January/February 2018

CITY VIEWS

NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

What's Ahead for Hillsboro in 2018?

5 Key Projects Moving Forward This Year That Will Enhance Livability



1. Block 67 in Downtown Hillsboro

Much of 2017's work on Block 67 focused on community engagement and listening to neighbors around the former Hank's Thriftway site. Now, in 2018, the City is selecting a project development partner and beginning detailed site planning that will include:

- Mixed-use development with market-rate housing
- Open space that serves the larger community
- High-quality urban design and construction
- A plan to address parking at the site

Follow the progress at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Block67.

2. South Hillsboro

South Hillsboro's future begins to take shape this spring with the opening of the Cornelius Pass Road intersection south of TV

Highway. The excitement will continue into summer when the 2018 Street of Dreams brings tens of thousands to Hillsboro to see the latest innovations in housing. Watch for updates at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SouthHillsboro.

South Hillsboro

4. Hillsboro Community Center at 53rd Avenue

1. Block 67

2. South Hillsboro

3. LED Street Light Conversion

5. Washington County Events Center

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CITY COUNCIL CONVERSATION

Let's Talk About Our Challenges



Mayor Steve Callaway

For all of Hillsboro's successes and our path toward prosperity, we have challenges; challenges that can be addressed only if we work together. The question is, how do we respond?

The fact that so many people enjoy living in Hillsboro – and so many others would like to join us here – creates a new series of challenges. Housing affordability. Homelessness. Traffic. Even being civil and respectful toward each other can be a bit of a challenge.



I believe it's important to talk to each other – and to listen to each other as well. So I would like to invite you to attend the 2018 State of the City on Tuesday, January 30. The entire City Council will be there to address each of these important issues and more.

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Cover Story: What's Ahead in 2018?

3. Converting Street Lights to Energy-Efficient LEDs

How do you save energy, save money, AND improve visibility on Hillsboro's roads? Replace the street lights. In 2018, the City of Hillsboro Public Works Department will begin replacing all High Pressure Sodium (HPS) street lights with energy-efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures. The change will help the lights last longer, allow City staff to respond quicker to street light maintenance needs, and save an estimated \$227,683 per year. Get details at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/StreetLights.

4. The Hillsboro Community Center at 53rd Avenue

Building a centrally located indoor community center has been a City Council priority for years. Next up for the project is the design phase, including community rooms and multipurpose classrooms, a catering and teaching kitchen, a gymnasium, an indoor walking/jogging track, an exercise studio, and a cardio/weight room.

5. The Washington County Events Center

Led by Washington County, the project at the Fair Complex is slated to break ground in late 2018. The events center will feature a new exhibit hall large enough to host conventions and touring shows. The City of Hillsboro and the Washington County Visitors Association are helping to fund the project – expected to be completed in 2020 – with hotel room taxes.

See 2017 Key Highlights in the City of Hillsboro on pages 4 & 5







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Callaway: Let's Talk About Our Challenges

If you're unable to join us on January 30, we invite you to speak to us during our City Council meetings on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month. We save time at each meeting – up to three minutes per person – for anyone who wants to speak to the Council as a whole. If email is easier for you, you can always reach out to us online.

At the end of the day, each of us makes an individual decision about how we view our community, what we contribute, and how we work together to make Hillsboro a better place. We have the option of sitting back and criticizing what we don't like. But I prefer we invest our time and energy in getting involved, taking an honest look at our challenges, and then working toward solutions – together.

A challenge is an opportunity for a solution. I have confidence that we can rise to meet our challenges. It's not up to any one of us, it's up to all of us!



Hillsboro City Council presents

2018 STATE OF THE CITY

"Rise to the Challenge" with Mayor Steve Callaway

Tuesday, January 30

5 pm ~ Reception ~ light refreshments

6 pm ~ Program ~
All are welcome

Hillsboro Civic Center 150 East Main Street



"What are you looking forward to in 2018?



Mayor Steve Callaway Creating a kinder community



Council President Darell Lumaco Continuing Downtown's revitalization



Councilor Olivia Alcaire Developing new businesses and more housing



Councilor **Kyle Allen** Planning an entrepreneurial incubator



Councilor **Anthony Martin** Advancing the City's LED street light conversion



Councilor Fred Nachtigal Developing Block 67 into a Downtown asset



Councilor Rick Van Beveren Seeing the thoughtful planning take shape in South Hillsboro





Hillsboro is Growing Bigger... and Growing Better

City Manager Michael Brown

Did you see Hillsboro's population is now 101,540? As our city grows bigger, it also grows better.

The Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan – and before it, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan – is guiding our work. As a result, Hillsboro's growth is creating new opportunities and a higher quality of life for many residents. Still, we continue to address our challenges, support the people who need our services most, and enhance livability wherever possible.

We plan ahead to provide public safety protection, ensure safe buildings and clean water, build new roads, and enhance existing streets with sidewalks and bicycle lanes to increase mobility.

Think about the new parks that have opened in the City of Hillsboro in the last 20 years:



- Orenco Woods Nature Park (2017)
- Cornell Creek Park (2016)
- 53rd Avenue Community Park (2008)
- Magnolia Park (2008)

- Hondo Dog Park (2007)
- Orchard Park (2003)
- Reedville Creek Park (2003)
- Rood Bridge Park (1999)

Our community is among the most diverse in Oregon, and the City has created and enhanced numerous community spaces for us to gather together:



- Jerry Willey Plaza @ Orenco Station (2015)
- Shute Park Library's renovation (2014)
- Brookwood Library's expansion (2013)
- Ron Tonkin Field (2013)
- Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza (2005)
- Hillsboro Stadium (1999)

In these spaces, we have launched new community events, including:

- OrenKoFest (2015)
- Winter Village (2015)
- SHARC Fest (2015)
- Celebrate Hillsboro (2005)
- The Latino Cultural Festival (2004)
- The Hillsboro Farmers' Market at Orenco Station (2003)

We've enjoyed new restaurants, grocery stores, and entertainment options: Bag&Baggage (2005), the Hillsboro Hops (2013), and TopGolf (2016). We have many new reasons to stay in town and avoid driving elsewhere, and our growing community has created new customers for our small businesses.

Hillsboro is growing, and not just bigger. We're growing better. 🗘



2017 Year in Review: Key Highlights in the City of Hillsboro

Parks & Recreation

Orenco Woods Nature Park, which opened in February, features the "Head Over Heels" stickworks sculpture installed by more than 150 volunteers.



- The remodeled Hillsboro Community Senior Center includes an expanded kitchen, a relocated and updated gift shop, and other facility improvements.
- The Crescent Park Greenway Trail Plan established a future guide for securing property and eventually constructing the greenway trail.

- The bilingual Cultural Arts Plan Survey received input and ideas from 600+ community members to make Hillsboro more creative and welcoming.
- The 270-acre Oak Island Marsh Restoration Project at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve completed its first phase of major earthwork and trail repairs.
- Bicentennial Park's playground added a perimeter fence with gates to provide a secure play environment for children with flight tendencies.
- **Inclusivity and adaptability** remained a focal point with nature classes, camps, and community gardening adapted for varying abilities.

Library

- Hillsboro's Library of Things expanded its offerings and received national recognition in The Washington Post and on Good Morning America.
- The Collaboratory makerspace launched at Brookwood Library with a combination of open labs, classes, meetups, and self-service time.
- The Library on the Loose launched and supported 210 events attended by 15,866 people. The

bright, colorful van extended access to library services throughout Hillsboro, including visits to parks in Tanasbourne and AmberGlen.

Public Works

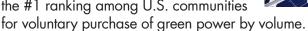
School safety improvements included Safe Routes to Schools program activities, new pedestrian-activated beacons, and school zone adjustments, such as the installation of "No Parking" signs, and the repositioning of crossings for Ladd Acres Elementary School and Brown Middle School.



- Digital information kiosks provided wayfinding guidance outside the Hillsboro Civic Center, SHARC's parking lot, the Hillsboro Central TriMet MAX station, and the Jerry Willey Plaza at Orenco Station.
- Crews swept 5,376 miles of roadways; performed maintenance work on 27.8 miles of City streets; cleaned 7,700 roadside storm drains, 95 miles of sanitary sewer pipelines, and 49 miles of storm water pipelines; repayed 5 railroad crossings; and upgraded 71 ADA ramps.

City Manager's Office

- Hillsboro's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program began with several goals aimed at developing and improving livability for Hillsboro residents of low and moderate incomes.
- The Cocinemos ("Let's Cook") entrepreneurship program launched in partnership with Adelate Mujeres, helping local Latino entrepreneurs successfully start and grow food-based businesses in Hillsboro.
- Hillsboro earned the SolSmart Gold-level designation for solar-friendly practices, received national recognition for reducing energy use at City facilities, and retained the #1 ranking among U.S. communities



New community events connected more neighbors, including the Family Fiesta at M&M Marketplace and the El Grito festival in partnership with Centro Cultural.



Fire

- Six new firefighters joined the department in August.
- More than 20 firefighters deployed to help fight wildfires in Oregon and California.



Hillsboro acquired 13 Zoll AEDs (automated external defibrillators), 10 acres for a future training facility, and a new fire engine (Engine 6) that was placed into service in September.

Police

- More than 70,000 calls for service were placed in 2017.
- The Body-Worn Camera Program prioritized community engagement to create a program policy.



The Graffiti Abatement Project continued to reduce graffiti, which is now 61 percent less frequent than when the program started in 2014.

Planning

- New affordable housing projects in Hillsboro include the 120-unit Willow Creek Crossing Apartments mixed-use project at 185th Avenue and Baseline Road, and REACH's Orchards at Orenco, Phase 3 on NE Cherry Drive, featuring 52 family-sized affordable units.
- **South Hillsboro** subdivision approvals to date include 1,806 single-family home and townhome lots.
- The Hillsboro Comprehensive Plan update, which guides growth and development in Hillsboro by planning and coordinating how land is used, is complete. An update of the City's Transportation System Plan continues.
- First Tech Credit Union's five-story, 156,000-squarefoot regional corporate headquarters, currently under construction at Dawson Creek, will be the largest all-wood building in America thanks to its use of cross-laminated timber for flooring, posts, and beams.

Economic Development

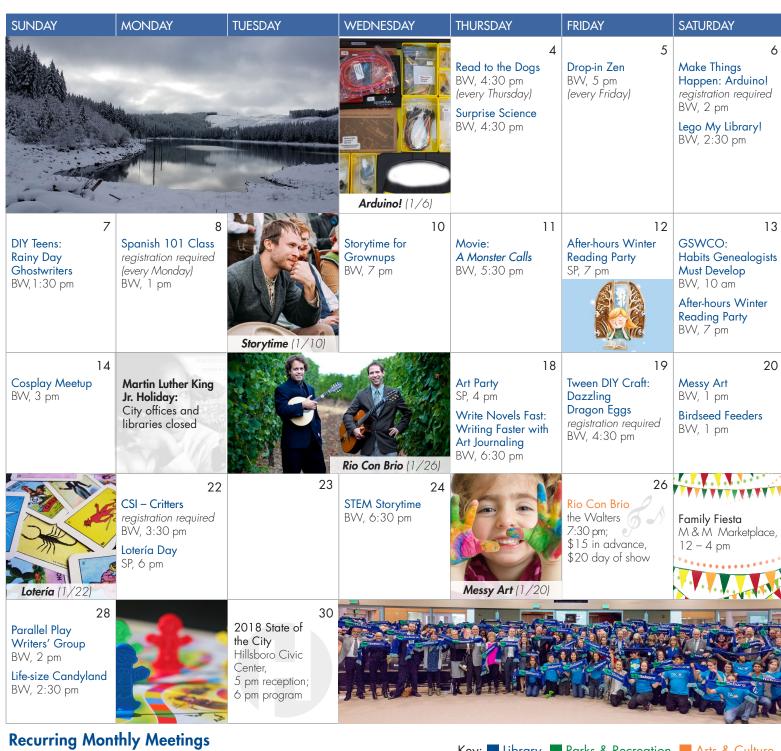
- City of Hillsboro Economic Development staff visited 46 Hillsboro companies and helped secure 10 expansion and recruitment projects in the City of Hillsboro. Staff continue to work on 20 other active projects.
- **Block 67 in Downtown Hillsboro** focused on in-depth community engagement and market analysis in 2017. The City will soon select a private development partner to redevelop the site.
- The Prosperidad Economic Empowerment Center launched in partnership with Centro Cultural de

Washington County. Since opening in April, the center's staff have helped 30 people obtain jobs, enrolled 65 clients in job services, and helped to launch two new businesses.



Water

- The Willamette Water Supply Program installed more than one mile of underground pipeline, including in the South Hillsboro area. The system is scheduled to begin delivering water to customers in 2026.
- Water conservation rebates helped nearly 600 residential customers install high-efficiency toilets, washing machines, irrigation controllers, and other water-saving devices.
- **The Community Lead Testing Program** launched in 2017 to help City of Hillsboro water customers. More than 50 residential, daycare, and nonprofit customers took advantage of the free program. Their test results were below the action level set by the Environmental Protection Agency. The City also helped the Hillsboro School District conduct lead testing at school water fixtures by providing funding and sampling expertise.



City Council Parks & Recreation Commission Planning & Zoning Hearings Board Planning Commission **Utilities Commission** Finance Committee Transportation Committee Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council (HACC) Library Board

1st /3rd Tuesday 7 pm 2nd/4th Tuesday 7 am 1st/3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm 2nd/4th Wednesday 6:30 pm 2nd Tuesday 1:30 pm 2nd Tuesday 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 4th Tuesday 3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm 4th Wednesday 4 pm 3rd Thursday 6 pm

Key: Library Parks & Recreation Arts & Culture SP = Shute Park Library BW = Brookwood Library

Family Fiesta Saturday, January 27

Free family fun for all ages!

- lotería with prizes
- art activities
- photo booth
- delicious food

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bring Stories to Life	for Your Child (2/7)		Liz Vice (2/2)	Creative History SP, 4 pm Surprise Science BW, 4:30 pm Disc Bound Planners, featuring the No Excuses Art Journaling Method BW, 6:30 pm	Liz Vice the Walters, 7:30 pm; \$15 in advance, \$20 day of show Drop-in Zen BW, 5 pm (every Friday)	Social Action Book Club BW, 10:30 am Calligraphy Class registration required BW, 3 pm
DIY Teens: We Heart Candy! BW, 1:30 pm	Spanish 101 BW, 1 pm (every Monday)	Trivia Night (Library event) Vertigo Brewing, 21420 NW Nicholas Ct, 7 pm	A Will is Not Enough BW, 6:30 pm How to Bring Stories to Life for Your Child registration required BW, 6:30 pm	Movie: Hail Caesar! BW, 5:30 pm Trivia Night in Spanish SP, 6 pm	Cookie Decorating registration required BW, 4 pm	GSWCO: Getting from Then to Now: Locating People in the Last Century BW, 10 am
Elephant & Piggie Party BVV, 3 pm	Elephant & Piggie	meh.	Symphony Storytime SP, 10:15 am Anti-Valentine's Day Party SP, 6 pm Scam Prevention BW, 6 pm	South Hillsboro Open House Rosedale Elementary School, 5 - 7 pm	Tween DIY Craft: Unicorn Crafts BW, 4:30 pm	Oregon Humanities Conversation Project – After Obama: Talking Race in America Today BW, 3 pm
18 Genealogy Interest Group Q & A BW, 3:30 pm	Party 19 President's Day Holiday: City offices and libraries closed	Day Party		Read to the Dogs BW, 4:30 pm	Tony Furtado the Walters, 7:30 pm; \$18 in advance, \$22 day of show	Comic Fest BW, 10 am Beginning Jewelry Making registration required BW, 2 pm
25 Comic Fest BW, 10 am	PRESIDENTS * MI * Who's Here? Nature Program registration required BW, 3:30 pm	Re 27	ad to the Dogs (2/22) 28 Symphony Storytime SP, 10:15 am	Tony Furtado (2/23)		Creative Communication Workshop Hillsboro Police Department, 9 am Comic Fest (2/24 & 2/25)

Coming in March & April...

3/10 Teatro Milagro presents "Mijita Fridita (My Daughter Frida)" @ the Walters

3/16 The Gothard Sisters concert @ the Walters

3/26 – 3/30 Hillsboro School District Spring Break – No school

4/6 Carrie Cunningham concert @ the Walters

4/20 PDX Jazz presents "The Incredible Journey of Jazz"

@ the Walters

Key: ■ Library ■ Parks & Recreation ■ Arts & Culture

SP = Shute Park Library BW = Brookwood Library

For more events and details visit: Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Calendar

Library 503-615-6500 Parks & Recreation 503-681-6120
The Walters Cultural Arts Center 503-615-3485

The Walters Cultural Arts Center event tickets: BrownPaperTickets.com



CITY NEWS BRIEFS

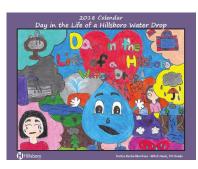
- The City of Hillsboro's certified population increased to 101,540 as of July 1, 2017. Portland State University's Population Research Center released its certified estimates in December.
- The Connecting Hillsboro Address Project's third phase is underway. One of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan's goals is to bring all City of Hillsboro streets and addresses onto the City's grid.
- 145 Hillsboro residents have applied for a Washington County Woodstove Exchange Program rebate to replace their old wood stove or insert with a new, cleaner heating device. So far, 68 Hillsboro projects have been completed since 2016. The program has prevented more than 12 tons of particulates and more than 80 tons of gases and other pollutants.





 Changes in the global recycling market are impacting which plastics materials are accepted by Far West Recycling and other local recyclers.

- Take part in the Port of Portland's online open house to be part of the Hillsboro Airport Master Plan Update. Visit www.HillsboroAirport.Participate.Online before February 5.
- The 14th annual City of Hillsboro Water **Department Conservation** Calendar, illustrated by Hillsboro elementary school students, is available for pickup inside the Hillsboro Civic Center's Utility Billing office.

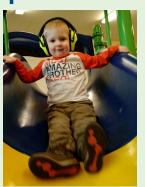


- Read more stories at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/News:
 - City of Hillsboro selects **Dan Dias** to be Economic Development Director
 - 9 ways to prevent your water pipes from freezing - and what steps to take if they do freeze
 - 11 ways to avoid stressing about winter driving from the Hillsboro Police Department. (1)



Parks & Recreation Department News Briefs

 Outdoors In offers low-sensory playtime on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm, and on the second Saturday each month from 9 am to noon. Low-sensory sessions were requested by parents whose children are affected by sensory processing disorders and require bright lights and loud sounds be turned off.



- The Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center Exhibit Hall is undergoing its first major renovation since opening 14 years ago.
- TVW, Inc. (formerly Tualatin Valley Workshop) presented the City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department with the "Community Partner of the Year" award for the department's excellence in employment for individuals with disabilities.

- More than 6,000 elementary school students took part in education and outreach programming with Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve staff in 2017.
- 93-year-old Hillsboro resident Dorothy **Eby** received the Distinguished Service Award in October for 31 years and an estimated 7,500 hours of volunteer service at the Hillsboro Community Senior Center.







Street and Sidewalk Project Updates

- What's next in South Hillsboro? Ask questions about future housing, road projects, traffic impacts, schools, and the 2018 Street of Dreams during a community open house on Thursday, February 15, from 5 - 7 pm at Rosedale Elementary School, 3901 SE 67th Avenue. Details at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SouthHillsboro.
- Construction work is complete on NE Century Boulevard at NE Cornell Road. Both sides of Century now have sidewalks, and a dedicated right-turn lane was added for northbound vehicles turning onto Cornell.
- Pedestrian-activated beacons have been installed at:
 - o SE 21st Avenue and SE Spruce Avenue
 - o SE Frances Street and SE 74th Avenue (near Brown Middle School and Reedville Creek Park)
- 60 students from Orenco and Quatama elementary schools who take part in the BLAST after-school program graduated from the Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Training program in December. (see photo below)



- The Jackson School Road Project is scheduled to begin construction in summer 2019 and be completed by spring 2021. See project updates at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/JacksonSchool.
- Construction on SE Cedar Street between SE Brookwood Avenue and SE 32nd Avenue continues in advance of work to widen the road next year. Learn more at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Cedar.
- The project to widen Cornelius Pass Road between Cornell Road and U.S. 26 was recognized as the 2017 Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association's Oregon Chapter. The partnership between Intel, the City of Hillsboro, Washington County, and ODOT also added sidewalks and created a separated two-way bike path.
- The City of Hillsboro Public Works Department recently earned an **EcoBiz certification** for adopting best practices and reaching the highest standards for minimizing environmental impacts.



SOUTH HILLSBORO COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 15 $5 - 7 \, \text{pm}$

Rosedale Elementary School 3901 SE 67th Avenue

Get answers to your questions about:

- New housing
- Road projects
- Traffic impacts
- New schools
- 2018 Street of Dreams

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SouthHillsboro





Feb 2 LIZ VICE Soul, Gospel, R&B | \$15/\$20

Feb 23 TONY FURTADO Roots, Americana, Slide Guitar \$18/\$22

\$15/\$20

SPECIAL SATURDAY MATINEE

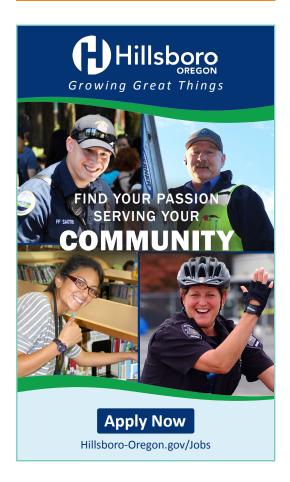
Mar 10 Mijita Fridita (My Daughter Frida): TEATRO MILAGRO Theatre, Family-Friendly | \$5/\$10

For more details and to purchase tickets, visit: Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/WaltersConcerts









Q & A: David Senz Talks Winter Weather

David Senz has spent the past eight winters working for the City of Hillsboro Public Works Department as a Senior Maintenance & Operations Technician. He is one of nearly 100 City of Hillsboro crew members who prepare for and respond to winter weather.

How have you prepared for snow and icy roads?

We've inspected and readied winter weather equipment; ordered and restocked necessary supplies like sanding rock and 13,000 gallons of anti-icing solution; and, we carefully monitor weather forecasts.



How can you improve road conditions?

We do three things to be effective:

- 1. First, we apply anti-icing solution to priority streets before bad weather hits. This helps prevent ice from forming and sticking to the road surface.
- 2. Next, we apply sand and gravel at intersections, curves, on hills, and other problem areas to improve traction during and after the snow falls.
- 3. We also use snow plows to remove accumulating snow on priority roads.

Which roads receive priority responses in a weather event/emergency?

City streets that provide access to critical facilities, emergency services, and major highways – as well as hills, dips, curves, and bridges – are our priority to treat and clear during a winter weather event or emergency. Neighborhood streets are not serviced except in extreme circumstances, and only after clearing priority routes.

Who is responsible for maintaining roads in Hillsboro?

- The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) maintains state roads, including TV Highway, Baseline Street, Oak Street, and Sunset Highway (U.S. 26).
- Washington County-maintained roads include Evergreen Road/Pkwy, Cornell Road, Baseline Street, 185th Avenue, Cornelius Pass Road, Brookwood Parkway, 1st Avenue, 10th Avenue, and Glencoe Road.
- The City of Hillsboro cares for other primary arterial and collector streets, including Main Street (from SW Baseline to Brookwood Parkway), Jackson School Road, and Minter Bridge Road.

Is the City well equipped for winter weather?

Absolutely. We have backhoes, vehicle chains, chainsaws, wood chippers, three dump trucks, four sanders, four snow plows, and two 6,600-gallon units of anti-icing solution.

Have more questions? See key phone contacts at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/PublicWorks.



Hillsboro Firefighters Remember Ryan Grimaldi, Toy & Joy Champion

While collecting toys to distribute to local families through the Toy & Joy program, City of Hillsboro firefighters were reminded of the recent loss of Firefighter Ryan Grimaldi, and Ryan's incredible passion for the annual holiday giving tradition.

Ryan's tragic death while hunting in November had a tremendous impact on his family, his firefighter family, and his widespread circle of friends. In a testament to how many lives he touched, about 1,400 people attended a "Celebration of Life" service for Ryan.

Remembered for always having a smile on his face, an encouraging word to share, and a willingness to step in and help wherever there was a need, many also remember

> Ryan as the driving force behind the Hillsboro Firefighters Toy & Joy program.

Community members arrive at the Hillsboro Elks Lodge each year to load and deliver large boxes of food and toys to more than 650 families with more than 1,300 children. In total, the Toy & Joy program spends

between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to meet families' needs, and Fred Meyer graciously provides deep discounts on items purchased.

Delivery day is special for everyone working to help families and children in need. This holiday season, many who helped were thinking of Ryan Grimaldi.



Most-Requested Phone Numbers

Police Non-Emergency 503-629-0111

Utility Bill Questions 503-681-6163

Parks & Recreation 503-681-6120

SHARC Aquatic Center 503-681-6127

Public Works Questions 503-615-6509

General Questions 503-681-6100

Code Compliance

503-615-6645

(Message line/voicemails are checked multiple times daily)

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- 2. City Council recap videos
- 3. Common recycling mistakes
- 4. Business license applications ...and more!



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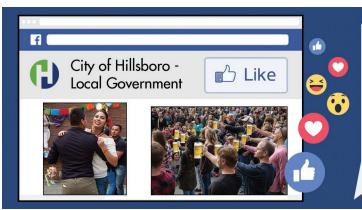


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