

# \* QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER \*

## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

### \* Monday, March 1, 2021:

Last day for the City Treasurer to collect 2020 Property Taxes per MCL 211.78a.

### \* Tuesday, March 2, 2021:

2021 March Board of Review Organizational Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.

### \* Monday, March 8, 2021:

2021 March Board of Review taxpayer appeal hearings, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### \* Tuesday, March 9, 2021:

2021 March Board of Review taxpayer appeal hearing continued, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## CITY HALL CLOSED:

\* Friday, April 2, 2021 @ Noon (Good Friday)

\* Monday, May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day)

97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 49242

(517) 437-6440

[www.cityofhillsdale.org](http://www.cityofhillsdale.org)

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

(Closed: Noon - 1:00 pm)

## SHOP & EAT LOCALLY!

Thank you for supporting your local businesses through the pandemic. Please remember to shop and eat local whenever possible!

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

### 2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

[assessor@cityofhillsdale.org](mailto:assessor@cityofhillsdale.org)

Please review Assessment Change Notices once they arrive and contact our office with any questions or concerns.

The 2021 March Board of Review may hear appeals for 2021 Assessed Values, Taxable Values, Property Classifications, and Taxable Status. Taxpayers may also submit requests for various exemptions with the accompanying supporting documentation to the Board.

More information regarding how to remotely participate or observe the March Board of Review meetings will be available on the City's website, Facebook page, and physically posted at City Hall.



Michigan

Michigan 2-1-1 is an easy way to connect with help of all kinds, right in your community. Need help with food, housing, or paying bills? Need support in a family crisis or community disaster? Michigan 2-1-1 is there for you. Any time. All the time. Just call, text, or search online and they will get you connected.

Michigan 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They provide operators that offer free, confidential, and supportive help in 120+ languages.

Visit [www.mi211.org](http://www.mi211.org) for more information.

## NEW BUSINESS: COUNTY PHARMACY

233 W Carleton Rd, Hillsdale, MI | (517) 610-5665 | Check them out on Facebook!

## NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

The City of Hillsdale Code Enforcement NEP Residential Structure Maintenance Assistance Program was established in cooperation with the MSHDA's Housing Initiative Division (HID) to 1) provide financial assistance to low income homeowners for exterior rehabilitation/repair to bring their homes into compliance with the IPMC as adopted by the City of Hillsdale and 2) to improve appearance and pride in local neighborhoods. Contact Alan Beeker for more information at (517) 437-6449 or [abeeker@cityofhillsdale.org](mailto:abeeker@cityofhillsdale.org)

## CITY ENGINEER UPDATE

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**Fayette Street** - Work on the final section of the street will begin in late April or early May. The road will be closed during this work and re-open when finally completed. It is expected that the remaining work will be completed by mid- to late June.

**Arbor Ct.** - This summer the City will be starting a project to replace the existing 2" water main with a new 6" water main. This project will also include new road surface at completion of the project.

**Elm Ct.** - This summer, with the Arbor Ct. project, the City will be reconstructing and upgrading water main and sanitary sewer system on Elm Ct. With this project, Elm Ct. will receive new curb, gutter, and street surface.

In 2021, the City will be continuing the Lead Service Line Replacement projects, as mandated by the State of Michigan. In 2020, the City replaced 69 lead service lines and investigated approximately 885 services within the City in order to determine the material types of those services. The City has applied for grants to continue some of this work and should receive these funds. More work on these projects should be expected in early summer.

## A WORD FROM THE CITY MANAGER -

### Bonnie Tew Retirement

Bonnie Tew, the City's long-time Finance Director, will be retiring in April 2021 after 29 years of service. We want to thank her for her dedication to the community and wish her well on this new chapter in her life.

She will be replaced by Joseph Mangan, who holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Information Systems. Joe is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who previously worked for Plante Moran as a Local Government Finance/Accounting Consultant.

Joe is an Ann Arbor native who graduated from Northern Michigan University. Joe has served in the US Army as a Counter Intelligence Agent. He is married with three children - ages 4, 3, and 1. Joe also enjoys kayaking and wine tasting.

Welcome to the City, Joe!

## CITY OF HILLSDALE NEW HIRES

Please welcome the following new hires from the last quarter:

- \* [Leah Hopkins](#) - BPU CSR
- \* [Eric Giacobone](#) - Police Officer
- \* [Avery Newell](#) - Police Officer
- \* [Aaron Cole](#) - DPS
- \* [Matthew Rogers](#) - DPS

## FLAGPOLE DEDICATION AT HMA

[Hillsdale\\_Airport@cityofhillsdale.org](mailto:Hillsdale_Airport@cityofhillsdale.org)



"It is with great pleasure that we display the American flag on our new flagpole at the entrance of the Hillsdale Municipal Airport," says Airport Administrator, Ginger Moore.

Members of the Leighr A Wright American Legion Post 53 spent most of 2020 selling raffle tickets in order to raise money for the construction of a new flagpole. The flagpole is dedicated to the memory of airmen past, present, and future.

Many thanks to American Legion Post 53!

## AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATES

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The new fuel facility at the airport was completed in January 2021 allowing fuel sale revenue to increase. A partial Eastern taxiway will be started in summer 2021. The project is 100% funded by the FAA.

## BPU - Manufacturing Park Water Tower Reconditioning

Maintenance work on the Industrial Park Water Tower is planned to begin on April 1, 2021; with substantial completion slated for June 30, 2021.

The tank is anticipated to be out of service for approximately 55 days in order to complete the maintenance work. The complete inside and out reconditioning includes a new paint job.

This work will be the first major repair to the water tower since construction in 1995.

## LOCAL RESTAURANTS OFFERING CARRY-OUT/DELIVERY

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| * Biggby Coffee             | * Checker Records          | * Hillsdale Filling Station | * Little Caesar's  |
| * Blimpie Sub Shop          | * Cottage Inn Pizza        | * Hillsdale Lanes           | * Pizza Hut        |
| * Burgers Unlocked          | * El Cerrito               | * Hungry Howie's            | * Rough Draft      |
| * Cavoni's                  | * Finish Line              | * Jilly Beans               | * Subway           |
| * Handmade                  | * Here's to You Pub & Grub | * Johnny T's                | * The Great Wall   |
| * Hillsdale Brewing Company | * Krispy Krunchy Chicken   | * The Hunt Club             | * The Local Eatery |