

CITY VIEWS

NEWS & EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

March/April 2014

Shute Park Branch Library: A New Era



The renovated Shute Park Branch Library opens Saturday, March 15.

Less than a year after swinging sledgehammers kicked off the demolition of the original Shute Park Branch Library's interior, a new, more beautifully-designed community gathering spot is set to open on Saturday, March 15 – forever redefining the Shute Park Branch Library's ability to serve the Hillsboro community.

Originally built and opened in 1975, the Library has undergone extensive renovations over the past 10 months. Historic restoration specialist David Wark of Hennebery Eddy Architects worked to enhance the Shute Park Branch Library's original, open design in creating a visible and inviting space that features lower shelves, a reflective ceiling, light-finished wood and considerable natural light.

Underneath the finishes and design work, all building systems have been replaced: heating and air conditioning, roof, electrical, plumbing, security and data. Seismic reinforcements can be seen in diagonal beams across some north windows and beams running overhead east and west. *continued on page 2*

SHUTE PARK BRANCH LIBRARY GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 15 @ 10 am
775 SE Tenth Avenue

KEY NUMBERS:

- 15,000+ square feet
- 57,000 books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and other items
- 57 parking spaces
- 140 new seating places
- 280 first lines from books, poems and songs decorate the new glass wall entrance on the west side

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Supporting Our Students: A City Priority



Mayor Jerry Willey

From keeping our parks clean to filling the occasional pothole, the community counts on the City of Hillsboro to provide many basic services that help make Hillsboro a great place to live. Services such as protecting public safety and ensuring a safe supply of drinking water are not optional, they are necessities. But there are many other programs and services that the City of Hillsboro chooses to make a priority.

Recently, the Hillsboro City Council made an important choice to extend the City's commitment to funding the Portland Community College (PCC) Future Connect program. The Council unanimously approved the decision to invest an additional \$100,000 in the Future Connect program in order to provide partial two-year scholarships and services for a second group of 50 Hillsboro students enrolling at PCC. *continued on page 5*



Some of Hillsboro's 2013 PCC Future Connect scholarship recipients.

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Shute Park Branch Library: A New Era

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The view from the kids' reading area of the new Shute Park Branch Library.

Led by new Branch Manager Hillary Ostlund, a team of employees has moved over from the Hillsboro Main Library to begin a new era of serving Hillsboro book lovers at Shute Park, just as the Hillsboro Public Library celebrates 100 years of operations.

Shute Park Library's grand opening comes just nine months after the opening of the Main Library's second floor, which added more than 36,000 square feet of useable space.

"With two new library buildings that Hillsboro can be proud of, it's a great way to celebrate a centennial," said Library Director Mike Smith.

The two-part capital project cost \$9.5 million, with \$500,000 in support from the Hillsboro Library Foundation and a \$25,000 donation from the Friends of the Library to purchase bestselling books and DVDs.

Join Mayor Jerry Willey and others to celebrate the grand opening of the renovated Shute Park Branch Library on Saturday, March 15 at 10 am. 

KEY FEATURES:

- Natural light floods the building
- Seismically reinforced structure
- New roof, heating, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, security, data systems
- New meeting room can be reserved before and after library hours for events
- Tom & Gayle Hughes Conference Room may be reserved during library hours
- Reader board provides information about library programs and services
- Additional features for children, including an early-literacy kiosk and new furniture
- New Tuality Healthcare Plaza features a public art project of mosaic tiles by local artist Lynn Adamo

SHUTE PARK BRANCH HOURS:

Monday – Wednesday: 10 am – 8 pm

Thursday – Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday: Closed

Shute Park Energy Savings

SUSTAINABILITY

The renovation of the Shute Park Branch Library not only is giving the community additional space for learning and gathering, it is also leading to substantial energy savings. Upgrades to the renovated 16,000-square-foot building are expected to reduce the building's energy usage by at least 20 percent for expected annual utility bill savings of \$6,400.

Included upgrades:

- A new, more energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning system
- Better-insulated windows
- More energy-efficient internal lighting with motion sensors
- More energy-efficient exterior lighting
- Additional exterior wall insulation
- A better-insulated roof
- Automated energy analysis and control systems



The Shute Park Branch Library's west side.

As a participant in the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge, the City of Hillsboro selected the Shute Park Branch Library renovation as a "Showcase Project" that highlights efforts to achieve major energy savings. City of Hillsboro employees will track the actual energy usage of the building and report the savings.

The City of Hillsboro has committed to reducing overall consumption of energy from City facilities by 20 percent before 2020. Thanks to a concerted focus on energy-efficient investments, the City has achieved a nine percent reduction in energy use since 2009, nearly halfway to the 2020 goal. The resulting cost savings have been significant. The total cost for utilities (electricity, natural gas and water) has been reduced by more than \$420,000 since 2009, a cost savings of 15 percent.

COUNCIL CONNECTION

What are you looking forward to about spring in Hillsboro?



Mayor Jerry Willey

Walking down a fairway with my golf clubs



Council President Aron Carleson

Spring bulbs popping in City parks



Councilor Olga Acuña

Biking around Hagg Lake and Hillsboro



Councilor Megan Braze

Playing disc golf at Orchard Park



Councilor Steve Callaway

The return of Farmers' Markets



Councilor Darell Lumaco

Teeing it up



Councilor Fred Nachtigal

Motorcycling

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City Manager's Report 2014 City Council Priorities



City Manager Michael Brown

Each year, your elected Hillsboro City Council holds a retreat to identify the top priorities for our City and where we, as City employees, should focus our attention.

In addition to the critical public services that we provide every day—police, fire, transportation, sewer, water, library, parks & recreation and more—these priorities represent the collective desire of the Council to continue to raise the bar in serving the community and delivering opportunities for an even higher quality of life here in Hillsboro.

While we have other priorities outside of this list for 2014, these priorities identified by the City Council help guide us as an

organization in serving the community.

In February, after taking into consideration previous years' priorities, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision & Action Plan, and other strategic plans, the Council established the following top priorities for 2014:

- 2014 Legislative Session
- Washington County Transportation Study
- New Community Recreation Center
- North Industrial Development Strategy
- 50-Year Water Supply Source
- Downtown Enhancements
- Support the 2035 Vision
- Identify and Implement Specific Actions to Support the Hillsboro School District and Higher Education
- Transportation Funding Focusing on Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety and Improvements
- Park Land Acquisition

For more information, you can read a detailed summary of each of the 2014 City Council Priorities on the City website. [G](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?



Early February produced the strongest snow event in Hillsboro since 2008. The City's Public Works crews worked around the clock in 12-hour shifts to keep the City's primary streets passable for emergency vehicles.

Making Water Out of Snow

How difficult is it to operate a water plant in a snowstorm? When temperatures dip below freezing, water has a habit of changing from liquid to solid, and the resulting ice does not filter well. Snow and ice present the greatest treatment challenges as the operators and maintenance crew have to work to keep the equipment and water from freezing.



A snowy look at the Joint Water Commission Water Treatment Plant.

The good news is that during the foul weather in early February, operations never ceased at the Joint Water Commission Water Treatment Plant which provides Hillsboro's drinking water supply. Water treatment plant operators are on the job 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – even during snowstorms – to maintain service. Hopefully, it's reassuring to know that "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night" hindered delivery of safe, high-quality drinking water to your home.



Sound the Alarm: Will Your Smoke Alarm Save Your Life?

On an average day in America, 1,315 homes catch fire. In 2012, 2,380 people died in residential fires, while another 14,700 people were injured. An out-of-control fire can turn deadly in a matter of seconds: destroying property, disrupting lives and most painfully, taking away loved ones.


Smoke alarms are the single most important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal, so you and your family can escape. Make sure smoke alarms are installed on every level of your home and check them once a month by pushing the test button. Develop a home escape plan and practice it two times per year—at least once at night. Know two ways out of every room, and establish a safe meeting place outside.



A Hillsboro firefighter installs a smoke alarm.

The Hillsboro Fire Department’s goal is to have a working smoke alarm in every home in Hillsboro. In an effort to reduce injuries or fatalities in residential fires, the Hillsboro Fire Department provides Hillsboro residents with smoke alarm checks and home safety visits upon request. This service is provided at no charge in an effort to increase awareness and safety in our community.

Currently, on all routine and emergency responses, Fire Department personnel check to ensure that residents are protected by a working smoke alarm. If a battery is dead or missing, it is replaced. If a smoke alarm is not present or is not operable, a new alarm is installed.

Your family’s safety is important to us. If you would like the Hillsboro Fire Department to check your smoke alarms you can call 503-681-6178 or email bruce.montgomery@hillsboro-oregon.gov. 

DID YOU KNOW...



Tree roots can cause dangerous tripping hazards and broken sidewalks. City code requires property owners to maintain all sidewalks adjacent to their property in good repair, and homeowners are liable for any injuries or damages that result from failure to maintain those sidewalks.

Q & A: Hillsboro Police Chief Lee Dobrowolski

Since taking over as Hillsboro Police Chief in early February, Lee Dobrowolski has been connecting with HPD employees and the community. Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov to read our extended interview with Chief Dobrowolski.

During your official swearing-in ceremony, you asked your wife Susan to pin your badge on your uniform. What does that say about your partnership?

My wife and I will have been married 25 years in April. She has always been there to support me through both my military and law enforcement careers. Both of these careers pose great challenges for families, and Sue has been strong and supportive. We are a team and I would never have achieved what I have in life without her support.

You’ve lived in Hillsboro since January, what stands out to you?

What stands out most is how friendly the community is. I have been welcomed with open arms by every facet of this City. I am very pleased with the support the Police Department and I receive from every part of our community.

What does the term “community policing” mean to you?

Community policing is actually a throwback to the cop on the beat. The cops knew everyone in the neighborhood and they knew him or her. That is where we need to be again. We cannot do our job without the citizens’ help. If we have a relationship with our citizens, I think they will be much more likely to ask for, or give us, help. We need to be a part of our community, not apart from it.



*Hillsboro Police Chief
Lee Dowbrowolski*

VOLUNTEER HERO

Diane Carroll: Police, Parks & Recreation Departments



Diane Carroll holds a coyote pelt at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve.

Tell us about your volunteer work:

I volunteer twice a month at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve as a Center Guide at the Education Center. I work on computer projects for about 20 hours per month at Jackson Bottom, where I helped to launch the Mammal Project, and at the Hillsboro Police Department, where I am helping to develop a spreadsheet with information about Hillsboro homeowners' associations.

Why did you start volunteering?

After retiring and moving to Hillsboro in 2011, I visited the preserve and immediately wanted to become involved with this wonderful group of scientists and the precious resources at Jackson Bottom. I started working with some software that helps to organize the volunteer program there. Later, I began working on the same system with the Hillsboro Police Department.

What would you tell others about volunteering with the City of Hillsboro?

You will not regret spending time volunteering for the City of Hillsboro. They know how to place you in areas where you can help, and you can tell that you make a difference.

Get involved! Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov to find a list of "Volunteer Opportunities."

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Supporting Our Students


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This is not the first time that we, as a Council – and as a City – have made this commitment to higher education. Last year, the Council partially funded the first group of 50 Hillsboro high school students who are either first-generation college students or whose families may not be able to afford to send them to college without support.

The money for the scholarship program support comes from tax abatements. The City of Hillsboro collects what is called a Community Service Fee from companies that receive tax abatements in the City's Enterprise Zone Program. We ask companies to pay that fee and then we invest the money in City programs that increase employment opportunities, as well as education and job-skill levels.

The Future Connect program provides small scholarships to support financial aid, as well as individualized academic advising, career-guidance classes, access to tutoring, group support and personalized coaching to help students succeed in their courses, navigate unfamiliar college life, and overcome obstacles to staying in school.

The program already has proven successful for helping Hillsboro-based students continue their education pursuits, as 48 of the 50 students from the first group registered for the winter term. If you know of a high school student interested in the Future Connect program, encourage them to visit PCC's website for the Future Connect Program: www.pcc.edu/resources/future-connect.

Together we can continue to keep our parks clean, the potholes filled, provide great drinking water, AND provide our young people with excellent education and work opportunities. 

Website Wisdom: Translation



Hillsboro's tremendous diversity includes many languages spoken.

To best serve our community, the Hillsboro-Oregon.gov website includes translation for 81 different languages.

Click on the "Translate" feature at the top of any page, select your preferred language, and the website will automatically translate the text into your language of choice.



Rethinking, Redefining: A Hillsboro YAC Anti-Bullying Initiative

By Anisha Datta, YAC member



YAC students shoot a scene for their anti-bullying PSA.

there, a team of YAC student writers put together a script for the minute-long PSA with the help of Liz Vice and Laki Karavias.

YAs a group, we cast YAC members into the different parts before getting together to record the announcement, which incorporated a variety of settings and characters.

"The process could not have gone smoother," said YAC member Sophie VanDyke. "It was clear that all of us actors were dedicated to the cause and determined to put out the best, most persuasive product that we could."

It was true – the entire experience felt almost professional. The mentors YAC worked with did an excellent job of providing guidance while allowing students creative freedom to turn first-hand experiences into a learning lesson. The process also left YAC members with some serious food for thought. "[The anti-bullying project] made me realize how far derogatory actions and gestures can significantly lead a victim to have a lot of negative self-esteem," said YAC member Alicia Hernandez.

Each participant contributed unique skills to the final product, which will be presented to middle and high school students in Hillsboro schools across the district in an effort to create a more accepting atmosphere for today's youth.

Last fall, Hillsboro's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was assigned to create an anti-bullying campaign that would be presented to students in the Hillsboro School District later this year. YAC, which is comprised of high school students from all over Hillsboro, utilized the talents of its members and their perspectives as students to create a public service announcement (PSA) that promotes tolerance and acceptance among youth.

The creation process began with brainstorming meetings, followed by anti-bullying workshops with Lines for Life representative Emily Moser. Through the course of four lengthy workshops, students shared their thoughts on bullying and how to mitigate its effects. From



YAC students head outdoors to continue the PSA production.

Hillsboro Gets the Gold!

The American Heart Association's "My Heart. My Life." initiative has recognized the City of Hillsboro as a Gold Level Fit-Friendly Worksite, based on the City's commitment to encouraging employees to participate in physical activity, good nutrition and wellness.

The City of Hillsboro was recognized for:

- Offering employees physical activity support
- Providing/increasing healthy eating options at the worksite
- Promoting a wellness culture
- Implementing at least nine criteria as outlined by the American Heart Association in the areas of physical activity, nutrition and culture



For more information on the Fit-Friendly Worksites initiative or to learn what you can do to incorporate more physical activity into your day, visit startwalkingnow.org.

New Bike Racks in Downtown Hillsboro

Bicyclists who enjoy shopping or dining out in Downtown Hillsboro have new options for parking. A total of 30 bike racks incorporating the City's logo are being installed along Main Street between 2nd and 4th Avenues, as well as other locations in the Downtown area.

"We want to make Downtown Hillsboro an enjoyable and pleasant place to visit at all times," said Karla Antonini, project manager with the Economic Development Department. "By installing flower baskets in the summer, snowflake lights in the winter and providing other amenities such as solar garbage compactors, benches and power-washing of sidewalks, we keep the Downtown area clean and inviting for our residents and visitors to enjoy everything our City has to offer."

All 30 racks are expected to be installed by spring.







EVENT CALENDAR

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
9 Stomptowners Celtic Music @ Main Library, 3 pm	10	11 Parks & Recreation Commission, 7 am Finance Committee, 5:30 pm Open Poetry Night @ the Walters, 7 pm	12 HACC Workshop @ The Walters, 4 pm Planning Commission, 6:30 pm Landlord Forum @ PCC Willow Creek, 6:30 pm	13 Family Art Night @ the Walters 6:30 pm	14 BodyVox-2 @ the Walters 7:30 pm 	15 Shute Park Branch Library Grand Opening, 10 am
		18 HACC Workshop @ the Walters, 4 pm City Council Meeting, ← 7 pm Spoken Word Lecture @ Walters, 7 pm	19 Douglas Fir Ecosystems @ Shute Park Library, 3:30 pm HLAC Committee, 6 pm Planning & Zoning Hearings Board, 6:30 pm	20 Family Art Night @ the Walters, 6:30 pm	21 Earth Science Open House @ Shute Park Library, 2:30 pm Acoustic Guitar Summit @ the Walters, 7:30 pm	22 Seed to Supper Gardening Series @ Main Library, 1 - 4 pm
	24 Parks & Rec Spring Break Camps begin ←	25 Parks & Rec Spring Break Camps Parks & Recreation Commission, 7 am Cool Tunes for Kids @ Main Library, 2:30 pm Transportation Committee, 5:30 pm	26 Parks & Rec Spring Break Camps HACC Board Meeting @ The Walters, 4 pm Planning Commission, 6:30 pm	27 Parks & Rec Spring Break Camps Cardboard Roll Puppet Fun! @ Shute Park Library, 3:30 pm Family Art Night @ the Walters, 6:30 pm	28 Parks & Rec Spring Break Camps	29 Earth Science Open House @ Main Library, 2:30 pm
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APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 ← Youth Art Exhibit Reception @ the Walters, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7 pm	2 Planning & Zoning Hearings Board, 6:30 pm	3 Family Art Night @ the Walters, 6:30 pm		5 ← Poetry & Sasquatch Fun @ Main Library, 10:15 am and @ Shute Park Library, 3:30 pm
6	7	8 Finance Committee, 5:30 pm	9 HACC Workshop @ the Walters, 4 pm Planning Commission, 6:30 pm Landlord Forum @ PCC Willow Creek, 6:30 pm	10 Family Art Night @ the Walters, 6:30 pm Open House: Sanitary Sewer & Storm Drainage Local Service Fee @ Civic Center Room 113B&C, 4:30 - 6:30 pm	11 Ron Steen Quartet @ the Walters, 7:30 pm	12 HFD Door-to-Door Smoke Alarm Blitz Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve Native Plant Sale, 9 am - 3 pm Art of the Story Festival Finale @ Main Library, 6:30 pm
13 Latino Cultural Festival @ Civic Center Plaza, 12 - 5 pm ↓	14	15 City Council Meeting, 7 pm Open Poetry Night @ the Walters, 7 pm	16 HLAC Committee, 6 pm Planning & Zoning Hearings Board, 6:30 pm	17 Family Art Night @ the Walters, 6:30 pm		19 ← Underwater EGGstravaganza @ SHARC, Times Vary
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27	28	29	30			

For complete event details please visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov

Library 503-615-6500 • The Walters Cultural Arts Center 503-615-3485 • Parks & Recreation 503-681-6120
Tickets for The Walters Cultural Arts Center events at www.brownpapertickets.com

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Council Spotlight: Olga Acuña



COUNCIL EXPERIENCE: Olga joined the City Council in January 2008 by appointment, was elected later that year, then was re-elected in 2012. Her term expires in January 2017.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: She has lived in Hillsboro since 1980 and has served on the planning committee for Liberty High School. Olga was chosen to begin the Office of Hispanic Outreach in the Hillsboro School District, and has served on the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee.

WORK EXPERIENCE: Olga works as Director of Federal Programs & Parent and Community Outreach at the Hillsboro School District. Previously, she served as an assistant principal at Hillsboro High School.

WHY SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL?

"The concept of public service has fascinated me for as long as I can remember. I learned from my father and the individuals that have mentored me along the way that happiness in life comes primarily from being honest and helping others without expecting anything in return. An additional factor that influenced my decision to become more involved in public service has

been a desire to influence others to be more involved in their community. Civic participation is one way leaders can work with other leaders for the betterment of the whole community. As a leader in this community, I am available to listen to the voice of the community members, and to speak on their behalf on issues that are important to them. I want them to know I am accessible, approachable and very friendly."

To read the full spotlight on Councilor Acuña, please visit the City website, Hillsboro-Oregon.gov. 



10TH ANNUAL LATINO CULTURAL FESTIVAL

April 13, 12 - 5 pm

Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza

Celebrate diverse cultures at the 10th Annual Latino Cultural Festival in Downtown Hillsboro. The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce is preparing to host an afternoon of food, entertainment, art, culture and sports for the entire family.



CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY!

FUN FACTS ABOUT OLGA

Nickname: Olguis

Favorite Dessert: Carrot cake

Favorite Hobby: Motorcycling

Favorite Music: Country and Mariachi

Favorite Quotes: "Respect for the rights of others means peace." – Benito Juarez, former President of Mexico

"We must become the change we wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi