May 18th,** they are prepping for the **2nd Annual 'Party in the Park'**, it's going to be one heck of a bash! Details are still in the works on what epic band will be performing and what mouth-watering grub will be available! There will also be a cornhole tournament and beer garden! Watch their Facebook page Grow Hallsville Parks Foundation and the monthly newsletter for event details to come!

### Police Foundation of Hallsville

**Save the Date! The 4th Annual Brews & BBQ is set for Saturday, September 28, 2024!**