

CITY OFFICES CLOSED:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019 - LABOR DAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019 - VETERAN'S DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY



THE HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR

It's time again for the Most Popular Fair on Earth!

Fair Week: Sunday, September 22 - Saturday, September 28, 2019.

Come enjoy all your favorite food, rides, and entertainment!

Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles, 7:00 PM, Saturday, September 28, 2019

For more information, please contact the Fair Office at **(517) 437-3622**.



PATRIOT'S DAY FLY-IN AND BREAKFAST

Join us on **Sunday, September 8, 2019** for the 4th Annual Patriot's Day Fly-In and Breakfast. The Hillsdale Exchange Club, along with the Hillsdale Municipal Airport, will be honoring our Veterans and First-Responders with a wonderful breakfast **beginning at 7:00 AM (Adults: \$7, Kids: \$4)**

Enjoy a wide variety of aircraft, military aircraft, airplane and helicopter rides, and a Classic Car Cruise-In.

The Hillsdale Exchange Club will be raffling off tickets **to win a ride worth \$450** on the historic B-17 G Bomber from WWII (Thanks to the Yankee Museum).

Free fun for the whole entire family!



TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or treating in the City will take place on **Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.**

Please take extra precaution when driving so that children and their families can have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

FROM THE ASSESSOR:

As a reminder, the Assessing Department will be out and about doing external inspections on various properties around the City.

Also, the deadline for the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) to apply to the winter taxes is **November 1st**. Make sure you have the appropriate paperwork filed with the department on or before that date!

For more information or if you have questions, contact our office at **(517) 437-6440**.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

KAY FREESE - REFLECTING ON 39 YEARS WITH THE CITY

"I started with the City of Hillsdale on August 5, 1980. My first position was working for the City Manager at the time and managing all of the employee personnel functions. When I began, offices were then on the 2nd floor where the current elevator is located.

As years went by, the personnel functions expanded and changed. I then became Human Resources Director, but continued to work with the City Manager; assisting and doing research.

In 1997, the City Hall renovation and restoration of the 3rd floor. Our offices were then moved upstairs. A decision to consolidate the City and BPU was made in 2016. In the spring of 2017, the Human Resources office was moved to the BPU administration building where I currently am.

It has been a blessing to work with wonderful employees and eight city managers during my tenure."

Congratulations on your retirement, Kay! Best wishes from all of us at The City of Hillsdale!

REMINDERS

- **BURN PERMITS** are required for campfires and bonfires. For more information contact the Hillsdale City Fire Department at (517) 437-6451.
- **USE & OCCUPANCY PERMIT INSPECTIONS** should be scheduled with the Fire Department at your earliest convenience by calling (517) 437-6451. The Use & Occupancy Permit Application is still filed with the Assessing/Code Enforcement office prior to the inspection.

DAWN THEATER UPDATE



In May of 2019, the City was awarded a \$1.4 Million grant to rehabilitate the Dawn Theater. The project began in July 2019 with completion scheduled by the Fall of 2020. The Dawn Theater originally opened its doors to the public on September 5, 1919. We hope to have a celebration of the project at the 100 year anniversary of the Dawn Theater's grand opening on September 5, 2019.

PLANNING AND ZONING

REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The City was accepted in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program (RRC) in the Spring of 2014. The program was created by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to help communities that were struggling economically to become more attractive to developers. The program addresses multiple aspects of a community: zoning ordinances, master planning, branding, site development, and other items. MEDC provides resources and consultants to help with the various processes. **In June of 2019, the City finally achieved its certification.** The state will now list the City of Hillsdale as a community that is ready and welcoming to developers from within and without the State.

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

THE LOCAL EATERY

38 N Howell St

Jason Walters and his wife Dena have purchased the historic Palace Cafe and plan to reopen soon under the name "The Local Eatery".

The Walters received a \$10,000 Business Attraction Grant from Hillsdale's Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) to assist with the renovations.

Keep your eyes peeled for the grand opening!

PARKS & RECREATION



SEPTEMBER:

- Football (3rd - 6th Grade) - Saturdays

OCTOBER:

- Basketball (K - 2nd Grade) - Saturdays

NOVEMBER:

- Women's 6 on 6 Volleyball - Tuesdays & Wednesdays
- Boys and Girls Basketball (3rd - 6th Grade) - Saturdays

Please make sure you are aware of deadlines. They are important to the flow of each program!

If you have any questions about the programs listed above or would like more information, please contact the Recreation Department at (517) 437-6457 or via email at recreation@cityofhillsdale.org.