

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CITY HALL CLOSED: Monday, July 5, 2021 - Independence Day (observed)

TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH ALL LOCAL EVENTS, PLEASE REGULARLY CHECK THE HILLSDALE DAILY NEWS, WCSR, THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

HILLSDALE COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET:

- * May - October, Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm
- * Hillsdale County Courthouse parking lot

HILLSDALE AUCTION & FLEA MARKET:

- * 50 weeks straight, Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm
- * For more information contact (517) 437-2424

HILLSDALE OPEN AIR MARKET:

- * June - October, Saturdays
- * Hosted by the Hillsdale Business Association (HBA)
- * Thru Sept: 8 am - 1 pm, Oct: 9 am - 1 pm
- * Hillsdale Community Library parking lot

BASH ON BAW BEESE:

- * June 12, 2021, 7-10 pm
- * Hosted by Pomegranate Whiskey Band
- * American Legion 53
- * Find more information on their Facebook Event Page

STOCK'S PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

- * June 29 - August 10, 2021
- * Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
- * Please bring your own chair/blanket

SUMMER IN THE CITY:

- * Friday August 6, 2021, 4-8 pm
- * Downtown Hillsdale
- * Car show and vendors
- * Visit HBA Facebook page for more information.

PARKS & RECREATION 2021 Summer Youth Programs



- * Willie Mays Baseball (8-10 years old)
- * Pee Wee Softball (8-11 years old)
- * Pee Wee Reese Baseball (11-12 years old)
- * Minors Softball (12-14 years old)
- * Sandy Koufax Baseball (13-14 years old).

* Like and follow the Hillsdale Recreation Facebook page for up-to-date information on all summer programs and events.

SANDY BEACH IS OPEN!

ENJOY SOME SUN, SNACKS, AND FRESH AIR
THIS SUMMER!

\$5.00 DAY PASS, \$25.00 SEASON PASS

CITY TREASURER 2021 Summer Tax Bills

2021 summer tax bills will be due and payable from July 1 - August 31 without interest or penalty. Please contact the Treasurer with any questions or concerns at treasurer@cityofhillsdale.org or (517) 437-6454.

**4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS, 7/3/21 AT DUSK
HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
NO ENTRY INTO THE FAIRGROUNDS!**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Development Corner

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SHOP AND EAT LOCALLY!
NEW TO HILLSDALE:

- * New York Taco - 3321 W Carleton Rd
- * Sharon's House of Pancakes - Located inside Hillsdale Market House, 7 am - 1 pm,
LOCATED IN THE STADIUM ROLLER RINK PLAZA:
- * Scruff to Fluff Grooming Parlor - 3224A W Carleton Rd - Dog and cat grooming, Walk-in nail trims, and ear cleaning. 8 am - 4 pm. For more information contact (517) 610-6961.
- * Survivor Strong - 3224B W Carleton Rd - Offers domestic violence awareness merchandise, books, local artists, self-defense and cardio drumming classes. Visit www.daniellecrosby.com for more information.

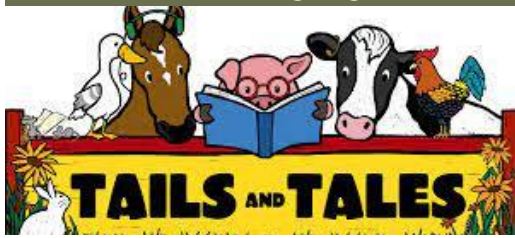
COMING SOON!

- * Birdie's & Howell - 28 N Howell St
- * Dairy Queen - 3285 W Carleton Rd
- * The Gifted Garden of Hillsdale: 2 N Howell St - art, meditation classes, herbal tea and more. Open May 1, 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES: New Hires

Please join us in welcoming the most recent new hires for the City of Hillsdale: Jacob Shilling - Power Plant, Avery Newell - HCPD Police Officer, and Kyle Kirsten - HCPD Police Officer

HILLSDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY Summer Reading Program



Keep your eyes peeled for summer reading at the Hillsdale Community Library. The theme for 2021 is "Tails and Tales." For more information please contact the Library at (517) 437-6470 or info@hillsdale-library.org.

BPU/DPS/CITY ENGINEER Project Updates

* Water main replacements for Elm Ct/Arbor Ct and sanitary sewer replacement for Elm Ct are scheduled to begin in May 2021 with a proposed completion date at the end of June.

* Local street paving projects are scheduled to be completed this summer/fall. These projects were proposed and approved as Special Assessment District (SAD) projects with costs shared by the property owners on the streets being paved.

* The City hired Taplin Group, LLC to complete video evaluations of the entire sanitary sewer system within the City. Work began in April and will continue on this project throughout the year as they have 40 miles of sanitary sewer to video and evaluate.

* The City is continuing the Lead Water Service Line replacement (LSLR) project, per state mandate. The City plans to replace 50 in 2021. As part of the LSLR project, the City must evaluate all water service lines either through records or physical verifications. This year, grant funds were allocated to us from the State of Michigan in the amount of \$241,000 to complete evaluation of 338 service lines.

* Water Tower Rehabilitation - The City has contracted with Viking Painting to complete the rehabilitation, inspection, and painting of the water tower within the Manufacturing Park. This work will start in the late spring and should be completed by late June.

* Transfer Station Reconstruction - The City contracted with Foulke Construction for design and construction of a new transfer station building. This project is in progress and the actual building construction is expected to be completed in the fall. It is anticipated that closure of the site will be required during construction. We are discussing options with the State of Michigan to determine the extent of the potential closure.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Summer Code Reminders

TALL GRASS: Per HMC Sec. 14-142, 14.143, & 14.144, all property owners and tenants are responsible for maintaining their property, keeping it free from weed and plant growth in excess of 10 inches.

YARD SALE SIGNS IN ROW: Per HMC Sec. 26-4 and 26-5, no sign shall be placed in/on a public right-of-way, light pole, utility pole, or tree within a public right-of-way. Signs in violation will be confiscated and the sign owner will be charged.

CITY ASSESSOR Department Updates & Information

* **June 1st** - Deadline to file new requests for the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) effective with the summer 2021 tax bill.

* The Board of Review is scheduled to meet Tuesday, July 20, 2021 to correct clerical errors verified in advance by the Assessor and to consider new requests for some types of property tax exemptions. Exemptions considered include: Disabled Veterans, person in poverty, and PRE claimants who missed the June 1 filing deadline. Exemption request forms and required attachments must be submitted to the assessor by July 1, 2021 for consideration at the July 20 meeting. Please contact the Assessor if you think that there may have been a clerical error made in the calculation of your tax bill, or that you may qualify for an exemption that

you are not currently receiving.

* **Reminder:** Proposal A of 1994 "capped" taxable values so that they can only increase by the rate of inflation (up to 5%) except under specific circumstances. The most common circumstance happens in the year following a transfer of ownership. The taxable value cap is removed for the new owner in the year following the transfer and the new taxable value is set at the State Equalized Value (SEV), which should represent 50% of the true cash value of the property as of December 31. This is known as "uncapping," or sometimes referred to as the "pop-up tax." Because our current real estate market is showing much higher increases than the rate of inflation, the difference between the taxable value and the SEV for the prior owner can be significant. The resulting tax increase when the taxable value uncaps can be shocking to new property owners. The good news is that after that first year, the taxable cap is again put into place. The taxable value can also never be higher than the SEV.

* The State Tax Commission (STC) guidelines suggest that assessors should make a site visit of all properties in their jurisdiction at least once every 5 years to verify and update property data. Hillsdale City Assessing Department appraisers visit 20% of the properties in the City each year to meet this standard. The data is collected primarily for calculating annual assessments, but may also be used by other City departments, realtors, appraisers, contractors, emergency services, and others in the public and private sector, all of whom depend on the information in the assessor's file being current and accurate.

* Please contact the Assessor by emailing assessor@cityofhillsdale.org or by calling (517) 437-6440 with any questions or concerns. Property information, forms, and other helpful links can be found at www.cityofhillsdale.org/cityassessor or michigan.gov/propertytax.

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