

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED:

City offices will be closed the following days to observe Christmas and the New Year:

- \* December 23, 2021 - December 24, 2021
- \* December 30, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Have a safe and happy holiday season from all of us at the City of Hillsdale!

## 2021 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors and grant certain exemptions.

## 2021 ANNUAL LIGHT UP PARADE



The annual Light Up Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4th at 6:15 PM Line up will begin in the Midtown lot at 5:00 PM.

Pre-register at [lightupparade@gmail.com](mailto:lightupparade@gmail.com).

## MASKS REQUIRED ON DIAL-A-RIDE PER TSA

Dial-A-Ride Transportation (DART) reminds riders to continue wearing masks by order of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), which has mandated the face mask requirement through January 18, 2022 for all over-the-road buses and commuter bus systems.

## NEW IN TOWN - DAIRY QUEEN



The restaurant is now open at 3285 W Carleton Rd here in Hillsdale.

## KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON CITY INFORMATION

Tune into WCSR on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:45 AM to hear our very own Sam Fry provide City updates.

Continue to refer to our Facebook page and website for the most updated information.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY DEADLINES

Business owners, please be aware that Personal Property Forms 632, 5076, or 5278 are due to the assessor by February 20th (postmark accepted).

With questions or concerns, please contact the City Assessor's office at (517) 437-6455 or [assessor@cityofhillsdale.org](mailto:assessor@cityofhillsdale.org)

## EDC HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Support your favorite local businesses this holiday season with the 2021 EDC Gift Card Program.

Community members can purchase a \$35 gift card to their business of choice for only \$25! The \$10 difference is donated to the business by the City of Hillsdale Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Gift cards (1000 total) are located at local businesses and are available until sold out.

Please check the City's Facebook page for updates and for a list of participating businesses. For more information, please contact the City's Economic Development Coordinator at (517) 437-6426.

## 2021 WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due and payable from December 1, 2021 - February 14, 2022 without interest or penalty.

Contact the City Treasurer with any questions or concerns at (517) 437-6454 or [treasurer@cityofhillsdale.org](mailto:treasurer@cityofhillsdale.org).

## 2021 NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT



The third annual New Year's Eve Event will be held Friday, December 31st from 3 - 7 PM in the parking lot across from the Elks Lodge as well as inside the Elks.

Planned activities include:

- \* Ice skating rink (skates will be provided)
- \* 22 ft Alpine Tubing Double Lane Slide
- \* Horse and carriage rides
- \* Face painting
- \* Character drawings
- \* Food (for purchase)/hot chocolate
- \* A photo opportunity with Edwin the Penguin and more!

This event is FREE, open to all of Hillsdale County, and family friendly!

Brought to you by the Hillsdale County Community Foundation, Michigan Gas Utilities, Point Rental and Sales, the City of Hillsdale, and Hillsdale Elks Lodge #1575.

## LEAF COLLECTION - ROUND 2



2nd round collection dates that spill into the month of December:

Ward 2: FRI 12/3, MON 12/6, and TUE 12/7  
Ward 3: MON 11/29, TUE 11/30, WED 12/1, and THUR 12/2

## HIGHLY ANTICIPATED REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC KEEFER HOUSE HOTEL UNDERWAY



On August 16th, CL Real Estate Development (CLRED) broke ground on the long-awaited development of the Keefe House Hotel. Contractors arrived on site on Monday, August 16th, 2021, and crews began interior demolition on August 23rd, carefully uncovering and preserving layers of our long-forgotten Hillsdale history.

In September, CLRED hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to officially mark the occasion with speeches from City Manager David Mackie, CEO of CL Enterprises, Peter Limberger, and keynote speaker, the Principal Architect, Gary Anderson. Progress continues with interior demolition to prepare the site for the next phase of the project.

CLRED intends to restore the Keefe House Hotel to its original splendor with particular respect to Hillsdale's industrial history. Restoration features 34 unique guest rooms with a restaurant, a bar, spaces for private events, and retail space. Guests to the hotel will be able to experience the town hotel's iconic mosaic floors, original tin ceiling, and restored mill work as the hotel guests once did. CL Real Estate Development is honored to revitalize this prominent part of Hillsdale's history and breathe new life into the hotel's block of our downtown area.

The project is expected to generate a total capital investment of \$12.3 million and create 50 full time equivalent jobs.

On October 13th, the Keefe House Hotel received a visit from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, highlighting her MI New Economy plan.

## HILLSDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT



The Hillsdale Community Library received a \$15,000 grant from the Michigan Humanities Organizations Pandemic Emergency (MI H.O.P.E) - a grant program designed to assist Michigan cultural and community organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Library will be using these acquired funds to expand its existing children's programs. Such after-school programs include: Lego Club, Science Club, and Arts and Crafts Club. Youth programs are open to ALL area youth and do not require a library card or registration to participate.

Contact the Library for more information at (517) 437-6470 or [info@hillsdale-library.org](mailto:info@hillsdale-library.org).

## HILLSDALE TRANSFER STATION REOPENS



After being closed since early July, the Modern Waste Systems/Hillsdale Transfer Station reopened to the public on November 1st.

The facility will continue to hold the same hours of operation as before the renovation: Monday - Friday: 8 AM - 4 PM, Saturday: 8 AM - 12 PM, Sunday: Closed

## WE WERE "TOGETHER AGAIN" - 2021 HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR



Thank you for supporting and enjoying "The Most Popular Fair On Earth." This year had the best attendance since 2013!

## UTILITY CUSTOMERS ENCOURAGED TO UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION



Hillsdale BPU would like to remind customers to make sure they have a current phone number on file for their account.

When reporting a power outage or other service-related issue, the software uses the account holder's phone number to determine the location of the incident. This only works if the phone number the customer is calling from matches one linked to their account.

Therefore, keeping your phone number(s) updated helps ensure a faster, more efficient BPU response, especially in the event of a widespread power outage. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor by updating your contact information with the BPU today!

\* (517) 437-3388

\* 10 AM - 4 PM

\* [customerservice@hillsdalebpu.com](mailto:customerservice@hillsdalebpu.com)

For after hour emergencies, call BPU's 24/7 emergency line: 1-844-427-8633

## NEW HIRES

Please join the City in welcoming the following new hires for this quarter:

\* Mike Kiersey - Water/Sewer Operator

\* Ethan White - Water/Sewer Operator

\* Jeremy Staggs - Wastewater Operator

\* Daniel Poole - Firefighter

\* Aaron Wessel - DPS General Laborer

\* Sara Cole - CSR BPU

Welcome aboard! We wish you the best during your time with the City!

For current and future job openings, please refer to the City's website. There you will find job posting and an online applications.