



CITY OF HILLSDALE NEW SLETTER

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HILLSDALE REC IN FULL SWING



Hillsdale Recreation will be in full swing this summer with baseball and softball for kids ages 8-14 and T-ball and Coach Pitch for the little sluggers. You can catch the action most any night at Fields of Dreams. Grab the family and come on down for a hot dog and a game! Owen Memorial Park on Baw Beese Lake is another place you might want to check out. Drum to the beat lakeside with Hillsdale Cardio Drumming. You can also enjoy the revamped 9-hole disc golf course which includes all new baskets, concrete tee pads, and signage throughout the Park thanks to Gelzer's Hardware. Sandy Beach, Waterworks and Mrs. Stock's Park downtown are all great summer venues to get out and enjoy time with friends and family.



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH

Contact Hillsdale Daily Newspaper for sale locations and other information. Reminder: Please limit signage to only one placed on the property where the sale is located. No signs may be placed in the street right-of-way or attached to City trees, power poles or street sign posts.

EVENTS

Farmers' Market every Saturday, 8am - noon May - Oct.

**Courthouse Parking Lot*

Open Air Market every Saturday, 8am-1pm June - Oct.

**Library Parking Lot*

Art Around Town: June 9, 11am-3pm

**Downtown Hillsdale*

Kids Fest: June 20, 10am-3pm **Fairgrounds*

MOVIES IN THE PARK



The City of Hillsdale and Board of Public Utilities present Mrs. Stock's Park "Summer Movies in the Park." There will be a movie scheduled for the months of June, July &

August! All movies are free of charge and will show at dark. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Visit the City's Facebook page for show times and other information.

ALL AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Join the fun at the Great American parade on Tuesday, July 3rd. Parade starts at 6pm in Downtown Hillsdale with lots of exciting floats and holiday fun. If you are interested in participating, contact Julie Games at 517-437-7771. Line up is at 5pm in the Midtown parking lot.

Stop by the fairgrounds and enjoy the All American Celebration after the parade. Fair food, entertainment, FIREWORKS and free family fun! Admission is free. Fireworks start at dark.

LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Hillsdale Community Library kicks off their Summer Reading Program on June 13th. Registration will begin at 2pm followed by Joel Tacey's, "Page Rocker" Magical Comedy Show at 3pm. All kids who register will earn a ticket for our prize drawing following the show. Kids who complete their Summer Reading Program will not only be eligible for the grand prize in their age group, but will earn other prizes along the way. Age groups will consist of: Pre-school (birth-4 years), Kindergarten - 5th grade and 6th grade - 12th grade. Join the fun this summer as Libraries Rock!

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ELECTIONS

The City will have three elections in 2018: May 8th, August 7th, and November 6th. This will also be the first time voters will have the opportunity to use the new election equipment that has recently been delivered. Stop into City Hall or contact the City Clerk's Office at 437-6441 if you have any questions about the election process.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



The City of Hillsdale would like to congratulate our DPS Foreman Jason Blake for completing a three-year training through MPSI (Michigan Public Service Institute)

which provides instruction designed expressly for public works supervisors, managers and directors. The program is focused on service excellence and leadership development. Mr. Blake received his certification through Central Michigan University in April. Jason has been with the City for 11 years and looks forward to using his knowledge from this program. (Pictured, left to right: Jason Blake, DPS Foreman & Jake Hammel, DPS Director)

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AWARDS

The City of Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Water Department has been awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in drinking water to a level that is effective for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoride in drinking water throughout 2016. For 2016, a total of 1360 public water systems in 29 states received these awards, including 56 in Michigan.

The BPU received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2017 by the American Municipal Power, Inc. "Hillsdale has demonstrated its commitment to reliable electric services. This recognition signifies the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities' dedication to its customers." Marc Gerken, AMP President.



SANDY BEACH

Up for some fun in the sun this summer? Visit Sandy Beach and enjoy all it has to offer. Thanks to Hillsdale Rotary Club, Sandy Beach is alive with a new beachfront for a refreshing swim, volleyball courts, a basketball court, a great play area for the tots, or hop on the Baw Beese Trail for a jog or bike ride. The concession stand offers a spot to cool down and enjoy an ice cream cone or a cool drink and hot dog. Open 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. beginning June 6th.

Day Pass \$5 Season Passes \$25

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Street Development Updates:

In 2015, the City Planning Commission decided to make a priority of returning current one-way streets back to two-way as part of the City's Master Plan amendment. This year, in conjunction with the repair work being done to West Street, the Planning Department is working with the Department of Public Services and the City Engineer to present plans to change West Street, between W. Carleton Road. (M-99) and South Street back to two-way traffic. This would also include switching on-street parking from the east side of the street to the west side. Watch for the upcoming public meeting date and time to review and make comments on the preliminary plans.

The 2017 street preservation project for Hillsdale, Lewis and West Fayette Streets will be completed this summer.

Chip seal and fog for North West, South West, River and North Manning Streets will be completed between June and July.

I.C.E. Grant street reconstruction of Garden, Mead, Vine Streets and Rippon Ave will be completed in late October.

Park Development:

Cold Springs Park's refurbished vintage saucer and train playground equipment will be re-installed this summer. Thank you to Leutheuser Buick and Addleman Welding & Sandblasting for donating the refinishing of the play equipment on behalf of the Hillsdale Kiwanis Club.



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

TUESDAYS IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Stop down to Mrs. Stock's Park every Tuesday evening starting June 26th for great concerts and fun. Concerts start at 7:30pm, are open to the public and free to everyone. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy! For a line up of performers and other information visit the City's Facebook page or website.

REMINDERS

Compost Site: The Compost site is open to City residents Tuesday 7am-3pm, Wednesday 12pm - 8pm, Thursday & Friday 7am - 3pm, Saturday 8am-5pm. Closed Sunday & Monday. Brush, leaves, grass/garden clippings will be accepted. ID required.

Property Taxes: Summer taxes are issued July 1st and payable through August 31st without penalty. The Board of Review will meet July 17th for errors found on tax bills. For more information contact the Assessing office at 517-437-6456.

Tall Grass: Pursuant to Section(s) 14.142 - 14.144 of the City of Hillsdale Municipal Code all property owners and/or agents (occupants) of property are responsible for maintaining lawns so that grass and weeds do not exceed a maximum height of 10 inches. This includes the terrace space between the sidewalk and the street.

City Offices Closed : City Offices will close on Monday, May 28th to observe Memorial Day and Wednesday, July 4th to observe Independence Day.