

CITY OF HILLSBORO NEWSLETTER

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THE CITY OF HILLSBORO: WHERE COMMUNITY COMES FIRST.

The City Welcomes Growth

Known as the Jefferson County Seat, Hillsboro is renowned for its diverse community, excellent schools, and close proximity to nature. Offering a well-rounded suburban lifestyle, residents enjoy access to parks, community events, historic landmarks, and a thriving community.

Excitingly, our city is experiencing growth! In the past year, we've welcomed numerous new businesses and organizations, enhancing Hillsboro's vibrancy. We look forward to the city's ongoing growth, envisioning a future filled with an even stronger sense of community. Prospective homebuyers, builders, and business investors interested in our community are encouraged to call City Hall for assistance and answers to their questions. Hillsboro has welcomed a variety of businesses, including:



- Back Rhodes Mercantile
- DCS Liquidation & Wholesale
- Four Lakes Restaurant & Event Center
- Gaining Ground Fitness
- Jean Marie Skin Care Co.
- Liv Recovery
- Ms. Crafty LLC.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Rise Physical Therapy
- Rusted Spur Stables
- Taco Tequila
- The Wandering Bean
- Winking Owl Creations
- Visions Academy Preschool



MAYOR BUDDY RUSSELL

A Caring Community

Meet Mayor Buddy Russell, the heart and soul of Hillsboro. His love for Hillsboro is palpable, evident in his hands-on approach to town beautification. During the spring and summer, you'll often find him tending to the lawns of local businesses and organizations, adding his touch to make our town even more beautiful.

Beyond his civic duties, Buddy embraces the simple joys of life, especially bike riding, which he passionately enjoys. His favorite holiday is Christmas, particularly for the Christmas parade and the heartwarming Community Christmas at the farm, where the town's spirit shines brightly. What he loves most about Hillsboro is the strong sense of community forged by the unity of its citizens and businesses, working together in harmony and fostering a warm camaraderie that makes our town truly special.

A dedicated supporter of POW-MIA events, Buddy actively promotes these initiatives within our community. With a welcoming stance towards growth, he encourages collaboration and envisions a Hillsboro with increased revenue. Buddy's goals center on steering the city towards positive growth, advocating for fair compensation and ample funding for the police and public works departments, all while fostering a sense of unity and progress within our beloved town.



Keeping Your Pets Safe



Owning pets brings immeasurable joy and companionship to our lives. The unconditional love and loyalty they provide contribute to a sense of well-being and happiness. As we embrace the joy of having pets, it's essential to be mindful of our City ordinance regarding their care, ensuring their safety and the harmony of our community. Responsible pet ownership not only enhances our lives but also fosters a welcoming and secure environment in Hillsboro for all residents.

Sec. 4-36. - Required.

No person owning, controlling or having care or custody of a dog or cat over the age of three months shall permit the same to be and remain within the city unless such person shall obtain a license therefor in accordance with the provisions of this article and unless such person shall obtain and maintain a currently effective rabies vaccination thereof. Any person who violates this article shall, upon conviction therefor, be fined.

(Code 1967, § 4-5; Ord. No. 19-80, § 1, 12-1-80; Ord. No. 8-82, § 1, 10-4-82; Ord. No. 15-94, § 1, 6-6-94)

Sec. 4-40. - Same—Fee.

A license fee of \$4.00 for each animal license applied for shall accompany the application, which fee shall be applicable whether the license is for a full year or for the unexpired part of a year.

Water Tower Project Update

Dear Hillsboro Residents,

We are delighted to provide you with a comprehensive update on the upcoming water tower project, a significant initiative aimed at enhancing our community's water infrastructure. Here is a detailed summary covering various aspects of the project:

Project Overview: *The water tower project in Hillsboro is a vital step towards ensuring a reliable and efficient water supply for our growing community. The project involves the construction of a 750,000-gallon water tower, standing 130 feet tall.*

Well Installation: *As part of this comprehensive water infrastructure project, a new well will be installed with an impressive capacity of 650 gallons per minute. The well complements the water tower, contributing significantly to the overall efficiency of our water distribution system.*

Location Details: *The tower will be strategically positioned 340 feet south of Goldfinch and 410 feet east of Business 21, blending functionality with our cityscape.*

Construction Start Date: *We are excited to announce that construction on the water tower is scheduled to commence in June 2024. This milestone marks the beginning of a project that will positively impact the reliability and efficiency of our water supply system.*

Community Impact: *Throughout the construction phase, the City is committed to minimizing potential disruptions and maintaining open lines of communication with residents. Regular updates will be provided through the City Newsletter, social media platforms, and the official city website.*

Engagement and Transparency: *Community input has been a crucial aspect of the decision-making process. The chosen location, well capacity, and overall project design have been influenced by valuable feedback received from residents during public forums and meetings. We encourage ongoing engagement and invite residents to share any questions or feedback.*

Environmental Considerations: *The project team is dedicated to environmental stewardship, employing sustainable construction practices and materials to minimize the project's impact on the environment.*

Future Milestones: *As construction progresses, the City will continue to provide updates on milestones achieved, adjustments to the timeline (if any), and other relevant developments. Regular communication will ensure that residents are well-informed and engaged in the progress of this essential project. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build a stronger and more resilient Hillsboro.*

*Sincerely,
Jesse W. Wallis
City Administrator*

Trash Information



REPUBLIC SERVICES

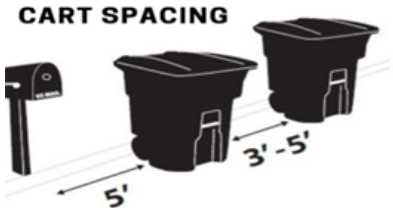
BLUE TRASH BIN must be at your curbside the night before or by 5:00 a.m. on Monday.



Trash will be picked up on Monday

Republic services will provide a 95 gallon TRASH BIN and RECYCLE BIN to each resident at no additional charges. If you have additional items for pickup (i.e. couch, stove, water heater), please call City Hall at (636) 797-3334 ext. 2 for pickup day and cost

Keep a 3 foot clearance around cart



Disposal of Excess Garbage

If you constantly have more than the trash bin of garbage each week, you may need an additional cart. Please call City Hall to discuss an additional trash bin.



Disability Assistance

While trash bins are usually easy to move to their collection spot, some may have difficulty. If you have a disability, please call City hall so that we can assist.



· Containers/ Bags must not weigh more than 30 pounds.



· Paint Containers must be empty or solidified prior to being picked up. (Use kitty litter or sand to solidify left over paint.)



· Glass (window panes, storm doors, etc..) must be broken up and placed in a taped box marked glass.



· Liquids (i.e. thinners, oil, acids) and Medical waste (i.e. oxygen tanks, needles are not acceptable materials for pick up



· ALL boxes need to be broken down, and places INSIDE the trash bin for pickup

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holidays are TBD except:

- Thanksgiving day
- Christmas day
- New year day

Republic Services will not service residential customers on these Holidays. They will adjust the services by one day. Monday service will occur TUESDAY (city) Thursday service will occur FRIDAY (Dylan dr.)

The monthly water bill will state whether or not the trash is running on the holidays not listed above.



Recycle Information

Recycle will be picked up Monday



GREEN RECYCLE BIN must be at your curbside the night before or by 5:00 a.m. on Monday



WHAT IS RECYCLABLE?

- Flattened Cardboard
- Paper
- Metal Cans (RINSED)

Keep a 3 foot clearance around cart



WHAT IS NOT RECYCLABLE?

- Plastic Bags & Wrappers · Styrofoam · Greasy Pizza Boxes · Food
 Electronics & Batteries · Yard Waste · Diapers · Soiled Paper · Clothing & Shoes
 Tools · Construction Waste · Medical Waste · Scrap Metal

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HOW TO PREPARE RECYCLABLES:

EMPTY. CLEAN. DRY.
 Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid

KEEP IT LOOSE
 Never put recyclables in containers or bags



HILLSBORO PARK DISCOVERY TRAIL

Exploring Nature's Secrets



The Hillsboro Park Discovery Trail recently underwent a captivating transformation, making it an exciting destination for all ages. This rejuvenated trail offers a delightful blend of nature, art, and interactive elements, ensuring a memorable experience for visitors.

One of the trail's highlights is the addition of sonnets for the seasons, enriching the ambiance with poetic beauty as visitors traverse through the changing landscape. The trail boasts a colossal interactive bird's nest and obstacle course crafted from branches and wood, providing a playful challenge for both children and adults alike.

Artistic expressions are scattered throughout the trail, with intricate carvings showcasing local talent and adding a touch of creativity to the natural surroundings. The butterfly garden introduces vibrant colors and fluttering wonders, creating a serene space for appreciation and contemplation.

A unique feature of the Hillsboro Park Discovery Trail is the Labyrinth with solstice pillars, offering a symbolic journey that aligns with the changing seasons. The addition of new benches provides inviting resting spots for trail-goers to soak in the beauty of their surroundings.

The discovery trail has an immersive scavenger hunt with QR codes scattered throughout the park. Children and adults alike embarked on a journey to decode the hidden messages and unveil clues. Each QR code reveals a piece of the puzzle, leading participants to discover hidden gems, historical facts, and surprises tucked away in the natural beauty of the trail. At the end of your journey a prize awaits thanks to the generous local businesses who have sponsored this family fun activity.

The trail's updated painted bridge not only enhances the aesthetic appeal but also serves as a connection between different sections of the trail. With new plantings adding greenery and diversity, the trail becomes a living canvas that evolves with each passing season.

In essence, the Hillsboro Park Discovery Trail is a testament to the harmonious blend of nature and human creativity. Whether you seek adventure in the obstacle course, poetic inspiration in the sonnets, or tranquility in the butterfly garden and Labyrinth, this trail promises a delightful journey for everyone. Take a stroll, embrace the discoveries, and immerse yourself in the enchanting world of Hillsboro Park Discovery Trail.



This project was funded through a \$15,000 Community Trust Project by Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation, cash and in-kind donations from local individuals, businesses and the City of Hillsboro.

Thank you to Project Coordinator Ryan Hurtgen for his vision and dedicated work to complete this project for the community.



Meet the Staff

HILLSBORO CITY HALL



Jesse Wallis
City Administrator

Meet Jesse Wallis, our esteemed City Administrator. A devoted member of Joachim Lodge 164 in the Masonic Lodge, Jesse also serves as Jefferson County's Representative on the Board of Directors at Jefferson Franklin Community Action. His commitment to community extends to his family, including his wonderful wife, Chelsea, and their four children—Ashlyn, Lexi, Kimber, and Carter. Jesse admires his wife, Chelsea, for her unwavering work ethic and dedication to family. His two dogs, Tipsy and Tank, keep the household lively.

Jesse's governance skills are essential in his role as City Administrator, meeting the needs of the Hillsboro community. The most inspiring part of his job is the chance to make a positive impact on the lives of Hillsboro residents and contribute to the city's progress. Looking ahead, Jesse aims to be a more positive thinker, fostering a community-wide focus on the brighter aspects of life.

Elizabeth Vreeland
City Clerk

With over 40 years of dedicated service at Hillsboro City, Beth is actively involved in various local organizations, including the Twin City Area Optimist Club, Hillsboro Lions Club, and several boards, including serving as Secretary on the Hillsboro Park Board. At home, she finds joy in the company of her Golden Retriever puppy, Winston, and her husband, Dennis.

Beth's diverse interests range from watching dog agility shows to enjoying hikes with Winston, planting flowers, and baking. A Hillsboro native, she appreciates the town's small-town charm and is dedicated to preserving it amid necessary growth. Her admiration extends to her parents, who serve as her role models. As City Clerk, Beth brings dedication, accuracy, decisiveness, and compassion to her role. She finds fulfillment in taking care of the city's employees, especially in her HR capacity. Looking ahead, she aims to enhance her HR skills by implementing new software and optimizing employee benefits.



Kaley Behnen
Utility Clerk

Meet Kaley Behnen, our vibrant Utility Billing Clerk. When she's not efficiently managing utility billing, Kaley's favorite pastimes involve capturing moments through photography, exploring new places, attending concerts, and tackling jigsaw puzzles. She is also a proud member of the Hillsboro Community Civic Club. At home, Kaley shares her space with a feline companion named Daisy! A fan of the TV series "Suits," Kaley's eclectic interests extend to her dream of starting an Animal Rescue organization if she were ever to hit the jackpot!

The most inspiring aspect of her job is the camaraderie within her work family. Looking ahead, Kaley aims to enhance efficiency by mastering the intricacies of software and updating routines in the coming year.





Jason Daniel

Building Commissioner

Jason Daniel serves as the Hillsboro Building Commissioner and is actively involved in the community as a board member of both the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and the Hillsboro Park. Married to Kristen, he cherishes family time with their three kids: Sophia, Cole, and Savanna. Jason's favorite pastime is floating down the Current River with loved ones. Residing in Hillsboro, he appreciates the town's small-town charm while actively contributing to significant initiatives. His favorite holiday is the 4th of July, and he greatly admires his mother, who has been his lifelong role model. Jason finds inspiration in helping residents and businesses overcome challenges, witnessing their joy when issues are resolved. He aspires to contribute to dramatic changes and upgrades to the Hillsboro Park.

Tim Adams

Public Works

Tim Adams is the dedicated Public Works Superintendent for the City of Hillsboro. With 38 years of marriage, two children, and two grandsons, family holds a special place in his heart. Tim is a proud member of BPOE 689 and finds joy in golfing and exploring new destinations. If he were to win the lottery, Tim's dream is to establish housing for homeless veterans, showcasing his compassionate nature. With a wealth of experience, Tim excels in his role, finding inspiration in assisting those in need. What he values most about Hillsboro is the sense of community and the remarkable people within it.



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All notifications to citizens in Jefferson County, MO, are now sent through

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SEVERE WEATHER, CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, SEVERE TRAFFIC, MISSING PERSONS, & MORE



Our Commitment to the Community

2023 ANNUAL REPORT - Chief Steven Meinberg

As we make our way into 2024, here's a look back at some of the activities of our department in 2023.

50 Years of Service

2023 marked the 50th year of organized police service in the City of Hillsboro. We celebrated this in a number of ways. First, officers were issued a 50-Year Commemorative badge, which took design inspiration from one of the first badges the City of Hillsboro issued in 1976. We also presented a 50-Year Commemorative Chief's badge to the family of James Madonna, Hillsboro's first police chief. We received proclamations from both the City and the State of Missouri recognizing the anniversary, and County Executive Dennis Gannon declared May 20, 2023 as "Hillsboro Police Department Day" in Jefferson County.

Crime Summary

Hillsboro Police officers recorded 3,802 events in 2023, including 2,401 dispatched calls for service and 1,016 traffic stops. Officers took 550 reports and investigated 154 traffic crashes. For the past three years, calls for service have increased. 2019 currently holds the record for calls with 2,696. There was a sharp decrease in 2020 due to COVID-19, and calls have increased steadily again since 2021. We are almost back to pre-COVID numbers. Traffic accidents were almost identical to the previous year; 2023 = 154 compared to 2022 = 155. As usual, the traffic hot spots were on Business 21 at A and B. Enforcement was down with 1,344 citations/warnings written compared to 1,969 written in 2022.

Our ratio balance of 52% citations to 48% warnings still holds true as in past years. Overall, crime had slight variations within categories but generally were low altogether. It was a little harder to track this year, because the Federal guidelines have changed and they have implemented new procedures through a program called NIBRS. Next years' format will be better integrated.

Growth and Change

In 2023, we saw a number of new investments in our department. We were able to retire two antiquated patrol cars (a 2012 and 2013 Dodge Charger) and replace them with two 2023 Chevrolet Tahoes. These vehicles have the latest in safety-conscious design and are equipped with a number of features that allow our officers to do their jobs effectively. We were able to secure grant funding to equip all of our patrol vehicles with automated external defibrillators (AEDs), and have also outfitted each vehicle with in-car video systems.

In October, Hillsboro Police partnered with ASPEN, Inc., as they work to extend their mental health services to first responders. For too long, we have ignored the mental health toll that a career as a first responder takes on a person. We are excited to move toward a more holistic approach to the health and well-being of our employees who give so much of themselves to their jobs.



Hillsboro Police Invests In New Technology

The Hillsboro Police Department recently completed the launch of a new body-worn and in-car camera system. The system has been in development for approximately two years, and began with a review of established best practices and the creation of a policy to govern their use.

"We knew the day was coming when these would become a required part of police work," said Police Chief Steve Meinberg. "Sure enough, there is a federal mandate that all police departments deploy body-worn cameras by January of 2025. We elected to launch this year, to give us a year to get some of the technical kinks worked out. Motorola was selected after meeting with several vendors." Captain Darrick Curtis, the Assistant Chief of Police, created the policy and serves as the administrator of both camera systems.

"The policy was developed after reviewing the policies of several St. Louis-area police departments, all of which are internationally accredited," Curtis said. "Ours meets the rigorous standards for privacy, transparency, and retention."

In addition to body-worn cameras, all marked patrol vehicles have also been equipped with video and audio recording equipment. "One of the neat things about the car cameras is they sync with the officer's body camera to provide multiple views of the same incident. On review, we can switch between the car and the body camera and see the same moment from different perspectives," said Capt. Curtis. In the world of policing, in-car camera systems have been in use for decades. Body-worn cameras, however, are a little newer. It ended up costing less to launch both systems at the same time, rather than individually. Videos taken by officers will be used to aid in the prosecution of criminal offenses, investigate complaints against officers, and for in-house training and review with officers.



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The Board of Alderpersons plays a crucial role in shaping local policies, managing the city's budget, and representing the interests of the community they serve.

If you have a question or concern you can reach out to your Alderperson and they would be happy to assist you.



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Municipal Election is April 2nd.

Your voice echoes loudest in local elections. Be sure to vote to shape the community you call home.