



HALLSVILLE NEWS & VIEWS

What is on the April 8th Municipal General Election Ballot?

SAMPLE BALLOT

FOR ALDERMAN WARD I: one year term - (vote for one)
Alderman to be elected by write-in.

No candidate filed.

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

Trynton L. Roberts

FOR ALDERMAN WARD II: two year term - (vote for one)
Alderman to be elected by write-in.

No candidate filed.

Proposition U: Local Use Tax: Funds Community Services and Generates Local Revenue!

It is NOT a double tax!

A use tax is levied on purchases made by Missouri residents from OUT-OF-STATE vendors. Products that are **exempt** from sales tax are also **exempt** from use tax.

It is important to note that if you already pay sales tax, this is **NOT** the same thing! Sales tax pertains to purchases from local retailers within Missouri, whereas use tax applies to purchases from OUT-OF-STATE vendors. A purchase **cannot** be subject to both taxes, thereby eliminating the possibility of double taxation.

As internet purchases continue to rise, local revenue has not kept pace. The funds generated from the use tax are essential for financing vital municipal services, including road maintenance, the community center, parks, public works, vehicle and equipment maintenance, and public safety initiatives.

The local use tax rate would be the same as the local sales tax rate of 2.625%. Should voters decide to adjust the local sales tax rate, the local use tax rate would be similarly modified.

*There are currently **305** municipalities in the state of Missouri that have voted in favor of the use tax. Just a few of those cities that have a use tax are Booneville (in 2016), Clark (in 2013), Fayette (in 2013), Fulton (in 2020), Huntsville (in 2013), Kirksville (in 2013), Laddonia (in 2018), Laurie (in 2023), Macon (in 2019), Mexico (in 2020), Moberly (in 2013), Paris (in 2018), Rolla (in 2020), Russellville (in 2024), Sturgeon (in 2020)*

Sales Tax vs. Use Tax

- The use tax is in lieu of the sales tax; it is **not** a double taxation.
- The use tax applies exclusively to out-of-state purchases where no sales tax has been charged.
- If sales tax is paid, use tax is not applicable, and vice versa; consumers will never incur both taxes.
- While the impact on individual purchasers may be **minimal**, the impact for Hallsville would be significant.
- The sales tax rate is determined at the point of sale, whereas the use tax rate is based on the point of delivery.
- The local use tax will be applied to current purchases already subject to Missouri and Boone County use taxes, which means the city is currently missing out on its share of revenue.



Where is your polling place during the Municipal General Election?

Hallsville's sole polling place will be back at the Community Center located at 324 E Hwy 00 for the Municipal General Election! Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025!

February 2025

- **February 5th:** Emergency sirens are tested the first Wednesday of every month.
- **February 10th:** Accounts signed up for automatic withdraw payments for City water and/or trash will have payments removed from your account.
- **February 10th:** The Board of Aldermen has their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- **February 11th:** A 5% penalty is added to all water and/or trash accounts that are unpaid.
- **February 17th:** City Hall will be closed due to Presidents Day.
- **February 21st:** A \$35 nonpayment fee will be added to all water and/or trash accounts that are unpaid. Services will be discontinued. Needing help with your bill? Call City Hall before the 21st!



If you want your event in the City's News & Views please email the information to cityhall@hallsvillemo.org as soon as you have the event planned! Thank you!

City Anniversaries and Birthdays - February

Happy 1st Anniversary on February 8th and a Happy Birthday on February 20th to our sub crossing guard Daniel Anderson! Talk about a double treat—anniversary AND birthday all in one dazzling month! 🎉 Big high-fives to Chief Bryan Schultz, who kicked off his reign as the Hallsville Police Department's Chief six fabulous years ago on February 13th! 🎉 And let's not forget another sub crossing guard, Deborah Russell, who gets her birthday cheer on February 22nd! February 27th is a birthday bonanza with Alderman Brandon Bickhaus, Alderman Trynton Roberts, and Hallsville Police Sergeant Thomas Crawford all blowing out candles! Let the birthday shenanigans commence! 🎂🎉

WHO ARE THE NEW FACES IN TOWN?

Full-time Public Works Assistant Robbie Bradshaw



Before joining the City of Hallsville's Public Works Department, I worked in landscaping, lawn care, and pest control. These experiences gave me the chance to develop a strong work ethic and a practical skill set, but I was always looking for a position that allowed me to make a direct impact on a community. I decided to apply for the position with the City of Hallsville because I've always been drawn to hands-on work that benefits the people around me. I wanted to be part of a team that is focused on improving and maintaining the infrastructure of a community. The Public Works Department offered exactly that—a role where I could contribute in a meaningful way and be directly involved in shaping the environment of the city.

Since starting in this position, I've enjoyed the variety of hands-on opportunities that come with the job. It's rewarding to see the tangible results of our efforts and know that the work we do is directly benefiting the people who live here. It's a great feeling to be part of a team that has such a clear, positive impact on the community.

A little about my personal life—I was raised in Centralia by two deaf parents and grew up with a younger sister. Family has always been an important part of my life, and now I'm the proud parent of an eight-year-old son. He keeps me busy and brings a lot of joy to my life. I'm excited to be a part of the Hallsville Public Works Department and look forward to continuing to contribute to your community.

Part-time Police Officer Stephen Sherer



I graduated from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy in Jackson Mississippi along with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy in Charleston South Carolina. I worked full time for Oxford Police Department in Oxford Mississippi for 7 years where I served on the SWAT team and as a K9 handler. I later worked for the United States Probation Office in Bowling Green Kentucky for about 3 years.

I wanted the opportunity to continue serving my community along with continuing my training and education in law enforcement and I knew that the Hallsville Police department offered me a great opportunity to do just that! I grew up in a small town where everyone knew everybody and the community really stood behind local law enforcement. It is very apparent that this community is supportive of law enforcement and the community seems to be very connected and I love having the opportunity to serve a city that supports us!

Since I'm no longer in law enforcement full time, I now build houses for Anderson homes. As a hobby I love fitness, hunting and spending time with my family. My wife and I have been married for 8 years and we have a two year old daughter. My wife played soccer at Ole Miss and I grew up not far from the University so we are a big Ole Miss family and love Ole Miss football!!!

Increase in Trash Rates

With the recent 2025 contract renewal with Dayne's Waste Disposal, the cost of services will increase by **5%**. Regrettably, the City must pass this increase on to residents to ensure the trash fund remains self-sustaining. This adjustment will allow us to maintain all existing services, including residential trash pickup every Wednesday, dumpster services on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays, and bulky trash collection on the third Wednesday of each month. The updated rates will be reflected on your bill, which will be distributed on February 24th and will be due by March 10th. The new residential trash rate will be **\$16.59** if paid by the 10th of the month.

