

# CITY VIEWS

NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

March/April 2015

# Hillsboro to Build Public Safety Training Facility

Training Center Near Sunset Highway Will Assist First Responders



The City of Hillsboro's public safety professionals will be in a better position to respond to emergencies and save lives by training locally. That's why the City of Hillsboro will build a public safety training facility inside the City to support the Hillsboro Police and Fire departments. Currently, the Hillsboro Fire Department is the largest fire department in Oregon without a dedicated training facility.

"By building the public safety training facility, the City of Hillsboro can provide a high-quality training center for our Police and Fire employees inside of our City boundaries," said City Manager Michael Brown.

Employees from the Hillsboro Police and Fire departments will share the four-acre facility, which will provide a large, paved parking and operational space; a tower facility for multi-story, structural fire training; and, a warehouse that will help simulate situations for police tactical training.

"The collaborative training that Hillsboro Police and Fire departments have been doing the past three years is rare," said Hillsboro Fire Department Chief Greg Nelson. "We know this because of the number of inquiries we get from both police and fire agencies around Oregon and across the nation who have asked about, and have come to watch, what we're doing." continued on page 2



# **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Mayor Jerry Willey

# Make Your Voice Heard on My2035.org

Shaping our City's future is a responsibility that we all share. With more than 95,000 neighbors now in Hillsboro, we have a unique opportunity this year to renew the vision for our community's future with the Hillsboro 2035 plan.

Over the past 18 months, the City of Hillsboro has collected and sorted more than 4,500 ideas from you and your neighbors that will help set the course for our community's progress over the next 20 years. Now that we've heard from so many people, we need your help more than ever to determine which ideas are most important.

I invite you and your family members to visit <a href="www.My2035.org">www.My2035.org</a> and complete a survey that tells us your favorite ideas and action proposals for the future of Hillsboro. With your help, we can prioritize projects according to the community's interests and ensure that Hillsboro remains successful by design. And to increase participation throughout the community, if you complete the entire survey, you will be entered into a drawing to win an iPad mini 3. <a href="mailto:continued on page 2">continued on page 2</a>



Hillsboro community members submitted more than 4,500 ideas for the Hillsboro 2035 plan.



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The new facility will be located south of U.S. 26, northwest of the Gordon Faber Recreation Complex, and north of NW Bennett Street on 11 acres of land that are mostly undevelopable due to wetlands and a flood plain. The property is owned by the Hillsboro Economic Development Council, which is comprised by the Hillsboro City Council. The City will use \$4 million in Gain Share funding to construct the facility. Design work needs to be completed on the training center, and construction could begin as early as later this year.

"The new training center will allow both departments to improve services on daily incidents, such as motor-vehicle crashes and fires; as well as, rare incidents, such as a mass-casualty crash or large-scale shooting," Nelson said.

"Our training needs include large areas for fire engines and police cars to repeatedly practice responding to simulated dangerous situations without impacting the citizens going about their daily business," said Hillsboro Fire Department Training Division Chief Scott McDaniel.

Currently, police and fire employees participate in sporadic training at locations where owners have given permission to conduct training exercises. Those locations include a local RV and boat storage business, local schools, and a local church.

"The evolution of police training and the required collaboration with police, fire departments, and all public safety providers bring us together for fully-integrated training," said Roberto Di Giulio, a Hillsboro Police Department tactics and training officer. "This facility will allow us to train together and reach the safest and best practices for training our first responders."

# Mayor's Message: Share Your Input on My2035.org continued from page 1



The 4,500+ ideas we received were turned over to work-teams made up of City of Hillsboro staff, community members, and a variety of stakeholder groups such as the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, the Hillsboro School District, and Tuality Healthcare. Those work-teams then developed those thousands of ideas into specific action proposals such as:

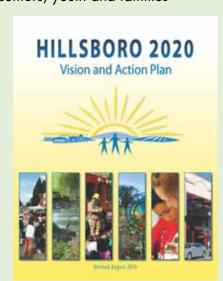
- Increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities and U.S. veterans
- Create a high-tech education center
- Develop incentives and resources to support entrepreneurship, start-ups and small businesses
- Add performing and cultural arts venues and activities citywide
- Develop community recreation centers to serve seniors, youth and families

You may be asking yourself, why are we working on the 2035 plan if we still have five years left to go in the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan? The reason we are moving forward with the creation of the 2035 plan is because the majority of our 2020 Vision has been realized – five years early.

The Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan, adopted in 2000, has led to visible progress that has been largely guided by you, our residents and community partners. Among the 2020 Plan's biggest successes: Hondo Dog Park, community gardens, the Venetian Theater, increased afterschool programs, farmers' markets, and many more projects and programs.

As a community, Hillsboro has excelled in planning ahead to ensure prosperity. Nowhere is that more evident than in our community-visioning efforts over the years.

With your input on the <a href="https://www.my2035.org">www.my2035.org</a> website, we can keep the momentum going in planning for our City's future. Thank you for taking the time to help shape the Hillsboro 2035 plan for our community's future.





## **COUNCIL** CONNECTION

Which activity do you suggest for out-of-town guests visiting Hillsboro?



Mayor Jerry Willey Attend a Hillsboro Hops game



Council **President** Steve Callaway

See a summer concert at Shute Park



Councilor Olga Acuña Walk around Downtown and enjoy a meal



Councilor **Kyle Allen** Sample delicious Washington County wines



Councilor Megan Braze Sing karaoke and enjoy local night spots



Councilor **Darell Lumaco** Visit Jackson Bottom Wetlands

Preserve



Councilor Fred Nachtigal See a Bag & Baggage play

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

# Protecting Public Safety: What You See and What You Don't



City Manager Michael Brown

The highest priority of City government is public safety. That commitment is reflected in the decision to dedicate a majority of the City's budget toward providing public safety services. The most visible of the City's public safety services are provided by our Police and Fire departments.

Inside these departments, our talented and dedicated employees work around the clock to serve our community. What's particularly exceptional and unique is how well our public safety professionals work together toward the common goal of protecting the lives and property of our citizens and businesses.

What you may not realize is that the City of Hillsboro prioritizes public safety long before a call comes into 9-1-1. There are many

critical public safety services that our team provides on an everyday basis that you may not have thought of as public safety. Consider the role that our Public Works Department employees play in keeping you and your family safe each morning, afternoon, and evening. Whether you drive Hillsboro's streets or rely on our sidewalks, you know and appreciate the importance of safe transit. Our Public Works Department employees keep your family's safety in mind when roads initially are built; and, then later, maintained to ensure safe driving conditions. Pedestrian safety is top of mind when our employees install sidewalks and ramps that meet the guidelines for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

From traffic signals and markings, to street signs and street lights, you expect these safety features to protect you without fail. Our team takes this responsibility to heart, knowing that our community relies so heavily on having sound infrastructure in place. That extends to our public facilities, our sewer lines, our storm sewer basins, and much more.

Beyond the Hillsboro Public Works Department, the City's Building Department provides critical, life-safety services to our community that often are taken for granted. Think about how many times you and your loved ones walk into an unfamiliar building. In Hillsboro, you have confidence in knowing that our Building Department experts reviewed the building plans, inspected the structure, and ensured standard safety regulations were met.

Safety is also the highest priority for the employees of the Hillsboro Water Department, as they secure our community's continued access to safe, clean drinking water. And while your family enjoys one of our many neighborhood parks, you can rest assured that the park was designed, and always will be maintained, with both fun and safety in mind.

It's great to know our emergency responders are standing by to assist us if the need arises, but it's more reassuring to know that our team of professionals has prioritized public safety from the beginning: on everything from requiring fire sprinklers, to ensuring that a building's emergency-exit signs are in proper working order.

I'm glad Hillsboro residents can walk and drive confidently throughout our city, knowing their safety is not in question. The next time you cross paths with a City employee, whether it's an officer; a firefighter; a road, water, or sewer maintenance worker; or a seasonal parks employee, you'll see how we live that commitment to public safety each day. 🔒

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The Local Scene

at hillsboroarts.org. A program of the City of Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department





# **Introducing Orville and Wilbur**

The City of Hillsboro is welcoming two new members to the team this spring. Say hello to Orville and Wilbur, Hillsboro's new Mobile Aerial Cameras (MAC). Orville and Wilbur will be capable of recording stabilized video and digital images of growing neighborhoods such as South Hillsboro, or providing a comprehensive view of the future Willamette Water Supply Program pipeline route.



When the Parks & Recreation Department needs aerial video of Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, or the Hillsboro Fire Department needs an overhead view of its training exercises, Orville and Wilbur will be ready to help.

Operating a MAC is a big responsibility. Before a City of Hillsboro employee is trained to operate Orville or Wilbur, they will be required to agree to and abide by rules for using the equipment. Among the requirements:

- Orville and Wilbur may only be used for official City of Hillsboro purposes. Personal use is prohibited.
- No flights will be conducted for law enforcement purposes or for the Police Department in any capacity.
- The employee operator will log the location, purpose and duration of each flight, as well as any employees present.
- The primary subject of any video or still photography taken from Orville or Wilbur will be objects, such as land or buildings, or public events. While individual people may appear in images captured during a flight, the primary purpose of the flight must not be to capture images of an individual person.

Currently, the City of Hillsboro uses cameras at ground level to record video and digital images at gatherings such as Celebrate Hillsboro and farmers' markets. For aerial video, renting a helicopter or plane can be cost prohibitive. That's where Orville and Wilbur will come in handy to help save money and provide photos and videos that increase the City's ability to serve our community today and plan for the future.

### **GREAT NEWS!**

- The Hillsboro Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is recruiting students in grades 9-12 to join YAC for the 2015-2016 school year. YAC members participate in numerous community service projects, deliver presentations at City Council and School Board meetings, meet with government officials, and send some members to an annual conference in Washington. DC. YAC seeks a diverse group of creative, hard-working, and enthusiastic students. The application process opens in March, and may be found on the City's website. Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/YAC for more info, or contact Kristi Wilson at Kristi.Wilson@Hillsboro-Oregon.gov.
- The Hillsboro City Council unanimously approved a modification to the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) to adjust TUF rates beginning on April 1, 2015, to bring all City roadways into good or better condition. The changes will fully fund the Pavement Management Program by Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and eliminate the \$9.6 million deferred maintenance backlog.
- City Councilor Steve Callaway was unanimously selected by fellow Councilors to be the new City Council President, replacing Aron Carleson who left due to term limits.
- A record number 290 families signed up for the Hillsboro Public Library's Winter Reading program.

- Hillsboro Fire Department (HFD) Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Keim was nominated by his peers as HFD Firefighter of the Year, and will be honored on March 10 at a dinner ceremony hosted by the Hillsboro American Legion Post.
- The Hillsboro Main Library now offers a 3D printing lab on Mondays from 6 - 8 pm. Patrons are limited to one print job per week, and the 3D printing is free thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Hillsboro Library. Volunteers and staff will help patrons adjust files for printing, but are unable to teach people how to create 3D objects.
- The City of Hillsboro has requested a feasibility study to assess the City's ability to build a high-speed, broadband fiber network capable of providing high-quality, affordable internet access to every home and business in the City.
- Hillsboro Public Works Department employees collected and recycled 4,063 yards of leaves during the recent leaf pick-up season. Those leaves will be turned into compost.
- The City of Hillsboro is working to create a wayfinding system that reflects the great things growing in Hillsboro, generates community pride, helps locals and visitors navigate and discover our history, culture, parks, resources and businesses. Share your feedback on three design ideas for the program at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Wayfinding.





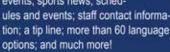
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# Upgrade Your Yard and Garden This Spring

Watering your lawn can be much simpler with help from the Hillsboro Water Department, which is offering rebates of up to \$200 when you purchase and install a WaterSense-labeled weather-based controller. Weather-based controllers provide highlyaccurate irrigation by automatically adjusting the schedule and amount of water depending on weather conditions - reducing unnecessary watering.



The automatic adjustment also means you don't have to change your watering schedule for hotter and cooler days or weeks. The controller takes care of that chore for you. Visit the Hillsborowater.org website to get details on the rebates.

While you're viewing the Hillsborowater.org website, take a look at the quick link for "Sustainable Gardening Tips and Pics." It's a great place



to get ideas and useful information on how to spruce up your yard. Get inspired by taking a virtual garden tour, or research specific plants, trees and shrubs that will provide beauty to your garden and also use less water.

Do you already have sustainable landscaping? Would you like to share your skills with

Hillsboro neighbors? If so, contact Amy Geerling at 503-615-6737, to have photos of your garden featured on the Hillsborowater.org website.

# Hillsboro Supports Solar Energy

Solar energy is a key component of a sustainable energy future in Hillsboro, and a critical component to our local economy. In January, the Hillsboro City Council demonstrated its support for the benefits of solar energy by unanimously approving a resolution requesting that Hillsboro be designated as a "Northwest Solar Community" by the U.S. Department of Energy's Rooftop Solar Challenge Program.

The City of Hillsboro has worked to demonstrate leadership in making solar energy systems easier and more affordable for residents and businesses in our community. In the United States, a new solar energy system is installed every 2.5 minutes.



The MapDwell online tool shows property owners the most cost-effective options for adding solar power.

Hillsboro has seen interest in solar energy systems grow, particularly for residences.

"The interest in solar continues to increase and we want to help make the systems as affordable as possible for our community," said Hillsboro Sustainability Manager Peter Brandom.

Hillsboro has been fortunate to be selected as one of the first communities to gain access to MapDwell, an online tool that allows property owners to quickly assess the solar potential and costs of a rooftop system on any building, at no cost to the user. Thanks to Energy Trust of Oregon's sponsorship, you can see what your property is capable of at www.MapDwell.com/Hillsboro.



# **COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT:** Councilor Kyle Allen



**COUNCIL EXPERIENCE:** Kyle was elected to the Hillsboro City Council in November 2014. His current term expires in January 2018.

**COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE:** Kyle and his family moved to Hillsboro to be close to family, while enjoying Hillsboro's schools, parks, libraries, and the sense of community. Kyle has a passion for community service

and also volunteers for SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) and Family Promise. He also has served on the Hillsboro Budget Committee. Kyle and his wife, Lisa (pictured right), have a son and daughter.

**EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE:** Kyle attended Madison High School in Portland, then received his Bachelor of Science degree

in education and multidisciplinary studies from Eastern Oregon University. Kyle works for Working America, a nonprofit organization, as Oregon Director of Field Operations.



"I love Hillsboro! After time spent volunteering in our community for programs like SMART and Family Promise, as well as the Hillsboro Budget Committee, the opportunity arose to serve our community as a City Councilor. I was excited to contribute and help make Hillsboro an

even better place to live. Through this process, and having thousands of conversations, I have acquired a greater sense of our

community's values and the direction we should head."



"I hope we can build on our successful Hillsboro 2020 plan with Imagine Hillsboro 2035. I value the public input and involvement in this vision and think it's something that makes Hillsboro a special place to live. I want to ensure that as Hillsboro grows, we thoughtfully plan our communities and upgrade our existing infrastructure to the standard our neighborhoods deserve. I believe every child should have a safe walk route to school and will continue to advocate for that during my term."

To read the full interview with Councilor Allen visit www.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov 🕕

# **Bonnie Kooken**

**FUN FACTS ABOUT KYLE** 

Favorite hobbies: Cooking,

playing basketball, touring

**Future vacation:** Venice, Italy

Love You)" by Michael Franti

Favorite dessert: White

chocolate cheesecake Favorite song: "Say Hey (I

local wineries

### Hillsboro Landmarks Advisory Committee Chair

### Tell us about your volunteer work:

"Presently, I am Chair of Hillsboro Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC). Our mission is to preserve and enhance the cultural resources and historic landmarks of the City of Hillsboro, which include the Orenco community. Since 1996, preserving historic Orenco has been my primary, ongoing project. The most rewarding event was working with other Orenco residents and City officials to secure the old golf course and help plan the Orenco Woods Nature Park."

### What led you to start volunteering?

"I started volunteering in high school because it was fun. Then later, when my children started grade school, I volunteered as their classroom mother, helped with fundraisers, participated with the selection of school curriculum, and was president of the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA)."

### What would you tell others about volunteering with the City of Hillsboro?

"The more I volunteer, the more I come to respect the people I meet during the project. They are determined, goal-oriented, and passionate about their cause. Some have become good friends. I will continue to volunteer because of the feeling of accomplishment of a job well done, the challenges of preserving our history, and the interesting people I continue to meet."







# **EVENT CALENDAR**

Recurring Meetings and Events							
1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	7 pm	City Council					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	5:30 pm	Finance Committee					
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	5:30 pm	Transportation Committee					
2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	7 am	Parks & Recreation Commission					
1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	6:30 pm	Planning and Zoning Hearings Board					
2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	6:30 pm	Planning Commission					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	6 pm	Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee					
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	4 pm	Hillsboro Arts and Culture Council (HACC)					
Wednesdays	Noon	Lunch with the Birds (see calendar for locations)					
Thursdays	6:30 pm	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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### **MARCH**

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT		
Rank your favorite ideas for the Hillsboro 2035 community plan at My2035.org	2 3D Printing Open Lab @ Main Library, 6 - 8 pm (every Monday)	First Tuesday Gallery Opening: Not Near, Not Far @ the Walters, 5 - 6:30 pm	4 South Hillsboro Street Name Change Open House @ Rosedale Elementary, 6 - 7:30 pm	Sunset and Moonrise Watch @ Rood Bridge Park, 5:30 pm		7 LEGO My Library! @ Main Library, 2:30 - 4 pm		
CALVARY	Read to the Dogs @ Main Library (every Monday & Thursday), 4:30 - 5:45 pm Creative Conversations @ Main Library, 6 - 8 pm	Open Poetry Night @ the Walters, 7 pm	Lunch with the Birds @ Noble Woods Park, noon (every Wednesday in March) HPD Landlord Forum @ PCC Willow Creek, 6:30 - 8 pm	Starting Your Vegetable Garden @ Main Library, 6:30 pm Chinese Lantern Festival celebration @ Shute Park Branch Library, 4 - 5 pm	BodyVox-2 performance @ the Walters, 7:30 pm, \$15 advance, \$20 day of show. Seniors & youth: \$7 advance, \$10 day of show F.I.L.M. Series: <i>Calvary</i> @ Main Library, 6 - 8 pm	Second Saturday: Fun with Science @ Shute Park Branch Library, 2:30 - 3:30 pm		
An Irish Music Concert with Na Rósaí @ Main Library, 3 - 4 pm	16	St. Patrick's Day Dinner @ Community Senior Center, Noon, \$6 Spoken Word: Expanding Voices with Peter Sears & Octaviano Merecias- Cuevas @ the Walters, 7 - 8:30 pm	HACC Workshop: How to Build a Successful, Audience-Specific Web Presence @ the Walters, 4 - 6 pm, \$25	Coffee with a Cop @ Starbucks, 7399 NE Butler St., 7 - 9 am Science Matters @ Shute Park Branch Library, 4 - 5:30 pm	Friday Family Flicks:  The Boxtrolls  @ Main Library, 6:30 - 8:30 pm	Library Tour @ Main Library, 11 - 11:45 am		
	Parks & Recreation Spring Break camps begin @ the Walters, ages 5 - 17	Reptile Man @ Main Library, 2:30 - 3:30 pm	Jackson School Rd. Project Open House @ Washington County Public Services Building, 5 - 7 pm	MineCrafts @ Main Library, 2:30 - 3:30 pm	Antiques Homeshow @ Community Senior Center, 1 - 4 pm, \$5 per item appraisal (limit 3 items), free to spectators	The YA Book-to-Movie Double Feature @ Main Library, The Fault in Our Stars, 2 pm, Guardians of the Galaxy, 4 pm		
	30 Conversations with Writers: Turiya Autry @ Main				10 18			

For complete event details please visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov

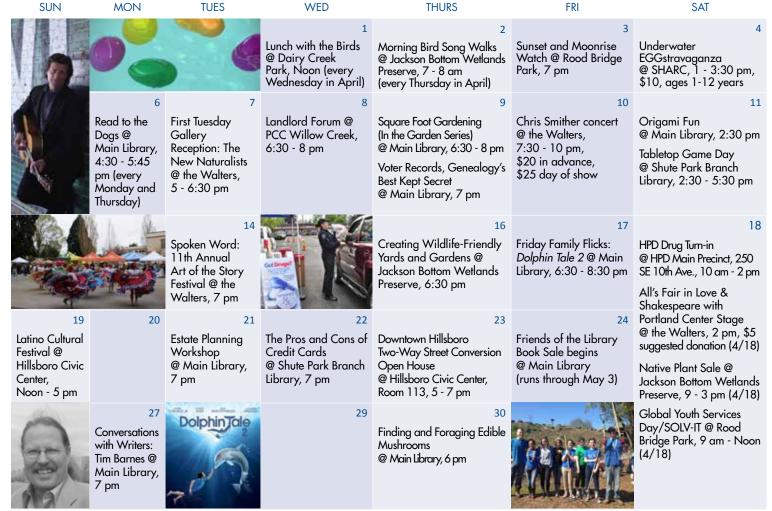
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Tickets for The Walters Cultural Arts Center events at www.brownpapertickets.com



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### **POSTAL CUSTOMER**

### **APRIL**



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### And Coming in May...

- 1 Oregon Mandolin Orchestra @ the Walters
- 2 HPD Shred It @ Downtown Post Office
- 5 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta @ Community Senior Center
- 15 Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas concert @ the Walters
- 16 Public Works Day @ Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza
- 20 Trails System Master Plan Open House meeting