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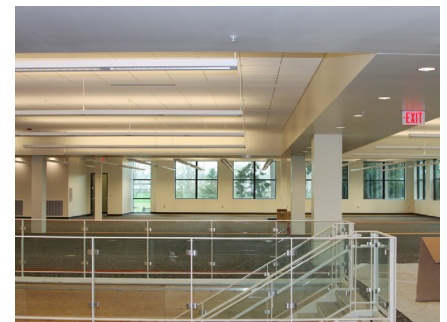


I'm always looking for new ways to get our young people involved with government. This year, for the first time, we took six students from our Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to the National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C. YAC members had an opportunity to meet with Congresswoman Bonamici and Senator Wyden (Senator Merkley was fighting the flu). The youth lobbied alongside other elected officials in Senator Wyden's office and asked impressive questions about social security and Medicare.

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Main Library is Growing

Our Main Library on Brookwood Parkway is a bit young to "be having work done" but the very popular site is already at capacity. When the Main Library opened in 2007, the intent was always to finish the second floor and staff estimated work on the second floor would begin in five to seven years.



A view of the remodeled upstairs area at the Main Library.

Last November, the build out of the second floor began and should be complete by late May. The new addition will expand the library by 33,000 square feet. This welcome expansion will provide more seating, an additional mile of shelving, three new meeting rooms and eight new study rooms for library and community events. The staircase to the second floor is located where the Reference Librarians used to sit and it will integrate the new second floor space with the existing first floor space.

Eager to share the renovation construction process, library staff kept a running blog with pictures of the construction progress posted to the library's building page: <http://growingourlibraries.wordpress.com/>

Mike Smith, Library Director, has been amazed at how smoothly the construction has gone. "The noisy, messy work has been done when we are closed. The contractor has worked diligently to minimize dust and interfere as little as possible with the daily operations of the library. This has been a major construction project so that is no small feat."

According to Mayor Jerry Willey, "Libraries are an important part of our community's fabric. Their primary function is to provide our citizens with

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Congresswoman Bonamici asked them to sit in on a meeting with Nike representatives who were lobbying for support of the PHIT program which helps overweight kids and their parents learn about healthy eating and exercise and ways to increase self esteem. She wanted to know if the YAC thought the program was worthwhile.



YAC members with Mayor Willey, Councilor Carleson and Congresswoman Bonamici.

The kids listened attentively to the Nike presentation, asked challenging questions and recommended that the Congresswoman lend her support to the program. The Nike representatives were so impressed with the group's level of understanding, they asked if they could "borrow the kids" for their other presentations that day.

Our young delegation actively participated in conference sessions with topics such as reducing gun violence, immigration reform and building healthy communities. A conference highlight was listening to keynote speakers including Vice President Biden and Senator McCain.

Sections of each day included meeting with other youth delegates from around the nation to discuss ways youth can work together to address important issues in their communities and how youth can help shape and structure communities through their involvement in local government.

I am hopeful that we will continue to see many of these YAC members be active in our future government leadership.

Growing Library

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access to information but they are also a place where people attend forums, introduce youngsters to reading readiness or watch a movie which can be family fun or thought provoking. It was always our intent to expand to the second floor of the building and I'm glad we are able to do it sooner rather than later."

The library is planning a Main Library second floor Grand Opening Sunday, June 2, noon to 6:00 pm. for the public. Grand



opening plans so far include musical entertainment, light refreshments, a few speeches and, of course, tours of the new second floor.

The next major library renovation will be at our Shute Park Branch. It will be open through May 11 and then will close for a total remodel which is expected to be complete by March 2014.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Leave a message for any member of the City Council at 503-681-6219.

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



Planning for the future is an important part of our work at the City of Hillsboro. As a provider of critical

public services such as police, fire, transportation, sewer and water and services that build community such as libraries, parks, and recreation programs, we continually plan ahead so we can meet or exceed community needs and desires.


Your elected City Council actively participates in and provides direction to staff on what we do as a city government. Most recently, the City Council held a retreat in February where they discussed and determined what their top priorities are for 2013.

After evaluating a list of potential priorities that came from City Councilors themselves, prior year Council priorities, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision & Action Plan, various City strategic plans, and current major focus areas for the City, the Council pared the list down to their top ten. In no particular order, the Council's "Top Ten" were:

- Gain Share (a component of the Strategic Investment Program)
- Westside Solutions Transportation Study
- New Community Center
- North Industrial Development Strategy
- Public Works Facility
- 50-year Water Supply Source
- Hillsboro 2020 Vision & Action Plan
- Hillsboro GoPoint Mobility Hub project

- Support the Hillsboro School District
- Transportation funding focusing on bicycle/pedestrian safety and improvements.

These are not the only priorities of the Council and these may change throughout the year. The priorities, however, will guide what we do as an organization for the coming year.

We will be providing the Council with regular updates on these priorities throughout the year. Staff has created work plans for each of them. If you'd like more information about the priorities including a more detailed explanation of each one, please go to: www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/Upload/ViewFile.aspx?DocID=3001 or call 503-681-6219 and we will be glad to mail you the information. 

Linda Taylor, Friend of the Library

Linda Taylor has been volunteering for the Friends of the Hillsboro Library for 11 years. She works about 25 hours a week shipping books purchased online and almost 5,300 books were sold last year on Amazon Marketplace. That's a lot of bubble wrap and postage.



Linda shelves books at the library.

Taylor arrived in Portland from Havre, Montana in 1999 and joined the Friends soon after. She has a degree in French and was a teacher for three years. She has worked for several libraries in various positions from grant writing and fundraising to working as a part-time clerk.

Being a volunteer seems to come naturally to Linda; she has also given her time and efforts to benefit the Red Cross and the Girl Scouts. She laughs when talking about being enlisted by friends to help out. "Let's ask Linda, she can't say no!"

In her spare time, Linda has served as a tutor for several English as a Second Language students and is currently working with a Tibetan immigrant who has no formal education and is studying for her citizenship exam.

VOLUNTEER HERO



Hello, Bicyclists!

We've got some news we think bicyclists are going to be happy to hear. The City of Hillsboro has taken over management of Hillsboro ITF Bikepark, the bicycle commuting facility in downtown Hillsboro next to Tuality Hospital. As a special introductory offer, qualified cyclists can purchase a \$15 access fob and receive membership to this state-of-the-art bicycle commuting facility FREE through the end of 2013.

Membership gets you access to 40 bike racks,




Park your bicycle securely at the Hillsboro ITF BikePark downtown.

day-use lockers, restrooms, showers and changing rooms along with free use of air pumps and repair tools

24/7. Members must, however, provide their own locks to secure their bicycles to the rack and their belongings in a locker.

Policies and an application form can be found on the Facilities & Fleet Department's webpage: <http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/FacilitiesFleet/Bikepark.aspx>.

To sign up, call 503-681-6400 and make an appointment with the City of Hillsboro Facilities & Fleet Department. Bring the completed membership application, payment and photo ID with you. 

SUSTAINABILITY

Hillsboro Ranks Second in U.S. EPA National Green Power Community Challenge

Hillsboro is up to the EPA's Green Power Community Challenge. This challenge encourages individuals and businesses to purchase green power which helps expand the development of renewable energy. The challenge also ranks communities nationally every year based on the amount and percentage of green power purchased by residents and businesses.

For 2012, Hillsboro ranked #2 nationally for the total green power purchased and #3 for percentage of green power purchased by our community. We work closely with our power utility, PGE, and our businesses and residents to encourage the purchase of green power. Our community is clearly committed to reducing the use of fossil fuels for power.

You can help Hillsboro stay at the top of the national class by electing to purchase renewable energy at your home or business. Together, we can reduce dependence on fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, create a positive community image and enhance Hillsboro's hometown livability. To learn more about renewable energy options or to enroll with the local utility call 503-228-6322 or 800-542-8818.

Join your neighbors and rise to challenge – the power is in your hands!

EPA Green Power Communities: epa.gov/greenpower/communities/index.htm.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Two of Hillsboro's Finest Recognized

The Hillsboro American Legion has recognized Hillsboro Fire Engineer Ben Roby and Hillsboro Police Sergeant Craig Allen for their service to our community.

Roby, an EMT-Paramedic, was recognized as the 2012 Firefighter of the Year and Allen, supervisor of the police department's training division, was named Office of the Year.

Sergeant Allen has trained officers throughout the metro area in tactics, firearms, use of force and officer safety. His methods are cutting edge in police training and he has been nationally recognized for his innovative approach to active shooter training.

Engineer Roby's aggressive but reasonable approach to each situation is a model for EMT-Ps across the fire department. He is known for quality customer service, a strong work ethic, teamwork, outside-the-box thinking and professionalism in every aspect of his job.

Congratulations to Fire Engineer Roby and Sergeant Allen.



Fire Engineer Ben Roby (left) and Hillsboro Police Sergeant Craig Allen (right)

Redeemable Landfill Coupons

Between April 29 and May 31, the City of Hillsboro, in partnership with Metro, will be issuing \$51.50 coupons redeemable at the Hillsboro Landfill and the Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery Center to offset the cost of disposing of bulky waste items.

A limited supply of coupons is available on a first-come, first-served basis. All fees in excess of \$51.50 are the responsibility of the person taking items to the landfill and must be paid at time of service. Coupons are for Hillsboro residents only and limited to one per household; proof of residency will be required to receive a coupon. Citizens will not be able to pick-up extra coupons for neighbors, other family members or friends.

Coupons can be picked up starting at 8:00 am on April 29 at the fifth floor reception area of the Civic Center, 150 East Main Street. For more information, call 503-681-5204. For information about items that are accepted at the landfill please visit, <http://www.wmnorthwest.com/landfill/landfillcities/hillsboro.html>.





TV Highway Construction

ODOT, in partnership with the City of Hillsboro, will begin construction this spring on a paving and utility project on TV Highway (OR 8) from Minter Bridge Road to SW 331st Avenue. This stretch



TV Highway in the downtown area will undergo paving and construction

includes 10th Avenue, Baseline Street and Oak Street through downtown Hillsboro.

Drivers on TV Highway will encounter significant construction during the day and night with delays and detours especially in downtown Hillsboro. Though considerable effort is being made to maintain business and resident access and minimize traffic impacts, people should expect unavoidable temporary access closures. Access to the main entrance and emergency room of Tuality Hospital will, however, remain open at all times.

Visit www.tvhwypaving.org for more information on the project including nighttime noise and detailed maps. For more information, to be added to the project email list, or to request a meeting, please contact: Lili Boicourt, ODOT Community Affairs at 503-731-8247 or Lili.D.Boicourt@odot.state.or.us.



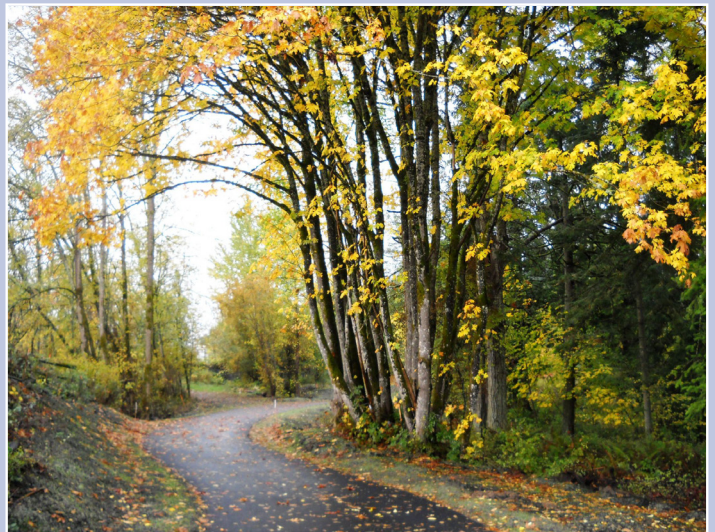
PARKS AND ARTS

Discover the New Trail Extension

With help from \$1.4 million in federal grants, the Rock Creek Trail was extended about two-thirds of a mile from Orchard Park south to NW Wilkins Street. The construction began in late summer, continued through fall and is officially opening on April 20 for everyone's walking and biking pleasure.

The trail extension is a paved 10' wide surface and is designed for accessibility as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety. The majority of the trail is asphalt with one bridge crossing over the creek and connecting boardwalk. A connection to NW Cherry Lane enables trail users to continue west toward Cornelius Pass Road.

Where the trail ends at NW Wilkins Street, a pedestrian activated signal has been added to facilitate crossing the street to sidewalks or bike lanes on the south side of the street. The ultimate vision is for the trail to extend from US 26 in the north all the way to the Tualatin River in the south part of Hillsboro at Rood Bridge Park.



The Rock Creek Trail is popular with hikers, bikers and birdwatchers.

HILLSBORO WATER

Hillsboro's Water Tastes Best

Hillsboro's drinking water tastes the best – at least in northwest Oregon. Water from the Joint Water Commission (JWC) Water Treatment Plant (WTP) recently won "Best Drinking Water" for the northwest



A JWC representative accepts the award for best tasting water.

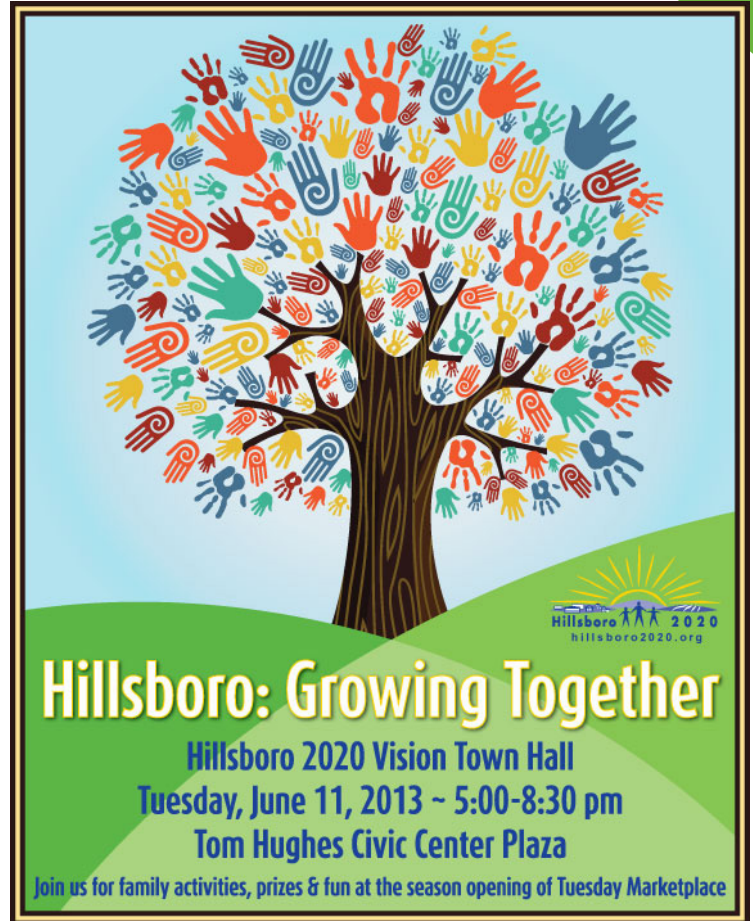
Oregon section of the American Water Works Association. Out of seven entries, JWC water beat out McMinnville and North Clackamas for the top spot.

Judging drinking water is a lot like

wine judging. All of the water is kept at the same temperature since temperature can influence a judge's taste preference. The water is also rated based on taste, odor and overall palatability.

"Protecting public health is always our #1 priority," says Jeff Wright, JWC WTP Operator, "But customers also want a pleasant-tasting product. As the largest water treatment plant in Oregon, we strive to do both and it's great affirmation for us to win a best-tasting water title for 2013." Wright accepted the award, an engraved drinking glass, on behalf of the JWC.

Since the WTP can produce up to 75 million gallons of fresh water a day, operators will easily fill a bottle or two for the trip to the regional competition in May and still leave plenty for Hillsboro customers. So feel free to chill a pitcher, fill your glass and judge for yourself the quality of JWC drinking water. Bottoms up!



Hillsboro: Growing Together
 Hillsboro 2020 Vision Town Hall
 Tuesday, June 11, 2013 ~ 5:00-8:30 pm
 Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza
 Join us for family activities, prizes & fun at the season opening of Tuesday Marketplace



SHRED IT!
Saturday, May 4
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Hillsboro Post Office
125 S. 1st Avenue

A benefit for Safe Kids Washington County
 Funds will pay for child safety equipment
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 20 9:00 am Native Plant Sale, Jackson Bottom Wetlands, 503-681-6206
- 20 10:00 am Rock Creek Trail extension celebration, near Cherry Lane entrance, free 🌲
- 21 1:00 pm Old Time Fiddlers concert, Senior Center, free, 503-615-1090

May

- 10 6:00 pm Foreign Film Series "Free Men", unrated, adults, Main Library, free 📖
- 10 6:00 pm Dia de las Madres dinner, Senior Center, \$8, 503-615-1090
- 10 7:30 pm Craig Carothers in Concert, Arts Center, \$10/\$15* 🎵
- 11 2:30 pm The Tornado Machine, grades K+, register, Main Library, free 📖
- 14 3:30 pm Identification of Rocks and Minerals, grades 1-6, register, Main Library, free 📖
- 14 7:00 pm Open Poetry Night, Arts Center, free 🎵
- 17 6:30 pm Friday Family Flicks, Main Library, free 📖
- 18 9:00 am All Comers Family 5K, Noble Woods Park, \$5 🌲
- 18 2:00 pm Flannel Fun Story Boxes, all ages, register, Main Library, free 📖
- 20 3:30 pm Amphibians nature program, grades 1-3, register, Main Library, free 📖
- 21 7:00 pm Spoken Word – Finally Spring with Doug Lorain, Cultural Arts Center, free 🎵
- 27 All Day City offices and Libraries closed for Memorial Day holiday

June

- 7 7:00 pm Pix on the Plaza, movie at dusk, Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza, free, 503-615-6702
- 11 5:00 pm 13th Annual Hillsboro 2020 Vision Town Hall, Civic Center Plaza, free, 503-681-6219
- 11 6:30 pm Quake-Up Call, adults, Main Library, free 📖
- 13 5:00 pm Hillsboro Ballpark Grand Opening Celebration, free 🌲
- 14 7:00 pm Pix on the Plaza, movie at dusk, Civic Center Plaza, free, 503-615-6702
- 15 9:00 am All Comers Family 5K, Reedville Creek Park, \$5 🌲
- 15 4:00 pm CelloBop with Gideon Freudmann, all ages, Main Library, free 📖
- 17 10:30 am The Outpost, summer day camp, ages 1-18, M-F, Shute Park, free 🌲

Recurring Events

- 2nd Mon 6:30 pm Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee
- 1st/3rd Tues 7:00 pm City Council
- 2nd/4th Tues 7:00 am Parks & Recreation Commission
- 2nd Tues 5:30 pm Finance Committee
- 4th Tues 6:00 pm Transportation Committee
- Tues 5:00 pm Hillsboro Tuesday Marketplace opens 6/11
- 1st/3rd Wed 6:30 pm Planning and Zoning Hearings Board
- 2nd/4th Wed 6:30 pm Planning Commission
- Wed 11:00 am Tuality Farmers Market opens 6/5
- Sat 9:00 am Hillsboro Farmers Market opens 5/4
- Sun 10:00 am Orenco Farmers Market opens 5/5
- Daily Hondo Dog Park, open dawn to dusk

📖 Library: 503-615-6500

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

🌲 Parks & Recreation:
503-681-6120

* In advance/day of show