

CITY VIEWS

NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

May/June 2015

Future Willamette Water Pipeline Route Recommended

Preferred Pipeline Route Follows Cornelius Pass Road, 206th Avenue in Hillsboro



Hillsboro will draw water from the mid-Willamette by 2026.

The City of Hillsboro Water Department (Hillsboro) and Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) have identified a preferred Willamette Water Supply Program (WWSP) pipeline route to deliver water more

than 30 miles north from Wilsonville to local customers. By 2026, the WWSP will begin supplying water to more than 300,000 residents and businesses in Washington County.

A two-year study guided the decision by Hillsboro's Utilities Commission's to identify the mid-Willamette as Hillsboro's next source for drinking water – and the first water supply source outside of the Tualatin River Watershed. Since then, Hillsboro and TVWD have worked closely to develop and implement the billion-dollar plan for water infrastructure, including an expanded



Willamette River Water Treatment Plant in Wilsonville, more than 30 miles of pipeline, and additional water storage tanks.

The favored route follows Cornelius Pass Road and 206th Avenue in Hillsboro, and is the result of months of work reviewing multiple routes against selection criteria, and getting input from staff, policymakers and community members. Over the coming year, the pipeline design will be further refined, and could be changed, based on input from local jurisdictions. continued on page 2

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Jerry Willey

Hillsboro's PCC Future Connect Students are Shining

Graduation season is here and one of the most exciting ceremonies this year will feature Hillsboro students completing the Portland Community College (PCC) Future Connect program. Since 2013, the Hillsboro City Council has invested \$300,000 in this scholarship and support program for low-income and first-generation college students.

In June, the first wave of Hillsboro's Future Connect students – eight in total – will receive degrees from PCC before taking the next step to achieving their dreams. An additional 30 students will continue taking classes as they near their completion goals

going into their third year. In many cases, our Future Connect students will transfer to local four-year universities, including Portland State University, Pacific University, Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, and the Oregon Institute of Technology. This first group of Future Connect students from Hillsboro began at PCC in fall 2013, thanks to funding from the



Hillsboro students from the PCC Future Connect program.

Enterprise Zone program, and several students have served as summer interns with the City of Hillsboro.

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Hillsboro customers have been actively involved in the process and many conversations have taken place regarding the WWSP. Here are some program basics:

Why is Hillsboro seeking a new water source?

Hillsboro is looking ahead to secure an additional safe and reliable source of drinking water for the City's future. The Tualatin watershed will continue to be Hillsboro's primary water source, but in planning for Hillsboro's next generation, the City anticipates the need for additional water beyond what current sources and a robust conservation program can provide.

Why was the mid-Willamette chosen as the most viable option?

The mid-Willamette River at Wilsonville offers significant benefits: excellent finished water quality, redundancy, ownership and control of the supply, year-round reliability, and better value.

What's next for WWSP planning?

Although most pipeline construction will not occur until 2020-2025, it is necessary to start work now to identify and plan for possible opportunities for coordinating construction with roadway and utility projects. Planning ahead, in conjunction with other construction projects, will result in significant cost savings. Other ongoing activities include developing a permitting strategy and design standards.

To receive more information about the WWSP contact Tacy Steele at the City of Hillsboro Water Department, or visit www.OurReliableWater.org, and sign up to receive the WWSP monthly enewsletter. $oldsymbol{1}$



The preferred route for the Willamette Water Supply Program in Hillsboro follows much of Cornelius Pass Road.

Mayor's Message: PCC Future Connect Students Shine continued from page 1



Before joining the Future Connect program, Hillsboro student Sara Agoot, a Century High School graduate, was unsure whether college would be the right fit for her. Through academic support and scholarships available to Future Connect scholars, Sara has earned a full-ride scholarship to attend Pacific University. Sara is an outstanding example of how the PCC Future Connect program can create positive change in our community.

Across our country, studies show 35 percent of first-generation or low-income full-time students are able to earn a degree within five years. The PCC Future Connect goal is to help at least 50 percent of participants to earn a degree and transfer to a four-year university within three years.

Of the second group of 50 Hillsboro students to enter the Future Connect program in fall 2014, 90 percent are still committed

as PCC students – this is more than double the success rate for first-generation and low-income students not in Future Connect. This fall, a third group of 50 Hillsboro students will be selected to be part of Future Connect at PCC.

For fall 2015, 91 students have applied for 50 spots in the Future Connect program: 24 students from Hillsboro High School; 23 students from Liberty High; 22 students from Glencoe High; 16 students from Century High; and 6 students from Miller Education Center.

These young men and women have overcome much in their lives and they are drawing strength from those experiences to propel them to success. They have demonstrated great commitment to bettering themselves and, in turn, bettering our community. I hope you will join me in rooting for them to achieve their dreams – and to stay in Hillsboro to help our City in the future.





COUNCIL CONNECTION

What do you love most about farmers' markets in Hillsboro?



Mayor Jerry Willey Shopping for great local food



Council
President
Steve Callaway
Seeing friends
and fresh
berries



Councilor
Olga Acuña
Local fruit and
vegetables



Councilor
Kyle Allen
Sharing local
produce with
family

Councilor



Megan Braze
People watching
and pet
watching



Councilor Darell Lumaco Friends, food and fun



Councilor Fred Nachtigal Meeting friends on Main Street

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

2015 Council Priorities are Guiding Our Progress



City Manager Michael Brown

Just as you set goals and priorities for your family's future, the Hillsboro City Council takes time each year to identify top priorities to help guide City employees in effectively serving our community. Having this direction is vital for our City to ensure future stability and prosperity for our residents and businesses.

Hillsboro's history of long-term thinking and planning in neighborhoods throughout our City can be seen in the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan, the future

South Hillsboro area, the North Hillsboro Industrial Area, and the Willamette Water Supply Program.

This year, our Council agreed on these 11 top priorities:



- The South Hillsboro master-planned community
- The creation of a Citizens' Academy to provide community members with greater knowledge about City government and to encourage public service
- A successful 2015 Legislative Session, with attention to preserving the Strategic Investment Program (SIP)/Gain Share partnership
- The future development of a new Community Recreation Center
- The North Hillsboro Industrial Area development strategy

- The 50-year water supply source through the Willamette Water Supply Program
- The 2035 Community Plan
- Support for the Hillsboro School District and higher education
- Bicycle/pedestrian safety and improvements
- Enhancements to Downtown Hillsboro, including wayfinding
- Acquiring park land and securing a longterm agreement with Washington County for recreational space at the Fairgrounds Sports Complex

Of these 11 priorities, 9 are continued from 2014. Two additions are the development of South Hillsboro and the creation of a Citizens' Academy. We're off to a great start in 2015, and I look forward to the progress we will make going forward.

Pix on the Plaza



Big Hero 6 June 12



Lego Movie June 19



The Boxtrolls
June 26
Sponsored by LAIKA, a
Hillsboro-based animation studio

FREE

Activities and performances begin at 7 pm, movies start at dusk.

Bring your chairs and blankets.

Please leave pets at home.

Presented by:





For more information visit www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/water or contact Amy Geerling 503-615-6737



Hillsboro Gets TUF on Street Repairs

Preventative Maintenance Will Tackle \$9.6 Million Road Repair Backlog

Like the siding on your home, our streets require upkeep to avoid expensive repairs down the road. Delaying maintenance until a road is failing can increase the cost of repairs by four or five times.



TUF funds paid for improvements to NF 37th Avenue.

To address the \$9.6 million backlog of street maintenance projects in Hillsboro, the City Council modified Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) rates as of April 1, 2015, to bring all City roadways into good or better condition.

Each residential unit pays a flat fee of \$4.64 per month. Apartment owners are charged \$4.18 per month for every unit in the complex. In most cases, businesses, government agencies,

Preventative maintenance extends the life of local roads by 40 percent.

schools and non-profits pay an amount based on the type of business and square footage of the business.

TUF funds are spent on crack seals, slurry seals, micro seals, repairs, and other road maintenance. Recently completed TUF-funded projects improved roadways on SE 18th Avenue, NW John Olsen Avenue, and NE 37th Avenue.

Preventative maintenance saves money and extends the life of our streets by almost 40 percent, a significant return on the public's investment. Thanks to additional TUF funding, the Pavement Management Program will be fully funded by Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and the \$9.6 million deferred maintenance backlog should be eliminated by 2025.

Ongoing City of Hillsboro Road Improvement Projects

- SE Cedar Street/Brookwood Elementary School sidewalks: This project to improve pedestrian safety around Brookwood Elementary School will be complete by summer 2017. These upgrades are part of the City's School Route Safety Program. The \$3 million is funded by Gain Share and the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF).
- **SE 24th Avenue/W.L. Henry Elementary School sidewalks:** Another pedestrian-safety improvement project to install sidewalks, as well as a pedestrian-activated crosswalk beacon around W.L. Henry Elementary School. This project will be completed in June at a cost of \$300,000, paid for by Gain Share funds.
- **NE 28th Avenue**: By October 2016, neighbors near the Washington County Fair Complex will enjoy a safe, walkable and bicycle-friendly connection between Baseline and Cornell roads. This project includes road widening, added bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Oak & Baseline/TV Highway Paving: Drivers will see grinding and repaving work along 10th Avenue from Maple Street to Baseline Street. This paving and utility project, lead by ODOT, is expected to finish in the fall.
- **NE Grant Street/Poynter Middle School sidewalks:** Students at Poynter Middle School will appreciate the pedestrian safety improvements when this project wraps up in May. The sidewalk upgrades are part of the City's School Route Safety Program, and the \$450,000 cost is funded by Gain Share.







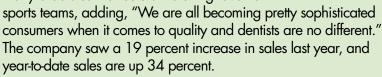
GROWN IN HILLSBORO

Forest Dental Products, Inc.

Profile: Next time you visit your dentist, look around and you might notice Forest Dental Products' equipment: chairs, lights, stools,

and delivery systems. This dental equipment manufacturer has been in business 38 years and employs 95 people at 6200 NE Cherry Drive in the Orenco Station neighborhood. Owner Hank Barton bought Forest Dental 10 years ago.

Background: Barton describes Forest Dental as a "competitively priced luxury brand that is not afraid of being different," noting that Forest offers its dental equipment in a wide variety of colors, while competitors paint dental equipment in the industrystandard color – white. Barton points out that many orders call for colors matching favorite



Why Hillsboro? "Hillsboro is a family-oriented community with an inviting urban setting that Forest feels proud to be part of. The City of Hillsboro has been instrumental in helping Forest grow our business infrastructure. We are proud to say that we are located in the heart of the Silicon Forest."

- Hank Barton, owner, Forest Dental Products

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

Best of Hillsboro 2015:

Your Vote Decides the Best

What's your favorite place to spend a Saturday afternoon in Hillsboro? What's your favorite local landmark? Tell us what you think makes Hillsboro

special, as we get ready to honor the "Best of Hillsboro 2015" at this year's Celebrate Hillsboro, presented by Tuality Healthcare, on Saturday, August 8, in Downtown Hillsboro.



For the first time ever,

you can cast your vote for the Best of Hillsboro awards on the Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Celebrate webpage. Suggest your "best of" Hillsboro in six different categories by June 15.

- Best place to spend a Best local landmark Saturday afternoon
- Best view
- Best place for a walk
- Best hidden gem
- Best place to take an out-of-town guest

Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Celebrate to tell us what you think, then stay tuned for more information about the finalists for the Best of Hillsboro 2015 awards. Winners will be announced at the 11th annual Celebrate Hillsboro, presented by Tuality Healthcare, on Saturday, August 8. (1)

GREAT NEWS!

- The Shute Park Branch Library is now open on Sundays from noon to 6 pm to serve library patrons seven days a week. The Main Library has returned to its regular hours, closing at 8 pm, Monday through Friday.
- The Friends of the Hillsboro Public Library Book Sale continues through Sunday, May 3, during regular hours.
- The City of Hillsboro Fire Department will host a Veterans Employment Workshop on Saturday, May 9, at the Cherry Lane Fire Station from 8 am to 1 pm. Lunch is included in this workshop that will feature individual or small-group sessions on resume building, interview skills, and translating military experience into civilian terminology. Seating is limited. Call the Hillsboro Fire Department at 503-681-6166 to sign up for the workshop, or e-mail fire_dept@hillsboro-oregon.gov.
- The City of Hillsboro, in partnership with Metro, will issue coupons for \$30 to help cover the cost of disposing of bulky waste items at the Hillsboro Landfill and the Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery Center. A limited supply of coupons is available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8 am on Monday, May 4. Coupons can be picked up at the fifth floor reception area of the Civic Center at 150 East Main Street. For more information call 503-681-5204. Coupons are valid through May 30, are for Hillsboro residents only, and are limited to one per household. Proof of residency is required. Citizens will not be able to pick up extra coupons for others.
- Hillsboro Fire Department (HFD) Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Keim was honored as HFD Firefighter of the Year by the Hillsboro American Legion Post.

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- The Hillsboro Public Works Department hosts the City's third annual "National Public Works Week" celebration on Saturday, May 16, from 9 am to 1:30 pm in the Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza. Hillsboro's Public Works Day is held in conjunction with the Saturday Farmers' Market. Get a hands-on look at City equipment and talk with staff from Hillsboro's Public Works Department, Water Department, and Parks & Recreation Department.
- The Hillsboro Hops, reigning champions of the Northwest League, play their first home game of the season at Hillsboro's Ron Tonkin Field on Tuesday, June 23, against Salem-Keizer. Tickets go on sale Saturday, May 16. Ron Tonkin Field has been busy since last season's championship run, hosting high school sports, events and more.
- Hillsboro Police Department Sgt. Craig Allen was selected as the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association Trainer of the Year.
- City of Hillsboro electricians replaced Civic Center parking garage lights with LED lighting that is expected to save the City more than \$2,000 each year. The new lights will run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but will automatically reduce power to 20 percent if no motion is sensed for 5 minutes. This will save more than 31,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each year.

Read more news about the City of Hillsboro by visiting www.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov. (1)

How Can We Reduce Wood Smoke and Improve Air Quality?

We all know the quality of the air we breathe is important. According to the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), concentrations of fine particulates can increase in the winter, making our air unhealthy.

Last November, the Hillsboro City Council passed a resolution encouraging citizens to voluntarily reduce the amount of smoke they produce, much of which comes from wood and debris burning. You may have learned about this when you discovered an informational piece hanging on your door, or read the insert about air quality in the January/February edition of the City Views newsletter.

Our community is still working hard to address this serious public health issue and we would like to know your ideas about how to reduce air pollution from wood smoke. To make it easy for you to share your perspective, we have developed a short online survey at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/AirQualitySurvey.

When you take the short survey, you can sign up to receive updates about wood smoke as we work toward solutions to ensure our air is clean yearround. Your input is important, and we hope you will take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/AirQualitySurvey.

SHARC Fest Introduces Children to Triathlon & Water Safety

Do you know a child who likes to swim? Likes to bike? And likes to run? If so, SHARC Fest may create some of their most exciting childhood memories. The Shute Park Aquatic & Recreation Center (SHARC) will host this family-friendly triathlon on Sunday, June 28.



Just the right size for even the youngest athletes, SHARC Fest begins with a 100-yard swim in the outdoor pool at SHARC, then features a 1.86-mile bike ride through the neighborhood, and finishes with a half-mile run in Shute Park. Registration for the triathlon is \$7 per person, with a \$25 maximum per family.



After the triathlon, athletes will be treated to a barbecue hosted by the Hillsboro Police Department. Whether or not you participate in the triathlon, you can cheer on the competitors and attend a free Water Safety Expo afterward. Water safety activities include free swim lesson assessments, lifeguard demonstrations, lifejacket fittings, and kayak rides in the pool. Also, you can win prizes by completing a bingo card.

The SHARC Fest triathlon take places on Sunday, June 28, at 10 am. The Water Safety Expo runs from 11 am -1 pm. Both events are at SHARC, located at 953 SE Maple Street.



EVENT CALENDAR

Recurring Meetings and Events

1st/3rd Tue 7 pm City Council 2nd Tue 5:30 pm **Finance Committee** 4th Tue 5:30 pm **Transportation Committee** 2nd/4th Tue 7 am Parks & Recreation Commission 1st/3rd Wed 6:30 pm Planning and Zoning Hearings Board 2nd/4th Wed 6:30 pm **Planning Commission** 3rd Wed Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee 6 pm 4th Wed Hillsboro Arts and Culture Council (HACC) 4 pm Hillsboro Tuesday Marketplace (6/16 - 9/1) until 8:30 pm Tuesdays 5 pm Wednesdays 11 am Kaiser Hospital Farmers' Market (6/10 - 8/26) until 1:30 pm Hondo Dog Park, open dawn to dusk Daily Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve opens Daily 10 am Saturdays 8 am Downtown Farmers' Market (5/2 - 10/31) until 1:30 pm Orenco Station Farmers' Market (5/3-10/25) until 2 pm Sundays 10 am

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WED **THURS** FRI SUN MON **TUES** SAT HPD Shred It @ Downtown Post Office, Oregon Mandolin Orchestra concert 8 am - Noon @ the Walters, \$15 Saturday Farmers' Market in Downtown advance /\$20 day Hillsboro returns, 8 am - 1:30 pm of show, 7:30 pm Sunday Farmers' **Bulky** waste First Tuesday Gallery Lunch with the Birds U.S. 26 Presentación de Veterans Employment Workshop @ Market at Orenco Reception: The New @ Jackson Bottom (Sunset Hwy) Libros FIL @ Shute Hillsboro Fire Station 6, 21880 NW coupons available @ Naturalists @ the Park Branch Library, Cherry Lane, 8 am - 1 pm (pre-register) Station returns, (every Wednesday Widening Walters, 5 - 6:30 pm 10 am - 2 pm Hillsboro Civic in May), Project 3 pm GSWCO Meeting: History for the Open House Center, Noon - 1 pm Sunset and Día de los niños F.I.L.M. Series: Genealogist and How to Use Historical @ Liberty 5th Floor Moonrise Watch The Past (France) Celebration @ Main Societies @ Main Library, High School, reception area, @ Jackson Library, 6 - 7:30 pm @ Main Library, 10 am - Noon after 8 am 5 - 7 pm Bottom, 7:45 pm 6 - 8 pm 13 16 3D Printing **Budget Committee** Vegetable Alasdair Fraser & Public Works Day @ Tom Hughes Civic Open Poetry Night Open Lab @ @ the Walters, 7 pm meeting @ Hillsboro Garden Pest Natalie Haas concert Center Plaza, 8 am - 1:30 pm **Problems** @ the Walters, \$25 -Main Library, Civic Center, Room @ Main \$30, 7:30 pm 6 - 8 pm 113 B & C, 6 pm Library, Spring Pickling HPD Landlord Forum Friday Family Flicks: 6:30 - 8 pm Workshop @ @ PCC Willow Big Hero 6 Main Library, @ Main Library, Creek, 6:30 - 8 pm 6:30 - 8:30 pm 7 pm Conversations Coffee with a Cop @ Trails System Science Intro to Spring Songbirds @ Jackson Dutch Brothers, 2991 Master Plan Open Bottom Wetlands Preserve, \$10 resident, with Writers: Matters: Gear Cindy Brown @ SE 73rd Ave., 9-11 am House Up for Space \$15 non-resident, 10:30 am - Noon Main Library,

- HOLIDAY,

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7 - 9 pm

Memorial Day City offices and libraries closed

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Spoken Word: Urban

Adventures @ the Walters, 7 - 8:30 pm @ Main Library, 6 - 8 pm

@ Shute Park Branch Library, 4 pm



LEGO Robotics We Do @ Main Library, 2:30 pm; LEGO Robotics Mindstorms @ Main Library, 4 pm

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Proud to be HSD Festival @ Downtown Hillsboro, 8 am - 4 pm All Comers Family 5K @ Shute Park, 9 am, \$5; Zumba Fitness Party @ Shute Park, 10:30 am

For complete event details please visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov

Library 503-615-6500 • The Walters Cultural Arts Center 503-615-3485 • Parks & Recreation 503-681-6120 Tickets for The Walters Cultural Arts Center events at www.brownpapertickets.com



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And later this summer...

7/4 Holiday and Hillsboro 4th of July Parade 7/9 - 8/20 **Showtime at Shute concerts** 7/17 - 7/19 **Intel Oregon International Air Show**

7/30 - 8/2 8/4 8/8

Washington County Fair National Night Out with HPD & HFD 11th Annual Celebrate Hillsboro Festival