



A LETTER FROM MAYOR ARMSTRONG



Dear Haysville Friends and Neighbors,

The fourth quarter of 2016 has been a busy time in the City of Haysville, starting in October with our designation as a Certified Local Government by the Kansas Historical Society and the National Park Service. You can read more about what this means for Haysville inside this newsletter. October also saw huge turnouts to the 2nd Annual Trick-or-Treat on Main Street, when more than 40 businesses and community groups created a fun, safe, Halloween experience for Haysville families, and the 32nd Annual Haysville Fall Festival, whose participants number in the thousands.

The planting of 300 saplings in our new Grow Haysville Tree Farm, a successful Gobble Wobble 5k/8k run/walk by the Haysville Recreation Department, the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council's Family Feud, Haysville Edition, as well as the 5th Annual Living History Rendezvous made for an action packed November. During our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony with VFW Post #6957, I announced plans for a new Veterans Memorial in PRIDE Park to honor those men and women of Haysville who have defended, and continue to protect, our nation's freedom.

The City rang in the Christmas season with Village Christmas on December 3rd in the W. W. Hays Historic Village. The evening included horse drawn carriage rides, a silent auction and soup and chili feed at the Masonic Lodge, blacksmith demonstrations, and a sing-along with Girl Scout Daisy Troop 41358. Santa made an appearance with the help of Sedgwick County Fire Station #34, and my grandson Zander helped me flip the switch to officially light the City's Christmas displays.

There have been lots of reasons to celebrate in the last couple months, but the City has also been rocked by a hard hitting tragedy: the passing of our Public Works Director Randy Dorner on November 23rd. Randy worked for the City for more than 27 years and you'd be hard pressed to find someone who truly cared about Haysville as much as Randy did. He began his career with us as a park worker, but with hard work and commitment, he worked his way up to Public Works Director in 1996.

Having worked with Randy for many years, first as a member of the City Council and then as Mayor, I speak from experience when I say Randy was knowledgeable on a variety of topics and dedicated to building the best Haysville possible. Many projects throughout town bear his stamp, including expansions to our park system and hike/bike paths, the daunting task of cleaning up after the '99 tornado, the East Grand Reconstruction Project, the Plagens-Carpenter Sports Complex and, most recently, the PRIDE Park fountain, new Haysville Activity Center and the 79th Street Recreation Complex. While Randy may have left us, I am confident that those who worked with him, both at Public Works and throughout the city, will continue his legacy of commitment to making great things happen in Haysville.

As the City continues to heal from this loss, we push forward, knowing every project and improvement we complete serves to honor Randy's memory.

Very Truly Yours,

CITY OF HAYSVILLE

Bruce Armstrong, Mayor

RECREATION NEWS

Haysville's Recreation Department is committed to offering fun, fresh recreation programs to the citizens of Haysville. View more HAC events at HelloHaysville.com

Special Olympics Polar Plunge & Strut—Feb. 4—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Riggs Park— Benefits Special Olympics Kansas. Contact Mitch Guthrie at 316.734.2233 or guthriem@kssso.org for more info.

Paint with a Pal—Feb. 7—6:00 - 7:30 p.m.— Create your own masterpiece! Light snacks provided; grades K-12; \$35 per artist.

Paint the Night —Feb. 10—6:00 - 8:00 p.m.— Community Building—Unleash your creative side! Light snacks provided; bring your favorite wine & glass; ages 21 and over; \$35 per artist.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night—March 4—6:30 - 8:00 p.m.—Dads can spend a magical night with their little princess! Suggested ages 2-12.

Mother/Son Date Night—March 11—Details pending. Check our Facebook page for updates.

S.O.S. Days at the HAC—Jan. 2, 3, 13, 16, and 27; Feb. 16,17, and 20; March 17—6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.—An all day program offered on days USD 261 has no school for kindergarten to fifth grade. \$12 per student, sack lunch required.

Youth sports all quarter, see Facebook for info

Questions about any of the events listed here? Contact the HAC at 316.529.5922.

Now offering scholarships for certain youth sports. Contact Rob at the HAC for details.

Follow the HAC on [Facebook.com/HaysvilleRecreation](https://www.facebook.com/HaysvilleRecreation)

HAYSVILLE EARNS CLG RECOGNITION

Preserving Our Cultural Heritage

Haysville recently earned the title of CLG, a distinction only 17 other cities in Kansas are able to claim. "Being part of this program is beneficial to Haysville, because it provides a funding source that will help when conducting research on properties that could qualify as historical landmarks," says Planning & Zoning Administrator Rose Corby.

"Preservation through Partnership: this is the goal of the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. Local, State, and Federal governments work together in the Federal Preservation Program to help communities save the irreplaceable historic character of places," explains the National Park Service's website. "Through the certification process, communities make a local commitment to historic preservation. This commitment is key to America's ability to preserve, protect, and increase awareness of our unique cultural heritage found in the built environment across the country."

"The Historic Committee will benefit immensely as we continue to develop our program. We will be able to take advantage of networking opportunities, trainings, and communication with other CLG's to discover how they were able to complete projects with the help of the program," Corby says.





THE RACE IS ON!
LOTS FOR SALE!
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The City of Haysville, through the Haysville Land Bank, has acquired more than 60 lots in the River Forest 2nd Addition, located off of Karla Avenue. The City is committed to encouraging the development of the River Forest 2nd Addition as we believe the area to be a great location for families looking to put down roots in Haysville. Lots are reasonably priced and may even qualify for the Build Haysville tax rebate incentive program. For more information regarding availability, pricing and potential tax rebates, contact Economic Development Director Zach McHatton at 316.529.5909 or zmchatton@haysville-ks.com.

[PD Offers Safe Spot]

The Haysville Police Department has developed a "Safe Spot" where you can conduct a variety of "exchanges" in a safe, secure, well-lit environment. Available 24 hours a day, the two designated parking stalls are thoroughly lighted and easily visible on our security cameras.

"Not only can people exchange goods and cash securely," says Police Chief Jeff Whitfield, "they can use the Safe Spot for child custody swaps as well."



Grow Haysville Tree Farm | 401 S. Jane

Facility Spotlight - Grow Haysville Tree Farm

Volunteers recently planted more than 300 saplings at the city's Grow Haysville Tree Farm. The tree farm is a new effort by the City and the Haysville Park Board, with support from the Haysville Horticulture Club, to establish an arboreal inventory which will be used to fortify various parks and public areas. In addition, trees will be given as a welcome gift for community members who build new homes in Haysville. The City of Haysville plants trees annually for Arbor Day and has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the past 16 years.

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