

# CITY OF HILLSDALE NEW SLETTER

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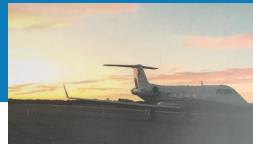
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97 North Broad Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242

## AIRPORT HIGHLIGHTS



### Hillsdale Municipal Airport 2018 Highlights:

- \*Increased corporate air travel and business aircraft visiting our area.
- \*Received an A+ inspection rating from Michigan Dept. of Transportation.
- \*Improved fuel sales by almost 50% since 2017.
- \*Improved customer service for pilots and their passengers.
- \*Formed a new chapter of the Civil Air Patrol to promote youth leadership.
- \*Hosted the second annual Patriots Day Fly-In event in partnership with the Exchange Club of Hillsdale to promote aviation education and family fun.
- \*Offer onsite aircraft maintenance from "All American Aircraft Services."

Looking forward to 2019 with further development of our parallel taxiway and new fuel farm.

## HALLETT STREET

The City will be resurfacing West Hallett Street, from Reading Avenue to the west city limits. The project will include crushing and shaping the existing asphalt, replacement of drive approaches, 5" of new asphalt and gravel shoulders. Also included is some storm sewer replacement near the railroad trestle. Concord Excavating was awarded the bid. We anticipate this project to start early in the spring and be completed in ten weeks.

## TIFA BOARD UPDATE

The Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) board has been busy in 2018. The sale of the Keefer Hotel was finalized in October. The new owners will begin construction in 2019 to restore the hotel and modernize it for use as a boutique hotel and restaurant. TIFA issued façade grants to help three property owners make improvements to the exteriors of their buildings. TIFA continues to work with Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to complete their application for a rehabilitation grant for the Dawn Theater.

## STREET PRESERVATION

Street preservation will continue this spring. All efforts will be focused on chip sealing and fog coating 3-4 miles of residential streets. This treatment will be applied to the streets that were patched and repaired as a result of the preservation in 2017 and 2018.



## SPRING EVENTS

- Rizner Concert Series - Saturday, March 9th, 7pm-8pm  
*\*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*
- Quartermania - Saturday, March 16th, 5:30pm  
*\*55 Below*
- Chair Affair - Saturday, April 6th  
*\*Downtown Hillsdale*
- Art Around Town - Saturday, April 6th  
*\*Downtown Hillsdale*
- HBA Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 13th, 11am- 1pm  
*\*Downtown Hillsdale*
- Beer and Wine Festival - Saturday, May 4th  
*\*Hillsdale Fairgrounds*  
*\*For more information on events visit our Facebook page*

## TREE CITY USA

The City of Hillsdale is inviting individuals and businesses to help replant Hillsdale one tree at a time. This program not only enhances the value of properties, throughout the City, but also continues to make the City of Hillsdale a true "Tree City USA" community and help our environment. Contact the City Forester with questions regarding the Public Sponsored Tree Planting Program at: 517-437-6493.



## RECREATION CORNER

Spring into recreation! Hillsdale Recreation has plenty to offer. Watch for baseball and softball registration, tennis grades K-8 with Sam Vondra, and 4 on 4 Women's Volleyball. Hillsdale Cardio Drumming returns to Owen Memorial Park in May and Dawn Wilkerson brings Daybreak Yoga to Sandy Beach. Be sure to get your pavilion rentals in for Spring/Summer gatherings. Get your dock slip rented for your lakeside relaxation spot. For more information, find us on Facebook at Hillsdale Recreation, or call Michelle at: 517-437-6457.

## NEWS FROM ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Michigan property taxpayers should receive the 2019 Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation, and Property Classification by February 25 (14 days prior to the Board of Review). Contact your local assessor as soon as possible if you own or are responsible for payment of the taxes on property in Michigan and have not received a notice for that property by the end of the month.

The City of Hillsdale **Board of Review** is scheduled to meet to hear taxpayer appeals as follows: **Monday, March 11, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Taxpayers may appeal 2019 Assessed and Taxable Values, Property Classification or Taxable Status. In addition, taxpayers may submit requests to the Board by filing the required documentation for Poverty Exemptions, Disabled Veterans Exemptions, Small Business Taxpayer Exemptions and Eligible Manufacturing Personal Property Exemptions. Petitions to the Board of Review may be made in writing but must be accompanied by Michigan Department of Treasury form 618 (L-4035). Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 12, 2019.

### 2019 Spring Filing Deadlines:

**May 1:** 4660 – Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Active Duty Military Affidavit

2599 – Claim for Farmland (Qualified Agricultural) Exemption from Some School Operating Taxes

**May 31:** Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeals of 2019 Assessed and/or Taxable Value on property classified as commercial real, industrial real, developmental real, commercial personal, industrial personal or utility personal.

**June 1:** 2368 – Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit

4640 – Conditional Rescission of Principal Residence Exemption (PRE)



Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 21, 2019 Brought to you by: Hillsdale County School of the Arts



Fridays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. join the fun at the Library with Storytime. Stories, crafts, music, playtime, snacks and more! Children of all ages are welcome. For more information contact the Library at: 517-437-6470.

## DEVELOPMENT CORNER

### NEW TO HILLSDALE:



more information.

**Healthies of Hillsdale** opened on January 2, 2019, offering a smoothie and shake bar with over 100 flavors including specialty drinks, energy teas and more! Located at 77 N. Broad Street in downtown Hillsdale. Stop in Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday & Sunday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit their Facebook page for

House of Pizza and BBQ reopened as **BURGERS UNLOCKED** owned by Key Opportunities located at 350 Hillsdale Street Burgers Unlocked features 100% fresh beef angus burgers loaded with favorite toppings and fresh, never frozen hand cut fries. Visit them Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Check out their Facebook page for more information.



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## SPRING LEAF & BRUSH COLLECTION

The City of Hillsdale Department of Public Services will provide curbside residential collection of brush and leaves beginning Monday, April 1, 2019. This service is offered to residents only during the first full weeks of April and May. Please contact the Public Services Department for more information: 517-437-6490.

### I.C.E GRANT UPDATE

We are striving to have the Garden, Vine, Mead and Rippon Street construction project wrapped up by the middle of June. Crews will replace the culvert on Rippon Avenue and install remaining water, sewer and storm structures. The goal is to have all underground work completed by April. Concrete walks, drives, and curb will be poured as soon weather conditions allow in the spring. Road base, asphalt, terrace restoration and tree planting will follow closely behind to complete the project.

## MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY PARK



**Precision Metal Art** new to the industrial park located at 245 W. Mechanic Road. Precision Metal Art offers decorative metal signs for business and home. Visit online: [precisionmetalartusa.com](http://precisionmetalartusa.com)

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who came out for the New Year's Eve Bash. Despite the rain, people participated and enjoyed the event. Thanks again to all our area sponsors that worked in conjunction with us to make the event happen.

## REMINDERS

You can find up-to-date news and information by visiting our website, Facebook, Twitter and WCSR

**Election:** Tuesday, May 7th, 2019. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. City residents will vote at the Hillsdale Community Library located at 11 E. Bacon Street.

**Holiday Hours:** Friday, April 19th, 2019 City offices will be closing at noon for Good Friday.

**Compost Site:** Opens to city residents on April 2nd, 2019.

**Cemetery Grave Blankets:** Grave blankets are allowed from November to March. Any grave blanket that is not removed by March 15th shall be removed and disposed of by the Department of Public Services. For more information call: 517-437-6490.