

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, Michigan 49242 (517) 437-6440 | www.cityofhillsdale.org Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



45 Monroe St, Hillsdale, Michigan 49242 (517) 437-3387 | www.cityofhillsdale.org Monday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM After Hours Emergencies: 1-844-427-8633

FALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Hillsdale City Offices will be closed during normal office hours to observe the following holidays:

- Labor Day Monday, September 4
- Veteran's Day Friday, November 10
- Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24

Visit the City's website to keep up-to-date on meeting time changes and cancellations.

2023 HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR



For more information and event details, please visit their website at www.hillsdalecountyfair.org.

HILLSDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Scan this QR code for the latest Hillsdale Community Library Newsletter



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Once again the Hillsdale Department of Public Services (DPS) will be collecting **leaves, grass clippings, and garden debris** from all City streets.

WARD 1: Round 1 starts: 10/30

Round 2 starts: 11/16

WARD 2: Round 1 starts: 11/13

Round 2 starts: 12/07

WARD 3: Round 1 starts: 11/7

Round 2 starts: 11/30

WARD 4: Round 1 starts: 11/2

Round 2 starts: 11/21

For more information, please contact DPS at (517) 437-6490. A ward map and regulations can be found on the City's website.

2023 RESIDENTIAL BRUSH COLLECTION

The City of Hillsdale Department of Public Services (DPS) will provide a onetime curbside residential collection of brush **ONLY** during the month of October.

Please note the following requirements:

- City residents **ONLY**
- Please have brush out to the curb by
 7:00 AM, Monday, October 16, 2023
- Limbs less than 8 feet in length and up to 8 inches in diameter <u>ONLY</u>.
- No stumps, large trunks, stones, or dirt.
- Do not place items in the street.
- No brush from outside the City is allowed to be placed at the curb.
- City residents may hall their brush to the Brush Site located at 149 Waterworks Ave. Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Closed Noon - 1:00 PM. Closed Saturday & Sunday. Proof of Residency is required.
- NO DUMPING IS PERMITTED AFTER HOURS
- DO NOT PLACE BRUSH IN ALLEYWAYS. BRUSH WILL BE PICKED UP FROM STREET FRONTAGES ONLY.
- Violators of any of these requirement may be ticketed.

Questions regarding the collection can be directed to the Department of Public Services online at www.cityofhillsdale.org or by phone at (517) 437-6490.

LITTLE BOOKWORMS STORY TIME



Please join the Hillsdale Community Library staff every Thursday at 10:30 AM for Little Bookworms Story Time.

Along with a sory, there will be songs, a craft, and a snack. This weekly event is FREE and does NOT require a library card to attend!

The Little Bookworms program is geared toward kids ages 0-5, but, older siblings are more than welcome too join!

For more information, please visit the Library's website at www.hillsdale-library.org or their Facebook page.

8TH ANNUAL PATRIOT'S DAY FLY-IN BREAKFAST





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM (RAIN OR SHINE)

Come join the Hillsdale Municipal Airport and the Exchange Club of Hillsdale in remembering our first responders, active military, and veterans at the annual Patriot's Day Fly-In Breakfast.

Listen to the sounds of airplanes and helicopters coming and going as you enjoy a delicious, hot breakfast provided by the Exchange Club. Rub elbows with locals and take a peek at the participating aircraft. It is a great day for the entire family!

Other features include:

- Small airplane rides \$30.00/person
- Helicopter rides \$40.00/person
- Classic Car Cruise-In
- Local EMS/Fire/Police on display

Please call the Hillsdale Municipal Airport at (517) 797-4833 for more information.

2023 HILLSDALE FOODIE WALKS

As the 2023 Hillsdale Foodie Walks come to an end, here are the remaining walks:





September 18 - Taco Trot October 16 - Oktoberfest Amble

For more information and a list of participating restaurants, please visit the Hillsdale Foodie Walk Facebook page.



Have a safe, productive, and fun school year!

INDIANA RAIL EXPERIENCE FALL COLOR TRAIN COMES TO HILLSDALE



INDIANA FALL COLOR TRAIN

Saturday, October 7 & Sunday, October 8
An all-day steam-powered excursion
departing Pleasant Lake, Indiana for
Hillsdale, Michigan

MICHIGAN FALL COLOR TRAIN

Saturday, October 14 & Sunday, October 15

An all-day steam and diesel-powered excursion departing Hillsdale, Michigan for Angola, Indiana.

Please visit their website at www.indianarailexperience.org to learn more and book your tickets!

NEW FISHING PIER AT WATERWORKS PARK - LATEST IN SERIES OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS



Anglers have a new spot to dangle their lures thanks to the Exchange Club of Hillsdale.

A new 30-foot fishing pier was recently installed at Waterworks Park on Baw Beese Lake. The fishing pier is made of stainless steel, is ADA-accessible, and features handrails for user safety.

Labor for the installation of the dock and handrails was donated by Terry Butters of Carefree Dock and Lift, and by Dock Brothers, owned by Derek and Gage Frosch, and their employees Syvester Wesson, Tim Estel, Joe Sparks, and Andre' Wesson.

"The new fishing pier is a wonderful addition to Waterworks Park," said Michelle Loren, City of Hillsdale Parks and Recreation Director. "We are fortunate to have a civic organization, like the Hillsdale Exchange Club, that seek to partner with the City to invest in our parks system for the benefit of the entire community."

The fishing pier is the latest in series of planned improvements the Exchange Club is making to the park. Past upgrades include new bench seating. Future projects will include new playground equipment.

meet our NEW HIRES

Please join us in welcoming the following new hires:

- Beth Hart Library
- Andrea Gier Library
- Greg Sheffer Waste Water Treatment
- Andrew Craven Water
- Lucas Kimble DPS
- Levi Stoll Police Department
- Jamie Campbell Police Administration

We wish you great success during your time here with the City of Hillsdale! Welcome aboard!

Please visit our website for current employment opportunities.

2023 PUBLIC POWER WEEK

OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 7





2023 NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



CONVERSION OF MANNING AND WEST STREETS FROM ONE-WAY BACK TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

The 2021 edition of the City Master Plan calls for the reduction or elimination of one-way streets and an improvement of walkability within the City.

One area of reduction/elimination is South Manning, North West, and South West Streets. Returning these streets to two-way traffic will take very little effort or expense.

- Street parking will remain as it is currently.
- Most signage remains as is.
 - 5 stop signs will be added. One at S West and W South Streets, two at E Bacon and N West Streets, three at N West and Westwood Streets, and four at E Bacon and N Manning Streets.
- School traffic at Bailey Elementary and Davis Middle School will slow which will improve the safety of pedestrians entering and exiting the school.
- Bus traffic routing at Davis Middle School will not change.
- Private traffic dropping off and picking up students at Davis Middle School will be aided as south-bound traffic will be dropping students off on the school side, removing the need to cross traffic.
 - Slower traffic will aid students being dropped off from the north-bound

FOUR-WAY STOP AT FAYETTE STREET AND NORTH WEST STREET INTERSECTION



The City of Hillsdale's Department of Public Services recently installed a four-way stop at the intersection of Fayette Street and North West Street.

Two new stop signs with solar-powered LED blinkers were installed on North West Street to create an all-way stop at the intersection. Stop signs already exist on Fayette Street.

The change was made at the recommendation of Hillsdale Public Safety Committee in an attempt to curb speeding and improve safety. A review of previous traffic collisions and near misses at the intersection played a part in the decision.

The Hillsdale City Police Department issued Temporary Traffic Control Order 2023-29 supporting the change. The order will be in effect for 90 days, which serves as an initial test period. If all goes well, Hillsdale City Council will then be asked to make the change permanent.

"Stop Ahead" signs with flags were placed on all approaches to the intersection warning drivers of the new stop signs.

Drivers are asked to use caution when going through the intersection while the changeover process is in place.

- lane due to slowing traffic in the south-bound lane.
- The intersection and traffic light at N West and W Carleton Rd was originally designed for two-way traffic in all four directions.
 - After the change, north-bound traffic will be able to turn right or move straight through the intersection.
 - The north-bound lane currently designed to move traffic straight through the intersection will become the left turn lane.
 - All one-way and "Do Not Enter" signs will be removed.
 - Traffic signal programming may be required, but does not require any new equipment.

At the time of publication (July 2023), the City is hoping to have these changes implemented by August or September.

A public discussion will be held during a future Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission will then ask City Council to change the Traffic Control Order (TCO). DPS will then make changes to signage and signals as necessary.

For more information, please contact Planning and Zoning Administrator Alan Beeker at (517) 437-6449 or zoning@cityofhillsdale.org.