

◆ CITY HALL NEWSLINE ◆

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LEGISLATIVE COFFEE



Saturday, March 5
 8:30 - 10:30 am

Come Visit With Representative Schroeder at the Golden Harvest Restaurant

ANNUAL STORM SPOTTER TRAINING SESSION

Thursday, March 3
 6:30 pm

Santa Fe Middle School - Lindley Hall

Presented by The Wichita National Weather Service



Set your clocks ahead 1 hour

Daylight Saving Time begins March 13

COMING EVENTS

Representative Schroeder at Golden Harvest
 March 5

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13

LIEAP Application Deadline
 March 31

Harvey County Kid Fest
 April 2

Annual Cemetery Cleanup
 Begins April 4

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

March 7 - 11, 2011

The annual statewide tornado drill will take place on Tuesday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m., CST. In case of bad weather, the backup date is March 10, at 1:30 pm. Take advantage of this drill by testing your readiness.

As in 2009, the havoc caused by tornadoes was surpassed by severe thunderstorms which can pack winds over 125 mph and hail greater in size than a grapefruit. On September 15th, Kansas set a new record for diameter in regards to hail. The behemoth stone fell in West Wichita and the diameter measured a whopping 7.75 inches, easily surpassing the old record set in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Fortunately, 2010 was another relatively quiet year in regards to tornadoes across the state of Kansas. The state recorded 88 tornadoes, which is 28 above the average of 60 tornadoes since records began in 1950. However, Kansas was 8 under the 20 year average which is 96. On a side note, which county will be the first to reach 100 tornadoes since records began in 1950? It looks as though Sherman county currently holds the lead with 99 tornadoes.

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 All Hazards 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.

REMINDER.....

LIEAP APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 31

Applications for assistance with energy costs through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program must be received by March 31.

Applications are available on-line and at Halstead Head Start, The Neighbor's Store and City Hall.



2010 Kansas Tornado Facts

Tornadoes	88	8 below the past 20 year average
Deaths	0	
Injuries	0	
Longest Track	21.6 miles	Gove County, May 25, EF1
Strongest	EF2	Kingman Cnty, May 10
Most in a county	6	Gray & Scott
Days of occurrence	21	Also called Tornado Days
Most in one day	15	May 10
Most in one month	42	May (May 2010 ranked as 10th)
First tornado of the year	April 22	Kearny Cnty, 4:48 pm CDT, EF1, 9.4 mile length, 1760 yd width
Last tornado of the year	Sept. 25	Comanche County, 4:49 pm CDT, EFO, 0.49 mile length, 50 yd width

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answer the question below and receive \$5.00 off your utility billing!

Can leaves and yard waste be mixed with household trash?

The first 5 persons contacting City Hall with the correct answer will be given \$5.00 credit for the utility billing due March 15, 2011.

All City utility customers, who have not been a winner in the previous 6 months, are eligible. Call 835-2286 or come in to the Clerk's Office **beginning Tuesday, March 1**, with your answer.



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 at Halstead, Kansas
 to receive instant City news and updates as well as the weekly calendar.



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.



Wedgewood's Yearly Special

2011 10-Play Punch Cards

One/\$75; Two/\$140

Purchase Period: Now - March 31, 2011

Only 1 month remaining to purchase!

Playing Period: From Purchase - March 31, 2012

MAKES A GREAT GIFT!!!



Purchase now at the Course or City Hall
 VISA and MASTERCARD accepted for payment



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 2011



STORY HOUR
 at the library
 every Tuesday at 10 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Burnsite Open</i> 9 am - 1 pm Rep. Schroeder 8:30 - 10:30 am
6	7	8	9	10 <i>Golf Board Meeting</i> 7:00 am, 240 Main	11 Recycle Trash Pick-up	12 <i>Burnsite Open</i> 9 am - 1 pm
13 <i>Spring Forward</i> 	14 City Council 7 pm	15	16 UTILITY DUE BY BILLS 10:00 AM	17	18	19 <i>Burnsite Open</i> 9 am - 1 pm
20	21 Planning & Zoning 7:30 pm	22	23	24	25	26 Recycle Trash Pick-up <i>Burnsite Open</i> 9 am - 1 pm
27	28 City Council 7 pm	29	30	31 LIEAP application deadline		