

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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### CITY OF HILLSDALE

- 🌐 [www.cityofhillsdale.org](http://www.cityofhillsdale.org)
- ☎️ (517) 437-6440
- 📍 97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 49242 (City Hall)
- 🏢 City of Hillsdale
- 🕒 Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### HILLSDALE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU)

- 🌐 [www.cityofhillsdale.org](http://www.cityofhillsdale.org)
- ☎️ (517) 437-3387 | 1-844-427-8633 (after-hour emergencies)
- 📍 45 Monroe St, Hillsdale, MI 49242
- 🏢 Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities
- 🕒 Monday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## 2023 WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are mailed to arrive by December 1st. They are due and payable without interest during the following period:

**DECEMBER 1, 2023 - FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

Please note that tax bills are sent to both the property owner and applicable mortgage services. If you do not receive a tax bill, please contact the City Treasurer.

- ☎️ (517) 437-6454
- 📧 [treasurer@cityofhillsdale.org](mailto:treasurer@cityofhillsdale.org)
- 🕒 Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - Noon, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice of Assessments will be mailed to property owners in February. Although these documents state: "THIS IS NOT A TAX BILL," please take the time to review them! They provide important information regarding the changes to your assessment, taxable value, and amount of taxes billed that tax cycle.

The 2024 March meeting of the Board of Review will meet the following days to consider taxpayer petitions:

**Monday, March 11, 2024 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Location:** 2nd Fl Conference Room, City Hall, 97 N Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 49242

Note: Appointments are encouraged, but, not required. Resident and non-resident taxpayers may file their appeal in writing. Please contact the City Assessor's Office with any questions or concerns:

- ☎️ (517) 437-6440
- 📧 [assessor@cityofhillsdale.org](mailto:assessor@cityofhillsdale.org)

## WINTER HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

- \* **Monday, December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day**
- \* **Tuesday, December 26, 2023 - Christmas Holiday**
- \* **Monday, January 01, 2024 - New Year's Day**
- \* **Tuesday, January 02, 2024 - New Year's Holiday**
- \* **Monday, January 15, 2024 - Martin Luther King Jr Day**

Please visit the calendar page on the City's website for updated meeting date changes or cancellations.



Consider buying from your favorite local stores and shops this holiday season!

Support our local community of artists and entrepreneurs.

**Think Local! Buy Local!**



## TEMPORARY TCO EXTENDED

Temporary Traffic Control Order (TCO) 2023-29 was issued on 07/13/2023 creating a 4-way stop at the intersection of N West St and Fayette St.

City Council, at their October 2nd meeting, voted unanimously to extend the temporary TCO until May 1, 2024 allowing the evaluation period to cover the winter months. Specific attention will be given to north bound traffic.

## DPS/BPU PROJECT UPDATES FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

### SAD 2023-7

- \* **LOCATION:** WESTWOOD AREA
- \* **START DATE:** MARCH/APRIL 2024
- \* **END DATE:** NOVEMBER 2024

Work will begin with underground water/sewer systems. A meeting for residents of the impacted area will be held in December 2023 or January 2024. A detailed schedule will be provided and questions will be answered at that meeting.

### WATER VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

- \* **LOCATION:** CITY-WIDE
- \* **START DATE:** EARLY 2024
- \* **END DATE:** DECEMBER 2024

The City will be replacing approximately 70 water valves that are non-functional or leaking. This project will require water to be shut off during the work. Impacted areas may be subject to a boil notice for several days following the work. Should you be in an impacted area, you will receive notice on your front door prior to the work beginning.

Staff is making every effort to plan these replacements to minimize outages. However, some areas may be impacted multiple times due to valve location and service areas.

### SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT/LINING:

- \* **LOCATION:** CITY-WIDE
- \* **START DATE:** EARLY 2024
- \* **END DATE:** DECEMBER 2024

Full replacements of the sanitary sewer mains will be done on Willow St (between Lake St and Oak St), W. St Joe St (between

South St and Barnard St), and Mechanic St (between W Carleton Rd and Arch Ave).

The City will be constructing a new lift station on Marion St (at Ellen St) associated with a new force main from Ellen St to Salem St.

These project areas will be subject to road closures or limited traffic. Staff will make every effort to maintain access to residents and businesses in the impacted areas.

Other sewers around the City will be repaired and lined with a new cured-in-place pipe material. Lining projects are localized to manholes on either end of the work zone.

### SAD 2024-8:

- \* **LOCATION:** W ST JOE/GRISWOLD ST
- \* **START DATE:** AFTER JULY 8, 2024
- \* **END DATE:** NOVEMBER 2024

This project includes reconstruction of W St Joe St (between Bacon St and South St), new curb and gutter on both sides, a parallel parking lane on the east side, and repaving.

W St Joe St and Griswold St (from South St to Waterworks Ave) will be pulverized in place, re-graded, and paved. Sections of underground storm sewer and culverts will be removed and replaced with this project.

Traffic will be restricted during this project to Local Traffic Only. Further notifications will be sent to residents and businesses in the impacted area when final schedules have been determined.

If you have any questions regarding the projects mentioned in this article, please contact the City Engineer.

- ☎️ (517) 437-6479
- 📧 [kbauer@cityofhillsdale.org](mailto:kbauer@cityofhillsdale.org)

## NEW HIRES

Please join us in welcoming the following recent new hires for the City of Hillsdale:

- \* Levi Stoll - Police Department
- \* Andy Craven - Water Sewer Operator
- \* Greg Sheffer - Wastewater Plant
- \* Corey Brewer - Lineman
- \* Kaleb Dorweiler - Forester
- \* Brock Ladd - Department of Public Services (DPS)

We wish you very best during your time here at the City of Hillsdale! Welcome aboard!

Please visit the City's website for available employment opportunities.

## AIRPORT TERMINAL CONTRACT APPROVED



The Hillsdale City Council unanimously approved the contract for the new terminal at the Hillsdale Municipal Airport at their October 2nd meeting.

The approval of the contract gives the "green light" to construction. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is heading the project. It is slated to start in March 2024.

In February 2023, the Airport was awarded \$2.5 million through the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) FY2023 Airport Terminal Program.

With federal funding, the estimated project cost breakdown is as follows:

Federal Share	\$2,500,000.00
Max MDOT Share	\$65,789.00
City of Hillsdale	\$506,567.00
<b>ESTIMATED project cost</b>	<b>\$3,072,356.00</b>

The City share of the cost will be completely paid for by the income generated from fuel sales at the Airport during the last five (5) years.

The terminal project has been anticipated for many years and City staff is pleased to move forward.

## ANNUAL FLY-IN, ONCE AGAIN, A SUCCESS

It was a perfect Michigan fall day and the turn out was large for the 8th annual Patriot's Day Fly-In Breakfast!

The Hillsdale Municipal Airport extends its gratitude to all who volunteered and helped make this event successful! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8, 2024 for the 9th annual Patriot's Day Fly-In Breakfast! See you there!

## 2024 EARLY VOTING



### WHAT IS EARLY VOTING

In November 2022, Michigan voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment that gives voters the right to vote early and in person at early voting sites before statewide

and federal elections.

Early voting allows a voter to cast a ballot before Election Day, in a experience similar to voting on Election Day. During the early voting period, voters are issued a ballot and can then insert their ballot directly into a tabulator at their early voting site.

### WHEN CAN I EARLY VOTE?

Early voting will be available beginning with the 2024 presidential primary and every statewide and federal election thereafter.

Hillsdale County, and the 22 municipalities within it, came up with an early voting site agreement to help alleviate staffing issue and aid in cost-saving measures. Area clerks will serve as on-site supervisors on the nine (9) early voting days and will provide his/her own election inspectors.

The Hillsdale County Election Commission has set the following days and times, by resolution, for the early voting site: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM each Saturday, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM each Sunday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday, and 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Thursday.

### WHERE CAN I EARLY VOTE?



Hillsdale County Courthouse  
29 N Howell St  
Hillsdale, MI 49242  
Room 2

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the following clerks with any questions or concerns:

- Hillsdale City Clerk's Office
- ☎ (517) 437-6441
  - ✉ clerk@cityofhillsdale.org
- Hillsdale County Clerk's Office
- ☎ (517) 437-3391
  - ✉ a.dane@co.hillsdale.mi.us



## HILLSDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Hillsdale Community Library has so many **FREE** activities happening. **NO** registration or library card is required! Here are a few that they would like to highlight:

### FIRST FRIDAY LIBRARY PLAYGROUP

- When: 1st Friday of the month @ 10:30 AM  
What: This activity is an unstructured playtime for children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers. Join library staff for learning, play, and socializing for both children and adults.

### AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTING

- When: 1st & 3rd Monday of the month  
Where: Children's Library Room  
What: This activity is a craft geared towards children ages 10 and up. Younger children are always welcome when accompanied by an adult (for assistance with the craft).

### SIT AND STITCH

- When: Every Wednesday, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
What: Attendees can bring their hand-stitching projects from home and spend time chatting with others while they work on them. Library staff encourages attendees to bring a lunch.

For more information on these activities, and so much more, please contact the Hillsdale Community Library

- ☎ (517) 437-6477
- ✉ info@hillsdale-library.org
- 📍 11 E Bacon St, Hillsdale, MI 49242
- 📍 Hillsdale Community Library



## WINTER PARKING AND SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

### STREET SNOW REMOVAL & PARKING

Per Sec. 32-171. - Vehicles Restricting snow removal: penalty and enforcement. "It is unlawful to park, leave unattended or fail to remove any motor vehicle or trailer on any public street, highway, parking lot or alleyway, or cause to remain parked **after a snowfall and/or drifting snow of four inches or more**, prior to the removal by city plowing of said street."

This division applies to all public streets, highways, parking lots or alleyways located within the boundaries of the City.

### SIDEWALK CLEARING

Per Sec. 30-89. - Clearing of sidewalks required. "(a) The owner and occupant... shall be responsible for clearing, removing and treating all ice and snow that accumulates on the sidewalk adjoining such property so as to render the sidewalk reasonably safe for pedestrian travel, as hereinafter provided."

"(b) The owner and occupant... shall clear or cause the clearance of all ice and snow that accumulates on each sidewalk or treat or cause the treatment of all such ice and snow **by 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, removing it or otherwise preventing the sidewalk from being slippery by midnight of the day next following its accumulation.**"