

C O M M U N I T Y D E V E L O P M E N T S

The Halstead community has seen exciting growth over the past several years. Following are highlights of recent developments and positive community indicators:

- **AZP Realty** recently completed purchase of the former Halstead Hospital Building complex. At the present time, Valley Hope Rehabilitation Center and USA 800 Call Center are located in the facility. Other exciting future plans are in progress. Halstead Hospital was founded in 1902 by Dr. A. E. Hertzler, the famous “Horse and Buggy Doctor.” The purchase by AZP Realty represents a new chapter in the long history of Harvey County healthcare.
- **SemMaterials** recently completed construction of a new asphalt blending facility in the Halstead Industrial Park. The complex, at a cost of more than \$10M, stores, blends, and distributes asphalt products for road paving. Approximately ten new jobs were created.
- Halstead’s unique downtown offers a quaint experience for shoppers. Visitors will delight in the many historic buildings, which include the **Old Hardware Store, Halstead Historical Museum, Mabel’s Mercantile, Halstead Floral, and Main Street Interiors.**
- Midwest Health Services, Inc., of Topeka, purchased and completed a total renovation of the former Regency Health Care Center in Halstead. Now known as **Halstead Health & Rehabilitation**, this state of the art facility provides rehabilitation and nursing home services for Halstead and the surrounding area. This substantial project created 63 new jobs for the Halstead community.
- The **Kansas Learning Center for Health** is the first rural health museum in the world and includes 23 exhibits. The Center began an outreach program named “On The Road!” in 2000. The Learning Center van visits schools across the state with programs for students in kindergarten through sixth grade, teaching the importance of healthy lifestyle choices.
- The infrastructure in the **Halstead Industrial Park** is now complete. The park, which is owned by the City of Halstead, encompasses **35 acres** of land zoned heavy industrial.
- **Halstead’s downtown** offers many amenities to its residents and visitors. Services offered include two banks, two real estate offices, post office, insurance agency, hotel, water news publication office, newspaper office, dental office, hardware store, chiropractic office and wellness center, six eating establishments, interior decorating business, two liquor stores, veterinary office, meat processing store, grocery store, video store, bakery and deli, accounting office, one barber shop, two beauty shops, satellite dish store, and a gas station/convenience store.
- The city adopted a **Neighborhood Revitalization Plan** to promote the development and improvement of properties. This program provides an

added incentive for development and building rehabilitation in the community.

- **Martin Machine and Welding, Inc.** completed a significant expansion of its facility. The 10,000 sq. ft. expansion will allow for the addition of a new product line and will create eight new jobs in the community.
- A new 15,000 sq. ft. assisted living facility was constructed in 1999. **Halstead Place L.L.C.** offers 30 private suites for residents. This unique facility created 17 new jobs in the Halstead community.
- **USD 440** recently completed a \$9.83 million bond issue that included new construction and improvements at Bentley Primary School, Halstead Middle School, and Halstead High School.
- In 2007, **Legg Company, Inc.** began expansion of its rubber belting manufacturing facility.