CITY VIEWS

NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORC

City of Hillsboro Volunteers Donated Nearly 70,000 Hours in 2017

April is National Volunteer Month, and it's a great time to say "thank you" to everyone who serves others in our community. In 2017, City of Hillsboro volunteers contributed nearly 70,000 hours of their time, energy, and talents to helping make our community a great place for all.

Volunteer opportunities are plentiful in the City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation, Library, Fire, and Police departments; as a Generation Serve youth volunteer; as a member of a board, commission, or council; and, at community events.

Join us in showing appreciation for our community's many "all-star" volunteers.

Interested in helping others? Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Volunteer 503-681-6117



Rebecca Tang ("Mom"), Elijah Huong & Ellah Huong

"Volunteering as a family to shelve materials at the Library makes me feel really happy because I know I'm helping someone." - Ellah "It makes me feel really good because it can help people get books and DVDs." - Elijah Fun facts: Elijah loves science and is a Lego master builder, while self-reflective Ellah points out that she likes to talk a lot.



Bill Seibt

Domestic Violence incidents for the Hillsboro Police Department. I enjoy providing a needed service to people who have experienced a negative life event, and offering some small help to them in recovering." Fun facts: Bill completed his career in the U.S. Coast Guard, serving primarily as an enlisted navigator on various aircraft, including 11 years in Alaska.

"I volunteer as a Responder for

See more of Hillsboro's "all-star" volunteers on page 4



CITY COUNCIL CONVERSATION

Setting the City Council Priorities for 2018 and Beyond



You may have annual family traditions that inspire you and bring you closer together. For the Hillsboro City Council, both now and in the past, our annual tradition is to select Council priorities for the City to work toward in the coming years.

Everyone benefits when we clearly communicate our goals and expectations for the future. This year, we selected priorities that touch on several timely topics, including transportation, cultural inclusion and engagement, housing affordability and homelessness, and support for local entrepreneurs.

See the list of 2018 City Council Priorities on page 2

2018 Hillsboro City Council Priorities

- Support community mobility by continuing to improve our transportation system
- Work with community partners to increase public transportation access and service options
- Support cultural inclusion and expanded engagement with diverse community members
- Continue working with community partners to resolve homelessness
- Support the development of entrepreneurs in Hillsboro
- Expand workforce training opportunities that benefit all residents
- Create partnerships to encourage and support the development of more market-rate and affordable housing





- Support the planning and development of the Crescent Park Greenway
- Initiate exploration of receiving a designation from the Tree City USA program
- Continue to plan ahead and position the City 50 years out for future success
- Support the continued success of the Hillsboro Airport and the City's partnership with the Port of Portland
- Lead and promote sustainability initiatives, including energy-saving practices and renewable energy
- Emphasize the continued revitalization of Downtown Hillsboro

These priorities are not ranked or ordered by importance, and they are not an exhaustive list of all City priorities. Rather, they align with the City's strategic planning, including the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan's vision statement, which reads:

"In 2035, Hillsboro is a diverse, sustainable city known for success in blending urban lifestyle, a world-class local economy, agricultural heritage, and a welcoming, family-friendly community for an outstanding quality of life."

To see a detailed list of action items for each City Council priority, visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Council.





"What is your favorite memory from volunteering?"



Mayor Steve Callaway Helping children arrive safely on Walk and Bike to School Day



Council President Darell Lumaco Helping to create the Hillsboro 2020 Vision & Action Plan

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Olivia Alcaire Working with Hillsboro neighbors to spruce up the Boys & Girls Club



Councilor **Kyle Allen** Teaching Hillsboro children to read in the SMART Program



Anthony Martin Seeing the results of our work on HillsDoer Day at M&M Marketplace



Councilor Fred Nachtigal Organizing a "Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts" fundraiser



Councilor Rick Van Beveren Volunteering at the Oregon International Air Show



(III) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

We All Share the Responsibility of Listening

City Manager Michael Brown

Here's a question: Can you remember the last time you actively listened to a neighbor?

More than exchanging quick hellos or small talk about the weather, real listening requires concentrating on their words, thoughtfully considering their point of view, and allowing them to talk without interrupting them.

I'm proud of City of Hillsboro employees for recognizing the importance of listening to our neighbors. City employees listen when residents share ideas at an open house or at a City Council meeting.

They listen when concerned community members call, email, or write letters. When more than 5,000 community voices articulated a vision for our City's future in the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan, City employees listened and joined our community partners in taking action to make that vision a reality.

All of us who live in Hillsboro share a great responsibility for listening and remaining informed about our community. Here are some of the many ways you can stay educated and engaged in our City government:

- Attend a City Council meeting
- Provide your input at an open house meeting
- Serve on a City of Hillsboro board or commission
- Apply to be part of the Civic Leadership Academy
- Read the City Views print newsletter (Thank you.)

Explore the Hillsboro-Oregon.gov website

HILLSBORO 2035 COMMUNITY PLAN

- Read the Creciendo Juntos Spanish-language newsletter
- Follow the City of Hillsboro on social media
- Subscribe to the Happening in Hillsboro email newsletter

Our City government is made up of real people who work on real things. We're neighbors who care about the safety and livability of our community, and we're here to help you. As always, thank you for listening.



Volunteer Hero Bonnie Kooken, page 8

Cover Story: 2018 "All-Star" Volunteers



Rithika Pai

"Volunteering (with Generation Serve) makes me feel a genuine sort of happiness. When you bring a group of strangers together for the same purpose, connections are made and differences are set aside."

Fun facts: Rithika is a second-degree black belt in Taekwondo, a swim team member, a Key Club treasurer, and hopes to become a Hillsboro Police Cadet.



Mike Dicken

"Volunteer work gives me the satisfaction of making a meaningful contribution. I have gained insight into how emergency services are managed and learned a variety of skills. I encourage anyone considering becoming a volunteer to find opportunities to utilize their strengths, and they'll be energized by the work."

Fun facts: Mike's favorite activity is backpacking, which he enjoys year-round.



Leah Schwarzmiller

"Volunteering gives me a way to be social. It also gives me the ability to go out for a few hours and recharge with some 'me' time. I feel renewed and accomplished when I volunteer, especially on Family Art Night, where I get to help people doing the things I love."

Fun facts: Leah also enjoys gardening, sewing, woodworking, cooking, baking, and auto repair.



Judy D'Arcangelo

"I started volunteering at the Library after I retired. It gets me out of the house and I walk a mile each time I am there shelving books. The facility is truly beautiful and inviting. Everyone is so appreciative of any assistance you can offer. Even several patrons have thanked me for volunteering. That has surprised me."

Fun facts: Judy's dad taught her how to fly his airplane in case of an emergency.



SONIA REDMOND

Hillsboro Parks & Recreation

Sonia Redmond

"As a naturalist, volunteering makes me feel like I am continually learning, making special friends, and truly making a difference in a community I cherish. When I help children unplug and embrace the natural world or welcome folks new to the area by directing them to a treasured natural area like Jackson Bottom Wetlands, it feels like a very sweet bonus."

Fun facts: Sonia spotted her first Great Gray Owl in 2017.



Hillsboro Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Craig Stinson

"What a person does to enhance another's quality of life enhances one's own quality of life to a similar degree. More simply put, 'What goes around, comes around."

Fun facts: Craig has lived in nine other countries, including Korea, Honduras, Panama, Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. His golden labrador, Cora, smiles when she feels like it.

Traffic in South Hillsboro: What's the Plan?

About 400 people attended the South Hillsboro open house meeting in February to discuss new roads, housing, and traffic impacts. Below are specific answers to some of the questions asked at the open house about traffic in the area. You can also watch a short video recap of the open house at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SouthHillsboro.

What has the City done to plan for 20,000 people living in — and driving around — South Hillsboro?

South Hillsboro will offer a welcoming, new place for people to call home. Over nearly two decades, City of Hillsboro planners have considered the traffic that new residents will bring. The City is making changes to streets and intersections to relieve congestion, reduce commute times, and improve safety.



Will we have new roads to accommodate the extra cars?

The expansion of Cornelius Pass Road and Blanton Street, including new signals at three intersections, will provide a north-south alternative to 209th Avenue. Also, the expansion of Blanton Street will create a new east-west option separate from TV Highway, making walking and cycling safer and easier.

What roads will close when the expanded Cornelius Pass Road and Blanton Street open?

67th Avenue (formerly 229th Avenue) will close south of TV Highway and will no longer cross the railroad tracks. A few private-access roads also will close. These changes could happen as early as this summer.

Why does the 67th Avenue/TV Highway intersection need to close?

Creating the new railroad crossing requires that other crossings be closed to meet train storage and operations requirements. The expanded Cornelius Pass Road will handle the increased traffic volume better than 67th Avenue. Drivers won't deal with the bump they face on 67th Avenue south of TV Highway because the Cornelius Pass Road railroad crossing is level.



What if traffic gets worse?

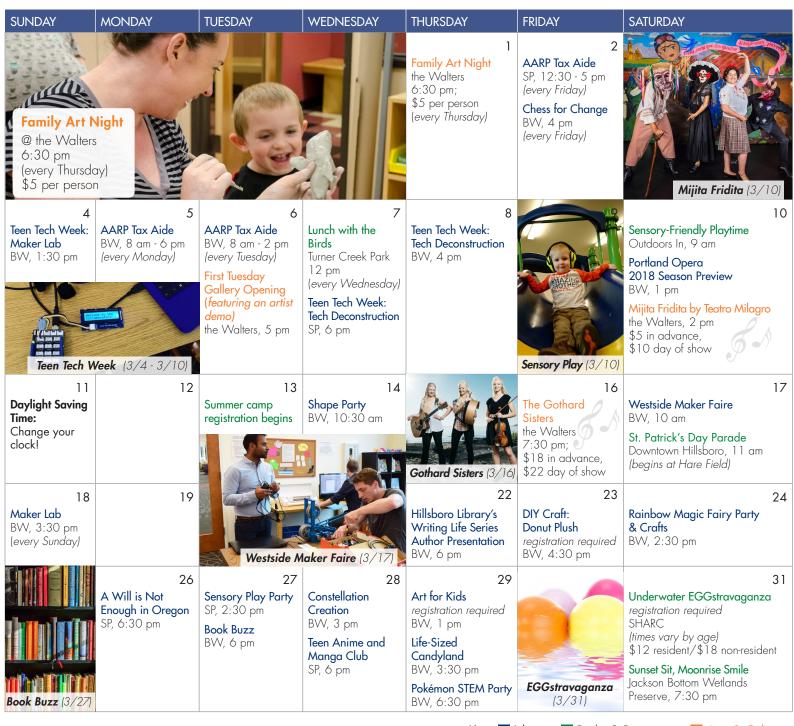
As new roads and intersections open and people find their most efficient routes, the City will monitor the changing traffic patterns and adjust as necessary.

What is the City doing to encourage South Hillsboro residents not to drive?

South Hillsboro will include development of world-class bicycle infrastructure to improve safety and encourage commuting by bike. With a 15-mile network of trails and walkable districts, it will be easy for residents to leave their cars at home.







Recurring Monthly Meetings

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

BW = Brookwood Library



SP = Shute Park Library

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Reduce, Reuse,	2 AARP Tax Aide	3 AARP Tax Aide	4 Spring Slime	5 Family Art Night	6 Carrie Cunningham	Social Action Book Club
Recycle BW, 1:30 pm	BW, 8 am - 6 pm (every Monday) Sink or Swim:		registration required SP, 6 pm Mystery of Bird Song	the Walters 6:30 pm; \$5 per person	the Walters 7:30 pm; \$15 in advance,	BW, 10:30 am
	The Rubber Duck Experiments BW, 4:30 pm	Gallery Opening (featuring an artist walk & talk) the Walters, 5 pm	registration required Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, 7 pm; \$10	(every Thursday)	\$20 day of show	
ink or Swim (4/2)	Lunch	with the Birds (4/11)	Lunch with the Birds Valley Memorial Park Cemetery, 12 pm (every Wednesday)	Carrie	e Cunningham (4/6)	Russian Language "Total Dictation" SP, 1 pm
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	Game Day BW, 4:30 pm	PED	F	Little Life Skills Workshop registration required	The Incredible Journey of Jazz: PDX Jazz	Global Youth Services Day registration required Noble Woods Park, 9 am
				BVV, 3:30 pm 3D Printing meet-up BVV, 5 pm	the Walters 7:30 pm; \$5 youth, \$10 adult	Swing and Standards Jazz Band BW, 1:30 pm
		Jo	urney of Jazz (4/20)		Egg Animals SP, 4 pm	
		24	25	26	27	2
		Money Smart: Beginners Budgeting and Banking BW, 7 pm	Walk with Ease SP, 2:30 pm	Read to the Dogs BW, 4:30 pm Hillsboro Library's Writing Life Series Author Presentation	Friends of the Library Book Sale begins (April 27 - May 6) BW, all day	Prescrption Drug Turn-In Hillsboro Police Departme 250 SE 10 th Ave.
			Teen Anime and Manga Club SP, 6 pm			10 am - 2 pm Jackson Bottom Nature
			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	BW, 6 pm		Center Open House Jackson Bottom Wetlands
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Alla.		Nature Center Open House				BW, 2 pm
Sunset Sit, Moonrise Smile (4/29) Sunset Sit, Moonrise Smile (4/29) Saturday, April 28, Noon - 4 pm 2600 SW Hillsboro Highway						Día de los Niños SP, 3 pm
Sunset Sit,	30	 Walk the trails Explore new exhibits Visit the new upland garden 				BA
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Coming in May & June...

5/4 Joni Mitchell's Blue: Merideth Kaye Clarke concert @ the Walters
5/12 Proud to be HSD (Hillsboro School District) Festival
5/19 Healthy Hillsboro 5k @ Rood Bridge Park
5/19 Hillsboro Public Works Day

5/20 Hillsboro Latino Cultural Festival

6/12 Hillsboro Tuesday Night Market opens

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
Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/WaltersConcerts



CITY NEWS BRIEFS

- The second annual City of Hillsboro Family Fiesta connected about 150 people with City employees at M&M Marketplace.
- City of Hillsboro employees also distributed socks, clothing, and 1,500 books during the 10th annual **Project Homeless Connect event**.
- Coffee grounds, hair, and "flushable" wipes are among the 15 items you should never flush down your toilet and into the City's 258 miles of sanitary sewer lines. Read the full list at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/News.





- Hillsboro Police Department volunteer Diane Cadonau received the Outstanding Volunteer of 2017 award from the National Association for Community Mediation. Diane retired from volunteering with the Hillsboro Police Department last year after 23 years of service.
- Between November and January, Hillsboro's Fall Leaf Pick-Up and Drop-Off Program collected the equivalent of **468 dump-truck loads of leaves** and 621 pounds of canned food for the Oregon Food Bank. The program helps keep the 230 miles of City of Hillsboro streets clean and reliable, and reduces flooding caused by leaves clogging storm drains.
- The Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department's **BLAST program is purchasing 66 Chromebooks** for homework help time. The Chromebooks stem from the generosity of the Richard B. Siegel Foundation, the Hillsboro Schools Foundation, and Sonic. Also, Trader Joe's donated more than \$770,000 worth of perishable goods in 2017 to the Hillsboro Community Senior Center. 🕕

Remembering Bonnie Kooken

By Mayor Steve Callaway

Our community lost one of its champions in February with the unexpected passing of Bonnie Kooken. A resident of Hillsboro's Old Orenco neighborhood for more than 50 years, Bonnie was a charter member and current chair of the City of Hillsboro's Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee.

As president of the Orenco Neighborhood Organization and a board member of the Hillsboro Historical Society, she fought tirelessly for the history and character of her neighborhood and the city she loved.



Every Hillsboro resident benefits from Bonnie's influence and community-building efforts. Driven by her commitment to preserving the land that is home to Orenco Woods Nature Park, Bonnie and her

neighbors helped save the historic property for the entire Hillsboro community to enjoy. Anytime we walk through the park, we will experience Bonnie saying hello to us.

Her tenacity helped secure landmark status for the Oregon Heritage Elms that frame the streets of Old Orenco. More recently, she had directed her energy toward ensuring their safe maintenance.

Bonnie's legacy of dedication and fierce advocacy pales only in comparison to her sweetness, colorful style, and gentle charm. I heard someone refer to Bonnie as the "Queen of Orenco." I don't think anyone would dispute that.

We are all richer for her having lived and served in our community.



Orenco Woods Nature Park Ribbon Cutting

TUF Approach Keeps Hillsboro Roads Safe

With about 230 miles of paved streets in the City of Hillsboro, helping to keep those roads safe and well maintained is a top priority.

How is road maintenance funded?

In 2008, the Hillsboro City Council created the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) to address maintenance needs sooner, saving money over the long term. The TUF funds Hillsboro's Pavement Management Program to repair and maintain roads. Because of the TUF,



the City is on track to catch up on all backlog maintenance projects by 2024.

What projects did the TUF pay for in 2017?

- Treating, sealing, and repairing more than 25 miles of roadways
- Installing and upgrading 82 sidewalk ADA access ramps at intersections to meet federal standards
- Preliminary engineering on pedestrian-safety improvement projects: SE Cedar Street, SE Golden Road, and NE Jackson School Road

Who pays the TUF?

All residents, businesses, and nonprofits in Hillsboro pay the TUF as part of their monthly utility bill. TUF rates increase each April. The next rate increase - 60 cents per month for residential single family homes - takes effect on April 1. Read more about how the TUF works at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/TUF.



PROGRESS REPORT

Street and Sidewalk Safety Updates



- NE Griffin Oaks Street is open to two-way traffic again. The project, funded by the Transportation Utility Fee, replaced the pavement between NE 15th and 25th avenues and improved the existing storm sewer.
- Hillsboro's Transportation System Plan (TSP) will serve as the blueprint for the City's transportation investments over the next 20 years. Get involved in the plan's update at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/TSP.
- The City of Hillsboro's **Safe Routes to School Program** is helping physical education teachers at Hillsboro School District elementary schools to share traffic and pedestrian safety lessons with students.
- The LED Streetlight Conversion Project kicked off in February. The Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lights are expected to last four times longer than the current high-pressure sodium bulbs and use half the energy. Learn more about the project at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/StreetLights. (1)







Community Center at 53rd Avenue: Design Work Begins

Building a centrally located community center has long been a Hillsboro City Council priority and, in February, the Council reached a significant milestone.

The Council approved a contract with Opsis Architecture to design and engineer the \$35 million Community Center at 53rd Avenue – the largest Parks & Recreation Department project in Hillsboro's history.

Located on the west side of 53rd Avenue, across the street from 53rd Avenue Community Park, the community center will bring families, friends, and neighbors together in a place that is accessible, inclusive, and affordable. The City of Hillsboro owns the 20 acres of land that will house the facility.

The two-story community center will feature meeting rooms, basketball courts, an indoor walking/jogging track, cardio weight rooms, and other amenities that will enhance Hillsboro residents' quality of life.

With construction anticipated to begin in 2019, the community center is expected to open in 2021.









Library News Briefs

- Hillsboro Public Library patrons checked out more than 2.5 million items - including e-books - in 2017.
- Brookwood Library had the highest circulation of all Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) libraries in January 2018, with 180,785 items checked out.
- The **Library's Homework Help program** is now offered four nights a week:
 - o Shute Park Library: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm
 - o Brookwood Library: Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm



- 2,500 Spanish-language materials have been added to the Library's collection.
- The Library's **Shelf Help service** delivers personalized book picks for readers.





City Lays Groundwork for High-Speed Internet

The internet is an essential utility – like water and electricity. It's a prerequisite for enjoying a higher quality of life. The City of Hillsboro recognizes the importance of ensuring all residents, employers, and schools have affordable, high-speed internet access.



With recent approval from the Hillsboro City Council, the City is planning for the option of providing high-speed internet service in the future. The first step is coordinating with public utilities and housing developers on the installation of fiber network infrastructure (conduit, or pipe), when they plan to build new roads or dig up existing roads.

This "dig once" strategy is cost effective and efficient. It extends the life of Hillsboro streets and sidewalks by preventing the need to dig them up later. Developers pay for the installation of conduit through transportation-system fees.

Read an extended Q & A about the City-owned fiber network infrastructure at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/News.

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)

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov

Discover what you can find online...

- 1. 2035 Community Plan goals
- 2. Parks & Recreation classes
- 3. Sister City Program info
- 4. Volunteering Opportunities ...and more!



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