

CITY VIEWS

NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

January/February 2014

Hillsboro Selects New Police Chief

Lee Dobrowolski Stands Out Among Impressive Candidate Pool



After an extensive Police Chief recruitment, Hillsboro City Manager Michael Brown selected Lee Dobrowolski from among 62 nationwide applicants to become Hillsboro's Police Chief.

Dobrowolski (pronounced Dah-BROW-skee) will join the City of Hillsboro in early February after 22 years serving the Salt Lake City Police Department, where he currently is Deputy Chief.

"Throughout our comprehensive recruitment process, Lee consistently demonstrated that he has the desired characteristics identified by police department employees, City leadership, and the community," Brown said. "Lee's collaborative approach to leadership gives us confidence that he will value and respect our employees while protecting the public." Brown cited Dobrowolski's broad base of experience working closely with police employees, city leadership and the community as among the reasons why Dobrowolski is highly-qualified to move the Hillsboro Police Department forward. "I am excited. This is a place I have wanted to be for years and now that I have met the department I am eager to lead," Dobrowolski said. "They were eager for leadership. They want to move forward. They're ready to go and I am ready to go with them."



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

State of the City 2014 Preview: Together, We Are Hillsboro



Mayor Jerry Willey

Each January, we gather as a City to share our accomplishments and successes over the past 12 months, and to update the community on the progress we expect to make in the future. We call this gathering the State of the City, and it's mostly about us coming together as a City to recognize that we all are working together to make Hillsboro a great place to live.

As residents and business partners of Oregon's fifth-largest city, we share a vision of prosperity in our community that requires teamwork to achieve. Hillsboro is not defined by any one thing. The many people who choose to make Hillsboro their home and place of work define us. Together, we are Hillsboro, and we have much to be proud of in our fine city.

Over the past year we expanded our Main Library's second floor to better serve the community's desire for gathering spaces and learning opportunities. In doing so, we created the Main Library's Event Room, where this year's State of the City address will take place on Thursday, January 30.

State of the City Address

Thursday, January 30

Reception: 5 pm

Program: 6 pm

Hillsboro Main Library

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New Hillsboro Police Chief: Lee Dobrowolski

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Brown’s decision to hire Dobrowolski included input from community members who participated in two open house meetings, Hillsboro Police Department employees, City Councilors, and other City staff who visited the top three finalists’ respective communities and workplaces.

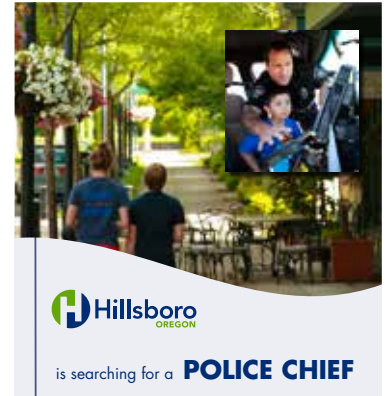
“Time after time, we heard Lee’s Salt Lake City colleagues praise his integrity, approachability and professionalism. To hear such universal support from the city that stands to lose his leadership speaks volumes,” Brown said. “We also wanted an excellent communicator and Lee is exactly that. His engaging, good-natured personality and sense of humor are among the characteristics we desired in our search for a leader. We need a Police Chief who can connect with Hillsboro residents using a community-oriented policing approach.”

The City of Hillsboro created a humorous police recruitment video that received national and international attention this summer. Brown said the video reflected Hillsboro’s desire for an innovative leader who also can laugh and enjoy life.



“One of the things that really helped me decide that I wanted to apply for the position in Hillsboro was that the police department has a sense of humor,” Dobrowolski said. “The only way we as law enforcement can be approachable to the community is to show that we are human, and humans have a sense of humor. That video showed the police department is approachable. That is my style, and it is evident that the Hillsboro community is very supportive of its police department.”

To read Lee Dobrowolski’s biography, his description of his leadership style and personality, and his thoughts on moving his family to Hillsboro, visit the City of Hillsboro’s website: www.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov.



Mayor’s Message: State of the City Preview

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From a personal standpoint, I will never forget the thrill of throwing out the first pitch for the first home game of our Hillsboro Hops at Hillsboro Ballpark. The team and the ballpark now are part of our community’s identity, and it’s our privilege to share the professional baseball experience with our neighbors throughout the metro area.

We welcomed a new hospital to our community, the Kaiser Permanente Westside Medical Center, where we held a City Council meeting in November. We also welcomed the continued expansion of our largest employer, Intel, and the many jobs that the company provides for our citizens.

But the most important program we may have touched as a City Council over the past year is the Future Connect program. As a City, we here in Hillsboro are providing scholarships to 50 low-income and first-generation college students – from Hillsboro schools – to attend Portland Community College. The impact of this program will better Hillsboro for generations.

As we look ahead, our city is poised to maintain the positive momentum. We will continue to enhance our quality of life and improve our prospects for the future. The opening of the 4th Main project in Downtown Hillsboro, the re-opening of the Shute Park Library, and the continued development of the Orenco Platform District each gives us reason to imagine a bright future for Hillsboro.

If you want to know more about Hillsboro’s many successes and future opportunities, please join us on Thursday, January 30, for the State of the City Address, featuring a reception at 5 pm and the program at 6 pm, in the Hillsboro Main Library’s Event Room.



COUNCIL CONNECTION

What is your top New Year's Resolution?

Mayor
Jerry Willey:
Be thankful and appreciate each day



Council President
Aron Carleson:
Write more thank you notes



Councilor
Olga Acuña:
Ride my motorcycles more often



Councilor
Megan Braze:
Don't fall off any horses



Councilor
Steve Callaway:
Spend more time enjoying our parks and libraries



Councilor
Darell Lumaco:
Enjoy life and don't sweat the small stuff



Councilor
Fred Nachtigal:
Ski more, work less



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City Manager's Report Defining "The Hillsboro Way"



City Manager
Michael Brown

What does it mean to say that our residents and community partners can count on the City of Hillsboro to live up to "The Hillsboro Way" of doing business?

As the phrase applies to our city government, The Hillsboro Way means we place providing excellent customer service as our top priority at all times, without exception. I believe it's an overwhelmingly positive expression that our local government serves our community's interests by being responsive and respectful of the many elements and partners that work together to make a successful city.

The Hillsboro Way means we turn to our residents and community leaders for guidance through programs such as Hillsboro 2020 and Imagine Hillsboro 2035!, then we execute their vision for the future success of our City.

It means we proactively look for ways to support our local businesses and ensure their future success; in turn, ensuring future employment opportunities for our community. We are fast, friendly and flexible to assure a business climate where companies thrive.

It means we seek out and embrace innovative and creative solutions that improve our community's quality of life.

It means we promote the outstanding livability that Hillsboro offers to residents and to those outside of the City. We reinforce that Hillsboro is a great place to be through our parks, our libraries, our special events, and a multitude of other community assets.

It means we do all we can to continually foster a great work environment for our employees where job satisfaction leads to greater productivity.

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VOLUNTEER HERO

Lt. Marc Ahrendt: Hillsboro Fire Department

Q: How often do you volunteer?

As a volunteer firefighter, we have scheduled training every Thursday evening and additional training opportunities on other days. The continual training allows us to respond when the Fire Department needs assistance at a fire scene, or at a public event like the Hillsboro Farmers' Market.

Q: When did you start volunteering with HFD?

I started in early 2007 after volunteering with Hillsboro's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). I was very impressed by the professionalism of the firefighters who were involved with CERT training.

Q: Why do you volunteer?

Firefighting quickly became a passion for me. Not only did I discover that firefighting matched up so well with my interests, but

it has been amazing to work with so many others (volunteers and paid staff) that share that same passion.

Q: What would you tell others about volunteering with Hillsboro?

As a Hillsboro resident, volunteering for the City is a great way to learn more about what the City has to offer, and it's a rewarding way to help your community and make it a better place.

Get involved! Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov to find a list of "Volunteer Opportunities."





Youth Invasion 2013: When Students Took Over the Civic Center

By Anisha Datta, Youth Advisory Council member

On October 22, the Hillsboro Civic Center was stormed. Armed with pencils and notebooks, the invading force (more than 200 strong) gathered in the auditorium, awaiting instructions. Not one of them was over the age of 18.



High schools students from Century, Glencoe, Hillsboro, and Liberty boarded buses to participate in Hillsboro's first ever Youth Invasion – and to learn about their future. Youth Invasion aimed to introduce students to various career opportunities associated with city and local government. The five-hour event showcased careers from police detectives to accountants, covered a large spectrum of student interests, and showed students how the City of Hillsboro works for them.



The day began with Youth Invasion's keynote speaker, Intel's College Relations Manager Tavish Ledesma, rapping alongside invigorating electronic beats. Ledesma's motivational speech pumped up the students before they were led into four career sessions assigned to them according to their forecasted interests. Participating students received high school credit for attending.



Youth Invasion was extremely successful in giving students the opportunity to network with career professionals and explore different career interests, while providing the City of Hillsboro access to a future recruitment base of homegrown talent.

City Manager's Report: The Hillsboro Way

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At the same time, it means we demand that our employees live up to the community's expectations for professionalism and adherence to core values such as trust, reliability and respect.

It means we build on our City's history and accept our responsibility as a growing community to be a leader not only for the region, but also for Oregon.

You may be able to add to this list and, if so, I hope that you will. I believe we in Hillsboro have earned our outstanding reputation for serving our community "The Hillsboro Way."

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Celebrating Our 10th Anniversary



527 East Main St., Hillsboro, OR 97123

Patrick Ball & Legends of the Celtic Harp

FRIDAY, 1/31
7:30 pm

\$20 advance/
\$25 day of show



"Hauntingly beautiful ballads and lilting storytelling..." – Variety



Follow the City of Hillsboro's Twitter feed – [twitter.com/@CityofHillsboro](https://twitter.com/CityofHillsboro) – to find out how you can win a pair of tickets to see Patrick Ball and Legends of the Celtic Harp live in concert!

Progress Check: TV Highway Paving Project

What's the Situation?

The City of Hillsboro teamed up with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to perform paving and utility repairs and other improvements on Tualatin Valley Highway between Minter Bridge Road and SW 331st Avenue. The repairs and construction are necessary to ensure high quality water, stormwater and sanitary sewer services for residents and businesses. The road will be resurfaced at the end of the two-year project, making for a smoother commute.


What's the Talk?

Some drivers are noticing the temporary road patches and voicing concerns that



the bumps they feel will be a permanent part of their daily drive (particularly near downtown between SW Dennis Avenue and SE 8th Avenue). They also want to know if tax dollars are being used efficiently.

What's the Reality?

The repair work is not done. Drivers are actually feeling temporary paving. By working together to repair and replace underground utilities such as old water lines, 100-year-old sewer pipes, and under-capacity storm drain lines – the City of Hillsboro and ODOT are saving tax dollars and increasing efficiency. These fixes are being made before permanent repaving takes place in 2015, leading to long-term savings for taxpayers. 

Learn more about the TV Highway paving project at TVHwyPaving.org



Concert Series, Free Matinees Celebrate 10 Years at the Walters



Heather Keizer performing at the Walters Cultural Arts Center.

Ten years ago, the Walters Cultural Arts Center opened its doors to the public, becoming the first and only cultural arts center in Hillsboro. Today, the Walters is a thriving place where culture, art, education, and community involvement come together in dynamic and meaningful ways.

Renovated from the chapel of a former church building, the Walters' state-of-the-art auditorium is home to the annual Concert Series, which draws in music lovers of all ages and backgrounds. The Concert Series features an ever-changing selection of highly talented artists – from world-renowned jazz musicians, to modern dance companies, to our beloved local folk

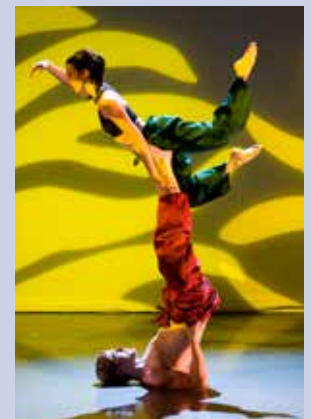
artists: there is something for everyone to enjoy.



Malika, Queen of the Cats, performed by Tears of Joy Theatre.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the Concert Series, the Walters is pleased to offer a special matinee series that showcases four free Saturday performances of opera, theater, puppetry, and classical music. These free performances, made possible through a grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County (funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust), are meant to invite new and returning community members to experience some of the region's best performing artists.

Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Walters to see the entire list of upcoming concerts and family-friendly matinees.



BodyVox in concert - photograph by Randall Milstein.



Save Energy, Save Water: Save Money

A new year is here, but it may prove to be an expensive year for many folks. Cold weather means that furnaces are running full-steam, the lights are on by late afternoon, and hot water heaters are working overtime so that your family can enjoy hot showers.

Make sure you take advantage of free help with rising energy and water bills. The Hillsboro Water Department has partnered with Energy Trust of Oregon on a Home Water and Energy Assessment program designed to help customers find easy and inexpensive ways to reduce water and energy consumption – resulting in lower utility bills.



Installing a water saving shower head can significantly reduce water usage.

A water and energy efficiency expert can visit your home to check for leaks, recommend water and energy-saving measures specific to your home, and install free water and energy-saving devices, such as faucet aerators, showerheads or compact fluorescent light bulbs.

To qualify for a free home assessment, you must have a Hillsboro Water or Tualatin Valley Water District account, and you must also be a residential customer of Portland General Electric or NW Natural Gas. Qualifying customers can schedule an assessment by contacting Energy Trust of Oregon at 1-866-368-7878.



Congratulations to Hillsboro Water's 2014 Calendar Winners!

To see the winning artists' work and to get a free copy of the 2014 calendar, stop by Utility Billing on the first floor of the Hillsboro Civic Center.



Imagine the Future: Hillsboro 2035



Do you have an idea that would make Hillsboro an even better place to live, work and play? We want to hear it! The Hillsboro 2035 Task Force encourages you to submit ideas for the Hillsboro 2035 plan to help shape Hillsboro's future.

An update of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision plan now is underway. In the 2020 plan, community members weighed in with suggestions that included public art, community gathering places, events, new parks, bike and pedestrian improvements, and environmental programs. Many ideas submitted for the 2020 Vision now have become reality, such as Hondo Dog Park, Farmers' Markets, and the Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza.

Imagine Hillsboro 2035! gives you a number of ways to contribute your ideas. Visit Hillsboro2035.org to learn more about the project and post your idea in a new online public forum where you can read and support ideas from others, post pictures, documents and other materials. You can also send a text message with your ideas to (971) 205-1005. Additionally, you can fill out an "idea card" and drop it at a number of locations throughout Hillsboro.

To learn more about the Vision Plan, visit Hillsboro2035.org, or call the City of Hillsboro at (503) 681-6219.

Community Meetings

To learn about and offer input on a Proposed Community Recreation Center and Park near 53rd Avenue Community Park

Thursdays

January 16, 6 pm

February 13, 6 pm


Main Library Event Room

2850 NE Brookwood Parkway

Child care will be provided.

Information: www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/ParksRec

Friends' Book Sale Breaks Record

With the help of 200 volunteers donating more than 2,000 collective hours of their time, the November Friends of the Hillsboro Public Library book sale set a new record with nearly \$55,000 in sales. The money raised will be used to purchase materials, including an early literacy kiosk for the Main Library, and books and DVDs for the soon-to-reopen Shute Park Library. At an average price of \$1.50 per item, more than 36,000 books, videos and more found new homes. Once again, children's books were hot sellers. Unsold books are offered to nonprofits and educators, including Century High School and Project Homeless Connect. Remaining items are held for the next sale or sent to a recycler. The next Friends of the Hillsboro Public Library book sale will take place May 2 through May 11. 



Patrons peruse tables full of books and other media during the Friends of the Library Book Sale, held in November.

Website Wisdom: "Add to My Calendar"



The new Hillsboro-Oregon.gov website isn't just pretty. It's full of useful tools, too, such as a full calendar of City events and public meetings. Now it's even easier to attend a City Council meeting or a concert at the Walters Cultural Arts Center. Simply select

"Add to My Calendar" under any calendar listing to send the event information to your own Outlook, iCalendar, Google or Yahoo digital calendar. Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov, click on "calendar," then pick any event or meeting. Try it out!

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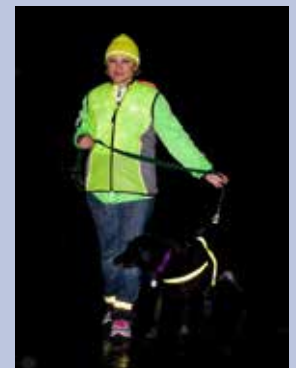
@CityofHillsboro is competing against Washington County, Beaverton, Tigard and other local cities to be the first to reach 2,014 followers in 2014.

Follow us! Tell your friends & neighbors!

Smart & Safe: How Do You Dress in the Dark?

With daylight hours in short supply right now, our community partners at TriMet know the best way that you and your family can stay visible in the dark is to wear light-colored, reflective outerwear, reflective tape, and lights.

A driver traveling at 35 miles per hour needs 250 feet to stop safely. If you are wearing reflective clothing, drivers can see you from up to 500 feet away. But if you are dressed in dark colors, you are first visible from only 55 feet away. Be seen, be safe. If you go out at night, dress right.



As illustrated in these photos, the pedestrian on the right, wearing reflective clothing, is much more visible on a dark, rainy night.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

10	6:00pm	FILM series movie Shun Li and the Poet, unrated, adults, Main Library, free, 📖
16	6:00pm	Community Recreation Center Public Meeting & Open House, Main Library, free, 🌳
16	7:00pm	Best Fruit Varieties for the Pacific NW, adults, Main Library, free, 📖
18	10:00am	Hillsboro Teen Idol Auditions, 7th-12th grade, Cultural Arts Center, free, 🌳
19	1:30pm	William Stafford Celebration, teens/adults, Main Library, free, 📖
20		City offices & Library closed for MLK Jr. Day
23	4:00pm	Washington County Arts & Culture Grants Panel, Cultural Arts Center, RSVP required, free, 🎵
25	10:30am	Sing with Our Kids, ages 0-6, Main Library, free, 📖
25	2:00pm	Portland Opera to Go presents La Boheme, Cultural Arts Center, free, 🎵
27	4:00pm	Game Mania! all ages, Main Library, free, 📖
30	6:00pm	State of the City with Mayor Jerry Willey, all ages, Main Library, free, 503-681-6219
31	6:30pm	"Girl Rising" Film Screening and Discussion, teens/adults, Main Library, free, 📖
31	7:30pm	Patrick Ball and Legends of the Celtic Harp, Cultural Arts Center, \$20/\$25, * 🎵

February

1	1:00pm	Hillsboro Teen Idol Finals, Cultural Arts Center, \$3, ages 5 & under free, 🌳
13	6:00pm	Community Recreation Center Public Meeting & Open House, Main Library, free, 🌳

February, continued

14	7:30pm	"Romance Show," Cultural Arts Center, \$15/\$20, * 🎵
17		City offices & Library closed for Presidents' Day
20	5:00pm	Hillsboro Arts & Culture Summit, Cultural Arts Center, free, 🎵
20	7:00pm	West African Dance Workshop, all ages, Main Library, free, 📖
28	7:00pm	Your Land, My Land Conversation Project, adults, Main Library, free, 📖

Recurring Events

1st/3rd Tue	7:00 pm	City Council
2nd/4th Tues	7:00 am	Parks and Recreation Commission
1st/3rd Wed	6:30 pm	Planning and Zoning Hearings Board
2nd/4th Wed	6:30 pm	Planning Commission
1st Tue	6:00 pm	First Tuesday Gallery Reception, Cultural Arts Center, free, 🎵
2nd Tue	5:30 pm	Finance Committee
2nd Tue	7:00 pm	Open Poetry Night, Cultural Arts Center, 🎵
3rd Tue	7:00 pm	Spoken Word Lecture Series, Cultural Arts Center, free, 🎵
3rd Wed	6:00 pm	Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee
4th Tue	5:30 pm	Transportation Committee
4th Wed	4:00 pm	Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council Board Meeting, Cultural Arts Center, free, 🎵
Thurs	6:30 pm	Thursday Family Art Night, Cultural Arts Center, \$5/person at the door, 🎵
Daily		Hondo Dog Park, open dawn to dusk
Daily	10:00 am	Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve