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Mayor's Corner



Helen Keller said, "the only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." Those are powerful words and they resonate with me because leadership, like sight, needs vision to be complete. In Hillsboro, we plan for our future so we don't leave many things to chance. My first four years have been fast and furious, filled with diverse issues. During year one,

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Election Results

In January, Mayor Willey will begin his second term and two new members and one returning member will join the City Council. At the November election, Hillsboro residents elected Fred Nachtigal to fill the Ward 3, Position B vacancy. He replaces Mike Castillo who chose not to seek a second term. Olga Acuña ran unopposed so she will continue to represent Ward 2, Position B for another four years. Mayor Jerry Willey also ran unopposed and will serve a second four-year term.

No one filed for Ward 1, Position B vacated by Nenice Andrews who could not run again because of term limits. Megan Braze received the most write-in votes for that vacancy. For Braze, the open seat on the Hillsboro City Council provides a unique opportunity for her to start working to serve the city in which she lives.



*City Councilor
Olga Acuña won
re-election*

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*New City
Councilor Fred
Nachtigal*

Nachtigal has spent most of his adult life working and living in Hillsboro and he plans to "work hard, listen carefully and make decisions that promote the continuation of a livable, well-run and progressive city." Nachtigal, a private attorney, has also served as a Deputy Sheriff, Clackamas County Deputy District Attorney and Hillsboro Municipal Judge.

Acuña, who was first appointed to the Council in 2008 by then Mayor Tom Hughes, ran unopposed in 2009 and will begin her second full term in January. She pledges "to work collaboratively with other leaders and key community stakeholders to enhance services, create a thriving economy, safe neighborhoods and an innovative educational environment for our

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we saw a dramatic downturn in the economy but we weathered the dismal economic news because the City of Hillsboro has always had the foresight to set aside a respectable reserve to help with unexpected expenses. My first term in office ends with Intel's announcement that it will be building its largest expansion to date in Hillsboro.

Mapping out the future boundaries of Hillsboro took an incredible amount of time during my first term. The challenge was to protect our rural lands while at the same time identify where future urban growth would take place. After years of negotiating, we were able to define a new urban growth boundary and we are now planning for that future.

The City's commitment to sustainability has also taken root these last four years and our accomplishments have received local, regional and national attention. The list is long but here are just two of our achievements. We recently were named a finalist for the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayors Challenge because of our very creative proposal to use technology to connect people, in real time, with different transportation options. Our Cherry Lane Fire Station and our Jones Farm Station are both LEED certified Gold buildings. We walk our talk when it comes to being environmental stewards.

Too many things have happened in the last four years to cover in a single Mayor's Corner column. I want to personally invite you to attend my third State of the City address on January 31 at the Glenn & Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center so I can share more of our City's accomplishments. because we are growing great things in Hillsboro. (See page 4)



Election Results

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children." Acuña, a vice principal at Hillsboro High School, has been a school teacher and administrator for 19 years.

Mayor Willey, who also ran unopposed, considers himself a serious public servant and strong community supporter. According to Willey, "Hillsboro is now the fifth largest city in the state and managing our growth is paramount. In the next four years, we will be dealing with many critical decisions that will affect our future including new business recruitment and transportation infrastructure. Equally important are our parks, libraries and arts programs."

The Hillsboro City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Civic Center auditorium. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and an agenda of each meeting is available online at www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/CityCouncil/CouncilMeetings.

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Mayor Jerry Willey

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To contact a city councilor by email, address the email to council@hillsboro-oregon.gov and mention the councilor you are addressing in the body or subject line.

City Manager's Report



When we talk about City services people usually think about public safety, roads, libraries and parks. Beyond the direct

services which we provide, city government also has a responsibility to address social issues in our community. We do that in a variety of ways including our Community Services Grant Program.

This program provides support to local human or social services agencies that assist in improving the mental or physical condition of Hillsboro citizens. For FY 2012-13, the City budgeted \$65,000 for the program and average awards

were between \$900 and \$5,500. Applicants must be a qualified tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that serves Hillsboro residents.

Though the City does not directly provide the social services offered by these agencies, the money in our grant program can be of significant

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help to agencies which assist seniors, people with disabilities, families and children who are homeless, people who are struggling, violence

prevention, addiction and workforce development. The goal is to help the most vulnerable reach their potential and become self-sufficient and contributing members of our community.

The responsibility of building community belongs to all of us. It means treating people with dignity and respect, creating a place where everyone feels welcome and where we support one another during good times and bad times. It means feeling connected and feeling supported. Our Community Services Grant Program is a step in that direction and I'm proud that Hillsboro sees that as an important part of its mission.



Volunteer Heroes at the Hillsboro Police Department



Volunteer hero Monica Fetzer

Monica Fetzer is one of the Hillsboro Police Department's longest serving volunteers. Monica began her volunteer work as a domestic violence advocate in 2003. When asked why she became interested in the program, Fetzer responded, "I wanted to do something that really matters. Volunteering gives me a way to work in an area of passion that a job or hobby just doesn't do. I wanted to work with women who are in tough situations, in a first responder-type situation. Domestic Violence Response Team fit the bill perfectly."

For nine years Fetzer has provided on-scene support and information to survivors of domestic violence and their families. Advocates respond to calls in the middle of the night, on holidays and on weekends—whenever someone needs help. Her calm approach, caring support and excellent listening skills gained her the respect of the police officers and her fellow advocates. Her skill as a trainer earned her the title of Field Training Officer. Sadly, Monica is moving out of the area and will be greatly missed.

VOLUNTEER HERO




New Look for Hillsboro



You may have noticed a new look to this City Views newsletter and other City of

Hillsboro communications over the past few months. We have launched a new identity, including a new logo, to better reflect the community and the work we do as a full-service city. This is part of a broader marketing effort to increase our coordinated and proactive communication with our diverse and growing community.

We initially reached out to residents, businesses and visitors to find out what makes Hillsboro special, and what makes people and businesses want to move here or stay here. What we heard is a great deal of pride in Hillsboro, our agricultural roots and our willingness to work together to make our city a better place. The new City logo reflects Hillsboro's commitment to its past and its future, both grounded in hometown values. The circle represents our full service city, the green our commitment to the environment and the blue industry, progress and stability. The H is open and touches the bottom of the circle showing that Hillsboro is grounded in its past and the top of the circle represents Hillsboro's forward thinking. The word Oregon appears either under or next to the circle.

The new logo appears in all City electronic communications and will continue to be phased into print documents and outreach material as they are reprinted or new ones created. 

SUSTAINABILITY

Hillsboro selected as finalist for Bloomberg Mayor's Challenge Award

On November 5, Mayor Willey announced that Hillsboro was selected as a finalist for the Bloomberg Mayors Challenge, a competition created to inspire American cities to generate innovative ideas that solve major challenges and improve city life. Mayors of U.S. cities with 30,000 residents or more were eligible to compete, and Hillsboro is one of 305 cities that submitted applications in September. Hillsboro is one of only four west coast cities to be chosen as a finalist and will now compete against 19 other cities across the country for the \$5 million grand prize or one of the four additional prizes of \$1 million each.

Hillsboro partnered with the Westside Transportation Alliance, Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, TriMet, the car sharing company GetAround, and others to propose an innovative idea: create transportation hubs throughout the community that connect neighborhoods and employment sites with sustainable transportation options. The objective is to provide new and innovative transportation alternatives to reduce single occupancy vehicle travel.

The "GoPoint" platform would be built upon new transportation technologies and services – some promising and some already proven in urban areas – that allow citizens to access alternate travel modes such as bike sharing, car and ride sharing, personal rental cars, hourly rental cars, vanpools, and other means in real time.

The benefits would include reduced costs to citizens with reduced wear and tear on cars, improved air quality, less traffic congestion, reduced impact on streets and economic development.

Save the Date!

Mayor Willey's State of the City Address

Reception 5:30 pm, Presentation 6:00 pm
January 31, 2013, Walters Cultural Arts Center

PUBLIC SAFETY

Holiday fire safety

The holiday season usually means family gatherings and great food. But, it also means a spike in kitchen fires which are the number one cause of fire injuries in the home. Follow a few simple tips from Hillsboro Fire Department so you can cook great meals without burning down the house.

Only install and use cooking equipment that has been inspected and approved by a recognized product testing laboratory. Carefully follow all directions for operating the equipment, especially grills or deep fryers that are seldom used. Heat all cooking oils slowly. Turning a burner on high to speed up the process is a sure way to end up with a crispy kitchen.

Never leave the kitchen or any outdoor cooking device while cooking is underway. Let others answer the phone or doorbell to maintain your focus on the most important task—preparing the holiday feast.



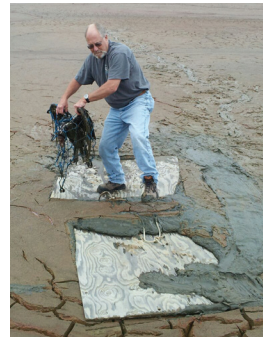
Prevent kitchen fires this holiday season.

Gathering the family in or near the kitchen is a great way to keep the cook involved in the conversation. However,

ensure there is a three foot “kid-free zone” around the stove to protect children from accidental scalds and burns.

If you do have a cooking fire, the easiest way to extinguish it is to place a lid over the container and turn off the heat. Baking soda can handle a spot fire outside the container and a fire extinguisher is your last resort. If in doubt, simply get out and call 9-1-1.

Operators Save Vulture



Art Woll rescues the turkey vulture.

At any time of day, 365 days a year, the primary mission of Hillsboro water operators is to protect public health by treating water to safe drinking water standards. However, when a turkey vulture recently became stuck in a sludge (mud) bed with the consistency of quicksand, operators took on another mission: to save the bird. Covered in “muck,” the bird could barely move.

After initially spotting the vulture in the sludge, Gordon Grannis and Chandra Hingston retrieved a net on a long pole to try and reach the bird but it just wasn’t long enough. Art Woll built a path of plywood to the struggling bird, picked up the exhausted vulture and placed it in the net. The operators did an initial cleaning of the vulture and the bird remained very docile as if it knew they were trying to help. Hingston, who coincidentally is also an Audubon Society volunteer, then transported the bird to the Audubon Society for further rehabilitation.

At the Audubon Society, the vulture was washed twice more to remove all the mud from its body and kept for several weeks to ensure that its oil glands were working again after being clogged by the sludge. After the vulture was again healthy, eating well and acting feisty, it was taken to the Fern Hill Wetlands and released.



Chandra Hingston provides care to the bird.

Thanks to the efforts of the operators and the Audubon Society, the turkey vulture is again able to perform its role of cleaning the land, not far from where its rescuers continue to clean the water.



We Want Your Opinion

Public Works Design and Construction Standards (D&CS) set important minimum requirements for the design and construction of public infrastructure in the City's public rights-of-way and easements. While most of the information in the D&CS is primarily relevant to developers and engineers working on residential, commercial or governmental infrastructure projects, some aspects are relevant to home and landowners in Hillsboro. For example, street tree and sidewalk maintenance and replacement responsibilities for adjoining landowners are outlined as well as important information related to sidewalk renovations, drainage systems and erosion control.

City staff is interested in hearing your comments about the proposed revisions. To weigh in electronically, please go to www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/PublicWorks/Design or to review a copy and leave your comments, stop by the Engineering counter on the 4th floor of the Civic Center, 150 East Main Street, in downtown Hillsboro. All comments must be received by December 31, 2012.



PARKS AND ARTS

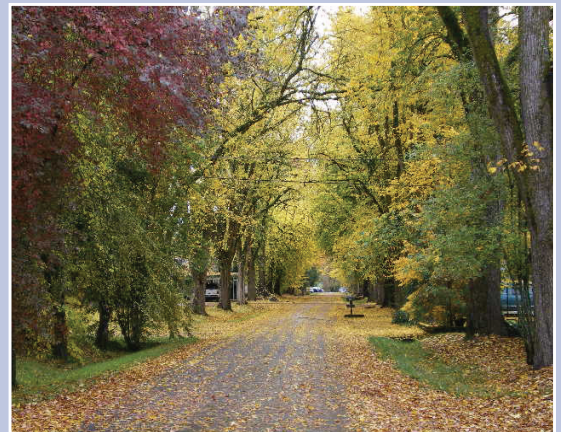
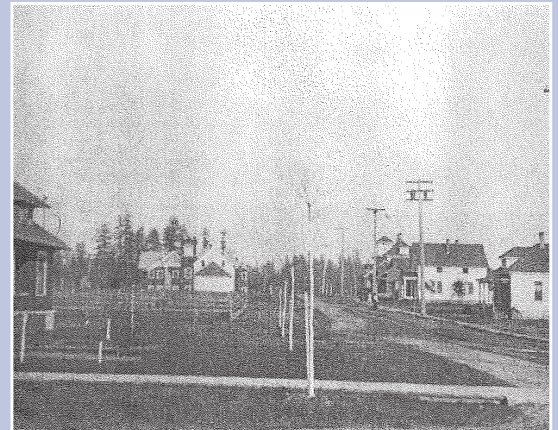
Orenco Elm Trees Added to Oregon Heritage Tree Program

On October 15, 2012, the Oregon Travel Council accepted the Orenco elm trees into the Heritage Tree Program. The trees were planted around 1912 by employees of the Oregon Nursery Company as the street trees for their company town, "Orenco." The trees line both sides of Dogwood, Chestnut, Birch, and Alder streets and 228th and 230th avenues of the historic Orenco townsite. Today 127 trees survive.

In 2007, members of the Orenco Neighborhood Organization and the City of Hillsboro's Planning Commission amended the Hillsboro Zoning Ordinance to add protection measures for the elms. The ordinance includes special standards which require "the original mature street trees within the public right-of-way shall be retained unless irrevocably diseased or damaged."

The goals of the Oregon Heritage Tree Program are to recognize and designate individual heritage trees or groves of trees with statewide or national significance, to educate Oregonians about the value of the history of these trees, to promote appreciation of the trees, and to retain and protect trees as part of our state's heritage.

The community will receive an anodized aluminum plaque and the trees will be listed in the Guide to Oregon Historical Markers and Heritage Tree brochure. A statewide dedication ceremony will be held in 2013 announcing the classes of Oregon heritage trees that were accepted into the program in 2012. Later in 2013, a community dedication ceremony will be held.



Orenco at Birch Street looking West circa 1912 and today.

LIBRARIES

Winter Programs at the Hillsboro Library

These short, rainy days are the perfect time to visit the Library and check out a book or a movie or participate in the many activities offered. Stop by either Library for a calendar of events or go online at www.hillsboro.plinkit.org.

The Winter Reading Program at the Hillsboro Public Library will begin in late December. Families with kids nine years or younger can sign up at the Children's Desk starting December 26. Participants who finish the program will be rewarded with a party featuring the acclaimed juggler, stiltwalker and comedian Tom Question.



Exploring resources at the Hillsboro Library.

Winter is a great time to try out the introductory Cultural Pass to Adventure program which offers free admission to the Portland Children's Museum, A.C. Gilbert's

Discovery Village, Pittock Mansion, Washington County Museum, the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, the Lan Su Chinese Garden and the Portland Japanese Garden. Library members must be 18 years of age or older, a current WCCLS library cardholder in good

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standing and provide valid identification or a library card at check-out. Each pass is available for one day check-out and should be reserved in advance. Patrons must pick up and return the pass to the same library. Please visit www.wccls.org/lending_library/cultural_pass for more information.

By the way, you'll notice changes around the Main Library with the expansion of the second floor, but disruptions caused by construction will be kept to a minimum because much of the work will be done at night. The Library will be open during normal hours and all services will be available.

Coming Soon!

Registration begins December 4.
Pick up your Activities Guide beginning December 10.

HILLSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Go behind the scenes with Hillsboro Police at this FREE, 12-week program, designed as an educational tool to facilitate communication and understanding of the police role in the community.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, 503-615-6785
WWW.CI.HILLSBORO.OR.US/POLICE

THE CITIZENS' ACADEMY IS HELD ON THURSDAYS FROM 6:30 PM TO 10:00 PM, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

5	6:00 pm	eBook Reader/Gadget Show & Tell, teens & adults, Main Library, free
8	2:30 pm	Lego Bricks 4 Kidz, grades K-6, registration required, Main Library, free
11	7:00 pm	Open Poetry, all ages, Arts Center, free
14	6:00 pm	Foreign Film Series, <i>Prairie Love</i> , unrated, adults, Main Library, free
	7:30 pm	Oregon Mandolin Orchestra, Arts Center, \$15 in advance/\$20 day of show
15	4:00 pm	Holiday Joy from the Intel Singers, all ages, Main Library, free
18	3:00 pm	DIY Terrariums, teens & adults, registration required, Main Library, free
	7:00 pm	Spoken Word: The Orpheus Curse: Looking Back at a Mythical Taboo, Arts Center, free
21	7:30 pm	Kate Davis Quartet (Jazz), Arts Center \$15 in advance/\$20 day of show
24	6:00 pm	Libraries close early
25	all day	City office and libraries closed for holiday
31	6:00 pm	Libraries close early

January

1	all day	City offices and libraries closed for holiday
8	7:00 pm	Public Hearing: Preliminary Preferred Option of mid-Willamette River, Civic Center 113C
	7:00 pm	Open Poetry, all ages, Arts Center, free
10	4:00 pm	HACC Professional Development Workshop with Ash Shepherd, adults, Arts Center, \$25

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11	6:00 pm	Foreign Film Series, <i>Hospitalite</i> , unrated, adults, Main Library, free
13	2:00 pm	William Stafford Poetry Celebration, teens & adults, Main Library, free
15	7:00 pm	Spoken Word: Art by Animals with Rosemary Lombard, all ages, Arts Center, free
18	6:30 pm	Friday Family Flicks, <i>Madagascar 3</i> , PG, ages 4+, Main Library, free
	7:30 pm	Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising in concert, Arts Center, \$10 in advance/\$15 day of show
21	all day	City office and libraries closed for holiday
25	6:30 pm	Organizing Inside & Out: Paper Management, adults, Main Library, free
	7:30 pm	Rio Con Brio/Rene Berblinger & Olivia Duffy Concert, Arts Center, \$15 advance/\$17 day of show
27	2:00 pm	Parallel Play Writers' Group, adults, Main Library, free
31	5:30 pm	State of the City Address, Arts Center

Recurring Events

2 nd Monday	6:30 pm	Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee
1 st /3 rd Tuesday	7:00 pm	City Council
2 nd /4 th Tuesday	7:00 am	Parks & Recreation Commission
2 nd Tuesday	5:30 pm	Finance Committee
4 th Tuesday	6:00 pm	Transportation Committee
2 nd /4 th Weds.	6:30 pm	Planning Commission