



City Clips



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*** Mayor's Musings ***

On March 18, I was the host of a "Meet the Candidates" forum to introduce the people that have filed for the three vacant City Council seats to be filled in the upcoming April 2 election. Approximately 25 voters came out to ask questions. The question that appeared to be the most important was the appearance of the City when strangers come into town. It seems that some of us who live here tend to get used to things that need to be cleaned up or changed and we just accept it. As I have said before, we cannot legislate pride.

I would ask you again, when you drive up to your home or other property that you own, try to look at it from your neighbor's or a stranger's point of view. The City has a clean-up day where we haul many truckloads of stuff to the dump. Barclay College has a "Make-a-Difference Day" which includes hauling away more truckloads, and the painting of several houses. Both of these actions help make things look better but I think we should each look around and see what we can do on our own.

As usual, we talked about cats and dogs. Since we do not have a dog pound that meets state requirements we are unable to pick up animals that are running loose. We do have an ordinance in place that addresses dangerous dogs. If a dog is off it's own property, not on a leash and threatening you or someone in your family you should go to City Hall, request a complaint form, sign it and the dog owner will receive a summons and be required to appear in municipal court. We also have a new compliance officer that can help you out. You can call the City Hall and get his name and number from Shari. All dogs and cats are required to have a license and have proof of vaccinations. We have an upcoming "Pet Clinic". The time and place can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and you will also be notified by a mailing.

It was brought up about bringing new businesses to town. Again, I would encourage you to try to shop at home first and support the local businesses we already have.

If you have a problem or complaint you can call, e-mail or stop me on the street. My telephone number and e-mail are also listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Robert Ellis

*** R/O WATER AT THE FIRE STATION ***

WHEN GETTING WATER,

PLEASE PARK DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE R/O STATION.

DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF OR BLOCK THE FIRE STATION DOORS!!!

Kansas 2013 Drought update – Kansas Water Office - March 14, 2013

- The Governor's Executive Order 12-10 (July 25, 2012) remains in effect. All 105 counties are under state Drought Emergency. Citizens are asked to take steps to reduce water usage as well as be conscious of fire hazards.
- The City received a letter from Governor Brownback dated December 21, 2012 asking that we evaluate our water supply, put drought emergency steps in place, and submit a Water Conservation Plan to the state. We were able to respond that this had already been done with Water Drought Emergency Ordinance No. 351 and a Water Conservation Plan (submitted to and approved by the state), both being approved in June of 2012.
- With all the moisture, the latest Drought Monitor shows some improvement across Kansas. Extreme drought now covers 64.62 percent of the state (which includes Kiowa County), while just over 21 percent of the state continues in exceptional drought. All of the state is still in moderate drought or worse.

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 cause clogs. Thank you for your help with this.

Siren Testing

Kiowa County will be testing the storm sirens every Saturday at 12:30 p.m. for 30 seconds, except as follows:

- A Severe thunderstorm or tornado watch or warning is in effect at the time of the test, or has been in effect within six hours preceding the time of the test.
- Severe weather is forecast for any period up to 6:00 p.m. the day of the test.

Automatic Water Payment

The City has an agreement with Haviland State Bank so that you can authorize payment of your water/sewer/trash utility bill through a checking 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 interested, call or e-mail the office, and the form will be sent to you.

Email Addresses

Please send us your e-mail address so that notifications about the current newsletter and other City notices and information can be sent to you electronically. This really cuts down on the cost of postage and paper. Send your request by an email to cityhall@haviglandtelco.com.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED. PUBLIC WELCOME!

Local Haviland Weather

Did you know that you could find out Haviland weather by just dialing a local number? That number is 862-6000. It will tell you the time, temperature, humidity, wind, wind chill, precipitation for the day, and barometric pressure. Try it out!

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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 send an email to cityhall@haviglandtelco.com. For water or sewer emergencies, contact Wes Jantz at 620-546-5601. If you plan to do any digging, contact 1-800-DIG-SAFE (344-7233) before you dig.

CITY OF HAVILAND

Robert Ellis, Mayor

Council Members

Kay Unruh Dwight Smitherman
Don Chenoweth Steve Larsh
Ed Davis

Wes Jantz, City Superintendent
Shari McAfee, City Clerk,
Millie Hannan, Treasurer

"J" Turns

"J" turns continue to be a problem on Main Street. There are double yellow lines and NO J TURN signs on the first and second blocks of north Main Street. These were added 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. With addition of the signs, you can be ticketed. Please use caution, obey the signs, and stop making "J" turns.

Nisly Trash Service

Trash carts need to be set out by 7:00 a.m. each Wednesday, carts positioned with arrows on the lid facing the street.

Recycling is the 4th Wednesday of each month. These carts are collected later on that day, but should be out by 8:00 a.m. Again, position the cart so that the arrows on the lid are facing the street.

If you have both trash and recycling, the carts need to be placed at least five feet apart, and not put next to a vehicle or any other obstacle. Do not leave emptied carts on the street.

If your trash or recycling is not collected, please call or email the office as soon as possible. Leave a phone message if calling before 10:00 a.m.

Trash will be collected on all holidays that occur on Wednesday with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Recycle

The Kiowa County Solid Waste Department now has a recycle trailer for cardboard and carts for other recyclables located behind Haviland Care Center 24/7. **THIS IS FOR RECYCLE ONLY, NO TRASH!**

Mini Minutes

*January 7, 2013

Morgan Silva gave her verbal resignation.

Smitherman motioned to adopt *Dangerous Dog Ordinance No. 355*. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.

Smitherman motioned to approve Ann Dixson as Municipal Judge; VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt as accountants; Haviland State Bank as official bank; and The Kiowa County Signal as the official newspaper for 2013. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.

Smitherman motioned to renew membership to the Kiowa County Chamber of Commerce. Chenoweth seconded. Unanimous.

*February 4, 2013

McAfee reported that Silva sent a written letter of resignation with a two-week notice, ending January 23, 2013.

A request was made that the City provide electricity at the designated truck parking areas. The City is not required by law to provide electricity. Request denied.

Smitherman motioned to hire Joel Halverstadt for the position of Code Enforcement Officer. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.

*March 4, 2013

Larsh motioned to raise the cost of bulk rate water from \$1.00 per thousand gallons to \$2.00 per thousand gallons. Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Council discussed replacing the large doors on the maintenance shop. Jantz reported that the motor on the north siren had quit.

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City Utility Bill

Your City utility bill is due on the 20th of each month. Delinquent notices are sent on the 21st. Delinquent bills are charged a 10% penalty on the unpaid balance. Service will be terminated if payment or payment arrangements are not made within seven days. A reconnect fee of \$12.50 will be assessed if service is interrupted.



A priest is talking to a little boy at the end of the day's service. "So your Mom says prayers with you before you go to sleep. What prayer does she say?" The boy responds, "Well, usually she just says, thank God he's in bed."



JD's Barbecue
in Haviland on Thursday
the first full week
of each month, located on
Main just north of the bank.
Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Places to Eat

Haviland Hardware and Grocery is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, and is closed on Sunday. Daily lunch specials including soups, sandwiches and full meals are now available.

Origins Coffeehouse is open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, and is closed on Sunday.

The Bear's Den on the Barclay College campus is open 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. every evening during the school year. Summer hours are 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every evening.

MAIN STREET SPEED LIMIT 20 MPH

Concerned citizens and the City ask that you comply with the posted speed limit on Main Street. Driving over the limit is a danger to pedestrians and other drivers.

**** PLEASE SLOW DOWN! ****

City Web Site

The City now has it's own web site, www.haviglandks.com. Still in the building process, you will need to visit often to see what has been added or changed. It includes a home page, city and community information, a community calendar, history, contact page, and links to other local sites. Check it out!

Publishing of Ordinances and Resolutions

We are required to publish all new ordinances and resolutions in the City's designated newspaper, which is the Kiowa County Signal. Many of you do not take the paper, so with the quarterly newsletter, we now have another way to publish these items.

ORDINANCE NO. 355

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, LICENSING AND KEEPING OF DANGEROUS DOGS AND ANIMALS HAVING POISONOUS BITES, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words, terms, and phrases, and their derivations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a) "Animal Control Officer" means any person employed or appointed by the City of Haviland who is authorized to investigate and enforce violations relating to animal control or cruelty under the provision of this ordinance.
- b) "Dangerous dog" means any dog that, because of its aggressive nature, training or characteristic behavior, presents a risk of serious physical harm or death to human beings, or would constitute a danger to human life, physical well being, or property if not kept under the direct control of the owner. The term "dangerous dog" includes any dog that:
 - 1) Has aggressively bitten, attacked, endangered, or inflicted severe injury on a human being on public or private property, or when unprovoked, has chased or approached a person upon the street, sidewalks, or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack;
 - 2) Has more than once severely injured or killed a domestic animal while off the owner's property; or
 - 3) Has been used primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting, or is a dog trained for dog fighting.
- c) "Direct control" means immediate, continuous physical control of a dog such as by means of a leash, cord, secure fence, or chain of such strength to restrain the dog and controlled by a person capable of restraining the dog, or safe and secure restraint within a vehicle.
- d) "Muzzle" means a device constructed of strong, soft material or of metal, designed to fasten over the mouth of an animal to prevent the animal from biting any person or other animal.
- e) "Animals having poisonous bites" means any animal of any species that has a poisonous bite.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING A DOG DANGEROUS. Any adult person may request that a dog be classified as dangerous as defined herein by submitting a written complaint. Upon receipt of such complaint, the Animal Control Officer shall notify the owner, keeper or harbinger of the dog that a complaint has been received and that an investigation into the allegations set forth in the complaint will be conducted and the Animal Control Officer will conduct such. At the conclusion of an investigation, the Animal Control Officer may:

- a) Determine that the dog is not dangerous.
- b) Determine that the dog is dangerous and order the owner, keeper or harbinger, to comply with the requirements for keeping dangerous dogs as set forth herein.

SECTION 3. NOTIFICATION OF DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION.

- a) Within five (5) business days after declaring a dog dangerous, the Animal Control Officer shall notify the owner, keeper or harbinger, by certified mail of the dog's designation as a dangerous dog and any specific restrictions and conditions for keeping the dog as set forth in this ordinance. Such notification shall also describe the dog.
- b) The notice shall inform the dog owner, keeper or harbinger, that he or she may request, in writing, a hearing in the Municipal Court to contest the Animal Control Officer's finding and designation. Said written request for a hearing must be delivered to the Haviland City office, 109 N. Main, Haviland, Kansas within five (5) business days after delivery of the dangerous dog declaration notice.

SECTION 4. HEARING ON DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

- a) The Animal Control Officer shall notify owner, keeper or harbinger and complainant of the hearing time and date, by any effective means.
- b) At a hearing, all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to present evidence on the issue of the dog's dangerousness. Criteria to be considered in a hearing shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - 1) Provocation;
 - 2) Severity of attack or injury to a person or domestic animal;
 - 3) Previous aggressive history of the dog;
 - 4) Observable behavior of the dog;
 - 5) Site and circumstances of the incident; and
 - 6) Statements from interested parties.
- c) A determination at a hearing that the dog is in fact a dangerous dog as defined herein shall subject the dog and its owner to the provisions of this ordinance.
- d) Failure of the dog owner to request a hearing shall result in the dog being finally declared a dangerous dog and shall subject the dog and its owner to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. KEEPING OF DANGEROUS DOGS AND ANIMALS HAVING POISONOUS BITES.

- a) **Leash and Muzzle.** No person shall permit a dangerous dog to go outside its kennel or pen unless such dog is securely leashed with a leash no longer than four (4) feet in length. No person shall permit a dangerous dog to be kept on a chain, rope or other type of leash outside its kennel or pen unless a person is in physical control of the leash. Such dog may not be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts, buildings, etc. In addition, a dangerous dog on a leash outside the animal's kennel must be muzzled by a muzzling device sufficient to prevent such dog from biting persons or other animals. No person shall permit an animal having poisonous bites to go outside of its cage.
- b) **Confinement.** All dangerous dogs and other animals having poisonous bites shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen, kennel or cage, except when leashed and muzzled as above provided. Such pen, kennel or structure must have secure sides and a secure top attached to the sides. All structures used to confine dangerous dogs and animals having poisonous bites must be locked

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with a key or combination lock when such animals are within the structure. Such structure must have a secure bottom or floor attached to the sides of the pen, or the sides of the pen must be embedded in the ground no less than two (2) feet. All structures erected to house dangerous dogs and animals having poisonous bites must comply with all zoning and building regulations of the City. All such structures must be adequately lighted and ventilated and kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

- c) **Confinement Indoors.** No dangerous dog or animals having poisonous bites shall be kept on a porch, patio or in any part of a house or structure that would allow the animal to exit such building on its own volition. In addition, no such animal may be kept in a house or structure when the windows are open or when screen doors are the only obstacle preventing the animal from exiting the structure.
- d) **Identification Photographs.** All owners, keepers or harbors of dangerous dogs, and animals having poisonous bites must provide to the Haviland City Clerk two (2) colored photographs of the animal clearly showing the color and approximate size of the animal.

SECTION 6. PERMIT AND TAG REQUIRED FOR A DANGEROUS DOG.

- a) The owner of a dangerous dog shall, within ten (10) business days after the classification of the dog as dangerous or upon acquisition of such a dog, obtain an annual permit from the City to harbor the dog. The fee for such permit shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per year.
- b) At the time the permit is issued, a red rectangular tag shall be issued to the owner of the dangerous dog. The tag shall be worn at all times by the dog to clearly and easily identify it as a dangerous dog.
- c) The permit for maintaining a dangerous dog shall be presented to an Animal Control Officer upon demand.

SECTION 7. DESTRUCTION

- a) The Animal Control Officer or his designee may order the destruction of a dog that it determines to be extremely dangerous to public health or safety, a dog that has made an extremely vicious attack upon an individual, or a dog declared dangerous whose owner, keeper or harbors is unable or unwilling to adequately restrain it.
- b) The Animal Control Officer or his designee shall give written notice by any effective means to the owner, keeper or harbors of intention to destroy such dog. The owner, keeper or harbors may request the Municipal Court order the dog not be destroyed, in writing. Said written request a dog not be destroyed must be delivered to the Haviland City office, 109 N. Main, Haviland, Kansas, within ten (10) business days after delivery of such notice.
- c) The Animal Control Officer shall notify the owner, keeper or harbors and complainant of the hearing time and date, by any effective means.
- d) At a hearing, all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to present evidence on the issue of the dog's dangerousness. Criteria to be considered in a hearing shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - 1) Provocation;
 - 2) Severity of attack or injury to a person or domestic animal;
 - 3) Previous aggressive history of the dog;
 - 4) Observable behavior of the dog;
 - 5) Site and circumstances of the incident; and
 - 6) Statements from interested parties.
- e) If no hearing is requested pursuant to subsection b), the dog shall be destroyed pursuant to applicable provisions of law.
- f) If a hearing is requested the dog shall not be destroyed prior to the conclusion of the hearing.

SECTION 8. It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper or harbors of a dangerous dog and animals having poisonous bites within the City of Haviland to fail to comply with the requirements and conditions set forth in this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Should any person fail to comply with this ordinance the Animal Control Officer may file a complaint in the Municipal Court against such person or persons and upon conviction of any violation of this ordinance, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as follows:

- a) For the first offense, a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00);
- b) For the second offense, a fine of not less than Five hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00);
- c) For the third offense, a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

In addition, the court shall order the registration of the subject dangerous dog and animals having poisonous bites revoked, and the animal removed from the City. Should the owner, keeper or harbors refuse to remove the animal from the City, the Municipal Court Judge shall find the owner, keeper or harbors in contempt and order the immediate confiscation and impoundment of the animal. Each day that a violation of this ordinance continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any person who violates this ordinance shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food, handling, veterinary care and treatment necessitated by the enforcement of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All other ordinances of the City of Haviland that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 11. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 12. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official City newspaper.

Passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor this 7th day of January 2013.

THE BURN PILE LOCATED AT THE DISPOSAL PLANT IS FOR BRUSH AND LIMBS ONLY! WHOLE TREES NEED TO BE CLEANED OF DIRT, ROCKS, ETC. BEFORE BRINGING TO THE PILE. ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH, CONSTRUCTION TRASH, METAL, APPLIANCES, CONCRETE, CARPET, DIRT, ROCKS, ETC.! THIS SITE IS ROUTINELY INSPECTED BY THE STATE AND MISUSE COULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF OUR PERMIT. THANK YOU.



Noah's Ark in Today's Society...

The Lord speaks to Noah and says: "In one year, I am going to make it rain and cover the whole Earth with water until all is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on the Earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark." In a flash of lightning, God delivered the specifications for an Ark. "Remember," said the Lord, "You must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year."

Exactly one year later, a fierce storm cloud formed and all the seas of the Earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw Noah sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah." He shouted, "Where is the Ark?" "Lord, please forgive me!" cried Noah. "I did my best but there were big problems.

- ❖ "First, I had to get a permit for construction and your plans did not comply with the codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans.
- ❖ "Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system and floatation devices.
- ❖ "Then my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission.
- ❖ "I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl. I finally convinced the U.S. Forest Service that I needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me catch any owls. So, no owls.
- ❖ "The carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Union. Now I have 16 carpenters on the Ark, but still no owls.
- ❖ "When I started rounding up the other animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me only taking two of each kind aboard.
- ❖ "Just when I got the suit dismissed, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the universe.
- ❖ "Then the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed new flood plain. I sent them a globe.
- ❖ "Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking godless, unbelieving people aboard!
- ❖ "The IRS has seized all my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes.
- ❖ "I just got a notice from the State that I owe some kind of user tax and failed to register the Ark as a 'recreational water craft.'
- ❖ "Finally the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it is a religious event and therefore unconstitutional.

"I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another five or six years!" Noah wailed.

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully. "You mean you are not going to destroy the Earth, Lord?" "No." said the Lord sadly. "The government already has!"



Public Agenda Items

If you have a request or concern and would like to be included on the council agenda, please submit a written request ten (10) days prior to the meeting you want to attend. Meetings are the first Monday of each month.

Pet Clinic

It is time for renewing cat and dog licenses/tags. The annual pet clinic, sponsored by South Fork Veterinary Clinic from Pratt, will be held Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the fire station. All vaccinations will be available.



Blonde Men Jokes

A friend told the blonde man: "Christmas is on a Friday this year." The blonde man then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

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A blonde man spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND". He spends the next two hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.



Water Quality Report

We are no longer required by the Kansas Rural Water Association to mail the annual Water Quality Report. Access to the 2012 report is now available with a click on www.krwa.net/ccr/haviland or you can call or stop by the City office and request a copy.

SCCF Grant

The City's Beautification Committee recently received a \$1,250.00 grant from South Central Community Foundation. This money will be used to purchase furniture (already in place), landscaping and a sign, all for the new patio north of Origin's.

Nitrate Quarterly Report

DRINKING WATER WARNING

CITY OF HAVILAND Water Has High Levels of Nitrate

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER SIX MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

Water sample results collected 3/5/2013 from Well #1 showed nitrate levels of 13 mg/L (which is up from 12 last quarter), Well #2 showed nitrate levels of 13 mg/L (which is the same as last quarter), and Well #3 showed nitrate levels of 14 mg/L (which is down from 15 last quarter). This is above the federal nitrate standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 mg/L. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

What should I do?

- ❖ **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.* Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.
- ❖ Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.
- ❖ **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.
- ❖ Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can). However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We'll let you know when the amount of nitrate is again below the limit.

What is being done? Oscar Ebert continues to install reverse osmosis systems in homes and businesses. These are being installed at no cost to you. If you want an icemaker added to the system, Oscar will charge you for this. Please call the City Office to get your name on the schedule. Homes with infants under six months of age, women that are pregnant or nursing, and those with doctor-approved medical conditions will have first priority. If you have not called, you will be added to the schedule in the order that meters are read, west to east.

The council is aware that many of you already have a system in your home. The City will be putting systems in your homes also. If you have a lease agreement with a provider, contact them about discontinuing that service. Since you have systems, you will be placed last in the scheduling.

The City is also working very closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water with compliance of regulations and policies.

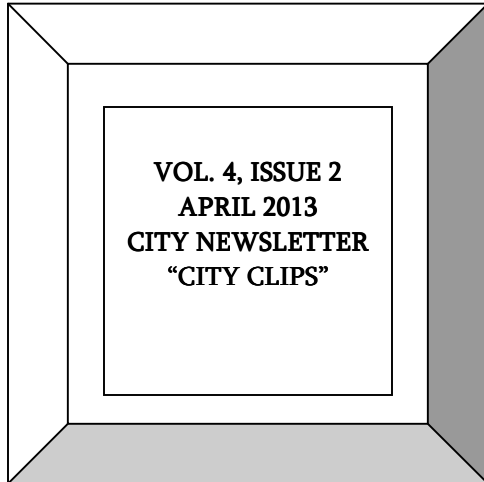
For more information, please contact: Wesley Jantz or Shari McAfee at phone 620-862-5317, mailing address PO Box 264, Haviland, KS 67059-0264, or e-mail cityhall@haviglandtelco.com.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Haviland.

State Water System ID#: K5000 Federal Water System ID#: KS2009703

Date distributed: Mailed/E-mailed to All Citizens March 28, 2013



Recycling Makes Sense!

Recycling is one part of actively caring for our environment. Recycling reduces waste going to the landfill, as well as the cost to take it to the landfill, and conserves energy by reducing what we throw away and returning valuable materials for reuse. It almost always takes less energy to make a product from recycled materials than it does to make it from new materials.

Recycling is free of charge for up to two carts. Recyclables do not need to be sorted. Place them inside the tan recycle cart. Plastic bags pose a problem at the sorting facility where recyclables are separated for distribution to end markets. Bags tangle in the machinery and can actually harm the equipment. **DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!**

What can you recycle?

- Glass jars and bottles
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Plastic recyclable containers types 1-7 - Plastic containers that have a recycling symbol 1-7 on the bottom are acceptable. This includes most milk jugs, pop bottles, food, and soap bottles. Unmarked plastics and plastic bags are not acceptable. Empty your recyclables and rinse. Labels do not need to be removed.
- Mixed paper – Do not bag or bundle your mixed paper. Simply place it into the recycle cart.

Newspapers – Books – Magazines – Cardboard – School papers – Cereal boxes – Junk mail
Crush plastic and aluminum cans and cut cardboard to save space.

**If you do not recycle, the City Council would like to encourage you to begin doing so.
Call the City Office at 862-5317 or e-mail at cityhall@havilandtelco.com and we will deliver a cart to you.
Recycle day is the 4th Wednesday of the month.**