

# ❖ CITY HALL NEWSLINE ❖

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## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CONGRESSMAN?



Tuesday, March 9  
 11 am - 12:30 pm

Congressman Tiahrt's staff will be at City Hall to listen to your questions and concerns.

## VITA

(Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

Trained volunteers assist low-to-moderate income taxpayers (generally defined as those with less than \$40,000 in total income).

**Handouts with details about hours and items you need to take with you are available at City Hall, Halstead Public Library and Neighbors.**

*If you want to volunteer to help, please call Marilyn Schmidt at 316-283-2890.*

## COMING EVENTS

Tiahrt's Staff at City Hall  
 March 9

Annual Statewide Tornado Drill  
 March 9

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 14

LIEAP Application Deadline  
 March 31

Harvey County Kid Fest  
 April 10

Annual Cemetery Cleanup Begins April 12

## SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

March 8 - 12, 2010

**The annual statewide tornado drill will take place on Tuesday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m., CST,** with a backup date of Thursday, March 11. Take advantage of this drill by testing your readiness.

The Kansas 2009 tornado year did not stand out in the historical database in terms of extremes. The 103 tornadoes reported remained above the 60-year average, but was close to the most recent 20-year average, and fell far short of last year's record 187 tornadoes. There were no violent (EF4-EF5) tornadoes in the state in 2009, and only two strong (EF2-EF3) tornadoes. Fortunately, there was no loss of life directly attributable to Kansas tornadoes in 2009, and only 6 reported injuries.

The Kansas tornado season ended early in 2009. No tornadoes were reported during the last four months of the year. In the past 60 years, only 11 other years have not had a tornado report after September 1st. August 2, 2009 was the last day with a tornado report when two tornadoes developed during the evening hours in southwest Kansas.

Kansans live with the threat of severe weather year round. Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week is the ideal time to prepare for severe weather. Families should practice their severe weather safety plan at home, work, school or other public locations that they frequent. They should develop a safety plan for times when they are participating in outdoor recreation activities, sporting events, or working outdoors. Each Kansan should know where to go should severe weather strike their location.

All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio is like having your personal tornado siren in your home or vehicle. We encourage Kansans to purchase a weather radio and have it programmed to their county and/or surrounding counties to receive severe weather warnings and information directly from the National Weather Service. Now is a great time to replace the back-up battery in your NOAA Weather Radio so that you get severe weather information even if the power goes out.

All information in this article was provided by the

National Weather Service.

Their website:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>

is a great source for weather information and teaching resources.



A brochure to help with preparation for disasters is available from the clerk's office at City Hall.

### 2009 Kansas Tornado Facts



Tornadoes	103	7 above the past 20 yr. avg. of 96
Deaths	0	
Injuries	6	
Longest Track	12.6 miles	Bourbon County, May 13, EF1
Strongest	EF2	Finney County, Apr 18 Stafford Cnty, June 15
Most in a county	11	Butler
Days of occurrence	24	Also called Tornado Days
Most in one day	21	June 15
Most in one month	46	June (4th highest total for any June)
First tornado of the year	Mar. 7	Reno County (4:13 pm CST, EF0, 1.32 mile length, 75 yard width)
Last tornado of the year	Aug. 2	Haskell-Seward Cnty. (8:50 pm CDT, EF1, 3.5 mile length, 75 yard width)



**Set your clocks ahead 1 hour**

**Daylight Saving Time begins March 14**

**THIS COUPON GOOD FOR ONE GREEN FEE FRIDAY WITH PURCHASE OF CART RENTAL**

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**REMINDER.....**

**LIEAP APPLICATION DEADLINE**



**MARCH 31**

Applications for assistance with energy costs through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program should be mailed in the envelope provided with the application form. Halstead Head Start, The Neighbor's Store and City Hall have applications available.

**Cemetery Cleanup Policy**

With Spring upon us, the cemetery cleanup policy is as follows:



- ◇ In order to mow the cemetery prior to the Memorial Day holiday, annual cemetery cleanup shall take place during the first week of April. During such time, all faded flowers and non-permanent containers and decorations will be removed.
- ◇ Additionally, ten days after Memorial Day, the cemetery will need to be cleaned in order to do summer mowing.
- ◇ Decorations in permanent vases will not need to be removed.



**STORM SHELTER.....**The basement of the First Mennonite Church, 427 W. 4th, is a designated tornado shelter for Halstead residents. Residents should enter from the door located at the NE corner of the building.




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

March 2010



STORYTIME At the Library every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 BURNSITE OPEN
7	8 City Council 7 PM	9 Todd Tiahrt's Staff 11 am - 12:30 pm	10	11 Golf Board Meeting 7:00 am, 240 Main	12 Recycle	13 BURNSITE OPEN
14 	15 Planning & Zoning 7 pm	16 <b>UTILITY BILLS DUE BY 10:00 AM</b>	17	18	19	20 BURNSITE OPEN
21	22 City Council 7 PM	23	24	25	26 Recycle	27 BURNSITE OPEN
28	29	30	31 <b>LIEAP Application Deadline</b>			