



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Fun Fact about the Photo: "People with a more sedentary view of water sports could pay ten cents to Irving Dean, the owner of the Edna D. This steamboat was named for his daughter and cruised around Baw Beese Lake, making stops at the ice houses and Cedar Island, there to talk with Bud Sellers. Passengers rode in physical comfort on the Edna D., but their hearts were tested for soundness by her unpredictable temperament. Some days she just didn't want to work, and at least once she pitched the queen of all tantrums when her boiler exploded... with no injuries, fortunately" - Hillsdale County Historical Society

REMINDERS:

Summer Holiday Closures

Hillsdale City Offices will be closed during normal office hours Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.

2023 Summer Taxes

2023 City of Hillsdale summer property taxes are due and payable without interest and penalty until August 31st.



Contact the Hillsdale City Treasurer at (517) 437-6454 or email treasurer@cityofhillsdale.org with any questions.

Summer Collection Office Hours: 9:00 AM - Noon & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tall Weed/Grass Reminder

Per Sec.14-142. - Plant growth limited; weeds prohibited., "All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of <u>10 inches</u>. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited."

Violators of this ordinance are responsible for a municipal civil infraction with a fine of *up to \$100*.

In addition, the City may contract to have the property mowed at the owner's expense.

Questions and complaints may be submitted via email to code@cityofhillsdale.org. Complaint forms are also available on the City's website under the Code Enforcement department page.

Let Us Know How We Are Doing!

Email ojones@cityofhillsdale.org or sfry@cityofhillsdale.org with your comments and suggestions.

Hillsdale Community Library's Summer Reading Kick-Off



June 7th - July 18th

The theme for 2023's Summer Reading Kick-Off is "All Together Now."

Programs will include:

- Big Truck Day
- Family Movie Night
- Sidewalk Chalk Art
- Celebrity Story Time
- Button Making
- High School Art Contest sponsored by the Hillsdale Art Guild.

Read to win prizes!

Dates and additional information will be posted at the library, on their website,

and on social media.

11 E Bacon St Hillsdale, MI 49242







Instagram

Facebook



The City of Hillsdale is looking to hire a full-time Auto Mechanic.

Part-time seasonal jobs at Sandy Beach are also available.

To view these or other job openings and apply online, please visit www.cityofhillsdale.org.

2023 Indiana Rail Experience Event Dates in Hillsdale

We are excited to welcome back to Hillsdale the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society and the



Northeastern Indiana Railroad as the Indiana Rail Experiences enters its second season. City staff worked closely with the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society volunteers as they developed a schedule of events for 2023, which will include several events arriving to and departing from Hillsdale. To learn more, or purchase tickets, visit www.indianarailexperience.org.

Sunday, June 18th - Tristate Scenic Steam Excursion - Arriving in Hillsdale

Saturday, October 7th - Indiana Fall Color Train - Arriving in Hillsdale

Sunday, October 8th - Indiana Fall Color Train - Arriving in Hillsdale

Saturday, October 14th - Michigan Fall Color Train - Departing from Hillsdale

Sunday, October 15th - Michigan Fall Color Train - Departing from Hillsdale

BPU Honored with National Award for Outstanding Safety Practices





The Hillsdale Board of Utilities has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2022. The utility earned a second place award for having 55,913 total hours worked involving 33 employees without any "Days Away From Work" injuries.

"Safety needs to be the first thing on every utility employee's mind as they go about their work," said Jim Boyd, Chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Electrical Operations Safety Manager at Tacoma Power, Tacoma Washington. "The utilities honored by APPA for excellence in this area should be proud of the culture they have instilled in serving their communities."

283 utilities from across the country entered the annual Safety Awards. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2022. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and number of worker-hours during 2022, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"The Hillsdale BPU cares deeply about sending our employees home to their families safely every single day," said BPU Director David Mackie. "We are proud to be honored for all the work that goes into standing behind this commitment."

The Safety Awards have been held annually for more than 65 years. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit community-owned utilities that power more than 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.

Recreation Department Sponsorship Opportunity

The City of Hillsdale's Recreation
Department is currently working on a
project that aims to improve outdoor
recreational opportunities by installing a
self-serve kayak rental station at Owen
Memorial Park on Baw Beese Lake.
Offering kayaks will not only enhance
the park experience, but it will encourage
more people to utilize the lake and the
various public parks along its shoreline.



8-kayak rental kiosk located at Pike Lake & Center Lake in Warsaw, IN.

Hillsdale Recreation is partnering with Rent.Fun for the installation of a 4-kayak rental kiosk. The Recreation Department's share of the one-time installation fee is \$16,000, and in order to make this project possible, we are in need of the support of generous individuals and businesses in our community.

Donation are tax deductible. Contact Recreation Department Director Michelle Loren at (517) 437-6457 for more information.

Airport Awarded \$2.5 Million FAA Grant for New Terminal Building



The Hillsdale
Municipal Airport
(JYM) will receive \$2.5
million from the
Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA)
to replace its existing
terminal facility with a
new terminal that will
meet current building
codes and be located in
a more accessible area.

Hillsdale Municipal Airport is one of only three Michigan airports awarded funding through the FAA's FY2023 Airport Terminal Program. The others, Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Traverse City's Cherry Capital Airport, will each receive grant funds to replace passenger loading bridges.

"I am so excited and honored for the Hillsdale Municipal Airport to be the recipient of this terminal grant," said Hillsdale Municipal Airport Manager Ginger Moore. "There has been a team of people helping to make this happen and we've been working for years towards this goal. Hillsdale Municipal Airport is the front door to our wonderful community and the new terminal will be a huge welcome sign."

The current terminal building offers a heated and air-conditioned public waiting area, conference room, kitchen with snacks, coffee, and water, public restrooms, and free public Wi-Fi internet service.

City staff are working with engineers from RS&H, Inc. on the new terminal facility design. The rendering of the current concept can be seen above. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

BPU:

45 Monroe St (517) 437-3387 After-Hour Emergencies: 1-844-427-8633 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



CITY OF HILLSDALE:

City Hall 97 N Broad St (517) 437-6440 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM www.cityofhillsdale.org