

# CITY VIEWS


## NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

July/August 2015

### Celebrate Hillsboro: The Best of Hillsboro in One Place!

Free Family Festival on Saturday, August 8, in Downtown Hillsboro

Enjoy live music, local food, and free activities during the annual block party that brings our community together in Downtown Hillsboro. The 11th Annual Celebrate Hillsboro, *presented by Tuality Healthcare*, is on Saturday, August 8, from 9 am – 4 pm. Read the schedule of free activities, music and events in the Celebrate Hillsboro insert inside this City Views newsletter, and tell a friend about these five great reasons to connect at Celebrate Hillsboro – the free family festival on Saturday, August 8.

- Free – yes, *free* – **health screenings** for blood pressure, cholesterol, and vision from Tuality Healthcare, Kaiser Permanente, and Pacific University.
- **Live music and entertainment** with sounds from all around the world.
- **Free activities:** rock-climbing wall, inflatables, face painting, arts and crafts, fire truck tours, juggling, sustainability activities, and much more.
- With fresh local produce and other **food and drinks** from farmers' market vendors or the beer and wine garden, you'll leave happy.
- **You can win an iWatch!** Vote in the first-ever Best of Hillsboro Awards for a chance to win a new iWatch, or other prizes. Winners will be announced in the City of Hillsboro's Stay Connected e-newsletter. Vote at the City of Hillsboro booth at Celebrate Hillsboro on August 8, or vote online at [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Celebrate](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Celebrate). 



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Jerry Willey

### Collaboration Leads to Success in South Hillsboro

Without question, Hillsboro is the perfect place for families looking for a high quality of life that blends modern amenities with a small-town feel. As more families have found our community an attractive place to live, our city increasingly lacks enough housing options to meet the needs of local workers who want to live here in order to cut the length of their commute and spend more time with their family.

Right now, Hillsboro is seeing historically low vacancy rates for multi-family housing, and very low inventory for single-family homes. With that combination comes higher prices and development pressure to add homes in existing neighborhoods. That's where South Hillsboro comes into the picture, and it's why we've worked so hard to form successful partnerships that ensure the development of South Hillsboro will pay for itself.

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*The South Hillsboro area is south of TV Highway between 209th and 229th Avenues.*

Visit [YouTube.com/CityofHillsboroOR](http://YouTube.com/CityofHillsboroOR) to see more of the great things happening in Hillsboro.




# SHARC to Receive Energy-Saving Upgrades

## Facility Will Close August 31 through September 20 for Cleaning, Maintenance



The Shute Park Aquatic & Recreation Center (SHARC) will close for its annual maintenance and cleaning from August 31 through September 20, and reopen to the public on Monday, September 21. Each year, SHARC closes to allow work crews to perform preventative maintenance, repairs, and a thorough cleaning of equipment for the facility that serves 230,000 visitors annually. This year's closure is a week longer than usual due to a number of energy-saving upgrades recommended by Energy Trust of Oregon, including:

- Upgrading heating and ventilation units in the pool area and locker rooms to decrease humidity
- Upgrading to longer-lasting, more efficient lighting in the pool area
- Installing a pool blanket on the spa to reduce evaporation during non-use hours.

Other scheduled maintenance includes painting the facility, cleaning and repairing all workout and cardio equipment, rebuilding treadmills, and more. This fall, patrons at SHARC, Shute Park Library, the Hillsboro Community Senior Center, and Shute Park will enjoy 91 new parking spaces across 9th Street from SHARC. For more information, visit [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SHARC](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SHARC). 

## Mayor's Message: Collaboration in South Hillsboro *continued from page 1*

The City of Hillsboro has spent many years working with numerous partners to reach agreement on a South Hillsboro finance plan that paves the way for much-needed housing south of TV Highway, between SW 209th Avenue and SW 229th Avenue. The agreed upon finance plan has many components that allow us to move forward in reaching our community's goals, and would not have been possible without collaboration from our partners, including developers such as Newland Communities, and public partners such as Washington County. Washington County, for example, has shown great leadership by envisioning a way for the future residents of South Hillsboro to pay for the infrastructure needed to make their neighborhood possible.

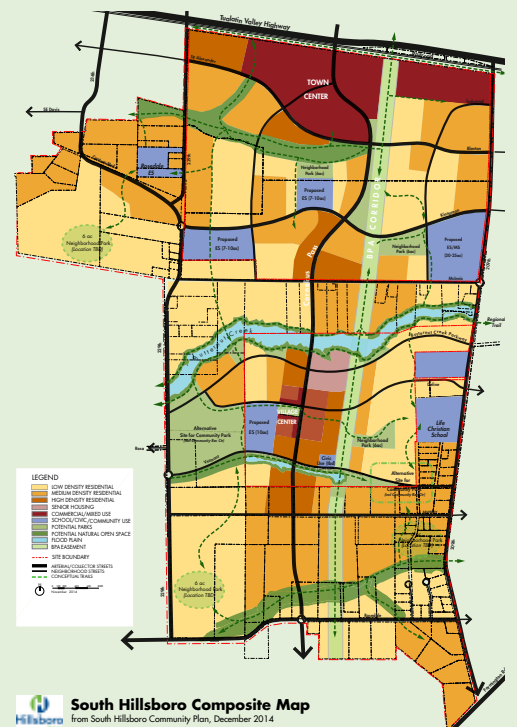
While our progress has been great, it has taken time to ensure that existing Hillsboro residents do not pay new taxes or fees to cover the costs of building South Hillsboro homes. We maintained that South Hillsboro developers and future residents should pay the costs associated with the development of the land through a supplemental system development charge and a collection of financing and funding tools that will pay for necessary infrastructure improvements related to transportation, parks and green space.

South Hillsboro will be an exceptional, master-planned community. Complete, connected, and green, South Hillsboro will have 286 acres of parks and open space, 15 miles of trails, world-class bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian trails, and new roads to make the community of more than 20,000 residents a great place to live, bike, walk, drive, and take public transit.

As Jenny Cadigan, executive director of the Westside Transportation Alliance, said last month, the new bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure planned for South Hillsboro "sets the model for the rest of Washington County for safe, healthy communities, and reduced auto trips." In addition, TriMet notes that the future residents of South Hillsboro will help our community to secure north-south public transportation between TV Highway, Evergreen Road and points in between, as well as additional service along TV Highway.

Perhaps you, your relatives, or friends will choose to move to the new South Hillsboro someday, or simply enjoy its public parks, trails and green space. Whatever you decide, you may know a worker who commutes to Hillsboro each day from a place far away, and you can let them know they will have new, family housing options in South Hillsboro.

See a larger version of the map at [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SouthHillsboro](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/SouthHillsboro).



## COUNCIL CONNECTION

Where is the best place to go for a walk in Hillsboro?



**Mayor  
Jerry Willey**  
*Rock Creek Trail*



**Council  
President  
Steve Callaway**  
*Rood Bridge Park*



**Councilor  
Olga Acuña**  
*Orenco Station*



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*Rock Creek Trail*



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## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

### Gathering Places Help Create a Healthy, Vibrant Community



*City Manager  
Michael Brown*

How does the City of Hillsboro provide families with healthy, positive activities that inspire, empower, and help them to discover and celebrate? As a full-service city, we have a responsibility to offer recreational options for citizens of all ages. We strive to help our youth to channel their energy and enthusiasm toward activities that help them reach their potential. Each of these desired outcomes begin by having a place to go.

I've talked previously about how our parks, plazas, and other outdoor public gathering spaces bring us together, and the same can be said of our indoor gathering places. Under the guidance of the Hillsboro 2020 Community Vision and Action Plan, Hillsboro has helped to create numerous spaces for residents to experience the beauty of art and the excitement of locally-produced entertainment. Looking back at the decision to create the Walters Cultural Arts Center in 2000, Hillsboro residents and community groups, including the Hillsboro Community Foundation, have led the effort to raise the quality of life for all in Hillsboro.

In the past 10 years, we have enjoyed the rise of numerous community cultural and recreational resources, including the Sequoia Gallery and Studios, The Venetian Theater, the Washington County Museum, and many more.

When you live in Hillsboro, your family does not need to go far to find great live entertainment. The community's ongoing investments have led to critically-acclaimed performances by Bag & Baggage, Hillsboro's only professional theater company, and by the local actors and actresses from the Hillsboro Artists Regional Theatre (HART).



*The Walters Cultural Arts Center.*



*The Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza at sunset.*

Having places and spaces to gather does more than put us within speaking distance of each other. They host the outlets we all need for exploring and creating, for exercising and imagining, and for observing and performing. To that end, Hillsboro's art and entertainment venues will continue to play a critical role in providing our families with a vibrant environment in which they can thrive.

At the same time, Hillsboro's outdoor spaces will help families enjoy another exciting summer. The Gordon Faber Recreation Complex hosts exciting sports competitions for all ages. Baseball fans of all generations can observe the Northwest League Champions, the Hillsboro Hops, honing their craft at Ron Tonkin Field. On August 22, we will start a new chapter in our City's long history of connecting through collective experiences with the grand opening of the Orenco Station Plaza; and in the future, the opening of Topgolf will deliver another state-of-the-art recreation opportunity for golf novices and enthusiasts, while the Orenco Woods Nature Park and the historic McDonald House provide great recreational destinations for all generations of Hillsboro residents.



## Look What You Can Borrow from Hillsboro's Library of Things

The Hillsboro Public Library is expanding its collection of bakeware, kitchen gadgets and tech toys as part of the Library of Things, which takes the concept of borrowing from a library to the next level.

Beyond books, movies, and music, the Library of Things offers items for borrowing such as Arduino kits, Finch robots, Makey Makey kits, Ozobots, Kill-A-Watt energy monitors, and more.

Bakeware has been especially popular, as the nearly 60 bakeware items available at the Hillsboro Public Library have been borrowed almost 400 times since the library first added them to the catalog in November 2014.

This summer's newest additions to the Library of Things collection include a food dehydrator, ice cream maker, deep fryer, large crockpot, canning kit, a tortilla press, apple peelers, cherry pitters, and much more.

"We believe Hillsboro is the first public library in Oregon to offer a collection of bakeware and kitchen gadgets," said Karen Muller, library manager. "These items are available for borrowing, but must be picked up and returned to the branch to which they belong."

Library of Things items can be checked out for seven days, but are not renewable. Use the key words "library of things" to search the library catalog at [www.wccls.org](http://www.wccls.org), and if an item is already checked out, you can place a hold request on it. You can also suggest an item for the Library of Things by emailing [hplill@hillsboro-oregon.gov](mailto:hplill@hillsboro-oregon.gov).




*A few of the kitchen gadgets in the Library of Things.*

## First Look: The Future Brookwood Parkway Overcrossing

Driving along Sunset Highway will be much more inspiring with the addition of a public art piece above the Brookwood Parkway overcrossing that serves a dual purpose as pedestrian fencing. These artist renderings (*below left*) depict what drivers and pedestrians will see when the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) installs the fencing in spring 2016, following the widening of the Brookwood Parkway overcrossing to improve traffic flow, though the final work may include the addition of color.

In June, a diverse committee of engineers, City staff, local artists, and arts professionals selected artist Cliff Garten's work, which captures the local landscape's rolling hills and dramatic skies. Garten also creates a landmark that identifies Hillsboro as a city that values innovation.

Brookwood Parkway's location in the heart of the Silicon Forest is a perfect place to highlight the sophisticated work that results from computer modeling, laser cutting and precision fabrication. The unique overcrossing will be a landmark between Portland and the coast, and is part of the City of Hillsboro's wayfinding efforts, which are currently in the planning stage. The project is the work of the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department's Public Art Program, and made possible in part by a \$50,000 grant from the Washington County Visitors Association. Learn more at [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/BrookwoodArt](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/BrookwoodArt). 



*An artist's rendering of the future Brookwood Parkway overcrossing.*

# Summer Safety: Tips from the Hillsboro Fire and Police Departments

## Backyard BBQs



1. Make sure the barbecue is not near anything that can burn. Make a three-foot safety zone to keep kids, pets, and other things that can burn away from the heat. If you use a barbecue lighter, don't leave it where children can reach it. Even a young child can figure out how to use a lighter.
2. Always empty and clean the grease drip tray before starting the barbecue, and stand by your pan – stay at the fire from the time you light it until you are finished cooking.
3. Always extinguish the coals when you are finished barbecuing. There are several safe ways to dispose of the coals: put a lid on the barbecue and keep it at least three feet away from anything that can burn; let it sit for at least 72 hours before emptying the coals into a metal container, then stir in water to further cool the ashes; or, wearing oven mitts and using tongs, carefully take the coals out of the barbecue and submerge them in a pail of water, then let them sit at least 72 hours before disposing them.

## Water Wisdom

1. Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children ages 1 - 4 years old, and is the third leading cause for people ages 19 and under. Designate an adult to be the water watcher when supervising children in and around water.
2. Swim lessons and CPR training save lives, so take the time to learn both and teach your children. Teach children to never swim alone, and to always have an adult with them when near water.
3. Wear your life jacket. Only wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices. Water wings, noodles, and other inflatables are toys and will not prevent drowning.



## Window Safety 101



window more than four inches, install a window guard that can be easily removed by an adult in an emergency. Crime prevention devices on windows do not protect children from falls.

1. Children under age seven are most at risk of falling from windows and least likely to remember safety warnings. Most window falls happen from windows with screens properly installed. Keep windows closed and locked when not in use.
2. Limit window openings to less than four inches. Install a child safety window stop that can be easily removed by an adult in an emergency. If you must open the window more than four inches, install a window guard that can be easily removed by an adult in an emergency. Crime prevention devices on windows do not protect children from falls.
3. Enforce a kid-free zone in front of all windows. Do not allow children to play near windows. Keep areas in front of windows clear of anything a child can climb on. Children have climbed on furniture, toys and, even laundry - and fallen out of a window. Find more safety tips at [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Fire](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Fire).



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## North Hillsboro: Bolstering Job Growth and the Long-Term Economy

The North Hillsboro area is regionally recognized as an employment center, with nearly 20 percent of the metro area’s manufacturing employment located there. More than 32,000 employees and their families rely on companies located in the North Hillsboro Industrial Area – home to 48 percent of all jobs in Hillsboro, and 84 percent of the City’s manufacturing jobs.

While the economic foundation for Hillsboro is strong, the City must continue to plan for how to sustain the economy for the future. The metro region faces a land shortage to house good-paying jobs. There is a clear and steady demand for fully-served, high-quality industrial sites for a range of businesses – and growing national competition to provide them.

North Hillsboro represents one of the few significant industrial development opportunities to meet the region’s needs and the public’s vision for job creation and economic growth over the next 25 years. In order to fulfill this vision, North Hillsboro requires a full complement of public infrastructure, none of which exist today.

The City is actively working to finalize a master plan and development strategy to implement the community-driven North Hillsboro Industrial Plan. In part, implementation efforts will include a comprehensive financing strategy to provide the basic services needed to stimulate interest from high tech and manufacturing companies.

One of the financing tools the City is considering for use in North Hillsboro is tax increment financing. The first public open house to discuss progress on implementation and the potential for a tax increment financing district was held at the Main Library on June 18. Community feedback is guiding revisions to the strategy, a boundary area and goals for tax increment projects, and the specific infrastructure that should be considered for funding.

The next public open house is scheduled for July 28 at the Hillsboro Main Library. To learn more about upcoming community open house meetings, visit [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/NorthHillsboro](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/NorthHillsboro), or call 503-681-6112.

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## GREAT NEWS

- The City of Hillsboro continues to lead on efforts to improve energy efficiency and reduce costs. As part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Better Buildings Challenge, the City of Hillsboro has now reduced total energy usage in City facilities by more than 16 percent since 2009. Since 2011, Hillsboro has saved the equivalent of the emissions generated by more than one million cars, while working toward the goal of a 20 percent energy reduction in City facilities by 2020.
- The 2015 Water Quality Report is now available to review online at [www.HillsboroWater.org](http://www.HillsboroWater.org) in both English and Spanish. If you have any questions, or would prefer to receive a hard copy of the report, please call 503-615-6702, or e-mail [tacy.steele@hillsboro-oregon.gov](mailto:tacy.steele@hillsboro-oregon.gov).
- Members of the Portland Timbers and Portland Thorns visited the Shute Park Branch Library in June as part of Stand Together Week. About 150 children took part in the “School’s Out, The Library is In!” program, and signed up for Summer Reading, joining thousands of others who have signed up to read books this summer.
- Sculptural artist Blessing Hancock has been selected from among 170 artists to create a public art piece outside the Shute Park Branch Library. Hancock’s work will be a vibrant, community-based gateway piece for the Shute Park Library and into the Downtown Hillsboro area.
- Members of the Hillsboro Youth Advisory Council (YAC) shadowed City Council members and City staff at the June 2 Council meeting.

Read more City of Hillsboro news at [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov).

# 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)
Tuesdays	5 pm	Hillsboro Tuesday Night Market until 8:30 pm (ends 9/1)
Wednesdays	11 am	Kaiser Hospital Farmers' Market until 1:30 pm (ends 8/26)
Daily		Hondo Dog Park, open dawn to dusk
Daily	10 am	Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve opens
Saturdays	8 am	Downtown Farmers' Market until 1:30 pm (ends 10/31)
Sundays	10 am	Orenco Station Farmers' Market until 2 pm (ends 10/25)

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## JULY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				2 The Outpost @ Shute Park and Shadywood Park. Free lunch each weekday through August 14.	3 Independence Day OBSERVED: City offices closed	4 Independence Day - HOLIDAY: Libraries closed
5 Shute Park Branch Library closed due to event in park	6 3D Printing Open Lab @ Main Library, 6 pm (every Monday)	7 Coffee with a Cop @ Longbottom Coffee & Tea, 4893 NW 235th Ave Hillsboro, 7-9am First Tuesday Gallery Reception: Universal Truths @ the Walters, 5 - 6:30 pm	8 Angel Ocasio: Komedya 4 Da Kidz @ Main Library, 10:15 am All Comers Track Meet @ Hare Field, 5:30 pm	9 Brad Clark's Comic Workshop @ Main Library, 2 pm Showtime at Shute concert series: Pepe & the Bottle Blondes @ Shute Park 6:30 pm	10 F.I.L.M. Series: Wild Tales @ Main Library, 6 - 8 pm	11 An Afternoon of Hawaiian Dance @ Main Library, 4 pm
		14 Open Poetry Night @ the Walters, 7 pm	15 Ice Cream Social @ Main Library, 3 pm All Comers Track Meet @ Hare Field, 5:30 pm Library Pub Trivia @ Vertigo Brewing (21+ only), 7 pm	16 Showtime at Shute concert series: Barracuda @ Shute Park, 6:30 pm Drones: An Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems @ Main Library, 6:30 pm	17 Friday Family Flicks: Song of the Sea @ Main Library, 6:30 pm 	
19 Game Day! @ Shute Park Branch Library, 4:30 pm			22 All Comers Track Meet @ Hare Field, 5:30 pm TableTop Night (board games) @ Main Library, 6 pm	23 Showtime at Shute concert series: The Cheeseburgers @ Shute Park, 6:30 pm		
		28 North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal District Open House @ Main Library, 4:30 - 6:30 pm	29 All Comers Track Meet @ Hare Field, 5:30 pm	30 Showtime at Shute concert series: Jackson Michelson @ Shute Park, 6:30 pm 		

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**POSTAL CUSTOMER**

**AUGUST**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Sword Fighting and Armor in the Middle Ages @ Main Library, 4:30 pm
2 Comics Workshop @ Shute Park Branch Library, 2 pm	3 National Night Out First Tuesday Gallery Reception: Unsubstantial Territories @ the Walters, 5 - 6:30 pm	4	5 Pete the Cat @ Main Library, 2:30 pm	6 Showtime at Shute concert series: Grupo Musical Cima @ Shute Park, 6:30 pm		8 <b>Celebrate Hillsboro, presented by Tuality Healthcare, Downtown Hillsboro, 9 am - 4 pm</b>
	11 Green Cab Art Exhibition Reception @ Hillsboro Community Senior Center, 5:30 pm	12 Bicycle Safety Rodeo @ Main Library, 10:15 am	13 Showtime at Shute concert series: Curtis Salgado @ Shute Park, 6:30 pm		15 Native Pollinators in Wash. Co. @ Jackson Bottom Wetlands, 10 am The Brazilian Art of Capoeira @ Main Library, 2:30 pm Local Heroes Softball Game: Hillsboro Fire vs. Police @ Ron Tonkin Field, noon - 1:30 pm	
16 Game Day! @ Shute Park Branch Library, 4:30 pm	17 Craftmania @ Shute Park Branch Library, 1 pm Supernatural Tales: Outdoor Storytelling Picnic with Anne Rutherford @ the Walters, 7 pm	18 	20 Showtime at Shute concert series: Jetset @ Shute Park, 6:30 pm	21 Friday Family Flicks: <i>Strange Magic</i> @ Main Library, 6:30 pm	22 All Comers Family 5k @ Fairgrounds Sports Complex, 9 am Orenco Station Plaza Grand Opening @ Orenco Station Plaza, 4 pm	
23 SHARC annual closure through 9/20	24 	26 TableTop Night (board games) @ Main Library, 6 pm		28 Hillsboro Seniors' End of Summer BBQ @ Shute Park Picnic Area, noon		

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**And this fall...**

8/31 - 9/20  
9/19  
9/21

SHARC closed for cleaning and maintenance  
Monumental Moments @ Pioneer Cemetery  
SHARC reopens

10/3  
10/10  
10/17

HillsDoer Day  
OrenKofest  
Hillsboro Senior Center Dinner and Auction