

# CITY HALL NEWSLINE

A PUBLICATION FROM THE HALSTEAD CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
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Website: [halsteadks.com](http://halsteadks.com)

January 1, 2012

## Christmas Tree Pick-Up

On Tuesday, January 3, maintenance crews will begin picking up discarded Christmas trees. Please remove all decorations from the tree and place the tree at curb side.



### NO PLASTIC BAGS, PLEASE!

This is a one-time service for Christmas trees only.

No limbs or other trees will be picked up. All Christmas trees will be chipped and piled near the site of the composting facility near the wastewater treatment plant. The date that chips will be available will be published later. The mulch will be available to Halstead citizens free of charge.

**ROAD CONDITIONS**  
CALL 511  
OR CHECK THE WEBSITE AT

<http://safetravelusa.com>



## If You Smell Gas...

Or to report a gas emergency, exit the building and go to the closest phone. During business hours, call the City Clerk's office at 835-2286, after hours, call 911.



## COMING EVENTS

City Offices Closed  
January 2

Christmas Tree Pick-up  
Begins January 3

## WINTER DRIVING INFO

Winter driving conditions test our driving skills. Please remember to slow down and drive with extreme caution when roads become slippery. City crews will be out grading and sanding city streets whenever the need arises.

The Maintenance Department and the Police Department will work together to ensure safety and ease of traffic movement. In addition to the salting and sanding, we have a priority list of streets for snow removal.

### Priority 1 - EMERGENCY ROUTES

1. Main Street, Main Street Bridge to 4th St. (Business District)
2. 2nd St., Main to Halstead Rd. (Harvey County 801)
3. 6th St., Main to Halstead Rd. (Harvey County 801)

### Priority II - MAIN ARTERIES

1. Main St., 4th to 10th St.
2. 10th St., Halstead Rd. (Harvey County 801) to Hertzler Rd. (Harvey County 803)



## YELLOW DOT PROGRAM... how does it work?

A Yellow Dot sticker is placed on the outside of the driver's side rear windshield. Emergency first responders have been alerted to look for this sticker.

A medical information form (one for each person who frequently rides in the vehicle) containing current medications, medical conditions and emergency contacts is filled out and placed in a yellow envelope. This envelope is stored in the glove box of the vehicle. You should attach a current picture of yourself to the form for identification in case more than one person is riding in the vehicle so that emergency personnel can match the information to the person.

Kits are available at City Hall, the Police Department, and the Senior Center.



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answer the question below and receive \$5 off your utility billing!

### Where are City Council meetings being held while City Hall is being remodeled ?

The first 5 persons contacting City Hall **after 8 am on Tuesday, January 3**

with the correct answer will be given \$5 credit on their utility account.

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, **after 8 am on Tuesday, January 3,** with your answer.

December question: What is the City's website address: Answer: [halsteadks.com](http://halsteadks.com)  
Winners: Susan Ross, Carl Zrubeck, Chuck Bender, Donna Faelber, Angie Krehbiel



# WINTER RATES NOW IN EFFECT

Play one hole or play 36 holes  
And pay one flat per-day green fee

EFFECTIVE to April 1, 2012



## UTILITY BILLING PAYMENT OPTIONS

Have trouble remembering to pay your City Utility Bill by the 15th? You will never be late with your payment again if you join the Auto Debit Program. Payment is deducted directly from your checking account on the 15th (or first business day after if the 15th falls on a holiday or weekend). To sign up, come to the City Clerk's office or call us at 835-2286.



Payment is also accepted by MasterCard, Visa, or Discover debit/credit cards for any service offered by the City (including Parks & Recreation Department, Municipal Court, and Wedgewood Golf Course).



## COUNTRY DOCTOR HELPERS

FREE

Blood Pressure Check

1 to 2 p.m., Tuesdays

Halstead Public Library

## HarveyRx Prescription Discount Card

Prescription Discount cards are available to all individuals of Harvey County who are uninsured or underinsured. This program can save residents an average of 20% off of the full retail cost of prescription medications that are not covered under a traditional insurance plan, as well as some diabetic supplies. There is no cost for the card - just pick one up from the City Clerk's Office and present it at your pharmacy when picking up prescriptions. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card. Even some pet prescriptions qualify for the discount. For more info go to: <http://www.naco.org/programs/residents/Pages/PDCPForResidents.aspx>

## UTILITY RATE CHANGES



The following utility rates will change January 1, 2012, per City Ordinances. They will be effective with the utility billing due January 15.

- Water: The first 1,500 gallons remains the same at \$21.50. The per-gallon charge thereafter changes from \$.0080 to \$.0088.

- Wastewater: For the first 5,000 gallons of water usage, the wastewater rate will change from \$23.17 to \$23.87. For each 1,000 gallons thereafter, the rate changes from \$1.16 to \$1.20. Residential rates are determined by the average water consumption in December, January, & February.

There are no changes to trash or recycle service rates, storm water rates, or in the monthly overhead of the price of gas.

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

# January 2012

STORY HOUR at the library every Tuesday at 10 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 City Offices Closed	3 Christmas Tree Pickup Begins 	4	5	6 Trash Pick-up	7 Burnsite
8	9 City Council 7 pm	10 Story Hour Resumes 	11	12 Golf Board Meeting 7 am, 240 Main	13 Recycle Trash Pick-up	14 Open 9 am - 1 pm Every Saturday
15	16 Planning & Zoning 7:30 pm <b>UTILITY BILLS DUE BY 10:00 AM</b>	17	18 Library Board Mtg 6 pm	19	20 Trash Pick-up	
22	23 City Council 7 pm	24	25	26	27 Recycle Trash Pick-up	
29	30	31				