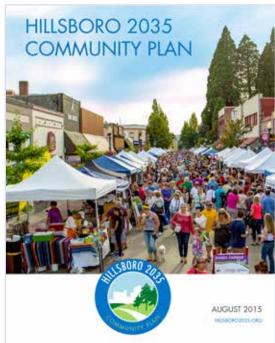


# CITY VIEWS

### NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

September/October 2015

# Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan Guides City's Future



## Read the Complete Plan at Hillsboro2035.org

Years of planning and help from thousands of community members have led to the completion of the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan, which is available online at www.Hillsboro2035.org. The Hillsboro City Council approved the plan in late July before it was "unveiled" and distributed at Celebrate Hillsboro.

Based on input and ideas from more than 5,000 community members for the future of Hillsboro, the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan includes a vision of what people want Hillsboro to look like by the year 2035, and an action plan for getting there.

The Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan builds on the success of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan, the original, award-winning plan, which led to many community enhancements, including Hondo Dog Park, community gardens, the Hillsboro Civic Center and Tom Hughes Plaza, and youth after-school programs.

Residents, employees, businesses, and community organizations all weighed in with ideas for the future of Hillsboro.

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#### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Jerry Willey

# Ready to Volunteer? HillsDoer Day is October 3

Did you know that in 2014, more than 4,000 volunteers served 64,270 hours in Hillsboro? That's incredible! Think of how those volunteers helped our Parks & Recreation, Library, Fire, and Police

departments to deliver an even higher level of service. Others volunteered on City boards and commissions, at special events, or with community non-profit organizations.

In August, the City held the 2nd Annual Volunteer BBQ at Shute Park to show appreciation to all City volunteers, but the truth is, we cannot thank you enough for your service. You help make Hillsboro

a great place to live. At the Library, Hillsboro volunteers hail from at least 11 different countries and speak at least 25 different languages. That's a great sign that volunteering really does bring our community together, giving people from all walks of life a place to belong and contribute. If you've been thinking about volunteering but haven't yet, I call on you to take part in the first HillsDoer Day on Saturday, October 3.

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Volunteers helped plants trees and other native plants at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve last October.



## Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan Guides City's Future continued from page



Pictured above: The 2014-15 Vision Implementation Committee and Task Force

Among the top suggestions, priorities and opportunities that the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan seeks to accomplish over the next 20 years:

- Reduce student-to-teacher classroom ratios
- Continue to complete gaps in the City's sidewalk network, particularly around school zones
- Extend seasonal access to farmers markets
- Encourage new development to be walkable
- Improve bicycle commute and recreation infrastructure

These suggestions and many others are addressed in the 2035 Plan through initiatives in five focus areas: Health, Wellness and Safety; Education and Community Involvement; Economy and Infrastructure; Livability and Recreation; and Environmental Sustainability.

More than 20 Lead Community Partner organizations joined the community-wide collaborative effort in taking responsibility for making the 2035 Plan a reality. That includes more than 10 partner organizations that are leading an action item for the first time, such as Bienestar, Elders in Action, Oregon State University Extension Service, and Portland Community College.

A community-led oversight committee is being formed, and annual celebrations and reports will continue to keep residents involved and informed about Hillsboro 2035 successes and progress. For more information about the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan or to get involved, call 503-681-6219 or visit Hillsboro 2035.org.

# Mayor's Message: Volunteer at HillsDoer Day on October 3 continued from page 1

HillsDoer Day is Hillsboro's first community-wide day of service, and it's a product of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan. HillsDoer Day is about coming together and taking ownership of our community. It's also about giving back, getting to know neighbors, and showing hometown pride. In fact, HillsDoer Day's motto is "Do good! Feel good!"

During HillsDoer Day on Saturday, October 3, students can earn service learning hours, and everyone can enjoy spending a day giving back to our community through painting, landscaping, office work, and much more. At Shute Park, the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department will host a HillsDoer Day project that combines daffodil planting with rock decorating and recreational activities.

The City of Hillsboro has so many volunteers to thank year-round, like Diane Cadoneau, who has volunteered for nearly 20 years with the Hillsboro Police Department, including the Domestic Violence Response Team; Mike Stocking, a local farmer who spends more than three hours each day disposing of food and performing maintenance tasks at the Hillsboro Community Senior Center; Cass Barry, who volunteers more than 700 hours each year in the Library's Material Services Division where she helps get books and DVDs into patrons' hands; and Jacob von Boorg, a Hillsboro youth who led a volunteer project to eradicate blackberry overgrowth at Evergreen Park where the forest area was previously impassible.

When we join our neighbors in getting involved and staying civically-engaged, we not only reduce stress and increase our own happiness, we also strengthen our community connections with the people around us, and improve our collective quality of life. You can see a list of ongoing, year-round volunteer opportunities in Hillsboro at www.HandsonPortland.org/Hillsboro.

To sign up for HillsDoer Day volunteer opportunities on Saturday, October 3, visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/HillsDoerDay.



# COUNCIL CONNECTION

Name one of your favorite ideas from the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan:



Mayor Jerry Willey Strengthening Hillsboro's status as an advanced learning center



Council President Steve Callaway Adding new and diverse community organizations as lead partners



Councilor
Olga Acuña
Strengthening social
support networks
to elevate those in
need



Councilor
Kyle Allen
Continuing to
complete gaps in
Hillsboro's sidewalk
network, particularly
near school zones



Councilor
Megan Braze
Continuing to
update public safety
techniques and
technology



Councilor
Darell Lumaco
Expanding inventory
of local shopping,
entertainment and
dining destinations



Councilor Fred Nachtigal Developing community centers to serve seniors, youth and families citywide

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

Why the City of Hillsboro Actively Supports Job Creation



City Manager Michael Brown

If you or a loved one has ever struggled to find a job, you know how difficult it can be to continuously fill out applications and sell yourself to potential employers. You know how important it is to find a work opportunity that works for you and your family. We know it too. It's one of the reasons we believe the City of Hillsboro's role in supporting job creation remains fundamental to our community's well-being.

As a city, Hillsboro strives to create a balanced community that helps residents live a high quality of life. With regional restrictions on how land can be developed, we work years in advance to make the most of our resources in order to

achieve that balance. A growing job base increases pressure on the local and regional transportation network, including roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike lanes, and the public bus and light rail system. That's why we plan ahead.

We plan ahead to identify where new employers can locate, where existing companies can expand, and then we ensure that our infrastructure is ready to support those jobs for current and future generations. We plan ahead to address current and future transportation needs, such as the widening of U.S. 26. We advocate for additional investments in our transportation grid to add capacity for vehicles and improve our roadways for safe and efficient travel.

We plan ahead to address housing needs, such as in Orenco Station and South Hillsboro. We plan ahead to provide community amenities that help families maximize their time together, such as our award-winning parks and libraries. We strive to create a positive environment that supports small and large businesses that, in turn, create jobs.

The Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan sets a roadmap for what our community wants to see over the next 20 years. Within that plan, the City of Hillsboro works closely with community partners, such as the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, to help small businesses get started and grow. The Chamber does a great job of connecting emerging businesses with available resources to help companies innovate and expand.

In working to support existing and new jobs, we also strive to make our neighborhoods desirable for families, and encourage housing options for all income levels in close proximity to those jobs. To balance employment offerings, we promote retail, restaurant and recreational facilities that enhance residents' quality of life, and attract visitors who spend money and support entry-level employment, particularly for our young adults.

Supporting the families of the Hillsboro School District is another priority because a strong K-12 education is critical to developing a qualified workforce. Our children deserve every opportunity to discover their strengths and talents, and compete for the jobs of tomorrow, right here in Hillsboro.

With workforce development initiatives funded by our City's Enterprise Zone, such as the Portland Community College (PCC) Future Connect scholars and English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) workforce training, we can help residents acquire additional skills to gain employment, and later earn promotions into leadership positions.

As you can see, our work in economic development is never done. For our community's well-being and balance, the City of Hillsboro will continue to plan ahead to create a positive environment that supports job creation.



# Progress Update: Hillsboro's Sidewalk Infill Program

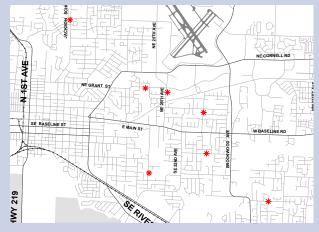
Sidewalks connect our community by making neighborhoods, parks, and schools more accessible. The City of Hillsboro has made it a top priority to infill sidewalks to close gaps, especially around schools.

In 2015, the City of Hillsboro completed or started construction on the following sidewalk projects:

- SE 24th Avenue (W.L. Henry Elementary School)
- NE Grant Street (Poynter Middle School)
- NE 28th Avenue (Fair Complex/Airport MAX station)
- NE 37th Avenue (Fair Complex/Airport MAX station)

The City of Hillsboro is also preparing these upcoming sidewalk projects:

- Cedar Street (Brookwood Elementary School)
- SE Golden Road (Century High School)
- Jackson School Road (Jackson Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Mooberry Elementary)



Marked on the map: current and future sidewalk projects.

# Air Quality: Addressing a Community Health Concern



Due in large part to the geography and climate of the Tualatin Valley, Hillsboro has become increasingly prone to poor air quality during the winter. A specific concern to public health is concentrations of

particulate matter produced primarily by burning wood and other materials. Open (or backyard) burning of wood, leaves, and other materials, as well as fireplaces and some types of wood stoves, contribute up to 60 percent of the particulate matter in the air. Burning is also a nuisance for neighborhoods.

The City of Hillsboro is working with Washington County, other cities, and stakeholders to address the air quality concern. Options to reduce air pollution from wood smoke are being considered, and we would like to hear from you. Since April, more than 300 people have responded to our air quality survey. Thank you! If you have yet to complete the survey, please let us know how you feel about this issue. Whether you burn wood or not, we would like to hear from you. Your input is very helpful in determining the needs and concerns within the community. For more information, call 503-681-6113, and please encourage others to take the survey at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/AirQualitySurvey.







# create. participate. celebrate.

Hillsboro Arts Month is an initiative of the Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council designed to highlight our vibrant arts and culture community. October 2015 will feature over 50 arts and cultural events and classes. All events are open to the public and many events are free. More events and information available at hillsboroartsmonth.org. Make plans to create, participate, and celebrate this fall!

Films | History | Music | Culinary Arts | Classes | Visual Arts | Theatre | Book Discussions

#### OCTOBER 1 - 4

Visual Art: Watch artists at work outdoors during Plein Air @Washington County. Times and locations vary. FREE.

#### OCTOBER 2 - 11

**Theater:** Stages production of *The Addams Family: A New Musical* is fun for the whole family. HART Theatre. \$11+.

#### OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Music: Open Mic Friday includes Rock, Jazz, Pop, Folk, Spiritual, Blues, Punk – you play it...we have it! 7 – 11 pm. Influence Music Hall. FREE.

#### **OCTOBER 3**

Visual Art: Affordable Art for Everyone – more than 70 artists offer high-quality work for under \$100. 11 am – 6 pm. NW Events & Environments. FRFF

#### OCTOBER 3 - 4

**Visual Art:** Join the Westside Quilters Guild for their 2015 Quilt Show. 10 am – 4 pm. Tuality Education Center. \$6.

#### OCTOBER 6 - 8

**Dance:** Mithranjali is a dance festival celebrating diverse dance forms from all corners of the world. 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Walters Cultural Arts Center. FREE.

#### OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27

Culinary Arts: The Art of... Wine, Beer, Cider, and Spirits will feature a weekly speaker and tastings. 21 and over. 6 pm. Primrose and Tumbleweeds. FREE.

#### OCTOBER 8 - NOVEMBER 1

**Theater:** Bag&Baggage Productions presents *Rope,* the play that inspired a Hitchcock classic. Times vary. Venetian Theater. \$20+.

#### OCTOBER 10

Festival: OrenKofest features local eats, live music, seasonal beer and wine, unique arts and crafts. Noon – 8 pm. Orenco Station Plaza. FREE.

**History:** 6th Annual Time Traveler's Ball. Noon – 11 pm. Odd Fellows Lodge. \$15+.

#### OCTOBER 17

**Theater:** Page to Stage IV features staged readings of scenes from local playwrights. 7:30 – 9:30 pm. HART Theatre.

#### **OCTOBER 17 – 18**

Visual Art: Meet local artists and see how they work during the Washington County Artists' Open Studios Tour. 11 am – 5 pm. Map available online. FREE.

#### **OCTOBER 23**

Music: Naomi Wachira concert—one of Seattle's hottest folk singers. 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Walters Cultural Arts Center. \$20+.

#### **OCTOBER 27**

**Spoken Word:** Pulitzer prizewinning author speaks about growing up next door to *To Kill a Mockingbird* author Harper Lee. Walters Cultural Arts Center. FREE.

#### OCTOBER 31

**Film:** Silent Film, *The Golem* with live musical accompaniment. 7:30 pm. HART Theater. \$10.

For more information about these and other arts month events, visit www.hillsboroartsmonth.org.

### Orenco Station Plaza: Hillsboro's Newest Place to Play

Orenco Station Plaza is Hillsboro's newest vibrant gathering place for the community, with restaurants and coffee shops spilling onto the space and surrounded by apartment

buildings. The plaza features a water feature, decorative

lighting, moveable site furniture, elevated boardwalks with seating under two magnificent mature oak trees, public art, and an ornamental shade structure.

Discover Hillsboro's agriculture in the place where it all began – Orenco! OrenKofest is where agritourism meets the city in Hillsboro's first premiere harvest festival. At OrenKofest you'll find a full offering of local eats, farm fresh produce,

live music, seasonal beer and wine, unique arts and crafts, and kids' autumn crafts. Special features include a Bavarian beer stein holding contest, otherwise known as a "Masskrugstemmen" and line dancing.

Grab a bite, people-watch, stroll, and check out OrenKofest. The event is free and open to the public. Be one of the first to get a taste of the new Orenco Station Plaza.

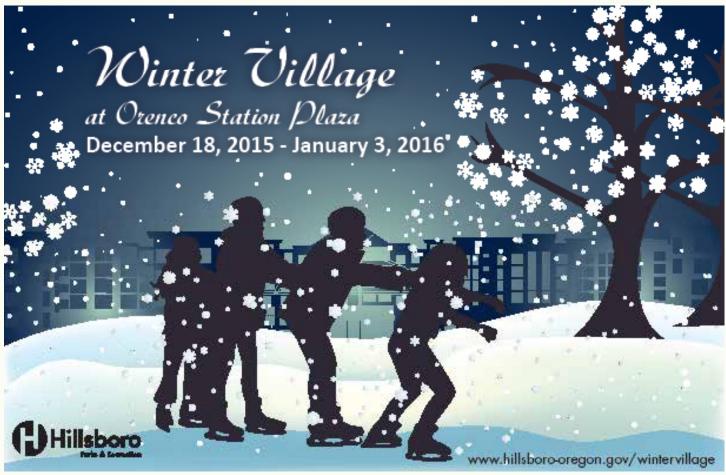
Mark your calendar for Winter Break, when the plaza will

be transformed into a winter village, complete with our very own ice skating rink opening in December. Look for a full calendar of special events at this urban park in 2016.

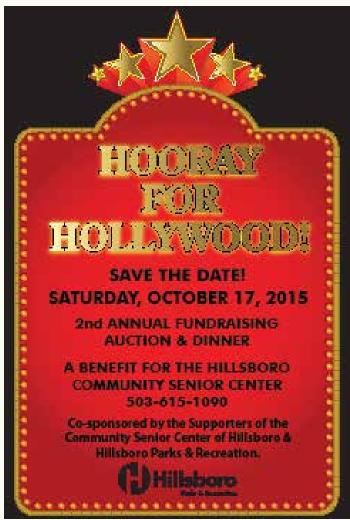
Just down the road from the Plaza is Cornell Creek Park, a new fouracre neighborhood park on the southwest corner of Cornell and NW 231<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This park, constructed largely by Hillsboro Parks &

Recreation staff, will be completed by the end of October and will feature our first bocce ball courts, outdoor pingpong table, an off-leash dog area, a nature play area and walking trails.









### Monumental Moments: A Living History of Hillsboro's Pioneers

History buffs can tell you that 2015 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Civil War. But they

probably wouldn't be able to tell you that there are 80 veterans—from both sides—of the Civil War buried in Hillsboro's Pioneer Cemetery, among the many other colorful and well-known historical figures. On Saturday, September 19, from 4:30 – 9 pm, join us for a family-friendly walking tour to hear these veterans' stories.

The past comes alive as we combine history, theatre and an authentic taste of Hillsboro. For this evening only, H.A.R.T. actors populate the cemetery, posing in appropriate garb as the Civil War veteran who resides in that

location. Hear each story as a first person encounter as "ghosts" from the past seem to appear in front of you at their gravesites, telling in colorful detail about their fascinating lives. Hearing their stories from their "own"

perspective provides a uniquely moving experience that takes you back into Hillsboro's past. "Spirits"

lead guided tours of the cemetery beginning every 15 minutes and lasting about one hour.

Register for course #46115

– #47245 (you only need to register for one) at www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/ParksRec. The tour is \$8 per person. Proceeds go toward cemetery improvements. The tour is appropriate for families and all age groups. The terrain is uneven, so we recommend comfortable shoes.

If you'd like to volunteer as a tour guide, contact Sarah Delepine at sarah.delepine@hillsboro-oregon.gov

or 503-615-3479. Volunteers will receive training to conduct the tours.





#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED RENEWAL PLAN IN NORTH HILLSBORO

#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS**

**September 10, 2015** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Drop in anytime.

#### **Public Open House**

Review draft Industrial Renewal Plan and Report, talk to staff. **Location:** Hillsboro Main Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro.

#### **September 15, 2015** 7:00 p.m.

#### Hillsboro Economic Development Council Meeting

Council will consider proposal of the North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Plan. **Location:** Hillsboro Civic Center Shirley Huffman Auditorium, 150 E Main Street, Hillsboro.

#### **September 23, 2015** 6:30 p.m.

#### Hillsboro Planning Commission Public Hearing

Planning Commission will hear public testimony and make recommendation to City Council. **Location:**Hillsboro Civic Center Shirley Huffman Auditorium, 150 E Main Street, Hillsboro.

#### October 2015

#### Washington County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Commissioners will consider adoption of the North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Plan. **Location:** Washington County Public Services Building Auditorium, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro.

#### **November 17, 2015** 7:00 p.m.

#### Hillsboro City Council Public Hearing

City Council will hear public testimony and consider adoption of the North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Plan. **Location:** Hillsboro Civic Center Shirley Huffman Auditorium, 150 E Main Street, Hillsboro.

#### STATUTORY NOTICE

On September 23, 2015, the Hillsboro Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Plan, and on November 17, 2015, the Hillsboro City Council will hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance adopting the Plan. The adoption of the Plan may impact property tax rates. The maximum amount of indebtedness that can be issued or incurred under the Plan is \$172,200,000. The ordinance, if approved, is subject to referendum. A copy of the ordinance, the draft Plan and the accompanying report will be available on September 3, 2015, and can be obtained by contacting Seth Lowe at 503-681-6177, seth.lowe@hillsborooregon.gov, or at 150 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123.

# THE FUTURE OF NORTH HILLSBORO INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

#### NoHi is Important for Our Economy

The North Hillsboro industrial district is home to many of Oregon's largest and most economically critical industrial businesses. Forty-eight percent of the City's total jobs and 84 percent of the City's manufacturing jobs are in North Hillsboro. Total employment is over 32,000, with an annual average wage of nearly \$110,000. Nearly one-fifth of the region's manufacturing employment is located in the district. Overall average wages are 216 percent greater than the average wage in the Portland region.

The area under consideration for the North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Area provides Hillsboro, the Portland region, and Oregon with a world-class opportunity to create thousands of well-paying jobs for the area, fulfilling both regional and local goals for managed growth and development. Hillsboro's 2020 and 2035 Community Plans identify creation and retention of good-paying jobs as a priority. The North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Area is a key location for achieving the community's vision to sustain and grow Hillsboro's economy.

#### Land Use Decisions Direct Change

The potential North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Area was added to the urban growth boundary for industrial use in three separate decisions over the past 13 years. The area is zoned or designated in Hillsboro's Comprehensive Plan for industrial development. This zoning designation protects a significant portion of the land for large lot uses.



#### Challenges to Industrial Redevelopment

The proposed Industrial Renewal Area currently has inadequate streets, open spaces, and utilities to support the safety, health, and welfare of the community through new private investment. Streets, water lines, sanitary sewer lines and pump station(s), and storm water systems all need to be added to support redevelopment of the area for its designated use as industrial, especially for single users of large lots.

#### How do we get there?

Significant planning has been underway for the past three years to address the challenges for new development, including:

- Infrastructure sizing, timing and costs
- Infrastructure financing
- Working with the current property owners
- Marketing and recruitment of users

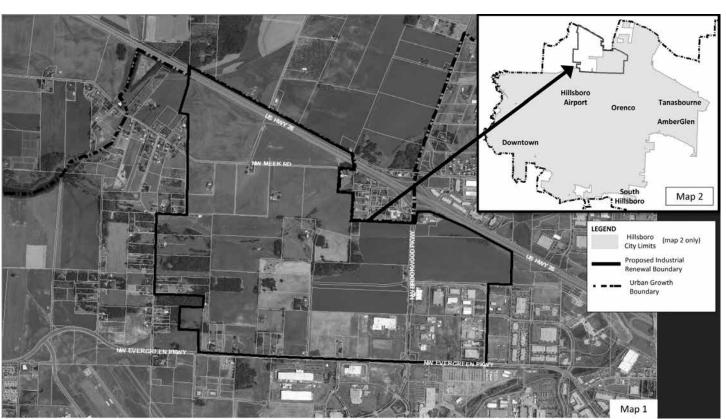
The City is finalizing a master plan and development approach for the area. In part, this will include a strategy

outlining a comprehensive infrastructure and public improvement financing plan. Key to the plan will be delivering public infrastructure and improvements in a timely manner that is responsive to the market demand for shovel-ready sites.

#### The Goals for the Renewal Area

- Facilitate public participation in redevelopment of the Area.
- Phase investments and adopt prudent annual budgets to minimize financial risk.
- Encourage private investment and redevelopment within the Industrial Renewal Area through strategic investments.
- Assist in the provision of adequate and safe public infrastructure to serve the Area.
- Plan for and facilitate the development of a system of open space and trails.
- Facilitate environmental stewdardship through natural resource enhancement, wetland mitigation, and environmentally sustainable building practices.

Proposed Boundary for the North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Area



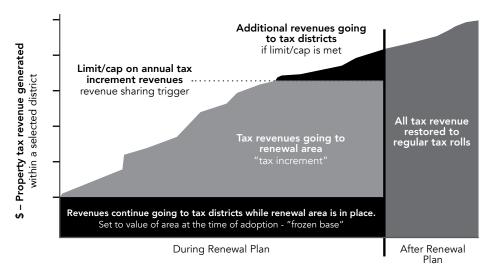


#### Why is an Industrial Renewal Plan being considered in North Hillsboro?

Because of the regional land use policy decision to designate a significant portion of the vacant property for large-lot, single users, traditional, developer-financed infrastructure is nearly impossible, or at the least, very unlikely. An Industrial Renewal Plan allows the use of tax increment financing, a potential viable funding source to address the implementation challenges. Tax increment financing is explained in greater detail in the section below.

The proposed Area represents one of the few significant development opportunities for industrial sites in the Portland area 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:

#### Visualizing Tax Increment Financing



- A connected transportation system
- Water and sanitary sewer services, including new pump stations
- Stormwater management facilities
- Enhancement of natural resources, such as Waible Creek, and mitigation of development impacts on wetland areas
- Trails and public access accommodations

#### TAX INCREMENT FINANCING OVERVIEW

#### What is it?

Tax increment is a financing tool for local governments to set aside property taxes generated from new businesses and development in a specific area, that are used to pay for infrastructure needed in that area. This is not a new tax, rather it is a different way of dividing the tax revenue from this Area. In Oregon, tax increment districts are established through 'urban renewal' statutes.

#### How does it work?

A city or county defines a need for catalyzing development in a specific area. Then, they define a district boundary, identify specific improvements to be carried out and, as redevelopment is ready to begin, issue bonds to pay for the improvements. While the tax increment financing is in place, additional tax revenue generated from the new buildings and land improvements is used to pay back the capital improvement costs. This additional revenue is considered the tax increment.

The assessed property values that exist at the time the district is formed are called the frozen base. Revenues on these values continue to go to the general funds of the affected taxing jurisdictions (e.g., the City and the County) for the life of the district. When the district expires and the bonds are fully retired, the increment is restored to the regular tax rolls, and the taxing jurisdictions benefit from the increased valuations that public investment instigates.

#### How can the funds be spent?

Tax increment funds can be spent on capital projects in the defined renewal area. Tax increment funds cannot be used for operations or maintenance. The state's statutes, Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 457, direct when and how these funds can be used. As a rule of thumb, activities may be eligible for tax increment financing if they are related to the built environment – land, infrastructure, buildings, trails, etc.



#### What is Oregon's urban renewal program?

In Oregon, "Urban Renewal" is the title of the program that authorizes the city to use tax increment financing. The program is used by over 50 communities statewide to implement economic development strategies and comprehensive plan goals. Tax increment financing is primarily used to fund the capital improvements for development, such as new streets and utilities. Investments in a renewal area are intended to attract the kinds of growth and uses planned for and desired by the community.

#### Who administers renewal areas in Hillsboro?

The Hillsboro City Council serves as the City's urban renewal agency and is called the Hillsboro Economic Development Council (HEDC). The HEDC plans for and undertakes renewal projects, is responsible for annual budgeting, and oversees financial viability of the areas.

#### What are the steps to create a renewal area?

- 1. Define the need and set a boundary from where tax increment will be generated
- 2. Establish intent for using tax revenues: goals and projects
- 3. Set parameters for tax increment collection: "maximum indebtedness"
- 4. Adopt the plan according to process prescribed in ORS 457
- 5. Once established, HEDC is responsible for annual budgeting and spending

#### Has Hillsboro used this financing tool before?

Yes. The City used a renewal area to spur development of Ronler Acres in the 1980s and 1990s, cementing Intel's presence and high-tech job growth in Oregon. Currently, the City has a tax increment district around Downtown Hillsboro, in place since 2010.





# Does a renewal area increase taxes on existing property?

No. State laws about the value of property for tax purposes (the "assessed value") are the same regardless of whether or not the property is in a renewal area. Only property that has been substantially altered through (re)development will be subject to reassessment.

# Does tax increment financing have a financial impact on taxing jurisdictions?

While the tax increment is being collected, the City, County and other taxing entities will receive the same funding they collected prior to the formation of the district. Any increase over the current collections will be set aside to directly pay for projects in the district (i.e. tax increment financing). After the district is closed out, taxing jurisdictions will receive all of the revenues from the area. Because renewal areas typically generate more private investment than otherwise would have taken place, revenues will be higher than before the district was established.

The City is obligated to consult with affected taxing jurisdictions in formation of a renewal area. It is also required to send a citywide notice proposing the formation of the district.

# Does tax increment financing have a financial impact on the school district?

The Hillsboro School District's annual budget will not be directly impacted. The State of Oregon manages the State School Fund for all K-12 public schools in the state and allocates monies to districts based on a per pupil basis, not on the taxes collected in that district. So while the Hillsboro School District's permanent tax rate is used in the calculation for tax increment revenue, the division of taxes does not directly increase or decrease the district's budget. Instead, the state's funding formula for K-12 public schools includes property taxes collected on behalf of Hillsboro School District and all other Oregon school districts (along with other revenue sources such as the Oregon Lottery and income tax receipts). Bonds and local option levies approved by voters since October 6, 2001 are not subject to the renewal area's division of taxes.

New industrial development in North Hillsboro will greatly increase the tax base, given the low assessment value of the area today. Once the work of the North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Plan is complete, the increased value in the area will generate significantly more revenue for schools and other public services.

For more information, contact the City of Hillsboro's Economic Development Department at 503-681-6177 or go online:

www.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/NorthHillsboro



# The most important supply you'll need for going

# BACK TO SCHOOL.

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month. A library card from the Hillsboro Public Library provides access to online research tools, e-books, homework help and study rooms, plus all of the print and digital resources you need to have a successful year.



#### STORYTIMES EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

Support children's growth simply by talking, singing, reading, writing and playing on a regular basis.

BOOK BABIES birth to 24 months Mondays // 10:15 am // Main Library Tuesdays // 10:15 am // Shute Park Branch

BILINGUAL STORYTIME / birth to age 6 **CUENTOS BILINGÜES** 

Saturdays // 11 am // Shute Park Branch

TODDLER TIME 24-36 months

Mondays // 10:15 am // Main Library Fridays // 10:15 am // Shute Park Branch

FAMILY STORYTIME | birth to age 6

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays

Main Library

10:30 am

Tuesdays // 6:30 pm // Main Library Sundays // 1:30 pm // Main Library Sundays // 4 pm // Shute Park

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME | ages 3-6

Wednesdays // 10:15 am // Main Library Thursdays // 10:15 am // Main Library

SCIENCE FAMILY STORYTIME \( ages 3^+

Tuesdays // 11 am // Main Library STEAM focus

LITERACY ADVENTURES STORYTIME ages 3-6

 $1^{st}$  &  $3^{rd}$  Thursdays // 10:15 am // Shute Park Branch

STORYTELLING WITH JACQUE | family

Thursdays // 6:30-7:00 pm // Main Library

READ TO THE DOGS *children* 

Mondays & Thursdays // 4:30 pm // Main Library Registration is required by phone or at the Library.

CUENTOS EN ESPAÑOL familia

Cada martes // 6:30 pm // Sucursal de Shute Park

INTERNATIONAL STORYTIME | family

Japanese Storytime Marathi Hindi Storytime

1st Fridays

10:15 am

Main Library

# OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

**Main Library Hours** 

Monday-Friday 10 am-8 pm Saturday 10 am-6 pm Sunday 12 pm-6 pm

**Shute Park Branch Library Hours** Monday-Wednesday 10 am-8 pm Thursday-Saturday 10 am-6 pm Sunday 12 pm-6 pm

503-615-6500



Visit the BOOK-O-MAT at the Civic Center Plaza

OCTOBER 2015

# HILLSBORO READS

#### To Kill a Mockingbird Film Screening

Friday, October 2, 6:30 pm Main Library Saturday, October 24, 3 pm Shute Park Branch

#### Hey Boo: Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird Film Screening

Saturday, October 3, 3 pm, Shute Park Branch Friday, October 9, 6 pm Main Library

#### Mockingbird, Watchman, and the Jim Crow South Thursday, October 8, 7 pm Main Library

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 pm Shute Park Branch

#### An Evening With Marja Mills, author of The Mockingbird Next Door

Tuesday, October 27, 7 pm Walters Cultural Arts Center

#### Go Set A Watchman Book Discussion Groups

Tuesday, October 13, 6 pm Jacobsen's Book Store

Thursday, October 22, 10:30 am Shute Park Branch

Wednesday, October 28, 6:45 pm Main Library

503.615.6500











# Levy for Countywide Library Services Measure 34-235

For 39 years, Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) has provided funding for public library operations, central support and outreach programs linking together city and community libraries. This levy replaces a 5-year levy expiring June 2016, which provides 1/3 of WCCLS funding. The rate would be 22¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 5¢ over current rate. If approved this would be the first rate increase since 2006.

#### What would Measure 34-235 do?

- Maintain public library operations, increase hours at some and add support for new and expanded libraries (including Hillsboro).
- Support reading programs for children.
- Expand purchases of books.
- Maintain resources for job-seekers.
- Maintain central support and outreach services linking libraries together.

For more information and statistics, visit WCCLS at www.wccls.org/levy.

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October 30-November 8, 2015

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# Are You Prepared for an Earthquake? Quake Up!

Help your family get prepared for the possibility of a significant earthquake at Quake Up! on Saturday, October 10, at the Hillsboro Farmers' Market in Downtown. Quake Up! is an emergency resiliency fair presented by the Washington County CPO Program to help families find out how they prepare and "bounce back faster from disaster" in the aftermath. The Hillsboro Water Department will have an emergency water supply station there to demonstrate readiness.

# Fire Prevention Week: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm

Ninety years after America's first Fire Prevention Week in 1925, the message remains as important to our city as ever. This year, Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, and the Hillsboro Fire Department is working to encourage community members to have a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

Did you know roughly half of home fire deaths take place between 11 pm and 7 am when most people are asleep? Smoke alarms save lives. Smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire by 50 percent.

Test your smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button, and make sure to replace smoke alarms every 10 years. Check the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture. If you have any questions, you can always ask the Hillsboro

Fire Department for help. For more information,

visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Fire. (1)



# **Back-to-School Safety Tips from the Hillsboro Police Department**

Back-to-school time is always exciting for children and parents, and it's also time for drivers and pedestrians to remember traffic will increase

around schools. The Hillsboro Police Department offers these 10 tips to help keep children and adults safe as the school year begins:

- Pedestrians should walk on the sidewalk whenever possible and, if there is no sidewalk, be sure to walk facing traffic.
- Younger children should walk with older kids or adults to school and events.
- When crossing the street, be sure to always look both ways, and be aware of your surroundings.
- Bicyclists should always wear a properly-fitted helmet, and have lights and reflective gear when riding in the dark.
- Ride your bike on the right side of the roadway, single-file in bike lanes.
- Bus riders should know the safest route to the bus stop, and wait for the bus on the sidewalk – away from traffic.
- Drivers should know where school zones are located on regular routes.
- Do not go faster than the posted school zone speed.
- When a school bus is stopped with its red lights activated, both directions of traffic need to stop.
- Drivers should pay attention and be ready for children to act unpredictably around schools.

# Drive up and drop off your unwanted Rx drugs!



Help protect your family, community and environment by bringing in your current or expired, unwanted prescription and overthe-counter medications, including unknown tablets and capsules. We will even take your pet's medications. Liquids and ointments are accepted in their original, sealed containers.

Sharps, medical waste & intravenous solutions will NOT be accepted.

# Prescription Drug Turn-In!

For more information call 503-615-6785.

Sept. 26
Hillsboro Police
Department
250 SE 10th Ave.

10 am - 2 pm







# Announcing the Winners of the 2015 Best of Hillsboro Awards

Hillsboro residents love the Hillsboro Farmers' Market. That's more than an opinion, it's a fact thanks to the inaugural Best of Hillsboro Awards. Nearly 400 people voted between July 1 and August 8 to determine the winners of the 2015 Best of Hillsboro Awards:

#### Best Place to Spend a Weekend Afternoon:

The Hillsboro Farmers' Market (37%) 2nd Place: A Hillsboro Hops game (28%)

#### **Best View:**

Mt. Hood (31.4%)

2nd Place: The Hillsboro Main Library from the second floor

looking at Dawson Creek (30.6%)

#### **Best Place for a Walk:**

Rood Bridge Park (32%)

2nd Place: Dawson Creek/Hillsboro Main Library (29%)

#### **Best Local Landmark:**

The Courthouse Sequoias (44%)

2nd Place: The A & W Family by SHARC (20%)



"Best Hidden Gem" winner Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve.

#### **Best Hidden Gem:**

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve (38%) 2nd Place: Noble Woods Park (29%)

#### **Best Place to Take an Out-of-Town Guest:**

The Hillsboro Farmers' Market (43%) 2nd Place: A Hillsboro Hops game (27%)

Other finalists included Hondo Dog Park (Best Place to Spend a Weekend Afternoon), Rock Creek Trail (Best Walk), Orenco Station (Best Walk), Chief Kno-Tah at Shute Park (Best Landmark), the Walters Cultural Arts Center (Best Landmark, Best Hidden Gem), the Washington County Courthouse (Best Landmark), and the Washington County Museum (Best Hidden Gem).



### Hillsboro's Book-O-Mat Brings New Library Access to Downtown Hillsboro

Have you "checked out" the Hillsboro Public Library's Book-O-Mat at the Civic Center? The Book-O-Mat kiosk is the first of its kind in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, and holds up to 400 books and DVDs for checkout. Users can

also return library items, browse the e-Book collections, and download e-Book titles.

Located on the Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza, the Book-O-Mat brings library services closer to another part of our community in a high-traffic, high-visibility location. With farmers' markets, festivals, and other events, the Downtown location will serve library patrons from around the City, as well as those who work and live close to Downtown. The colorful design of the Book-O-Mat's exterior incorporates the City's wayfinding

campaign to help residents and visitors discover more of Hillsboro.

Generous donations to the Library Foundation of Hillsboro's Capital Campaign helped fund the Book-O-Mat, along with the City of Hillsboro's Capital Improvements Project fund, which previously funded renovations to the Shute Park Branch Library and the expansion of the second floor at the Hillsboro Main Library.



# Meet Chef Tadashi Oki of the Community Senior Center



Hillsboro residents and visitors of any age can enjoy a great meal at the Hillsboro Community Senior Center served by Japanese-born Chef Tadashi Oki. Be prepared, the food at the Community Senior Center isn't the average cafeteria fare. Tadashi trained as a French chef in Paris, and has traveled to China and Pakistan for special endorsements in Chinese and Indian cooking. He particularly enjoys preparing seafood for guests.

During his career, Tadashi was the head sous chef at the Portland Hilton Hotel, owned Kelson Café & Catering Services in Hillsboro, and has served many VIPs, including Henry Kissinger, Al Gore, and Pope John Paul II. Tadashi's philosophy on serving customers is simple: "I cook from the heart and cannot stand when people say something is 'good enough'."

### OrenKofest: Hillsboro's New Harvest Festival at Orenco Station

OrenKofest is where agritourism meets modern city life in Hillsboro's first premiere harvest festival, and the Orenco Station Plaza is where OrenKofest will take place on Saturday, October 10, from noon to 8 pm. Discover Hillsboro's agriculture in the historic neighborhood named after the Oregon Nursery Company!

At OrenKofest you'll find a full offering of local eats, farm fresh produce, live music, seasonal beer and wine, unique arts and crafts, and kids' autumn crafts. Special features include a Bavarian beer stein-holding contest, otherwise known as a "Masskrugstemmen", and line dancing. Grab a bite, people-watch, and enjoy this free event produced by the City of Hillsboro and Tuesday Marketplace.

Orenco Station Plaza is Hillsboro's newest vibrant gathering space for the community, with adjacent restaurants and a coffee shop set to open this year, a water feature, decorative lighting, moveable site furniture, elevated boardwalks

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OrenKofest:
Hillsboro's Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 10 Noon - 8 pm Orenco Station Plaza, 943 NE Orenco Station Loop

with seating

under two mature oak trees, public art, and an ornamental shade structure.

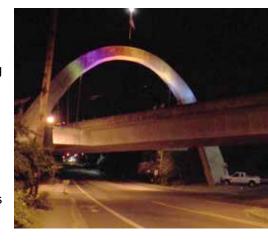
Tucked between the Orenco Station MAX stop and the new Platform District apartments, the plaza incorporates several pockets of green to provide shade, seasonal interest, and a contrast to surrounding hard surfaces. The plaza's grand opening was held on August 22.

## **Public Art: Main Street Bridge Hosts Nightly Light Show**

Hillsboro's iconic Main Street Bridge is now home to a nightly display of public art – greeting pedestrians, drivers, and MAX train passengers with an assortment of reds, greens, blues, and other color combinations visible in both directions.

The Main Street Bridge light show debuted on July 21. Beginning at sunset and continuing through midnight, a light-emitting diode (LED) projector subtlely fades the colors into each other, with slow light movement across the arch so that drivers are not distracted as they approach SE 18th Avenue. The color pallettes will change with each season - emphasizing red and green during winter, or gold and orange in the fall – and will feature special displays for holidays.

"The Main Street Bridge is a Hillsboro landmark, and now it is even more beautiful," said Valerie Otani, Public Art Supervisor for the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department. "This further identifies the bridge as a unique and visible gateway to Downtown Hillsboro, and reflects how the Hillsboro community values creativity and innovation."





## **MORE GREAT NEWS!**

- Is your family prepared for a major earthquake or other natural disaster? Hillsboro has been impacted by winter storms and flooding in the past, and scientists predict the odds of a significant earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone are increasing as time passes. Visit www.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/EmergencyManagement for information that can help your family plan ahead.
- The Tree for All campaign led by Clean Water Services
   planted nearly 2.1 million native plants along the Tualatin
   River. After launching in Hillsboro last October at Jackson
   Bottom Wetlands Preserve, more than 6,600 Tree for All
   volunteers helped plant 1.2 million trees. The Tree for All
   campaign nearly doubled its initial goal of planting one
   million native plants.
- Congratulations to Diane Gatke, who retired from the City of Hillsboro in July after more than 46 years of service with the Hillsboro Public Library and the Hillsboro Planning Department. Diane started at the Carnegie Library in June 1969 when she was 16 years old, and is believed to be the longest-serving employee in the history of the City of Hillsboro.
- Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey was recognized with the 2015 Mayors Leadership Award of Merit from the Oregon Mayors Association for demonstrating exceptional leadership qualities which have contributed to lasting benefits in the City and community as a whole. Fellow mayors Pete Truax of Forest Grove, John Cook of Tigard, Denny Doyle of Beaverton, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici were among those who praised Mayor Willey's dedication and collaborative approach.
- Mayor Willey also drew the largest crowd of the summer, nearly 60 children and their accompanying adults, for the "Local Superheroes" story time at Shute Park.
- As part of the City of Hillsboro's ongoing economic development efforts to retain and expand local companies, and to continue the revitalization of Downtown Hillsboro, the City of Hillsboro Economic Development Council (HEDC) approved an agreement at its meeting in July to help facilitate Bag & Baggage's purchase of the building at 350 East Main Street. Bag & Baggage is Hillsboro's only professional theater company and will be able to expand its operations.

Read more news about the City of Hillsboro at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/News.

# Wayfinding Will Help Residents and Visitors Discover More of Hillsboro

Hillsboro now has a creative, beautiful and functional design for a wayfinding program. The design is based on input from a wide range of stakeholders, including residents, community organizations, business and neighborhood groups, and local youth.

The program will feature multiple wayfinding elements, including welcome gateways, vehicular and pedestrian directional signs, information kiosks, and parking identification. Artwork included in the design is illustrative only and is

not final, as the City will engage artists to create customized artwork that represents Hillsboro's diversity.

The goals for the wayfinding program are to create a sense that you've arrived in an amazing city, to build identity and pride, and to help locals and visitors navigate and discover Hillsboro's history, parks, culture, and businesses. Watch for wayfinding elements to appear in Downtown Hillsboro in late 2016, followed in the future by multiple phases of installation around the community.

See the full design set at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Wayfinding. (1)





#### 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 **Transportation Committee** 6 pm 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 Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee 6 pm 4th Wed Hillsboro Arts and Culture Council (HACC) 4 pm

**Thursdays** 6:30 pm Family Art Night @ the Walters,

\$5/person at the door, 503-615-3485

Downtown Farmers' Market until 1:30 pm (ends 10/31) Saturdays 8 am Orenco Station Farmers' Market until 2 pm (ends 10/25) 10 am

Sundays

Daily Hondo Dog Park, open dawn to dusk

10 am Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve opens Daily

### 1,900+ neighbors receive the City of Hillsboro's "Stay Connected" e-newsletter.

News and things to do, every two weeks.





News • Events • Meetings • Concerts • Activities

Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/StayConnected

#### **SEPTEMBER**

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SHARC closed through September 20 for maintenance

> First Tuesday Gallery Reception: Únsubstántial Territories @ the Walters, 5 - 6:30 pm

Movie: Insurgent @ Shute Park Branch Library, 2 - 4 pm



Labor Day -HOLIDAY: City offices and libraries closed

Open Poetry Night @ the Walters, 7 pm

"Library of Things" Tech Demo @ Shute Park Branch Library, 3 - 4 pm

North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal District Open House #3 @ Main Library, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

F.I.L.M. Series: Tangerines (Estonia) @ Main Library, 6 - 8 pm

Perler Bead Fun @ Main Library, 2:30 - 3:30 pm



3D Printing Open Lab @ Main Library, (every Monday)



Flower Crowns Workshop @ Shute Park Branch Library, 1 - 5:30 pm

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Henna Tattooing with Wendy Rover @ Shute Park Branch Library, 3 - 5 pm

Friday Family Flicks: Song of the Sea @ Main Library, 6:30 pm

Taste of Tanasbourne with Hillsboro 2035 @ Streets of Tanasbourne, 4 - 7 pm

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Monumental Moments @ Pioneer Cemetery, 4:30 - 9 pm, \$8

Trolley Talks: Willamette Valley Railways @ Main Library, 2- 3:30 pm

SHARC reopens

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**Animal Migration** @ Main Library, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Game Day! @ Shute Park Branch Library, 4:30 pm



Corn Husk Figurines (Hojas de maíz) Workshop @ Shute Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Thomas Lauderdale on Saturday, 7/26)

concert @ the Walters, 7:30 pm; \$28 in advance, \$32 day of show (2nd performance All Comers Family 5k @ Magnolia Park, 9 am HPD Drug Turn In @ HPD Main Precinct, 250 SE 10th Ave, 10 am - 2 pm



Conversations with Writers: Judith Barrington: The Use and Joy of Poetry @ Main Library, 7 pm







For complete event details, please visit www.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov

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#### **POSTAL CUSTOMER**

#### **OCTOBER**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
HARPER LEE 50 SET A WATCHMAN		TO KILL A Mockingbird	HEY BOO HERST	Start Your Own Small Business: Funding @ Main Library, 6:30 - 8 pm	Film Screening: To Kill A Mockingbird @ Main Library, 6:30 - 8:45 pm	HillsDoer Day @ locations throughout Hillsboro, all day  Hey Boo: Harper Lee and To  Kill a Mockingbird @ Shute  Park Branch Library, 3 - 5 pm
irtosa.	HERE BE ARTI	First Tuesday Gallery Opening: Here Be Art (And Dinosaurs) @ the Walters, 5 - 6:30 pm		Mockingbird, Watchman, and the Jim Crow South @ Main Library, 7 - 9 pm	9 F.I.L.M. Series: Hey Boo: Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird @ Main Library, 6 - 8 pm	OrenKofest: Hillsboro's Harvest Festival @ Orenco Station Plaza, Noon to 8 pm
3		Go Set A Watchman Book Discussion @ Jacobson's Books, 211 E. Main St., 6 pm	Blues and Pie w/ The Ben Rice Trio @ Shute Park Branch Library, 6:30 pm	Discussion: A History of Landscape Painting @ Main Library, 6:30 - 7:45 pm	Friday Family Flicks: Home @ Main Library, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Rio Con Brio concert @ the Walters, 7:30 pm; \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door	All Comers Family 5k @ Rood Bridge Park, 9 am Hillsboro Senior Center Dinner and Auction, 5 pm
	Bats Nature Program @ Main Library, 3:30 pm	An Evening with Coyote, with storyteller Ed Edmo @ the Walters, 7 pm	Dandiya Raas Dance (from Gujarat, India) @ Shute Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 pm		Naomi Wachira concert @ the Walters, 7:30 pm; \$14 in advance, \$18 at the door	Spooky Stories with Jacque @ Main Library, 2:30 pm Film Screening: <i>To Kill A</i> <i>Mockingbird</i> @ Shute Park Branch Library, 3 pm
Final Sunday Farmers' Market of 2015 @ Orenco	Conversations with Writers: Lars Nordstrom @ Main Library, 7 pm	An Evening with Marja Mills, author of The Mockingbird Next Door @ Main Library, 7 pm		HARPE	Friends of the Library Book Sale @ Main Library, regular hours, thru 11/8 Spooky Dance Party @ Shute Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 pm	Final Saturday Farmers' Market of 2015 @ Downtown Hillsboro, 8 am - 1:30 pm

For complete event details, please visit www.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov

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#### And in November...

10/30 - 11/8Friends of the Library Book Sale11/2420th Annual Youth Turkey Trot11/7HPD Shred It11/26Thanksgiving Day Holiday11/11Veterans Day Holiday11/28Hillsboro Holly Days & Visit with Santa