

CITY VIEWS

NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

November/December 2014

Hillsboro's Home of Champions: Ron Tonkin Field



September 7, 2014. It's a day Hillsboro Hops fans will never forget. Less than 15 months after the City of Hillsboro's Parks & Recreation Department staff opened then-named Hillsboro Ballpark, the crowd of cheering fans witnessed history being made at Ron Tonkin Field. Capping an amazing season, the Hops sealed the deal by winning the team's first Northwest League Championship on its home turf.

While the Hops' players will try to repeat as champions next summer, Parks & Recreation Department staff know that the season never ends. For every Hops home game (there were 40 in 2014, playoffs included), Ron Tonkin Field will host eight other community events and games. You may not realize it, but Ron Tonkin Field plays host to youth soccer, lacrosse, football, high school baseball and much more, thanks to the artificial turf's year-round benefits.

"The addition of Ron Tonkin Field has provided all of our high school teams – not just baseball – the opportunity to play in a great venue and experience the feeling of playing in a big-time stadium," said Hillsboro School District Operations Coordinator and Safety Director Casey Waletich. "We are also getting games in during winter and spring that, in past years, would have been canceled because the turf wasn't playable. Ron Tonkin Field is a tremendous addition to our community."

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Jerry Willey

Hillsboro Takes Top Sustainability Honors

Small decisions lead to big results. From switching to high-efficiency light-emitting diode (LED) traffic signal bulbs to installing electric vehicle charging stations, the City of Hillsboro has made a commitment to promoting sustainable practices. That commitment has never been focused on collecting awards and accolades. And yet, we are very grateful for the federal recognition we have received this year for our diverse sustainability strategies.

In September, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) named Hillsboro the top community in the nation for the highest green power percentage of total electricity use. Nearly 51 percent of Hillsboro's local government, residential, and business electricity usage comes from green power sources, leading the EPA to declare Hillsboro the winner of the Green Power Community Challenge.

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Ron Tonkin Field: Hillsboro's Home of Champions *continued from page 1*


Like other community facilities, the 4,500-capacity ballpark was never intended to make money or break even. Still, in 2014, Ron Tonkin Field generated nearly \$600,000 from Hops' rent and ticket surcharges, ballpark naming rights fees and parking revenues. With additional facility rental fees, concessions and parking throughout the year, the revenues more than cover annual maintenance costs as Ron Tonkin Field provides a substantial return on investment.

Ron Tonkin Field has helped to create new jobs for adults and youth, greater community pride, a higher profile throughout the region, and another tourism draw to help our local businesses and provide affordable recreation opportunities for our families. Having Hops' mascot Barley and company here has made Hillsboro a better place to live, with Barley and the Hops partnering with several local nonprofits and other groups.

Ultimately though, Ron Tonkin Field is designed to serve the needs of the community. By year's end, Ron Tonkin Field will have hosted 369 community events and games, including meetings, photo shoots, and special events for groups such as HomePlate Youth Services. The nonprofit moved its annual kickball tournament from Beaverton to the Gordon Faber Recreation Complex in 2014, taking advantage of the space available at Ron Tonkin Field.



HomePlate Executive Director Bridget Calfee said the group plans to return for 2015. "We were thrilled to host our 'Home Runs for Homeless Youth' fundraiser at Ron Tonkin Field and Hillsboro Stadium this year," Calfee said. "It was an amazing venue to gather community, play kickball, and raise funds and awareness for youth in unstable situations in Washington County."

Through the attraction of the Hops, Hillsboro has created a community bond that unites us. And now Hillsboro has been ranked among the top ten American cities with Minor League Baseball in Smart Assets blog. While baseball season remains several months away, Ron Tonkin Field will remain busy this winter and spring – hosting champions and bringing our community together in new ways. 

Mayor's Message: Sustainability Commitment *continued from page 1*

More than winning the competition, our community's true achievement has been eliminating consumption of carbon dioxide emissions equal to more than 150,000 vehicles a year, or the electricity needed to power more than 98,000 homes for an entire year. Hillsboro has been a Green Power Community for more than four years, and we continue to promote power generated from clean, renewable sources such as solar, wind, and low-impact hydropower.



My family knows the value of green power firsthand from our experience installing solar panels on our roof, and from our purchase of green power through Portland General Electric. Green power leads to cleaner air and a healthier environment, and it helps advance the market for renewable energy.

We in Hillsboro were honored again in October when Maria Vargas, Director of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Better Buildings Program visited our great city. Maria toured the Shute Park Branch Library to celebrate the City of Hillsboro's success in reducing energy usage at City facilities by more than 11 percent since 2009 at a cost savings of greater than \$400,000.

The Shute Park Branch Library is a showcase project in the DOE's Better Buildings Challenge, and its thoughtful, sustainability-focused design will generate thousands of dollars in energy savings every year for the duration of its life. Sustainability Manager Peter Brandom tracks these savings, then puts those dollars to use to make other City projects and services more sustainable.

Over the past two years we have been blessed to receive kudos from the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the White House for our sustainability efforts. Backed by the City of Hillsboro's Sustainability Plan, we are halfway to reaching our goal of a 20 percent energy reduction by 2020. Thanks to all who help us serve our citizens with sustainability in mind, our work is never done.

COUNCIL CONNECTION

What City service are you most thankful for in 2014?



Mayor Jerry Willey
Our outstanding parks and staff.



Council President Aron Carleson
Our high-quality water service.



Councilor Olga Acuña
Our great libraries.



Councilor Megan Braze
Our reliable sewer system.



Councilor Steve Callaway
Our updated 2035 community plan.



Councilor Darell Lumaco
Our public safety officers.



Councilor Fred Nachtigal
Our police and fire employees.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Economic Development Enhances Education Funding



City Manager Michael Brown

"Are tax incentives hurting our schools?"

I've heard this question more than once from community members curious to know if tax incentives negatively impact school funding. I appreciate the question because I know our entire community cares about our children's education, and there has been a lot of misinformation about the impact of tax incentives on schools.

Some have asked if Washington County and the City of Hillsboro are willing to harm schools in order to help local companies.

The answer is absolutely no. No way. Never. We have not and will not take any action that harms our schools' ability to educate our children. In fact, the opposite is true: we do all we can to

positively impact our schools.

The City of Hillsboro – elected leaders and staff – all work to further the best interests of our great city. We recognize that we cannot have a high quality of life without a successful school system. We want – and need – our children to be great students. As a city government (not a K-12 or college educational institution), our efforts to support schools come in a variety of ways other than teaching children. One of the most significant ways we support our schools is through our economic development efforts: highly-focused, collaborative, and effective work to build and maintain the strongest economy to help provide funding to support schools. The lack of adequate funding for K-12 schools is much more than a local problem. It's a statewide problem. In fact, it's a national problem that most states are wrestling with – some more successfully than others.

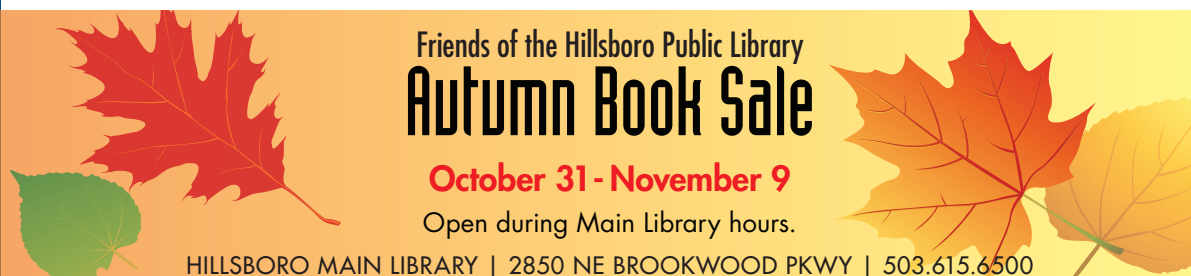
"But what about the City's efforts to recruit and retain businesses, such as the recent \$100 billion Strategic Investment Program with Intel?"

Washington County and the City of Hillsboro have a very successful track record of utilizing business incentives that grow our economy, retain or add new jobs, and provide additional funding to support essential public services, such as schools. The best example is the State of Oregon's Strategic Investment Program.

While other states and countries often offer cash incentives to woo Intel, we have offered no cash payments. Instead, we have required that Intel pay fees equal to full taxes on all company-owned land and buildings. But to be competitive, we've agreed to significantly reduce property taxes on the equipment inside those buildings.

To be clear, Intel would not have invested what it has to date, and would not invest more in the future, if not for the Strategic Investment Program. We have to keep in mind that without the incentive, there would be no tax payments at all. Nothing taken from nothing is nothing. In other words, schools in Oregon cannot be harmed because the State did not collect tax revenues that were never an option.

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Friends of the Hillsboro Public Library
Autumn Book Sale
October 31 - November 9
 Open during Main Library hours.
 HILLSBORO MAIN LIBRARY | 2850 NE BROOKWOOD PKWY | 503.615.6500



Leaf Pick-up Program Returns

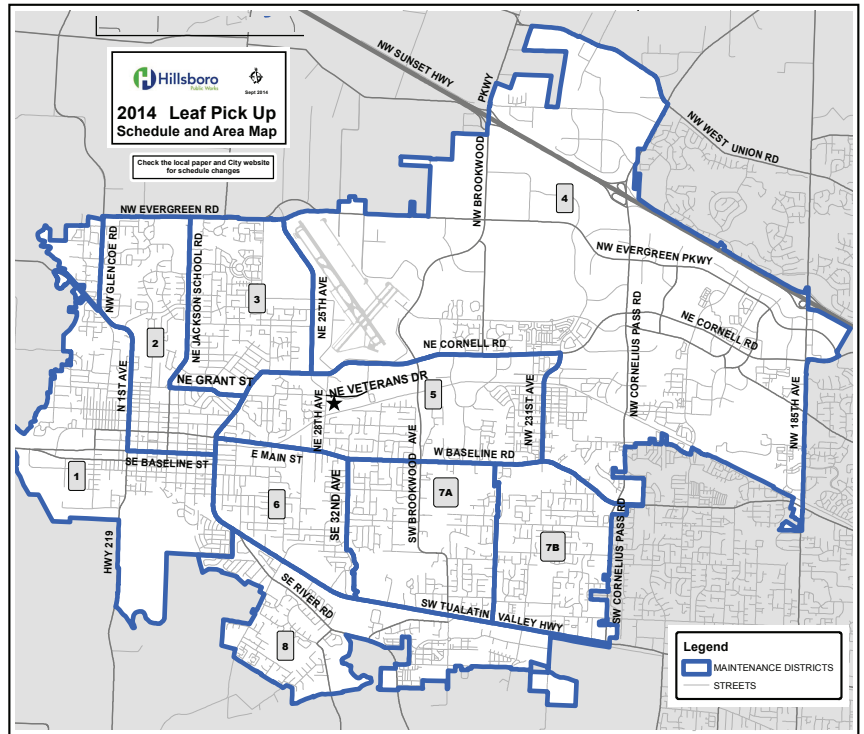
Help Prevent Flooding in Your Neighborhood

November marks the beginning of the City of Hillsboro's annual curbside street tree leaf pick-up program. Help keep our streets clean and reduce flooding caused by leaves clogging storm drains.

To help us better serve you, please rake loose street tree leaves into a windrow in the street, 18 inches away from the curb to allow storm water to drain. Keep leaf windrows less than three feet high and don't block mailboxes, driveways, garbage collection, intersections, or culs-de-sac. Keep curbs, gutters, and catch basins clear to prevent flooding and, if a catch basin does plug, scrape the leaves away from the grate. Use caution in travel lanes or standing water.

If you miss your leaf pick-up date, you can bring your leaves to the City's leaf disposal location - the Fairground Sports Complex on 28th Ave, next to the tennis courts - on November 1, November 22, or December 20, from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Learn about the Leaf Pick-up Program at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Leaf.



GROWN IN HILLSBORO

Beaverton Foods

Profile: If you appreciate flavor, you've probably tasted the specialty condiments made by Beaverton Foods, under its brand names: Beaver, Inglehoffer, Tulalake and Napa Valley. With more than 700 formulas, Beaverton Foods sells its unique flavors in 98 percent of American grocery stores, 11 foreign countries, and online at beavertonfoods.com.



History: Rose Biggi founded the company in 1929 in the cellar of her farmhouse to help endure the hardships of the Great Depression. Rose began grinding her horseradish crop, bottling it, and selling it to local grocery stores. Now, 85 years later, Beaverton Foods remains family-owned and is run by Domonic Biggi, Rose's grandson.

Background: Beaverton Foods moved to its Hillsboro location on NW Century Boulevard in 2001 because it needed more manufacturing space. Today, the company is the largest producer of non-refrigerated horseradish and specialty mustards in the United States.

Why Hillsboro? "We love Hillsboro. It is a great place to do business, and we have found the City is easy to work with and very pro-business." - Domonic Biggi, CEO, Beaverton Foods

Learn about other Hillsboro success stories by visiting the City website: Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/EconomicDevelopment.



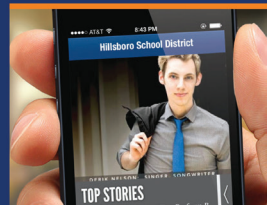
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Intel is a tremendous asset to our community as a provider of good-paying jobs, and as a catalyst for economic success. We are very fortunate that Intel chose the City of Hillsboro to base its largest research and development facilities. Because Intel, on average, pays its employees three times the states average, Intel employees pay a significantly larger amount of income taxes to the State of Oregon. A good portion of these dollars go to support State of Oregon K-12 education funding. And for each Intel job, three additional jobs are in Oregon specifically because of Intel – as suppliers, vendors, consultants, etc. These related companies also provide good-paying jobs that contribute to the State's education funding efforts. These companies would not be here if not for Intel's decision to stay and continue investing in the City of Hillsboro.

Far from harming our schools, by providing a property tax incentive to Intel on its multi-billion dollar equipment, Washington County and the City of Hillsboro are keeping our most significant employer here to provide certainty that there will be continued funding for schools in the future. We will continue to work together to find ways to help our schools and our students, and I hope we recognize and appreciate our biggest employers. Without them, that task would be much more difficult than the challenge we already face.

NEWS NUGGETS

- The Hillsboro City Council approved a local sales tax on marijuana and marijuana-infused products at a special meeting on September 30. If **Measure 91** passes in November, Hillsboro has a ten percent tax on recreational marijuana sales in place. The tax on medical marijuana was set at zero percent.
- To meet future demands for **high-quality drinking water** and provide greater reliability, the Hillsboro Water Department and the Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) are developing the mid-Willamette River at Wilsonville as an additional source for customers. Preliminary design is underway on the project that includes more than 30 miles of waterlines designed to meet current earthquake standards. The new waterline will travel north from Wilsonville to Hillsboro, using existing public rights-of-way in most locations. Visit **Ourreliablewater.com** to learn more about the program, or attend an open house meeting on Thursday, November 20, from 6 - 8br pm at Hillsboro Main Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy.
- The 2014-15 **Budget in Brief** is now available on the City of Hillsboro website, providing a useful summary of the most essential elements of the City's budget.
- The Hillsboro Police Department collected 500 pounds of unwanted drugs during September's Prescription Drug Turn-in event, while HPD's Community Enhancement Team installed **50 child car seats** for Hillsboro families. 

VOLUNTEER HERO

Wolfgang Dempke: Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department Volunteer



City volunteer Wolfgang Dempke.

Tell us about your volunteer work:

I volunteer at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve where I teach stations of nature programs to school kids from kindergarten to the eighth grade. I also help maintain a Water Quality Monitoring Station on the Tualatin River. This station needs to be cleaned and calibrated in regular intervals.

Why did you start volunteering?

After working 32 years in high-tech and retiring, I started volunteering because it allows me to give back to the community. I like to educate children about the beauty of nature and hope that some of the students will love nature as much as I do. If children learn to love nature they will protect it as they grow because you don't destroy what you love. This summer I celebrated my tenth anniversary as a volunteer at Jackson Bottom. Since then, I have volunteered nearly 2,000 hours.

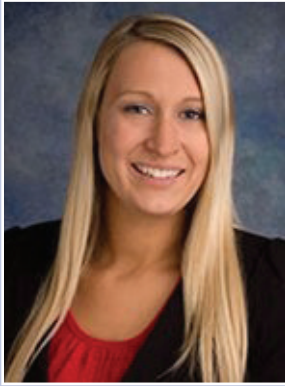
Why do you continue to volunteer?

I just love what I do. I also made some very good friends at Jackson Bottom, and what better combination is there to work as a volunteer with good friends and help educate children and adults about the beauty of nature? I will continue to volunteer as long as I can, and as long as I am needed.

Are you ready to start volunteering? Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov to find a list of "Volunteer Opportunities."



COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT: Councilor Megan Braze



Councilor Megan Braze

COUNCIL EXPERIENCE: Megan was elected to the Hillsboro City Council in November 2012. Her current term expires in January 2016, and she is eligible to seek a second term.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: After growing up in Hillsboro, Megan returned following graduation from college to enjoy Hillsboro’s beautiful parks and natural areas, vibrant downtown, and the wide range of recreational opportunities available. She is an avid equestrian who competes in dressage with her horse, Andy. It was a fall during a ride that left Megan with her arm in a sling on the day she was sworn in as a City Councilor. Megan serves on the Transportation Committee. She is also a member of the Preschool Board at Trinity Lutheran Church, and has served as a high school youth leader and volunteer preschool Spanish instructor.



EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE: Megan graduated from Hillsboro High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Oregon State University. She currently works as a Transportation Services Representative at the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles’ office in Hillsboro.

WHY SERVE ON THE HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL?

“I feel strongly that to best represent their communities, elected bodies should be diverse, and representative of various life stages. As a city, Hillsboro strives to be open and welcoming to all ages and, as a recent college graduate, I can provide a unique perspective for other young professionals looking to live and pursue careers in Hillsboro.”

FUN FACTS ABOUT MEGAN:

Favorite activity: Riding horses

Dream job: Cat trainer

Greatest fear: Hummingbirds

Favorite foods: Sushi, Pad Thai


Favorite song: “I Would Do Anything for Love” by Meatloaf

Favorite movie: “Labyrinth”

To read the full spotlight on Councilor Braze please visit the City of Hillsboro website: Hillsboro-Oregon.gov.

Seven Ways to Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

Celebrate the holidays with safety in mind this year to reduce your risk for fire. Here are some helpful tips from the men and women of the Hillsboro Fire Department.

- **Electric heaters:** Use the heater on the floor for stability. Never place a heater on furniture, and never leave a heater unattended. Keep anything that can burn three feet from a portable heater and 12 inches from a baseboard or wall heater.
- Do not hide cords under rugs or carpet, as placing anything on top of the cord could cause a fire by overheating. Be sure the plug fits properly into an outlet, since a loose plug can overheat and cause a fire.
- **Central heating:** Have furnaces and chimneys inspected and cleaned once a year before the heating season begins, and regularly replace filters.
- **Fireplaces:** Keep fireplace fires small, and use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Never burn trash or paper in a fireplace; burning paper can float up your chimney and onto your roof or in your yard.
- **Decorative Lights:** Use lights that bear the label of an independent testing lab. Don’t overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters. Unplug lights before leaving your home or going to bed.
- **Candles:** Put candles securely in non-tip candle holders. Keep candles well away from Christmas trees, decorations, curtains, and other combustibles, and never put candles in windows or near exits.
- Don’t leave candles burning unattended or within the reach of small children, and blow them out before you leave the room or to go to sleep. Better yet, use flameless candles to set the holiday mood. 



EVENT CALENDAR

Recurring Meetings and Events

1 st /3 rd Tue	7 pm	City Council
2 nd Tue	5:30 pm	Finance Committee
4 th Tue	5:30 pm	Transportation Committee
2 nd /4 th Tue	7 am	Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings
1 st /3 rd Wed	6:30 pm	Planning and Zoning Hearings Board
2 nd /4 th Wed	6:30 pm	Planning Commission
4 th Wed	4 pm	Hillsboro Arts and Culture Council (HACC)
3 rd Wed	6 pm	Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee
Thurs	6:30 pm	Thursday Family Art Night @ the Walters, \$5/person at the door, 503-615-3485
Sundays	1:30 pm	Family Storytime @ Main Library
Daily		Hondo Dog Park, open dawn to dusk
Daily	10 am	Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve opens

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NOVEMBER

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		 4	 5		 6	HPD Shred It @ Downtown Hillsboro post office, 8 am - Noon Clay Skulls Workshop @ Main Library: 11 am; @ Shute Park Branch Library: 2:30 pm
		First Tuesday Gallery Reception: Hillsboro Plein Air Plus @ the Walters, 5 - 6:30 pm	Friends of the Library Book Sale continues until November 9 @ Main Library, all day	Hibernation/ Migration! Nature Program @ Shute Park Branch Library, 4 pm		8 Medicare Faire @ Community Senior Center, 9 am - 4 pm Thankful Crafts @ Main Library, 2:30 pm
9 Final Day of Friends' Book Sale @ Main Library	 11	VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY: City offices and libraries closed	12 Trail System Master Plan Open House & Workshop @ Main Library, 6 pm HPD Landlord Forum @ PCC Willow Creek, 6:30 - 8 pm	13 GSWCO Meeting: Newspaper Research: Read All About It @ Main Library, 7 pm	14 F.I.L.M. Series: Stories We Tell @ Main Library, 6 pm	15 International Games Day @ Main & Shute Park Branch Libraries, 1 pm
 17	17 Feather Finery @ Main Library, 3:30 pm	18 Utilities Commission Hearing @ Civic Center, Room 207, 1:30 pm Fly Girls: Women Pilots in World War II @ the Walters, 7 pm	19 Coffee with a Cop @ Tanasbourne Whole Foods Market, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm HACC Workshop: All Things Audience Development @ the Walters, 4 pm	20 Universe Exploration @ Shute Park Branch Library, 4 pm Willamette Water Supply Program Open House @ Main Library, 6 - 8 pm	21 Friday Family Flicks: Mr. Peabody and Sherman @ Main Library, 6:30 pm	22 Clean Water Services Leaf Drop Off @ Aloha High School, 8 am - 4 pm Thanksgiving Crafts @ Shute Park Branch Library, 2:30 pm
23 The Alphabeticians @ Main Library, 4 pm	24 Conversations with Writers @ Main Library, 7 pm	25 19th Annual Youth Turkey Trot @ Hare Field, 3:30 - 5:30 pm	 26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY: City offices and libraries closed	 29	29 Hillsboro Holly Days @ Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza, 1 - 6 pm A Visit with Santa @ Hillsboro Civic Center, 2 - 4 pm

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DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		2 First Tuesday Gallery Reception: Double Occupancy @ the Walters, 5 - 6:30 pm		4 Jackson Bottom Wetlands Nature Program: Binocular Skills @ Shute Park Branch Library, 4 pm		6 Clean Water Services Leaf Drop Off @ Aloha High School, 8 am - 4 pm LEGO My Library! @ Main Library, 2:30 pm
	8 From a Name to a Number: A Holocaust Survivor's Story @ Main Library, 7 pm	9 Open Poetry Night @ the Walters, 7 pm	10 Landlord Forum @ PCC Willow Creek, 6:30 pm	11 Holiday Wreath Class @ SHARC, noon, \$5 in advance, \$7 day of class	12 F.I.L.M. Series: <i>Instructions Not Included</i> @ Main Library, 6 pm Acoustic Guitar Summit @ the Walters, 7:30 pm, \$15 in advance, \$20 day of show	13 Winter Glitter Party & Frozen Movie Sing Along @ Main Library, 2:30 pm
14 Rose City Flute Choir Holiday Concert @ Main Library, 3 pm	15 Animal Food Storage @ Main Library, 3:30 pm	16 Spoken Word Lecture Series: Winter Tales by the Fire @ the Walters, 7 pm	17 Yuletide Feast @ Hillsboro Community Senior Center, noon, \$6	18 Make a Pet Rock @ Main Library, 4 pm	19 Ugly Sweater Holiday Party and Movie: <i>Elf</i> @ Main Library, 6:30 pm Oregon Mandolin Orchestra concert @ the Walters, 7:30 pm, \$15 in advance, \$20 day of show	
			25 CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY - City offices and libraries closed	26 Winter Reading begins @ Main & Shute Park Branch libraries, all day	27 Recycled Paper Beads @ Shute Park Branch Library, 2 pm	

For complete event details please visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov

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Tickets for The Walters Cultural Arts Center events at www.brownpapertickets.com

And Coming in January...

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| 1 | New Year's Day Holiday | 19 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday |
| 14 | Landlord Forum: Terminating the Tenancy | 29 | State of the City Address by Mayor Jerry Willey |
| 19 | Friday Family Flicks: <i>How to Train Your Dragon 2</i> | 30 | Craig Carothers concert @ the Walters |