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2025 SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers (3rd floor) at Hillsdale City Hall - 97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 49242 and begin at 7:00 PM.

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
3 & 17	7 & 21	5 & 19

2025 SPRING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City administrative offices will be closed during normal business hours (unless otherwise noted) to observe the following holidays:

- Friday, April 18, 2025 Good Friday
- Monday, May 26, 2025 Memorial Day

Call (517) 437-3387 to speak to a customer service representative today



HILLSDALE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Hillsdale_Airport@cityofhillsdale.org (517) 797-4833 1697 Airport Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242

A letter from Susan Smith, Executive Director of the Economic Development Partnership of Hillsdale County:

"The City of Hillsdale's Airport is an essential part of the infrastructure that is critical for the continued attraction and growth of Hillsdale County. Business, education and pleasure are driving forces that create the need for our airport to provide services that welcome investment to our county.

The economic impact of the airport has been reported by a professional analyst from the Office of Aeronautics at the Michigan Department of Transportation. The final number, with the direct and multiplier together, is **\$5 million** in local labor, \$7.9 million in statewide labor income, over \$16 million in local output and over \$24.7 million in statewide output per year.

The importance of continued operations and investment in the Hillsdale Airport cannot be overstated and is fully supported by the Economic Development Partnership of Hillsdale County."

that you contact our Customer Service Team to verify that we have a current phone number on file for vour account.

This is important because when reporting a power outage, our automated system uses the caller's phone number to determine the location of the incident, but it can only do so if the number matches one listed on a customer's BPU account.

CITY ASSESSOR

assessor@cityofhillsdale.org (517) 437-6455 97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 49242 (2nd Floor)

The Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of the 2025 assessed and taxable values the following dates and times:

Monday, March 10 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, March 11 | 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This is an open meeting to be held in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall.

Appointments are recommended but not required. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or to schedule an appointment for review.

CITY CLERK

clerk@cityofhillsdale.org (517) 437-6441 97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 49242 (1st Floor)

There will be a mayoral election held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM at the Hillsdale Community Library, 11 E Bacon St, Hillsdale, MI 49242. No early election will be held, but, absentee ballots will be available.

Please contact the Clerk's Office with any questions or for additional information.

REDUCE THE CLUTTER. SIGN UP FOR E-BILLING.

SPRING 2025 MARCH, APRIL, & MAY

GET YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY **BILL DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR** INBOX AND STILL PAY HOWEVER YOU LIKE.

WWW.CITYOFHILLSDALE.ORG/BPU/ WEBFORM/EBILL-REQUEST **SIGN UP TODAY!**



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

publicservices@cityofhillsdale.org (517) 437-6490 149 Waterworks Dr, Hillsdale, MI 49242

SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN UP

The annual spring clean up of Lakeview and Oak Grove Cemeteries (within the City of Hillsdale) is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Please remove items for safekeeping on or before Sunday, March 16, 2025.

Remaining seasonal and/or temporary decorations, grave blankets, loose items, or any item determined by the City to be in poor condition will be discarded.

New or returning items can be placed in either cemetery on or after Saturday, March 29, 2025.

For more information, please contact the Department of Public Services (DPS).

NO SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

There will **NOT** be a leaf collection this spring.

Contact the Department of Public Services for information on additional options to help take care of your yard debris this spring.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & <u>MARKETING</u>

econdev@cityofhillsdale.org (517) 437-6426 97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 49242 (3rd Floor)



Stay connected to your community with the MyHillsdale app. It is available as a free download on the Apple App and Google Play Stores.

This app puts all City and BPU communications within your fingertips. Enable push notifications to be the first to know about street closures, power outages, upcoming City events, and more.

To get started, search for "MyHillsdale" on your app store and download it. No account creation needed. You can register with your email address if you want to receive email notifications as well.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHTS

Join us in welcoming these new businesses to the City of Hillsdale:

- Big Pines Brewing 89 McCollum St
- St Joe's Cafe 92 N Broad St

Are you looking to grow or expand your business in the City of Hillsdale? Contact the City's Economic Development Office to discuss your vision and learn how local or state assistance, programs, or resources can help you achieve your goals.

INDIANA RAIL EXPERIENCE TO RETURN TO HILLSDALE IN 2025

The Indiana Rail Experience will be returning to Hillsdale this year.

The schedule of events is still being finalized. To stay up-to-date, visit their www.indianarailexperience.org website frequently and check back for announcements about upcoming rail excursions and ticket sales. When the full schedule of events is published, we will share the dates for the Hillsdale arrivals or departures on our website and social media.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

lsergent@cityofhillsdale.org (517) 437-6443 45 Monroe St, Hillsdale, MI 49242

Please join us in welcoming the following new hire:

- Harlie Bump Department of Public Services (DPS)
- Jeff Stanton Lineman, Board of Public Utilities (BPU)

We wish you both the very best during your time here at the City of Hillsdale. Welcome aboard!

For current open jobs with the City, please visit www.cityofhillsdale.org/jobs.

HILLSDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

info@hillsdale-library.org (517) 437-6470 11 E Bacon St, Hillsdale, MI 49242



BUILD-A-TEDDY WORKSHOP

The Hillsdale Community Library is bringing the Build-A-Bear experience to Hillsdale at **NO_COST** to you! Keep an eye on their event's page for additional information and details about this Spring Break program. Space is limited, so make sure you register!

RECURRING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Hillsdale Community Library offers many recurring programs that are for children of all ages, **<u>FREE</u>**, and do not require a library card to participate.

- Lego Club Wednesdays @ 3:30 PM
- Little Bookworms Thursdays @ 10:30 AM
- After-School Bingo Fridays @ 3:30 PM (as of Feb. 7th)
- Saturday Story Time Saturdays @ 10:30 AM

For more information on theses programs and others offered by the Library, please visit their "Events" page on their website at www.hillsdale-library.org/events/.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

police@cityofhillsdale.org (517) 437-6481 97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 49242 (1st Floor)



<u>KRISTIN TOWNSEND WARREN GRANT</u> <u>FUNDS WRAP OF SCHOOL RESOURCE</u> <u>OFFICER (SRO) VEHICLE</u>

Supporting information from the Hillsdale Community Foundation press release "Kristin Townsend Warren Grant Award Winner Announced" published on 01/06/2025 :

In January, the Hillsdale County Community Foundation announced Hillsdale Community Schools as the recipient of the Kristin Townsend Warren Grant.

The press release states, "This year's award honors a project that epitomizes community spirit and collaboration: the wrap of the School Resource Officer (SRO) vehicle in Hillsdale Community School's Hornet blue and yellow."

The project was birthed by a contest organized by Officer Kyle Kirsten, the School Resource Officer and Sarah Walworth, the Hillsdale High School Art Teacher. The winning designs were created by students Abby Amburgey and Landon Leach.

The press release continues, "In partnership with the Hillsdale City Police, the introduction of Officer Kyle Kirsten, the School Resource Officer has greatly enhanced the sense of safety and collaboration within the school district. The SRO fulfills vital roles as a law enforcement officer, informal counselor/mentor, and an educator."

Hillsdale High School Principal Josh Perrin remarked, "The wrap of the SRO police car serves as another means to spread the positivity he has brought to our district, extending its reach beyond Hillsdale High School campus... This grant and project are yet another step toward strengthening our community and making a positive impact."