

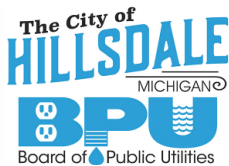
Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

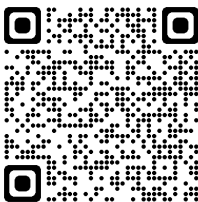
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WINTER HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

- * Friday, December 23, 2022 - Christmas Eve
- * Monday, December 26, 2022 - Christmas Day
- * Friday, December 30, 2022 - New Year's Eve
- * Monday, January 2, 2023 - New Year's Day
- * Monday, January 16, 2023 - MLK Jr Day

2022 WINTER TAXES DUE

Taxes are due and payable December 1, 2022 - February 14, 2023 without interest or penalty.

For more information, please contact the City Treasurer at (517) 437-6454.

Please email assessor@cityofhillsdale.org or call (517) 437-6440 for verification of the mailing address used on your winter tax bill or with questions regarding the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE).

HBA'S ANNUAL LIGHT UP PARADE



Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 6:15 PM in Downtown Hillsdale.

Line up will begin at 5:00 PM in the Midtown parking lot. Pre-register for the event at lightupparade@gmail.com.

HEALTHIES OF HILLSDALE RELOCATES

Healthies of Hillsdale has moved to 4 S Howell St, Hillsdale, MI 49242.

Please call (517) 797-6050 or visit their social media accounts for any additional information.

NEW BUSINESSES IN THE CITY

Cricket Wireless
2928 W Carleton Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242
(517) 995-5018

Fetch'd Dog Grooming
43 E Bacon St, Suite B, Hillsdale, MI 49242
(517) 425-5212

Hillsdale Antiques & Collectibles
41 E Bacon St, Hillsdale, MI 49242
(517) 425-5214

Mystic Tint & Accessories
3007 W Carleton Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242
(517) 995-5000

The Well Activity Center
3240 W Carleton Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242
(517) 212-8948

Wild Bill's Tobacco
205 W Carleton Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242
(517) 398-9110

For more information, please visit the Facebook pages and websites of the businesses mentioned above.

* Note: If you are opening a business in the City of Hillsdale or moving your existing business into/out of the City, please email klopresto@cityofhillsdale.org or ojones@cityofhillsdale.org to be included in the next quarterly newsletter.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATES

Hours of Operation:

- * Monday - Tuesday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- * Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- * Saturday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

(In accordance with City-observed holidays. If a holiday falls on a Friday, the Library will also be closed Saturday).

For events, updates, and programming, please visit the Library's website at www.hillsdale-library.org or visit their Facebook page by searching "Hillsdale Community Library."

2022 CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

The City of Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Business Association will host Christmas in the City.

When: December 3, 2022, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Where: Downtown Hillsdale

Activities include: a drawing by CAPA for the UTV Raffle, storefront contest, shopping, carolers, Santa, Sleigh Scavenger Hunt, hot chocolate, cookies, and more!

For more information, please contact Kelly LoPresto (517) 437-6426 or visit the Hillsdale Business Association's Facebook page.

4TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT



When: December 31, 2022
1:00 - 5:00 PM

Where: 60 N Manning St

The City of Hillsdale, in collaboration with Hillsdale Elks Lodge #1575, is hosting a FREE family-friendly event for the entire county!

Both indoor and outdoor activities are planned. In the parking lot across from the Elks you will find a full-sized ice skating rink (skates provided), a 22 ft Alpine Tubing double-lane slide, horse and carriage rides, food (for purchase), hot chocolate, and more!

Inside, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM, you will find face painting and caricature drawings. Feel free to stop by for a photo with Edwin the penguin.

Brought to you by CAPA, the Hillsdale Community Foundation, Comcast, Michigan Gas Utilities, Point Rental and Sales, the City of Hillsdale, Hillsdale Elks Lodge #1575, Hillsdale BPU, Hillsdale Hospital, and the Hillsdale EDC.



HILLSDALE RESIDENT'S DONATION TO TREE PLANTING PROGRAM RECOGNIZED



On Friday, September 30, longtime resident Richard Eckert joined Hillsdale City Forester Gary Stachowicz and Director of Public Services Jason Blake to receive a formal thank-you for his significant donation to the City's Public Tree Planting Program this year.

Mr. Eckert's donation enabled the planting of nine (9) Eastern Redbud saplings along Wolf's Point just beyond Sandy Beach earlier this summer. The location was chosen due to the heavy storm damage and tree loss the shores of Baw Beese Lake suffered in 2021. As the new trees mature, they are expected to improve soil retention and help stabilize the shoreline around the peninsula.



Now, several months later, the trees all appear to be healthy and thriving in their new permanent home.

"We wanted to be sure these trees took root and became established before sharing the exciting news with the community," said Gary Stachowicz during the Arbor Day Celebration.

Hillsdale has achieved Tree City USA recognition for the past 43 years, which is a testament to the great effort that City staff, donors, and volunteers have put forth over the years to care for and expand the City's urban forest.

If you would like to assist the City with purchasing and planting trees in public spaces, you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Public Tree Planting Program.

For more details or to make a donation, please contact Gary Stachowicz at (517) 437-6493.

TRI-STATE SCENIC STEAM EXCURSION CAME TO HILLSDALE



The City of Hillsdale, once a hotbed of passenger rail activity, was treated with a truly historic sight as steam-powered locomotive engines roared into town for the first time in over 70 years.

The Tri-State Scenic Steam Excursion, an all day round trip tour, brought hundreds of visitors into Hillsdale as part of a scheduled layover, which provided the passengers with an opportunity to explore Hillsdale's historic downtown.



The train tours, departing from Edon, Ohio, passing through Indiana and Michigan, were organized by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, working in collaboration with the Indiana Northeastern Railroad and Little River Railroad.



City staff are hopeful there will be more steam-powered train tours and events in Hillsdale in the years to come. They continue to look for ways to boost local tourism.



RECENT NEW HIRES

Please join the City in welcoming the following new hires:

- * Lewis Dingess - DPS Foreman
- * Salina Brosamer - DPS Admin
- * Liz Voorheis - Library Page
- * Aero Gibbons - Police Department
- * Koel Phillips - Police Department
- * Ethan Britton - Water Operator
- * Jennifer McClellan - GIS Technician
- * Jessica Spangler, formerly the DPS Admin, has been hired as the new Library Director.

Welcome to the City of Hillsdale! We wish you well on your endeavors with us!

GARY STACHOWICZ RETIRES AFTER 17 YEARS

City Forester Gary has been a consummate team player throughout his tenure. Aside from his primary role planting and maintaining all of the City's beautiful trees, Gary has also assisted with winter maintenance, traffic control, and street maintenance. He is always willing to lend a hand!

Gary was an excellent youth mentor! He seized every opportunity to educate college student summer work crews and teach local elementary students how to properly plant trees at annual Arbor Day celebrations.

He will truly be missed! We wish him well as he transitions from work to full-time fishing and hunting!

Thank you, Gary!



CLEARING OF SIDEWALKS IS REQUIRED

Per Hillsdale Municipal Code Sec. 30-89, the owner/occupant, if any, of every lot or parcel of land adjoining any public sidewalk shall be responsible for clearing, removing and treating all ice and snow that accumulates as to render the sidewalk reasonably safe for pedestrian travel. Such treatments include spreading sand and/or de-icing material produced for the purpose of rendering the sidewalk reasonably safe for pedestrian travel by melting the ice and snow or by removing it.

Such treatment should be done "by midnight of the day next following its accumulation" (Sec. 30-89(b)).

Any owner/occupants who fail to comply with this code may be issued a municipal civil infraction ticket. In addition, the City may clear the sidewalk with any related expenses to be billed to the property owner and added to the next City tax bill if unpaid within 30 days.