



City Clips



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** From the Mayor **

Water Supply Nitrates

Most of you probably know that the Haviland City water wells test well above Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) allowable maximum of 10 parts per million (PPM) for nitrates. Our wells are testing as high as 15 PPM; consequently we are under a mandate from KDHE to provide residents with water testing less than 10 PPM. As part of that mandate we installed the treatment system at the fire station, which many of you have been using. KDHE requires the City to provide water under 10 PPM to pregnant or nursing women and infants less than six months of age.

The treatment system at the fire station is a temporary solution to the nitrate problem. Our efforts to provide a permanent solution to the problem have included drilling a test well just northeast of town and sampling domestic and irrigation wells within several miles of town, thinking we might find a low nitrate site to drill a new City well. Unfortunately, we find the nitrate levels have increased over the last several years in the Haviland area, so a new city well is not the solution to the problem.

The alternative is a water nitrate removal process known as Ion Exchange (IE). The IE process is essentially a large filtering system which removes the nitrates from the water before it is pumped to the water tower. The system is very

expensive, estimated costs are \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 or more.

The city council met October with an engineer from Pratt to begin designing the system. We should have a design by December 6 and will decide then if we should go forward with the project.

Water cost in Haviland will have to increase to fund the treatment plant. The council approved a water utility price increase at the council meeting on October 4 of \$2.00 increase per month for the base fee (0-2,000 gallons), 30¢ increase per thousand gallons for the next 10,000 gallons, and a 70¢ increase per thousand gallons for all water in excess of 12,000 gallons. The new rate will go into effect on the January billing cycle.

Refuse/Garbage Disposal

Perhaps you have heard that the trash service provided by Kiowa County to Haviland will no longer be provided after December 31, 2010. According to the County Road and Bridge supervisor the trash service has been a yearly net loss to the county of \$15,000 per year. I attended the September commission meeting at which the commission voted to discontinue our service. I asked them to consider continuing the service but they refused to do so.

The city council has received bids for trash service from two companies from outside the county. The price of trash removal

for residents and businesses will basically double from the current \$5.00 per residence and \$15.00 per commercial dumpster to around \$10.00 per residence and \$30.00 per commercial dumpster.

We are accepting proposals to provide trash service, so if you are interested please contact Shari at City Hall.

Council meetings are open to the public. We meet again November 1 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be at the Haviland State Bank conference room (former District Office) due to the Community Room being set up for the November 2 election. Please come and give us your thoughts.



A husband, proving to his wife that women talk more than men, showed her a study which indicated that men use about 15,000 words a day, whereas women use 30,000 words a day. She thought about this, and then told her husband that women use twice as many words as men because they have to repeat everything they say. Looking stunned, he said, "What?"



♪ Recycle ♪

Just a reminder that recycling day is every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The truck is parked south of the old fire station.

E-mail Addresses Wanted!

A number of people responded to this after the last newsletter. Thanks to all of you that did.

Being able to send you the newsletter and other City information via e-mail would be much easier and the City could save a lot on postage.

All you have to do is send a short and simple e-mail message to cityhall@havilandtelco.com. Thank you!

Community Yard Sales - A Big Success -

The response to having a yard sale was amazing. There were 35 stops on the map, and there were also some who had sales that didn't call the office, so there may have been closer to 40 yard sales on August 28.

We will be doing this again next year on Thresher Show Saturday, so keep this in mind.

Automatic Water Payment

The City has recently established an agreement with Haviland State Bank so that you can authorize payment of your



water/sewer/trash utility bill through your checking account or savings account. This is a free service to our customers. You can bank anywhere in the country and take advantage of this service. If you are interested, please fill out the form on page 4 and return it, along with a voided check or deposit slip to the city office

Places to Eat

Haviland has a variety of places to satisfy your need for food and beverage.

Dolly's Diner is open 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, and is closed on Monday.

Vic's Hardware and Convenience Store is open from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

Origin's Coffeehouse is open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

The **Bear's Den** on the Barclay College campus is open 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Double Yellow Lines

"J" turns continue to be a problem on Main Street. In case you hadn't noticed, double yellow lines remain on the first and second blocks of north Main Street. These were added in an attempt to keep people from making "J" turns in front of businesses, and also from making "J" turns when backing out of a parking space. Both turns are dangerous to traffic and pedestrians. Please use caution when parking on Main Street, and avoid making "J" turns.

No Smoking Signs Available

The City office was able to order plastic, stick-on, no smoking signs from the state. There are two sizes: 4" x 6" and 5½" x 8". If you would like some of these, please stop by the office.



A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas Cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk? "Oh, my goodness! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 20 Methodist, 20 Friends, 10 Baptist, and 5 Presbyterian."



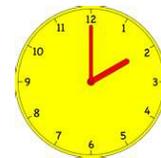
Keep Streets Clean

When mowing grass, raking leaves, trimming bushes, please don't allow grass clippings, leaves, etc. to end up in the street. These items will find their way into the storm sewer and often causes clogs. Thank you for your help with this.



Time Change

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m., Sunday, November 7. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed.



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Thoughts for the Day

- Working mothers are guinea pigs in a scientific experiment to show that sleep is not necessary to human life.
- I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
- Sometimes I'll look down at my watch three consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
- You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.

If you have questions, needs, concerns, complaints or anything that warrants the council's attention, please contact the City Office at 620-862-5317, or

cityhall@havilandtelco.com.

For water or sewer emergencies, contact Wes Jantz at 620-862-5601.

If you plan to do any digging, contact 1-800-DIG-SAFE (344-7233) before you dig.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 1, 2010

HAVILAND STATE BANK

CONFERENCE ROOM

PUBLIC WELCOME!



TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2010

COMMUNITY ROOM

7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

!!! VOTE !!!