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MESSAGE FROM THE HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL

Use Your Voice. Cast Your Vote.

The pandemic has postponed so much in our lives, including a naturalization ceremony earlier this year in Hillsboro.

Brookwood Library hosted an naturalization ceremony in April 2019 for 50 individuals and their families from around the Northwest. They had immigrated to the United States from 28 countries around the world, and were now becoming American citizens. The ceremony was powerful and moving.

With American citizenship, these individuals earned sacred rights, privileges, and responsibilities — including the right to vote.

Voting is at the very core of our democracy. If it's a local race, a regional issue, or a national election, it's our duty to cast an informed vote. We should read the Voters Pamphlet, ask questions, and know who (or what) we are voting for (or against).

Whether you have voted for decades or you just turned 18, we urge you: Use your voice. Cast your vote.

Hand in hand with the responsibility of voting is accepting the outcome. In doing so, and by coming together, we are able to work toward a better future and a "more perfect Union."

FINAL CALL! Drop off your ballot by TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 8 PM

Brookwood Library

Shute Park Library
(10 am – 6 pm inside)

Wingspan @ Westside Commons

Sheriff's Office & Jail Parking Lot

Washington County's Elections Office

Police Review and Advancement Continues with New Webpage

The City of Hillsboro's ongoing work to review and advance policing policies and practices has a new online home for community information and updates.

Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/PoliceAdvancement to read a timeline of actions taken, including community engagement, City Council direction, and what the City is working on related to policing and public safety.

Inspired by calls for equitable policing and racial justice in Hillsboro and across America, a team of Hillsboro Police Department, Human Resources Department, and City Manager's Office employees continue to work on:

- Evaluating options to provide more transparency, including exploring various oversight models.
- Researching programs that that could be implemented to help support the needs of community members experiencing mental health and/or homelessness challenges.
- Expanding equity training for the City Council and City staff, including the Police Department.

Police Review and Advancement

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At the City of Hillsboro we recognize that our Police Department is a model for many communities across the nation. We have become this model because of the dedicated work of our officers and support staff and their continuous drive to meet and exceed the expectations of ALL members of our community.

We were early adopters of progressive ideas such as community policing, participating in events with our community, and partnering with youth empowerment organizations.

These ideas and initiatives have made a positive impact in our community, but we recognize that some members of our community, in particular our people of color, have not equally experienced the same positive outcomes we hoped for.



Watch the three-hour Hillsboro City Council Work Session on Policing and Public Safety.

It is with this lens — and calls to action from the community after the death of George Floyd and several national incidents related to police use of force — that we have developed an internal working group on the future of public safety and policing in our City.

This workgroup consists of employees within the Hillsboro Police Department, Human Resources Department, and City Manager's Office — and is guided by policy direction from the City Council. This webpage provides a summary of work accomplished and underway, a timeline of events, comments received from the public, and links to several City Council meetings and statements related to policing and public safety.

Please reach out to us at any time if you have suggestions, thoughts or ideas on policing and public safety within the City. [Share your thoughts, comments, and feedback with the Hillsboro City Council.](#)

Engagement and Action Timeline >

Community Comments >

- Working with the Hillsboro School District on the future of School Resource Officers.
- Continuing to engage community members, including partnering with community groups, to hear from more residents.
- Providing updates to residents on policy decisions and opportunities to provide input and give feedback.

See the timeline, City actions, and share your comments and questions: Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/PoliceAdvancement



CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

Who would you like to thank in our community in 2020?



Mayor Steve Callaway
Every teacher and educator in Hillsboro who's making the best of a tough situation. Parents too!



Council President Fred Nachtigal
Small business owners like Mike Soto, owner of Pizzario, who invest so much.



Councilor Olivia Alcaire
Hillsboro Chamber employee Nansi Lopez. She works tirelessly to support and highlight small businesses.



Councilor Kyle Allen
Our postal carriers who deliver ballots and mail. Thank you!



Councilor Anthony Martin
Former City Councilor Olga Acuna for her advocacy for ALL students in the Hillsboro School District.



Councilor Beach Pace
Each brave person who took time to provide their feedback in the policing listening sessions.



Councilor Rick Van Beveren
Cindy Cosenzo — her positive work and support of our community is incredible!



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



City Manager Robby Hammond

Thank You, Hillsboro Firefighters!

2020 is testing us all like never before.

It's no surprise that Hillsboro Fire & Rescue Department professionals continue to rise to the challenge, protecting us when we need them most.

In September, when wildfire outbreaks and smoke halted our lives, Hillsboro firefighters responded to 325 calls for service over the busiest four-day stretch – a 300 percent increase in calls for help.



While most of us stayed inside to avoid unhealthy and hazardous air, they spent entire days and nights helping to save lives and structures.

From Hillsboro to Forest Grove, Chehalem Mountain to Estacada, our firefighters were there to protect our city and our neighbors, knowing how important partnerships are for regional fire protection.

Throughout 2020, under pandemic conditions, our firefighters have not stopped answering Hillsboro residents' calls for medical help and other life-saving support.

Words cannot fully capture our gratitude to the people of the fire service. They are brave. They are incredible.

Thank you, Hillsboro firefighters!



If you have been impacted by COVID-19, financial help is available.

NEW

Garbage & Recycling Bill Assistance

You may qualify for garbage and recycling bill assistance through Community Action.



Rental Assistance



The City's temporary eviction moratorium remains in affect. After the emergency declaration expires, tenants will have six months to pay any rent that qualified to be deferred.

Utility Bill Assistance

You may be eligible for CARES Act utility assistance if you meet all of the following criteria:

1. You have been impacted by COVID-19 (job loss, hours reduction, sickness, quarantine).
2. You have a residential utility account with the City of Hillsboro.
3. You participate in government assistance programs, or your household earns at or below 80% of the area median income (see below).

80% Area Median Income

Number of Members in Household	2020 Monthly Household Income
1	\$4,300
2	\$4,920
3	\$5,530
4	\$6,145
5	\$6,635
6	\$7,125
7	\$7,620
8	\$8,110
9	\$8,600
10	\$9,095

Contact Community Action for application information.

Utility assistance 503-615-0771
Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/UtilityAssistance
 Rental assistance 503-615-0770
 Garbage/recycling 503-615-0771



THE OREGON CARES FUND for Black Relief + Resiliency



Black community members, business owners, and nonprofit leaders who have experienced financial adversity due to COVID-19 can apply for federal CARES Act cash grants at:
TheContingent.org/Oregon-Cares

Government Assistance Programs

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Oregon Health Plan (OHP)
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- Energy Assistance Program
- Public Housing, Section 8 Choice Voucher Program, or project-based voucher program

Rain and Face Coverings

Letting your face covering get wet may decrease its effectiveness and make it difficult to breathe.

Keep your mask dry by wearing a rain jacket with a hood, carrying an umbrella, or having another means to shield your face covering from the rain. You may also want to carry a spare, just in case.



For more information visit healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211

Oregon Health Authority

FACT:

Cold weather CANNOT kill the COVID-19 virus.

See more myths and facts at [who.int](https://www.who.int)



#NoTimeForFlu

Vaccination is especially important for those at high risk of flu complications:

- pregnant women
- people above 65 years of age
- young children
- those with chronic medical conditions

Get flu updates and resources at [cdc.gov/flu](https://www.cdc.gov/flu)

Ways to Help Community Members



Donate Blood & Plasma

Fully recovered COVID-19 patients are needed to donate convalescent plasma that will help those who are sick.

There is also an urgent need for blood donations. You can help save lives.

[RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org)



Donate Money

The Esperanza Relief Fund supports local migrant families who are often excluded from federal government assistance.

[CentroCultural.org](https://www.centrocultural.org)

The Hillsboro Community Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Fund supports nonprofits.

[HillsboroCommunityFoundation.org](https://www.hillsborocommunityfoundation.org)

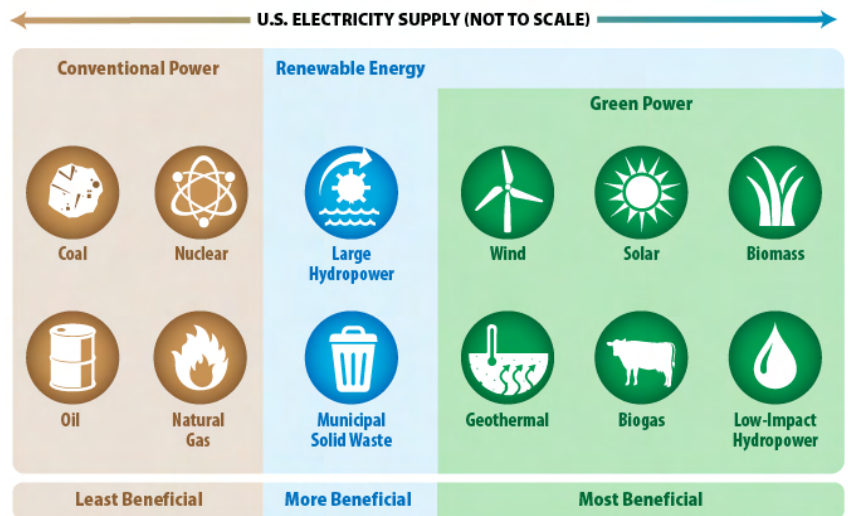
Hillsboro is America's #1 Green-Power Community... Again!

If you live in Hillsboro, you're a resident of the number one green-power community in America.

Following consecutive years at the top, Hillsboro remains the national leader in green power usage based on data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Hillsboro community members and businesses voluntarily purchase more than 2.1 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power each year, representing 65% of all power purchased throughout the community.

Since 2012, Hillsboro has increased the percentage of green power used by homes and businesses from 39% to 65% in 2020. The City has also contributed significantly, by offsetting 100% of the electricity used by City operations.



Learn about purchasing green power for your home or business at PortlandGeneral.com

What is green power?

Green power is zero-emissions electricity that is generated from renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass, and low-impact hydro. Using green power helps build demand for the development of new renewable energy capacity nationwide and helps users reduce their carbon footprints.

Do you need help paying your mortgage?

You can share your space with a new housemate.

Need to share expenses?

Find a room to rent.



Connect with Metro HomeShare for more information.

971-271-5195
MetroHomeShare.org

Air Quality Advisory Levels

Help reduce wood smoke pollution, which can cause serious health issues.



Air quality is unhealthy. No wood-burning fireplace use or wood stove use, unless exempted.

Air quality is unhealthy for sensitive groups. Voluntary limits on wood-burning fireplaces and wood stove use.

Air quality is healthy. No restrictions.

Hillsboro prohibits burning yard debris year-round.

This does not apply to recreational fires, backyard fire pits, chimineas, or barbecues.

To sign up for alerts, visit WCCCA.com/PublicAlerts

150 Affordable Apartments Expected with 53rd Avenue Project

Plans for the City's next affordable housing project at Hidden Creek Drive and NE 53rd Avenue will be presented to the City Council in November. The project is set to break ground in 2021.

Approximately 150 affordable apartments will be built across from 53rd Avenue Community Park, and a short walk to the closest TriMet MAX station.



The project is expected to be complete in 2023, with a focus on serving low-income families and individuals in the workforce, especially families of color.

This will be the first project in Hillsboro to use funds from Metro's housing bond. It is expected to include four (4) apartments with four (4) bedrooms, 46 3-bedroom townhomes, 56 2-bedroom units, and 44 1-bedroom apartments.

Safe Sleep Village Remains Open Through December 1

The "Safe Sleep Village" at Westside Commons opened in August for adults experiencing homelessness. It will remain open until December 1, when campers can be transitioned into a severe weather shelter.

Opened as part of Washington County's emergency response to COVID-19, the Safe Sleep Village has staff from Project Homeless Connect on site to manage the village 24 hours a day.



In October, the County launched a Safe Sleep RV program on County-owned property south of Veterans Drive and east of NE 25th Ave, with similar guidelines and staffing.

Funding for the Safe Sleep programs comes from money received through the CARES Act.

Kalapuya Tribe Honored at New Community Center



November is Native American Heritage Month. As community members, we are reminded of the opportunity to acknowledge the first people of the Willamette Valley, the Kalapuya Tribe, and honor them with gratitude as we continue to live alongside them today.

Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department staff have taken such steps as the City prepares to open the Hidden Creek Community Center. The center's community room is named Kalapuya Hall, with two other meeting rooms – the Tualatin River Room and the Five Oaks Room – serving as important resource areas for the Kalapuya Tribe.

You can visualize the history of indigenous peoples' lands in the United States and around the world at NativeLand.Ca.



Small Business Grants Available through Washington County

County-wide businesses with 25 or fewer employees are eligible to apply.

Applications will be accepted starting on Monday, November 2.

www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/business-recovery.cfm



Washington County
Business Recovery Center
503-726-2153

Hidden Creek Community Center Tours



Hidden Creek Community Center is nearly complete, and the building is beautiful!

If you're excited to see inside, you're in luck. Soon staff will begin offering small group tours for up to nine people at a time. You must pre-register.

During the tour, you'll see community rooms, event spaces, a two-court gymnasium, a fitness center and studios, and much more.

Outside the building, discover a sports court for futsal and pickleball, and a large patio for events. Bilingual tours are available to select during pre-registration.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/HiddenCreekCC



Photos by Rick Paulson

Multi-Cultural Series Launches Online

We Are Hillsboro is a new series designed to highlight the rich culture and diverse community that many of us call home.

Each month, Library staff will bring you a virtual program that connects you to your neighbors and shares some of the wonderful contributions that make Hillsboro truly special! The series is a blend of arts and culture, featuring some of the great happenings in our community.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Events



TUESDAY, NOV. 17
Celebrate our Middle Eastern neighbors, and experience the richness and beauty of Arab culture.



FRIDAY, DEC. 18
This special online holiday concert features Jazz & The Harpist, an ensemble from Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra.

Playgrounds & SHARC Outdoor Pool Open

Playground equipment is not sanitized, so kiddos and their families need to practice safe COVID-19 hygiene.

Face coverings are required for children over five years of age. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after use. Keep six feet of physical distance between you and people not from your household. And, stay home if you are sick or exhibiting symptoms.



The Outdoor Pool at SHARC is now open!

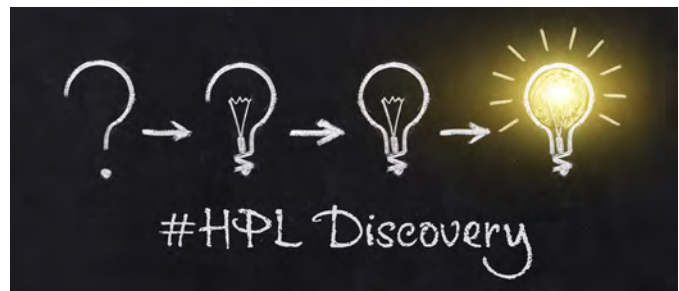
Make reservations for lap swimming and check for updates online. Indoor pools are closed for unexpected maintenance.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SHARC

Get your kids excited about STEM with #HPL Discovery!

Join us on our YouTube channel as we demonstrate easy and interactive ways build skills to solve problems, find and use evidence, collaborate on projects, and think critically. New videos, along with #HPL Discovery kits, are available for Pre-K to teens.

Check out our YouTube channel programs at "Hillsboro Libraries," #HPL Discovery.



Introducing New Youth Library Accounts

As part of the City's commitment to student success, the Hillsboro Public Library is partnering with Hillsboro School District, along with Washington County Cooperative Library Services, to offer each student a Youth Access Library Account, also called a YALA.

This project is part of the Library's support of the District's new K-6 Language Arts adoption for 2020-2021.

The Youth Access Library Account:

- increases opportunities for independent reading
- increases student access to bilingual library materials in a variety of languages
- provides student access to increased numbers of materials in Spanish and English, supplementing the Dual-Language Program (DLP)
- encourages and expands students' online e-access to books

Accounts for each student are scheduled to be enabled by December 2020.



HPL Express



PHONE SERVICE

10 am – 6 pm every day



SELECT SERVICES

12 – 6 pm inside our buildings

- Patron Holds Pickup
- Office Services:
Printing, Copying, Faxing
- Computer & Technology Services
- Notary Service
- Restrooms

503-615-6500

Library@Hillsboro-Oregon.gov
Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Library

LIGHTTOPIA

An illuminated journey

Make memories big and small as you wind your way through a luminescent land of twinkling lights!

Lighttopia is a socially-safe experience to be enjoyed from inside your vehicle. The half-mile journey of holiday lights will dazzle your eyes and delight your spirit.

Held at the Gordon Faber Recreation Complex, Lighttopia opens November 27 (the Friday after Thanksgiving) and will remain open through January 3.

Lighttopia will also be open every Saturday in January. The display will be closed to the general public on Wednesdays to celebrate social service organizations throughout Hillsboro.

There is no cost to visit Lighttopia, but you are encouraged to bring a canned food donation or unwrapped gift. These will support our local food pantry and the Toy & Joy program (through December 10), in partnership with the Hillsboro Fire & Rescue Department and the Hillsboro Elks Lodge.

Pre-registration required: Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/WinterEvents

LIGHTTOPIA SCHEDULE

Friday, November 27
(Thanksgiving Weekend)

through Sunday, January 3, 2021

and

Saturdays: January 9, 16, 23, and 30

*Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day

Hours of Operation

Sunday through Thursday*

5 – 9 pm

Fridays and Saturdays

5 – 10 pm

*Wednesdays are community days and will be closed to the general public



Winter Home Safety Tips

As temperatures get colder and daylight hours shorten, more families are working and schooling from home. Hillsboro Fire & Rescue wants to share these tips to make your living space more safe.

Heating Safety

1 in every 5 home fire deaths involve heating equipment. Keep flammables like blankets and curtains at least 3-feet away from heat sources.

Chimney and Vents

Before use, ensure they are ready. Hire a qualified professional to clean and inspect your chimney and vents at least once per year.



Check Detectors

Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors at least once per month.

Never use your oven or propane heaters to heat your home.

Electrical Safety

Only plug one heat-producing appliance like a space heater into an outlet at a time. Overloaded circuits can cause fires. Use properly-rated extension cords for your devices.

Emergency Kits

Check your kits in your home and your vehicle. Practice your home escape plan. Use battery-powered lights instead of candles for lighting. Keep a spare phone charger in your car.

PROTECT YOUR PACKAGES

Tips from the experts at the Hillsboro Police Department

- If you won't be home, have your package sent to your work, a trusted neighbor, or held for pick up at a local store, post office or the shipping company's distribution center.
- For Amazon purchases, utilize their locker locations.
- Install a lock box at your home. Be sure to bolt it to the ground to prevent removal.
- Notify friends and family when sending gifts.
- Track your package and know when to expect it.
- If you witness a package theft or suspicious behavior that could lead to one, call 911.



If you have a package stolen, call 503-629-0111 or go to [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/ReportCrime](https://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/ReportCrime)

HILLSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Shred It

Saturday, November 7
8 am - 1 pm

3083 NE 49th Place



EVENT DETAILS

- Masks required
- Drive-thru, self-serve shredding
- 3 box limit

Donations accepted to benefit the Hillsboro Schools Foundation

503-615-6756

Neighborhood Leaf Collection Begins

Hillsboro's curbside leaf pickup program runs from November 2 to December 31. Leaves will be picked up twice in each district — once in November, and again in December.

Help keep Hillsboro's 240+ miles of streets clean, reduce flooding caused by clogged catch basins, and stop debris from flowing downstream.

Please follow these four steps:

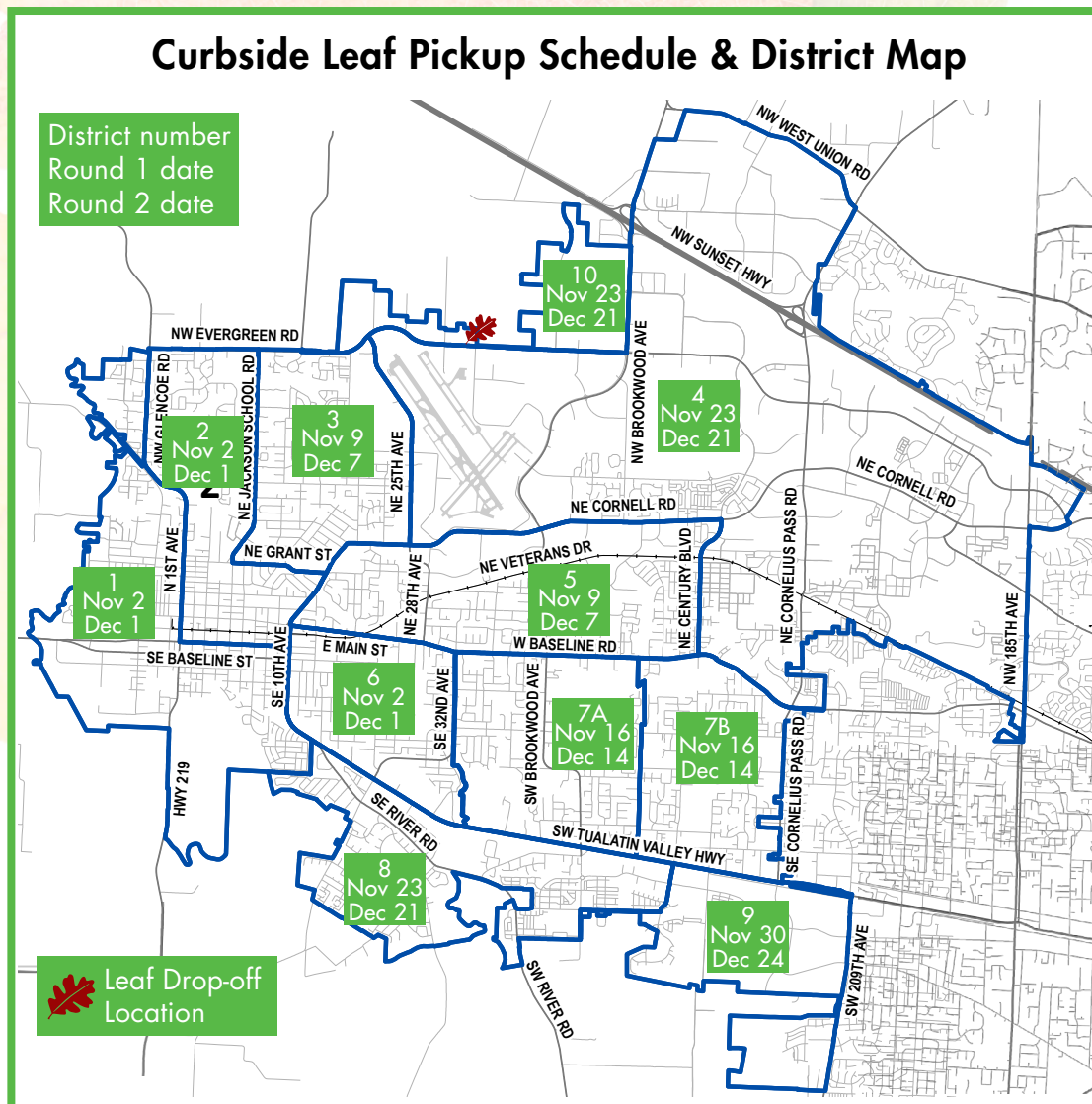
1. Place leaves in the street no more than one week before your scheduled leaf pickup date (*see map below*).
2. Pile leaves — from street trees only — in a row on your street at least 18 inches away from your curb to allow stormwater runoff to drain.
3. Keep leaf rows less than three feet high.
4. Do not block bike lanes, sidewalks, pathways, mailboxes, driveways, or street intersections and cul-de-sacs.

Crews will pick up leaves within a week of each start date. This schedule may change due to emergencies or severe weather.

Call 503-615-6509 or visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Leaf for more information.



Curbside Leaf Pickup Schedule & District Map



Leaf Drop-off Dates

Residents can haul and dispose of loose leaves during two events:



Saturday,
November 14

&

Saturday,
December 5

9 am to 3 pm

New location!

Public Works Department
4415 NE 30th Avenue

Consider donating to the Oregon Food Bank. Help serve our community members in need during this time of crisis.

OregonFoodBank.org/Give

Hillsboro Water Customers Will Save \$175 Million from Refinanced Loan

The City of Hillsboro worked with the Environmental Protection Agency to secure a 30% lower interest rate on the \$251 million federal loan funding the City's investment in the Willamette Water Supply System.

The exceptionally low interest rate of 1.36% will save water customers a total of \$175 million in repayment costs over the life of the loan.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Water

2021 Water Pipeline Installation



In partnership with the Tualatin Valley Water District and the City of Beaverton, the City of Hillsboro is

developing a pipeline at the mid-Willamette River at Wilsonville as an additional water supply source to meet our community's needs.

As part of the project, a 3.3 mile section of water pipeline will be installed beginning in late 2021 along Cornelius Pass Road between Frances Street and Highway 26 – including a small section through the Orenco Woods Nature Park.

OurReliableWater.org/Cornelius-Pass-Road-Pipeline-Project

Utilities Commission Set to Vote: 2021 Proposed Water Rates

After reviewing public feedback, the City Utilities Commission will vote on the 2021 proposed water rate increases on November 10.

If approved, for example, the drinking water portion of the utility bill for a typical residential customer using about 6,000 gallons of water per month will increase by \$3.06, from \$36.02 to \$39.08, beginning January 1.



Having trouble paying your utility bill?

See page 4 for relief options.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/WaterRates

Hillsboro is First in the United States to Install New Form of Renewable Energy

The City of Hillsboro partnered with the Energy Trust of Oregon, Portland General Electric, and InPipe Energy to install a pressure-reducing valve in a city water pipeline that will convert excess pressure into electricity.

Unlike traditional hydropower, electricity from this new conduit hydropower does not harm fish or ecosystems and is cost-effective to install and operate, which benefits ratepayers.

The new technology will generate up to 200,000 kWh of electricity per year, and help power the lighting, electric vehicle charging stations, and concessions at the Gordon Faber Recreation Complex.

The City is proud to be a leader in this environmentally friendly technique for power generation.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/News



4 Steps to Winterize Your Sprinkler System

It's time to shut down lawn irrigation systems and prepare for winter's cold weather.

Before the thermometer hits freezing temperatures...

TURN OFF THE WATER

to your lawn irrigation systems. Protect the main shut-off valve for your sprinkler system by wrapping it with insulation.

SHUT DOWN THE POWER

to the controller or turn the controller (timer) to "off" or "rain-mode" setting if you have an automatic irrigation system.

DRAIN

or blow out the pipes so they won't freeze and break.

INSULATE

your lawn irrigation backflow preventers and valves if they are above ground.

Rate Adjustment for Stormwater Repairs Approved

To address the \$132 million backlog of needed repairs to the Stormwater System, the City Council approved in September a rate adjustment from \$1 per Equivalent Service Unit (ESU) to \$2 beginning on January 1, 2021. Starting in 2022, there will be an annual 50-cent increase for the following four years.



Ongoing investment in the public Stormwater System will:

- prevent flooding and damage to private property
- enhance water quality
- help the environment reclaim water
- increase the health of local waterways

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/LocalServiceFee

Additional EV Charging Stations Installed

The Public Works Department has increased the Electric Vehicle (EV) charger locations at the Intermodal Transit Facility from 13 to 26, installed chargers at 2nd Avenue and Lincoln which will be open for public use after business hours and on weekends.



Shute Park Library now has a dual-head charger, one side for public use and the other for City fleet vehicles.

With more EV chargers available, that will inherently promote the use of more electric vehicles, reducing carbon emissions and further advancing our environmentally friendly community.

Don't put a strain on your drain!

When fats, oils, and grease — or “FOG” — accumulate in your kitchen sink, they can do more than clog your drain. They can also cause a sanitary sewer backup.

Cooking oil, fats, gravy, soups, butter, & sauces can coat the inside of your pipes — eventually blocking them.

Three steps to avoiding clogged pipes:



1 CAN IT
Pour grease into a tin can and freeze it

2 WIPE IT
Wipe greasy dishes with a paper towel before washing

3 TRASH IT
Throw scraps, fats, oils and grease into the garbage

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/FOG

Clean Water Services Rates & Fees

In response to COVID-19-related financial stress in the community, Clean Water Services has delayed increases to all rates and fees through 2020, and will reevaluate in December 2020.

Cleanwaterservices.org/Rates



Prevent Freezing Pipes

Find nine tips to prevent water pipes from freezing – and what steps to take if they do.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Water

EASY TIP

Open kitchen & bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.



Do Your Part During Winter Weather

Safety is our top priority, especially when there is snow, sleet, ice, or other inclement weather.

Our crews work quickly to treat priority City roadways when winter weather is in the forecast.

During snow and ice events, do your part by:

1. Giving the City's anti-icing trucks, snow plows, and other emergency vehicles plenty of extra room to operate safely.
2. Keeping sidewalks clear outside your home or business so people can move about safely.



See the City's Snow and Ice Response Plan, including a map of priority roads, online.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SevereWeather

Council President Fred Nachtigal Reflects on Eight Years of Service



As Council President Fred Nachtigal prepares to leave office in January 2021 due to term limits, we asked the lifelong Hillsboro resident and Hillsboro High School graduate about his eight years on the Council, and what he sees ahead in Hillsboro's future.

How do you see Hillsboro in 2020 as you prepare to leave the Council during a pandemic?

I believe we are in a good spot to recover. We are financially sound. Our City Councilors are working for all City residents, and our City administration is strong.

What areas stand out that the City should continue to work on?

We need to continue our work on housing, homelessness, transportation – particularly public transportation – and the revitalization of Downtown.

Your passion for Downtown Hillsboro is well known. What do you want newer Hillsboro residents to know about the historic Downtown area?

The Downtown area is an ideal place for social gathering and contact with other human beings. When Pizzario has live music, there are people all over. You can't get that experience in a mall.

Downtown is a great place to live and enjoy your time. The Cultural Arts District must be established and operational so there's something happening Downtown all of the time.

Is there anything about serving on the Council that you found to be a surprise or had not anticipated?

I did not anticipate how much time it would take to serve on Council. I knew there would be required reading and preparation. I did not realize HOW MUCH would be required. The last Council meeting packet was more than 400 pages, and that's become more common than not. Work sessions get longer and longer. Also, there are special meetings. In addition, we receive so many emails and letters from residents each week. Council is a substantial investment of time and energy.

What wisdom would you share with anyone who is interested in serving on the Council?

Be prepared to read. Be prepared to listen. Listening is far more important than talking. Keep an open mind. And make decisions that benefit the community as a whole, not just one particular group. There's great value in working toward consensus. That should be the goal each time, and if you cannot get consensus, you should not take it personally. Remember, the majority rules.

Read more of Fred's thoughts looking back at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/News

Time to Trim Them Up and Back

Property owners are responsible for trimming and caring for roadside trees and vegetation. The best time to prune living branches is after leaves fall, before new ones form in the spring.

Trimming roadside trees and vegetation increases community safety by removing limbs and branches that may block road signs or pedestrians and animals.

Go online to learn more about the roadside tree and vegetation care responsibilities for property owners and contractors, including:

- related Municipal Code sections
- permit requirements regarding
- planting standards, such as root barriers or approved species

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Vegetation



Consider Planting a Tree this Fall

Trees beautify our community and help reduce air pollution.

Planting in the public right-of-way? A Tree Care Permit is required.

Removing a tree from a public right-of-way? Plan to meet Code requirements by replanting.

A public right-of-way is the area between your property and the road.

Hillsboro Named One of the 50 Best Places to Live



Money Magazine named the City of Hillsboro one of the 50 best places to live in America in a list published this fall.

Hillsboro came in 29th on the list and is the only city included from the Pacific Northwest.

Money Magazine considered cities and towns with populations of at least 25,000, and used data points about the economy, community diversity, the housing market, and cost of living.

[Money.com/Collection/Best-Places-to-Live-2020](https://www.money.com/Collection/Best-Places-to-Live-2020)

Hillsboro Honored for Environmental Commitment



The City of Hillsboro Public Works Department has been recognized with a 2020 Green Fleet Award for:

- updating vehicle acquisition policies
- working towards a higher blend of biodiesel
- using synthetic oil to further reduce emissions

Public Works staff manage 530 units within the fleet and over 50 electric vehicle chargers throughout the City.

With the goal to have a fossil-fuel-free fleet by 2030, the City continues to lead the state in deploying electric vehicle charging infrastructures — and is committed to researching and exploring more green fleet initiatives.

Transportation System Plan Update

The City is in the final stages of updating the Transportation System Plan (TSP), the infrastructure investment plan to meet the needs of forecasted population and employment growth in Hillsboro for the next 20 years. A draft will be made available in the coming months for public review and input.

The TSP addresses all forms of transportation, including walking, biking, transit, driving, and freight movement. Development of the TSP is guided by the goals and policies in the City's Comprehensive Plan and advised by a Stakeholders Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, the City's Planning Commission, and Transportation Committee.

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/TSP

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Most Requested Phone Numbers

Police Non-Emergency
503-629-0111

Parks & Recreation
503-681-6120

SHARC Aquatic Center
503-681-6127

Utility Billing
503-681-6163

Code Compliance
503-629-0111

Library
503-615-6500

Public Works
503-615-6509

General Questions
503-681-6100

Comprehensive Distance Learning Tech Help

If you are having issues accessing any of the district-provided tools for online learning, please contact our Technology Services help desk.

Monday – Thursday | 7:30 am – 8 pm

503-886-8956

TechHelp@HSD.k12.or.us



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

LIGHTOPIA

NOVEMBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021

An illuminated journey

AT HILLSBORO STADIUM

NOVEMBER 27 — JANUARY 3, 2021 & JANUARY 9, 16, 23, 30*

Sunday-Thursday 5 – 9 pm • Friday & Saturday 5 – 10 pm

Free • Pre-registration required
See page 9 for more information
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Toy and Joy Drive at Lightopia

Presented by Hillsboro Firefighters Random Acts of Kindness and Hillsboro Elks Lodge
November 27 – December 5

**Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day*