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WE'RE GROWING **GREAT THINGS** IN HILLSBORO

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By Mayor Jerry Willey

We are Growing Great Things in Hillsboro—this is not an empty promise or a baseless claim. It captures what drives us to be better and visionary in everything we do. We give as much attention to community and livability as we give to development and industrial growth. We grow by choice, not by chance.

2012 was a remarkable year for Hillsboro. A year ago, who

would have thought Single A baseball would be coming to Hillsboro, Intel would announce another expansion, the region would be seriously looking at westside transportation needs and Hillsboro would be one of the 20 finalists in the Bloomberg Mayor's Challenge?

Business

Intel's D1X brought thousands of construction jobs to our region; their next expansion will at least duplicate those numbers. We have also seen the growth of data centers, a new technology cluster, in our city. This new cluster diversifies our economy with a direct benefit to our community and minimal impact on our infrastructure.

Transportation

I can't talk about growth without talking about congestion. Rush hour used to be a few hours in the morning going into Portland and a few late in the afternoon coming back. Not so anymore. We are working locally and regionally to address the problem. Our upcoming city wide road improvement projects will keep us busy for several years. The TV Highway Corridor Plan will address significant safety and congestion issues along this well-used east-west road. And the region is beginning to seriously look at the short-, mid- and long-term transportation needs of the westside because it impacts agriculture, business freight mobility, commuters and residents.

Water Supply

One of our top priorities is to provide a dependable supply of safe drinking



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water to residents, businesses and industries at an affordable rate. Construction of the Crandall Reservoir on Evergreen is underway. In addition to the reservoir, we are continuing to plan ahead and the mid-Willamette River near Wilsonville is likely the preferred option for the City's long-range water supply.

Housing

As our community continues to grow, we also need to plan for more housing so people will have a place to live. Several new developments are either underway or planned and together they will create about 800 new housing units in Hillsboro of varying styles and price ranges. Our vision is to make Hillsboro a place where people want to live, work and play.

Livability

We are well on our way to growing a livable community. We know the arts are important to building community so as a city we continue to make investments in the arts. This past year we began a new tradition with the purchase of the inaugural artwork for our public art collection. Our first piece was a watercolor,

Jackson Bottom Mist, by local artist Amanda Houston. We are in the process of selecting our second piece for the collection and over 100 local artists have submitted entries.

The Future

Perhaps the best seed we can plant for our future is to create a place where our children and their children will call home. The City provides almost \$2 million in services to our schools. School Resource Officers from our police department are located at each of our high schools, our fire department brings fire safety education programs directly to the schools, our parks & recreation department provides after-school programs for more than 4,000 students and the district uses many of our sport fields at no cost.

My goals for the next four years are to 1) make sure our concerns are heard at the regional level 2) continue our business recruitment efforts and 3) secure funding for regional transportation infrastructure. The list isn't long but the issues are complex and they will take planning and collaboration with all of our partners. Together we are growing great things in Hillsboro.



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City Manager's Report



Supporting the arts enhances the quality of life for our community. The City has been and will continue

to be a strong supporter of cultural arts organizations, particularly in downtown Hillsboro. Here are a few examples of how we do that:

The City supports the Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council, a citizen advisory committee appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by our City Council. Through its city-funded grant program, the council distributes funds annually to the Hillsboro arts community.

Our Walters Cultural Arts Center is funded by the City and offers a wide

array of concerts throughout the year. Every month, the Cultural Arts Center showcases artist exhibits which are on display for at least one month. That is in addition to all of the classes offered.

The City supports both the Hillsboro Artists' Regional Theatre (HART) and Bag & Baggage. For HART, the City provides an annual rent subsidy and contributed to the capital campaign for building improvements. For Bag & Baggage, the City has contributed operating funds and contributed to the building in which they perform. Further, the City helps fund music programs at Shute Park.

The City made signification tenant improvements for the Sequoia Gallery & Studios, an artist collective at 3rd

and Washington. Artists display their work at the gallery and the public is invited to stop by the open studios to watch an artist at work.

The City's support of the arts also extends into cultural attractions. The Washington County Museum recently moved into the 2nd floor space of the Civic Center above Starbucks. The City is subsidizing their operations by providing free rent over a 15-year period.

The arts will continue to thrive in Hillsboro and the City will continue its support of the arts. We anticipate the newest addition to public art will be revealed at the opening of our new sports stadium at the Gordon Faber Recreation Complex in June.



Freeze the Grease



Grease from cooking, gravy, cooking oil and sauces may look harmless as a liquid, but when it cools it gets thick and sticky. That means if you pour grease down your drain, it sticks to pipes and eventually causes clogs and messy overflows.

Prevent backups in your home by pouring all bacon, fried chicken and other cooking grease into a can, putting in the freezer, and then tossing it in the trash.

Call 503-681-6146 and you'll receive your FREE Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain kit that includes a pan scraper, a plastic lid that fits metal cans and easy-to-follow instructions. Your pipes will thank you for it!





Fix a Leak

Approximately 5 to 10 percent of American homes have leaks that drip away 90 gallons of water a day. Many of these leaks reside in old fixtures such as leaky toilets and faucets. In fact, according to the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, the amount of water leaked from U.S. homes could exceed more than 1 trillion gallons per year.



That's equivalent to the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami combined.

Leaks in American homes drip away 90 gallons of water a day

To promote finding and fixing leaks, the Regional Water Provider's Consortium will be promoting a photo/video contest to inspire people to become their own leak detectives. Participants can win a \$500, \$300 or \$200 Lowe's gift card by submitting a photo or 30-second video of themselves finding and fixing leaks around their home or business. Submit entries between February 4 and midnight March 20. All submissions should be emailed to oregonfixaleakweek@yahoo.com. Multiple entries are allowed; however, please only include one entry per email.

For more information contact Amy Geerling at 503-615-6737 or go to http://www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html



SUSTAINABILITY

Getting Charged in Hillsboro

You thought about it, you did your research and you decided to buy an electric car. You are set to charge it at home but where can you "fill up" when you are driving around town? Not to worry—the City of Hillsboro has a network of 35 charging stations, including the first level 3 fast charger units in Washington County, at different locations throughout the city. Combined with those the private sector has installed, over 50 charging units are now in Hillsboro. Just another way that Hillsboro is leading the charge.



Hillsboro's electric vehicle program was recognized in November by the National League of Cities (NLC) as a model program demonstrating innovative and collaborative approaches within government. Hillsboro was one of 27 municipal programs selected for the 2012 City Showcase—NLC's premiere program celebrating city achievements.

According to Mayor Jerry Willey, "City leaders, in concert with community values, have made sustainability a top priority. To promote electric vehicles as a new mode of transportation, drivers need to know they can conveniently 'charge' their vehicles. Hillsboro leads Oregon and the country in the deployment of this essential infrastructure."

PUBLIC SAFETY

Heart Attack...Knowing the Symptoms and What to Do

Heart attacks don't occur by appointment. They can happen anytime, anywhere. Trained bystanders can help save a life because while a heart attack can be deadly, immediate treatment significantly increases the chances of survival.

It's Like an Elephant Sitting on Your Chest

If someone is having chest discomfort lasting a few minutes or that goes away and comes back or discomfort in other areas of the upper body or if s/he is short of breath, breaking out in a cold sweat, nauseous or feeling light headed, s/he may be having a heart attack.

Immediate response is essential. It is the early access of the 9-1-1 system, quick application of CPR and an AED,



Quick application of CPR may save the life of a heart attack victim

advanced medical care by EMS, and transport to the hospital that all combine to save a life.

For information on CPR and AED training contact Hillsboro Fire

and Rescue at 503-681-6166 or www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/fire.

Resolve to Review Your Credit Report

It is simple to monitor your credit profile and discover any erroneous and/or suspicious activity that could be a sign of identity theft. Review your credit report.

Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion are the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. Each is required by the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide you a free copy of your credit report, once a year. Making a request to one of the credit agencies every four months is a savvy way to track your information year-round at no cost.

Go to www.annualcreditreport.com, call 1-877-322-8228, or fill out/mail in the

Annual Credit Report Request Form. This is the only authorized entity to provide the free credit reports under the law. Caution: There are other entities which claim to offer you a free credit report but then charge fees after a brief trial period.

You will need to provide your name, address, date of birth, and Social Security number. Online requests may give you immediate access to your report. Requests by phone or mail can take up to 15 days. As a side note, the report will not give you your credit score.

Knowing what is in your credit profile is important because it affects your ability to get a loan, get a job, or receive other services. Though it's not a fool-proof way to prevent identity theft, reviewing your information can go a long way in helping you detect and put a stop to individuals using your good name.



Check your credit report annually.





Open House: North Hillsboro Industrial Area

The North Hillsboro Industrial Area is key to the City's future economic development plans. The area includes the 320 acres north of Waibel Creek to Highway 26 that was brought into the regional Urban Growth Boundary by the Metro Council in October 2011 for larger lot industrial development.

Staff from the City's planning, public works, water, economic development, and finance departments along with staff from Washington County Planning and Transportation and Clean Water Services are working together to make the area development ready. The public is invited to an open house on Thursday, February 28, from 5:00-7:30 pm in Room 113 at the Civic Center, to learn more about the development of the area. Illustrations of potential site configurations and maps detailing potential infrastructure locations will be available at the meeting.

For upcoming public meetings or to provide input online, visit the project webpage at www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/Planning/LongRange/NorthHillsboroIndustrialArea.aspx or contact Dan Rutzick at 503-681-5358 or dan.rutzick@hillsboro-oregon.gov.



PARKS AND ARTS

Planning for the Future: Indoor Facilities Master Plan

Recreation centers bring communities together by creating gathering places for people to exercise, recreate, and spend time with family and friends. "Hillsboro is growing so we are going to need more recreational options for our residents," said Wayne Gross, Director of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation. "That is why we are taking a good, hard look at our facilities and determining what is needed in Hillsboro."

Last fall, the project team of Opsi Architecture and Ballard King was selected to develop an Indoor Facilities Master Plan for the City. The final plan will serve as a road map for developing future indoor recreation facilities within Hillsboro.

The project team and parks & recreation staff met with a variety of community partners, reviewed existing community plans, and will be sharing the preliminary Indoor Facility Master Plan with the public at two open houses – Tuesday, February 19, at the Walters Cultural Arts Center, 527 E. Main Street, and Wednesday, February 20, in the cafeteria at Quatama Elementary School, 6905 NE Campus Way. Both open houses are from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

With the project team's expertise and community input, the Indoor Facilities Master Plan will provide the information and guidance necessary to develop facilities that will be enjoyed by our community for



Indoor facilities house these and many other activities.

many years to come. The final plan is set to be completed in spring 2013.

Hold the Date! Native Plant Sale

Saturday, April 20 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve
2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy

Over 65 varieties of native northwest plants: shrubs, herbaceous plants, grasses, trees, ferns and more for sale.



FREE!

Save the Date! 9th Annual Latino Cultural Festival

Sunday, April 21, 2013, 12:00 - 5:00 pm
Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza, 150 E Main Street
Food, entertainment, art, culture and sports for the entire family



Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Member Goes Above and Beyond

In December, Madison Heldt, a sophomore at Century High School and member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (YAC), decided to give back over the holiday season. A year ago, Madison spent 49 days, including Christmas Day, at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Determined to provide kids spending the holidays in the hospital a little extra cheer, Madison started Colors 4 Kiddos.

"After spending Christmas in the hospital in 2011, I wanted to do something special for Doernbecher. I decided to collect coloring books and crayons as that is something normal and therapeutic kids can do while they are there," Madison said.



Madison and her wagon making deliveries

Her goal was to collect 1,500 coloring books and sets of crayons to take to the hospital. Madison hit the pavement contacting local clubs, organizations and businesses. With a little help from her younger brother Jake, Madison collected enough donations to exceed her goal and even needed a U-Haul to make the delivery to the hospital.

Madison started volunteering with Hillsboro Parks & Recreation in middle school and has dedicated many hours to community projects and events. Whether it's handing out ribbons at the Turkey Trot, timing base runners at a softball tournament fundraiser, or managing the line at Visit with Santa, Madison stays connected with her community and brings cheer to any event. She is determined to overcome challenges, willing to lend a hand, and always has a smile on her face. She is a true volunteer hero.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 15 7:30 pm Body Vox-2, Arts Center, \$15/20,* www.brownpapertickets.com 🎵
- 16 2:00 pm Body Vox-2, Arts Center, \$12/\$17* (ages 18+) \$5/\$12* (ages 62+ and 6-18) 🎵
- 16 2:00 pm Stress Reduction, Your Health & Mindfulness, Main Library, adults, free 📖
- 18 Closed Holiday closure of City offices & Libraries
- 19 7:00 pm Spoken Word: The Olympic Games – Beyond the Challenge, Arts Center, free 🎵
- 21 5:00 pm Hillsboro Arts and Culture Summit, RSVP, Arts Center, free, 503-615-3431
- 23 2:30 pm
3:30 pm Dragon Theater Puppets Presents “I Dig Dinosaurs!”, Main Library, ages 3+, free 📖
- 28 6:30 pm Fruit Trees 101: Planting, Pruning and Care, Main Library, adults, free 📖

March

- 1 7:30 pm Joe Powers with Hideki Yamaya concert, Arts Center, \$15/\$20* 🎵
- 2 2:00 pm Portland Opera To Go presents the Magic Flute, Arts Center, \$5 donation 🎵
- 5 6:00 pm First Tuesday House Concert with Calin Matei, Arts Center, free 🎵
- 7 4:00 pm Washington County Arts & Culture Grants Panel Workshop, RSVP, Arts Center, free 🎵
- 8 6:00 pm Foreign Film Series, unrated, adults, Main Library, free 📖
- 15 7:30 pm Oregon Guitar Quartet, Arts Center, \$15/\$20* 🎵

March (cont.)

- 18 3:30 pm Slugs and Snails Nature Program, grades 1-3, Register, Main Library, free 📖
- 19 7:00 pm Spoken Word: Braceros – the Men of Migrant Labor, Arts Center, free 🎵
- 20 4:00 pm Funding Your Bliss: Strategies for Individual Artists Workshop, Register, Arts Center, \$25 🎵
- 27 3:30 pm “Yes You Can!” with Henrik Bothe, children, Main Library, free 📖

April

- 5 6:30 pm 2jazzguitars Concert, adults, Main library, free 📖
- 6 2:00 pm Sherlock Jr. with Gideon Freudmann, (movie and musical accompaniment), Arts Center 🎵
- 12 6:00 pm Foreign Film Series *Foreign Letters*, adults, Main Library, free 📖
- 12 7:30 pm Oregon Mandolin Orchestra, Arts Center, \$15/\$20* 🎵

Recurring Events

- 1st/3rd Tue 7:00 pm City Council
- 2nd/4th Tues 7:00 am Parks & Recreation Commission
- 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
- Daily Hondo Dog Park, open dawn to dusk
- Daily 10:00 am Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve Open

📖 Library: 503-615-6500

🎵 Arts Center: 503-615-3485 or
www.brownpapertickets.com

* In advance/day of show