

CITY VIEWS

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Mayor's Message: Our Ongoing Investment in Local Students



Mayor Jerry Willey

Ben Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." I agree wholeheartedly, and it's one reason why I am proud that the City of Hillsboro invests so heavily in our local students.

The City provides more than \$1.3 million of in-kind benefits to Hillsboro schools each year. That number will grow by an additional \$1.2 million for this school year – a direct cash contribution.

The City of Hillsboro already pays for five School Resource Officers and a School Resource Officer Sergeant to keep kids safe on school grounds in the Hillsboro School District. Our Parks & Recreation Department invests in after-school programs and scholarships for Hillsboro students, and provides student-athletes the opportunity to compete at City-owned athletic facilities. The Hillsboro Police Department runs programs that prevent truancy and student drug use. Our Public Works employees maintain the flashing lights that alert drivers when they're entering a school zone.

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Growing a Great Community: South Hillsboro's Future

Newcomers and long-time residents alike know that our city is growing. Once a small farming community, today the City of Hillsboro is Oregon's fifth-largest community and an economic engine for the entire state. How do we plan for growth while still honoring our agricultural roots? How do we provide needed housing to accommodate new businesses and employers, and still maintain our quality of life? The answer is through transparent and robust dialogue that takes into account where we were, what we are now and, most importantly, what we want to become in the future.



An artist's sketch of South Hillsboro provided by Mithun.

South Hillsboro is 1,400 acres of open space, farmland and developed property that is in the process of becoming an entirely new community. Bordered on the south by SW Rosedale Road, on the north by Tualatin Valley Highway, the new community will be situated between SW 229th Avenue and the existing urban growth boundary on the west, and SW 209th Avenue on the east.

Plans call for South Hillsboro to be built around a town center, and to provide needed and varied housing integrated into the natural landscape.

South Hillsboro Master Planning Workshop

Tuesday September 10
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Rosedale Elementary

South Hillsboro will provide its residents with neighborhoods located near jobs, parks, shops, and schools — all situated in ways that make it easy to walk, bike and use transit.

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South Hillsboro


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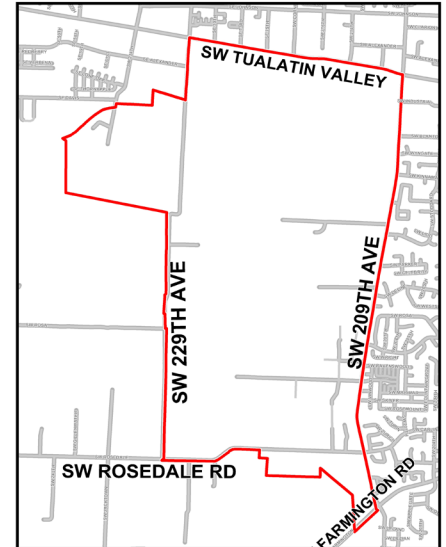
Most importantly, South Hillsboro will be built in a way that accommodates growth and prosperity, while preserving the quality of life we all value. Throughout master planning, we are committed to listening to residents, business owners, and employers in a transparent and engaging planning process.

Hillsboro Planning Department employees will kick off the master planning



Sketch provided by Mithun.

process for South Hillsboro with the first of several community workshops on Tuesday, September 10. The meeting at Rosedale Elementary School on SW 229th Avenue runs from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and includes a staff presentation and discussion of the best practices and planning principles for the project. Join us in deciding how to grow South Hillsboro into a new place to call home. 



A map of South Hillsboro.

Mayor's Corner

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I could keep going, but you get the point: the City of Hillsboro takes an active role in supporting our students.

As I said earlier, that investment is getting much bigger. The City of Hillsboro is excited to send more money this year directly to local schools, including more than \$1.2 million to the Hillsboro School District to be used at the District's discretion. Funds are also going to other school districts in Washington County, including the Beaverton School District, where many Hillsboro residents' children attend school. We are able to accomplish this because of another program here in Oregon called the Strategic Investment Program (SIP).

Under the SIP, Washington County and the City of Hillsboro give up a portion of property taxes in order to attract new investment from employers. Our local school districts forego some taxes as well, but those tax revenues are offset by the State's school funding formula. Thanks to the SIP, companies such as Intel and Genentech are making long-term investments here that create jobs for our residents and property taxes for public services. Through a program known as Gain Share, counties and cities that attract these types of employers through the SIP can share in new income taxes generated by the job growth.

As part of our commitment to local students, we think it's important for the City of Hillsboro to use some of the City's Gain Share monies to help our school districts. Washington County schools have been the fastest growing in the State and it is important that they continue to provide the excellent education they are known for.

Gain Share revenues are designed to support the necessary investments in infrastructure and services that, in turn, support new and expanding businesses. These investments will help to mitigate the community impacts these new workers have on traffic, schools and overall livability. If the program continues to be implemented as approved by the Legislature in 2007, it will result in greater investments and job creation within our community.

As we work with Washington County legislators to ensure the highest level of certainty for the Gain Share program moving forward, we will continue to invest in our students and in our community – making it attractive for companies to locate and grow in, and making Hillsboro the best place possible for our citizens to live. 

KNOW YOUR COUNCIL

What was your favorite subject in school?

Mayor
Jerry Willey:
Math



Council President
Aron Carleson:
Speech and Debate

Councilor
Olga Acuña:
Literature and History



Councilor
Megan Braze:
Biology

Councilor
Steve Callaway:
Reading



Councilor
Darell Lumaco:
Math

Councilor
Fred Nachtigal:
Chemistry and Math



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City Manager's Report

The Art of Recruiting a Police Chief

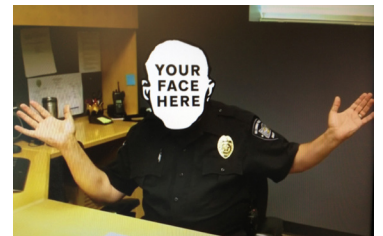


City Manager
Michael Brown

You may have heard that the City of Hillsboro currently is recruiting for a new Police Chief. Given our reputation for providing exceptional public safety services with a strong connection to the community, we asked for and received public input about the qualities and characteristics our citizens seek in our top law enforcement professional. These attributes, such as vision, integrity, decisiveness, community engagement, and cultural competence have been included as desired characteristics for the position.

Thanks to a creative and humorous recruitment video that went viral last month, from Seattle to Miami, people across the country know that the City of Hillsboro is searching for a new Police Chief. If you have yet to see it, the video is part of the Police Chief recruitment packet posted online at the City's website. The national attention and publicity generated by the video only helps us to attract the best candidates in our search.

The video demonstrates that our City organization understands that using humor is an effective way to address the stress associated with an exceptionally challenging profession. Also, using appropriate humor with our citizenry can make us more approachable, thereby building stronger relationships within our community. Further, we wanted the nation to know that the City of Hillsboro encourages creativity, innovation, and risk-taking.



A screenshot from the Hillsboro Police Chief recruitment video.

We are hearing great feedback from Hillsboro residents who appreciate the video's humor and emphasis on community policing. Law enforcement blogs and websites have helped spread the word about our efforts to hire a Police Chief, with many seasoned professionals voicing their admiration for our approach.

While the national media has focused on the video, our focus remains on hiring the right person – a natural leader who understands how best to protect public safety, who actively engages the community and who will provide excellent leadership to the 180 dedicated employees of the Hillsboro Police Department. Our goal is to have our Police Chief in place by early next year.

Lukas Heaton

2013 Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Outstanding Youth Volunteer

Where do you volunteer?

I have volunteered for a variety of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation programs, events, and classes, including Senior Center Bingo Night, Outpost at Shute Park, Town Hall 2020, Celebrate Hillsboro, and many, many more. I strive for a diverse mix of opportunities when volunteering: it keeps things exciting and allows me to influence several aspects of my community.

How did you start volunteering?

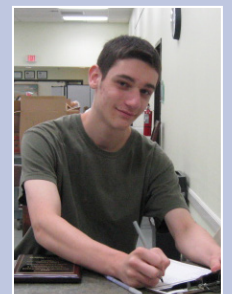
I began volunteering through Key Club during my sophomore year at Century High School. I felt that something was lacking in my life, and wanted to get more involved with my school.

Why do you volunteer?

Making a difference through volunteering gives me a sense of satisfaction that no material possession could ever replicate. Also, it is a great opportunity to meet and get to know people.

What would you tell others about volunteering with the City?

Branch out and try more events than what looks good at first – you never know what interests you might develop until you give them a chance. Also, don't take on more than you can handle.






Celebrating Success: 2013 Celebrate Hillsboro Brought Big Crowds to Downtown

Hillsboro's hometown pride continues to grow, and the latest evidence includes the huge crowd of people that flocked to downtown Hillsboro in July for the ninth version of Celebrate Hillsboro.

With a focus on healthy and sustainable living, live music, community information, arts and crafts, and a farmers' market, organizers estimate that more than 10,000 people packed the downtown core. Festivalgoers filled the Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza and parking lot, the Washington County Courthouse Lawn, and the seven city blocks dedicated to the annual festival.



In its ninth year, Celebrate Hillsboro, *presented by Tuality Healthcare*, continues to honor the diversity of Hillsboro, while connecting neighbors, non-profits and local businesses.

The community tradition will continue in July 2014 with the 10th annual Celebrate Hillsboro. While next year's celebration remains many months away, organizers have already begun planning to bring Hillsboro together again next summer. 



Hops 2013 Season Wrap-Up

Well, that was fast. The Hillsboro Hops' inaugural season is already in the history books and team executives say Year One was a tremendous success. The City of Hillsboro broke ground on Hillsboro Ballpark just a year ago, in September 2012. Hoffman Construction made sure the ballpark was ready for the June 13 Grand Opening, and the June 17 Hops' Home Opener. That first game was a sellout, with 4,710 fans packed inside to watch the Hops crush the Eugene Emeralds 12-0.

Hops General Manager KL Wombacher says the momentum from the first game carried through the summer, with ticket sales averaging about 3,500 fans a game – beating the team's projections and breaking the franchise's record for season-long attendance. In mid-August, Wombacher estimated the Hops would finish the season having sold about 135,000 tickets, and having handed out about 60,000 programs.



A view from the stands at Hillsboro Ballpark.

Sustainable Savings

For the fourth time this year, the City of Hillsboro has been recognized for its commitment to sustainable living and efforts to conserve energy. Most recently, Mayor Jerry Willey accepted an Honorable Mention award in the competition for the US Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Award.

With ambitious goals of reducing energy consumption 20 percent by 2020, the City of Hillsboro is nearly halfway

to that goal – having reduced overall facility energy consumption by 9 percent since 2009. These efforts have contributed to more than \$420,000 in energy- and water-cost savings to date.



Mayor Jerry Willey is congratulated by Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, among others.

Hillsboro's award from the US Conference of Mayors follows letters of recognition from the White House and the U.S. Department of Energy for the City's efforts to increase energy efficiency. Additionally, in April, Portland General Electric (PGE) awarded the City of Hillsboro its PGE Energy Champions Award.

Honoring History: Heritage Plaques

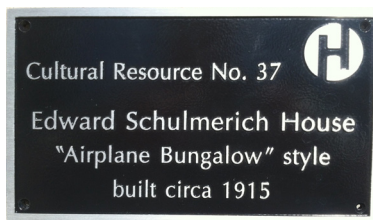
How well do you know Hillsboro's history?

Did you know October 19 marks the 137th anniversary since the City's incorporation in 1876?

Did you know this year is Hillsboro Water's 100th anniversary, and next year will be the 100th anniversary of the Hillsboro Library?

That rich and interesting past is reflected in many Hillsboro homes and buildings.

Did you know that owners of historic properties recognized by the City are now eligible to purchase an official plaque?



Each Hillsboro Heritage plaque gives the historic name of the building, its architectural style and date of construction. The plaque also shows the assigned number of the site on the

City's official Cultural Resource Inventory.

Property owners pay half the cost of the plaque, while the remainder is funded by donated royalties from sales of the local history book, "Hillsboro" – part of the "Images of America" series. The book is available at the Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve Information Center.

For more information, call Debbie Raber in the Hillsboro Planning Department at (503) 681-6155. 

Capturing the Community: 2013 Snapshot

A recently updated Hillsboro Community Profile outlines the makeup of the City, with information that will help Hillsboro update its award-winning community vision plan, Hillsboro 2020. Among the facts included in the 2013 Snapshot:

- In 2010, Hillsboro had nearly 60,000 jobs.
- By 2035, Hillsboro is forecast to have nearly 114,000 jobs. Significant job growth in technology and manufacturing sectors is expected to spur service and retail job growth.
- Population forecasts project nearly 37,000 new residents between 2010 and 2030.
- Nearly 19,000 people are anticipated to live in the South Hillsboro and AmberGlen communities.
- 22.6 percent of Hillsboro residents are Hispanic.
- 8.5 percent of Hillsboro residents are Asian.
- Nearly 1 in 3 Hillsboro residents speak a language other than English at home.



Go to Hillsboro2020.org to see the Hillsboro Community Profile: 2013 Snapshot, and to get involved in shaping the City's future. 



Fire Prevention Week: October 6-12, 2013

Football season is here and when you're cooking in the kitchen, it's easy to get distracted by touchdowns and interceptions. But as Hillsboro Fire and Rescue points out, unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires, where residential fires most often begin.

This year's Fire Prevention Week focus is on preventing kitchen fires. Hillsboro Fire encourages you to follow these safety tips – and stand by your pan!

- When you fry, grill or broil food, stay in the kitchen.
 - When you simmer, bake, roast, or boil food, stay in your home and check your food regularly.
 - Keep things that can ignite – such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, and paper towels – away from your stovetop.
 - Protect children: maintain a kid-free zone three feet around the stove when food is cooking; use back burners; and never hold a child while cooking or carrying hot food or liquids.
 - Never use aluminum foil or metal objects in the microwave.
- If fire has not spread beyond the pan, smother it by carefully sliding a lid or cookie sheet over the pan to completely cover it. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until it cools. Never move a pan, or throw water on a grease fire.
 - For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. For a microwave fire, shut off the power and keep the door closed.



The second week of October is Fire Prevention Week, held to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.



A Hillsboro Water Department employee goes underground to investigate a leak.

Hillsboro Water: Crandall Reservoir Nears Completion

When Hillsboro Water Department crews discovered a water leak beneath NW Evergreen Road in July, operators quickly assessed the situation and took action. Repairing the leak near Hillsboro Airport required City staff to take Hillsboro's largest water transmission line out of service for three days. It was during that time that the nearby Evergreen Reservoir provided a combination of water and water pressure that helped to keep taps running. Repair work was completed without interrupting service to customers. In-town reservoirs, such as Evergreen, increase water service reliability for Hillsboro customers.

In spring 2014, construction crews will complete work on Hillsboro's new Crandall Reservoir, adding another level of emergency protection to Hillsboro's northwest corner. The 10-million-gallon reservoir will be capable of providing service and reliability in the same way that the Evergreen Reservoir protected water customers at the end of July.

Before the reservoir is closed to visitors, you can get an up-close tour of the facility and learn about its design and capabilities. On October 1, Hillsboro Water will host an Open House from 5 pm – 7 pm at the Crandall Reservoir site, north of NW Evergreen Road, near Glencoe Road, next to the Four Square Church.

For more information, please visit www.hillsborowater.org, or call (503) 615-6702. 

Expanded Library Breaks Records

Records keep shattering this summer at the Hillsboro Main Library. With a new automated materials handling system sorting an average of nearly 9,000 items per day, and a newly-expanded second floor, book lovers are flocking to find out what the Hillsboro Library can offer. Take a look at the numbers in July:

New patrons registered	720
Books renewed from the bookmobile	3,359
Questions asked by patrons	11,756*
Gate count of library visitors	64,277*
Items renewed from Main Library	82,279
Items checked out from Main Library	162,434
Total checkouts and renewals from Main Library	249,411*

* new Hillsboro Library record



What's Happening in this Photo?



Big changes are afoot at the Shute Park Branch Library. Construction workers are focusing on seismic upgrades throughout the facility, including six additional concrete footings that will support the new structural steel brace frames. In September, the focus will turn to framing the roof and making the building watertight before the rainy season. That job will take about a month, in combination with finishing the exterior framing. Once the building is enclosed, interior framing and drywall installation can begin. Construction is on schedule for completion in early March 2014.

Big Belly, Big Impact: The "Super Trash Can"

Throwing away garbage rarely has an air of mystery or excitement to it, but at the corner of Second and Main in downtown Hillsboro, the two Big Belly solar compactors are giving folks a reason to wonder, 'What's happening to my trash?' Here's what you need to know:

- The trash compactor smashes down the garbage, reducing its volume so the receptacles do not need to be emptied as often.
- Each Big Belly is fully enclosed to reduce trash overflow.
- The solar panel on top of each compactor recharges a 12-volt battery. Garbage fills the container until it reaches near the top, where an electric beam triggers the ram to compact it.
- Compacting happens several times before the maximum volume is reached.
- Big Belly compactors can hold about 200 gallons of regular garbage – several times more than a traditional garbage can.
- Each compactor is connected wirelessly to a monitoring website, so the City can see when they are getting full and need to be serviced. Additionally, green, yellow, and red indicators display the level of trash to garbage collectors.
- The Big Belly compactors help to make our downtown a cleaner place!





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS









September

10	5:30pm	South Hillsboro Master Planning Community Workshop, Rosedale Elementary School, free, 503-681-5358
11	6:00pm	YogaFit class for beginners, adults, Main Library, free 
14	2:30pm	Origami Folding Fun, grades K-6, Main Library, free 
17	6:30pm	Watercolor Workshop, teens/adults, Main Library, free 
19	6:30pm	Kickstarter.com and self-publishing, adults, Main Library, free 
20-21	9:00am	Hillsboro Plein Air, various locations, \$40 for pre-registered painters, free to public 
21	9:00am	All Comers Family 5K, Dairy Creek Park, \$5/adult, kids 17 and under free 
24	4:00pm	Youth Cross Country Meet, youth through 8th grade, Liberty High School, free 
28	9:00am	Cake Pops class, 10 years to adult, Tyson Rec Center, registration required, \$18 


October

1	4:00pm	Youth Cross Country Meet, youth through 8th grade, Glencoe High School, free 
1	5:00pm	Crandall Reservoir Open House, tour site and see Hillsboro's new reservoir, NW Evergreen Rd, near Glencoe Rd, free, 503-615-6702
5	9:00am	Fire Prevention Week Kick-off, Hillsboro Farmers' Market, downtown, free, 503-615-6166
8	4:00pm	Youth Cross Country Meet, youth through 8th grade, Century High School, free 

October (cont.)

11	6:00pm	F.I.L.M. series movie, <i>Teddy Bear</i> , unrated, adults, Main Library, free 
12	9:00am	All Comers Family 5K, Griffin Oaks Park, \$5/adult, kids 17 and under free 
15	4:00pm	Youth Cross Country Meet, youth through 8th grade, Rood Bridge Park free 
16	7:00pm	Go Bust Some Stress! Workshop, adults, Main Library, free 
19	2:30pm	Barely Boo! With Rick Huddle, ages 4-12 and families, Main Library, free 
26	9:00am	Cake Pops class, 10 years to adult, Tyson Rec Center, registration required, \$18 
26	10:00am	Spooky Dance Party, ages 0-6 and families, Main Library, free 
31	Noon	All Hallows-Eat Lunch Party, Senior Center, registration required, \$5 

Recurring Events

1st/3rd Tue	7:00 pm	City Council
2nd/4th Tues	7:00 am	Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings
1st/3rd Wed	6:30 pm	Planning and Zoning Hearings Board
2nd/4th Wed	6:30 pm	Planning Commission
2nd Mon	6:30 pm	Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee
2nd Tue	5:30 pm	Finance Committee
4th Tue	6:00 pm	Transportation Committee
Thurs	6:30 pm	Thursday Family Art Night, Cultural Arts Center, \$5/person at the door 
Daily		Hondo Dog Park, open dawn to dusk
Daily	10:00 am	Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve open