



CITY OF HILLSDALE NEWSLETTER

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AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

The Hillsdale Municipal Airport, established in 1963, has been undergoing numerous upgrades in the past few years to stay current with business and industry needs. In addition to Hillsdale's 5,000 foot runway, the airport recently completed a new concrete apron and connector taxiway project. The existing terminal apron was in poor condition and required a full reconstruction. The nearly 10,000 square yards of concrete pavement, taxiway connector, edge lighting, signage, and site improvements were completed by Kalin Construction Company of Sodus, MI. All concrete for the project was supplied by Hillsdale's Becker & Scrivens. The design and construction phases received \$1,050,000 in Federal and State funding, resulting in the City participating in about \$110,000 of the total project costs. The Airport looks forward to development of the new apron with many businesses already inquiring about building corporate aircraft hangars. Visit the Airport's Facebook page for more information on upcoming projects and events.



MEIJER UPDATE

In the spring of 2017, the City of Hillsdale and Fayette Twp were approached by the Meijer Corporation about developing a store at the intersection of Taylor and Beck Roads and Hwy 99. In December 2017 the City and Township approved a service agreement to make the development possible. The City is hopeful the development will be designed and engineered in 2018, with construction starting in 2019. A majority of residents supported the approval of the proposed Meijer development plan.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 1: Oak Wilt Tree Presentation - 5:00pm

Apr 23: Hillsdale Historical Society's Show and Tell- 7:30pm

May 4: 15th Annual Paul W. Smith Pure Michigan Tour-
Broadcasting on WJR Radio Station from Hillsdale College 5:30am-9:00am

PROJECTS & AWARDS

*The City of Hillsdale Recreation Dept was recently awarded a Hillsdale County Community Foundation (HCCF) Grant for Fields of Dreams Storage Building Project in the amount of \$9,134. The project will help store baseball/softball, soccer and football equipment throughout the year.

*The Hillsdale Community Library received a HCCF grant in the amount of \$4,502 for an Early Literacy Center. The Library will soon have a play center where children will be able to learn skills to prepare them for reading.

*The Friends of the Mitchell Research Center received \$1,200 from the HCCF for updates to their filing equipment and system at the Center. The grant will aid the community in better researching local history.



BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review will hear 2018 property tax assessment appeals on March 12th: 9am -3pm and March 13th: 3-9pm
*Please call 517-437-6455 to schedule an appointment.

Second floor, Conference room, City Hall

PARKS & RECREATION

Spring is just around the corner! Planning a graduation party, reunion, or wedding for spring or summer? Be sure to get your reservations made for Owen Memorial Park on Lake Baw Beese or beautiful Mrs. Stock's Park.

Baseball and Softball will be in full swing starting in May. Look for open registration on Facebook and on the City's website.

Ladies 16 and older, Bounce back into Spring with 4 on 4 Volleyball.

Boaters, keep in mind the ice will be melting before you know it! Dock Slips are available to rent on Baw Beese Lake. Boat docks can be installed after April 15th. The portable restrooms will be delivered to the City parks in May.

Watch for info on Tuesdays in the Park Summer Concert Series held in Mrs. Stock's Park, beginning the last week of June. Free to the public. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy. For Hillsdale Recreation registrations and events "Like" Hillsdale Recreation on Facebook or visit us on the web at cityofhillsdale.org parks and recreation.



STREET CONSTRUCTION & PRESERVATION



*The 2017 Street Preservation projects should be completed in May 2018. The project

streets include: Hillsdale, E. Bacon, Barnard, Budlong, Lewis, State, Fayette, and Westwood at a cost of \$280,000.

*Reconstruction of Garden, Mead, Vine and Rippon Streets will begin this spring. The City received a \$1.9 million ICE grant from MEDC to make this project possible.

SPRING LEAF/BRUSH COLLECTION

Spring curb side brush/leaf collection will start Monday, April 2nd. The Compost Site on Waterworks Ave will open on Tuesday, April 3rd. For more info call 517-437-6490 or visit our website.



NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

OAK WILT PRESENTATION



To help homeowners, arborists, and tree services identify and prevent the spread of oak wilt, a free educational workshop is being hosted by ReLeaf Michigan, a non-profit tree

organization. Respected plant pathologist, Dr. David Roberts, Ph.D. at Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, will provide an overview of the disease and outline the biggest concerns, so homeowners can protect the long-term health and vitality of their trees. The event will be held at the Hillsdale Community Library, Thursday, March 1st from 5pm-7pm. RSVP: 800-642-7353.

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

NEW BUSINESS



Hillsdale Brewing Company:

Now open to the public! Stop in and check out the new full service restaurant located at 25 Hillsdale St. Featuring delicious pizzas, deli style sandwiches, paninis, soups, salads

and eight (8) house -made brews on tap. Check out their Facebook page for hours and more information.

Shear Perfection Salon (SPS):

Located at 86 W. Carleton Rd. SPS specializes in haircuts, color, waxing, and Shellac manicures and pedicures. Visit Shear Perfection Salon to look and feel good!

Walk-ins are always welcome. Open Tuesday-Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-2pm. Find them on Facebook for their latest events, monthly specials, and other promotions.



If you have a new business let us know for a chance to see it highlighted here



15TH ANNUAL PAUL W. SMITH: PURE MICHIGAN TOUR



The Great Voice of the Great Lakes will kick off with Paul W. Smith from WJR Radio Station broadcasting live from a different Michigan destination daily during May 4th - May 11th. On Friday, May 4th, Paul W. Smith will be in Hillsdale from 5:30am - 9:00am at Hillsdale College. Make sure you tune in and catch all of what makes "Hillsdale" home.

REMINDERS

Terrace Repair : It is the responsibility of property owners and/or occupants to clean and repair damage to the terrace from private plowing contractors.

Cemeteries: March 15th is the last day to have all winter decorations and grave blankets removed from Oak Grove and Lakeview cemeteries.

Closed : City Offices will close at noon on Friday, March 30th for Good Friday.

Property Taxes: Disabled Veterans may qualify for a property tax exemption on their homestead property. Forms and information for this and other property tax exemptions can be found online at:

www.michigan.gov/propertytaxexemptions, or by contacting the Assessor's office.

BPU: Semi-Annual fire hydrant flushing program will tentatively begin on April 16th between the hours of 8:00am-3:30pm. Any questions please call the BPU at 437-3387.

**You can find up-to-date news and information by visiting our website, facebook, twitter and WCSR*