

# ❖ CITY HALL NEWSLINE ❖

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## Is Bottled Water Worth It?

American consumers drank 8.6 billion gallons of bottled water in 2008, costing up to 1,900 times more than tap water and using up to 2,000 times more energy to produce.

Some companies have lured consumers away from tap water with claims of health and purity that are not substantiated by public data.

Tap water in the U.S. undergoes rigorous testing for contaminants. Every one of the nation's 52,000 water suppliers produces an annual water quality report that details the water source and pollutant testing results as required under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Consumers may not realize that many regulations that apply to municipalities responsible for tap water do not apply to companies that produce bottled water. The Environmental Protection Agency regulates tap water while the Food and Drug Administration regulates bottled water, which is considered a food, creating what some have termed a "double standard".

A related issue is the increasing concern about the environmental impact of plastic bottles. The Environmental Working Group noted that one study indicates that in 2006 Americans threw 36 billion water bottles away, creating an environmental and waste management challenge.

Excerpts taken from the Congressional Subcommittee Hearings and the KMU Dispatch Newsletter July 2009

## RECYCLING FACTS

It takes **over 1.5 million barrels of oil** to manufacture a year's supply of bottled water. That's enough oil to fuel **100,000** cars. (Earth 911)

80% of plastic water bottles that **could have been recycled** end up in a landfill. (Earth 911)

Plastic bottles take **700 years** before they begin to **decompose** in a landfill (Earth 911)



Please join us in welcoming our new Chief of Police, Steve

Lewis. Steve's first day was August 17th. He comes to us from Hugoton, Kansas where he has served as Chief of Police and Stevens County Undersheriff.

Steve and his wife, Kimberly, have one son, Matthew, who is a student at Seward County Community College. Hobbies that Steve enjoys are hunting, shooting and motorcycles. We are looking forward to learning to know Steve and his family.

## OLD SETTLERS WAS GREAT!!!

Thanks to EVERYONE for ALL YOU did to make Old Settlers a success!!



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**Last Day Swimming Pool Open**  
**Sunday, September 6**

**City Offices Closed for Labor Day, September 7**

**Main St. Sidewalk Sale**  
**September 12**

**Story Time begins**  
**September 15**

HALSTEAD  
FINE ARTS  
AND CRAFTS  
FESTIVAL



*Saturday, October 17*

*9 am to 3 pm*

*Halstead High School*

*520 W. 6th St.*

For more information

contact Beth Ann

Phone: 316-830-2515

E-mail: [bethann@realestco.com](mailto:bethann@realestco.com)

**MAIN ST. SIDEWALK SALE**



**Saturday, September 12**  
**9 am - 4 pm**



Bake Sales on Main Street are encouraged during this event!

Call Mary at 316-217-4996 for more information.

**PRE-SCHOOL  
STORY TIME**

At Halstead Public Library  
Begins  
Tuesday, September 15  
10:00 am



Shannon Millspaugh  
Storyteller

**The Biggest Little Chili  
Cook-Off in Kansas**

Downtown Halstead, KS  
Saturday, October 3

Just How Good Is Your  
Chili or Salsa?

Put it to the test and compete against  
the best! Join us for a fun day of chili  
cooking, chili tasting, salsa tasting  
and shopping.

For more  
information,  
contact  
Cory Harrington  
316-772-1902



**Single  
Stream  
Recycling  
Coming in  
October!**



Beginning October 9, 2009,  
each Halstead residence will  
receive a recycle cart. All  
recyclables will be placed in  
this cart - no more sorting!  
There will be no additional  
charge for this service.

Watch for details -  
to be released soon.

**Buy one green fee and your partner  
golfs with you for Free!**

Valid Monday thru Friday only  
Coupon expires 9/30/09

Must present coupon - no copies accepted

**Wedgewood Golf Course**

9007 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Halstead, KS 67056  
Course Superintendent, Doug Huebert



Visa & MasterCard  
Accepted

**CITY BURNSITE** is open  
every Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM.

- Items allowed are:**
- Grass**
  - Leaves**
  - Branches & Limbs**
  - Garden Debris**

Items must be emptied out of  
containers and containers  
must be removed from site.



**Blood Pressure Check At the Library**  
Every Tuesday, 1 - 2 PM

**September 2009**



**Burnsite Open Every Saturday**  
9 AM - 1 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
STORY TIME at the library every Tuesday at 10 am - Beginning September 15		1	2	3	4	5
6 Last Day Swimming Pool Open	7 City Offices and Public Library Closed for Labor Day	8	9	10 Golf Board Meeting 7:00 am, 240 Main	11 <b>Recycle</b>	12 Main St. Sidewalk Sale 9 am - 4 pm
13	14 City Council 7 PM	15	16 UTILITY BILLS DUE BY 10:00 AM	17	18	19
20	21 Planning & Zoning 7 PM	22	23	24	25 <b>Recycle</b>	26
27	28 City Council 7 PM	29	30			