

everything ★ within ★ reach

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 2	Hillsboro Day (free until noon) at Trinity Landfill, Itasca.
April 5	City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.
April 19	City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.
April 22	Good Friday
April 24	Easter
May 3	City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.
May 5	Cinco De Mayo
May 7	Hillsboro Day (free until noon) at Trinity Landfill, Itasca.
May 8	Mother's Day
May 17	City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.
May 30	Memorial Day

### Visit the Hillsboro City Library

Come in and browse our current best sellers! Library cards are free of charge, and applications may be obtained at the front desk. We only require proof of address. Public Internet access is available. Library hours are:

Monday & Thursday 9-7

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9-5

Saturday 9-12 Noon

We are conveniently located at 118 South Waco Street. For more information about our services, please call 254-582-7385. Our staff will be happy to assist you!

#### Preschool Storytime Tuesdays at 10am - Children's Library

April 5-Do You See a **FROG**? April 19-We love **BUNNIES**!  
 April 12-**BUTTERFLIES**! April 26-**TURTLES** Everywhere!

### Statistics for February 2011

**Hillsboro Police**  
 911-Calls...687  
 ACO Calls...432  
 Arrests...63

Accidents...78  
 Other Calls for Service...2452



**Hillsboro Fire and Rescue**  
 EMS calls...55 Fire Runs...64  
 Total calls...119

### Tim Kocian Appointed Code Enforcement Officer



In an effort to address quality of life issues, the City of Hillsboro has recently filled the Code Enforcement position with long tenured employee Tim Kocian. While new to Code Enforcement, Tim is far from being new to the City.

Tim began working for the City in May of 1998 for the Hillsboro Fire Department, where he earned the rank of Lieutenant in 2004. Working to increase his training levels and to accomplish career goals, he obtained his Paramedic and Advanced Fire Fighter certifications. After completing those goals, Tim had the opportunity to take additional classes to achieve his Fire Inspector certification. He then attended classes at McLennan Community College in Waco, where he received his certificate for Advanced Arson Investigator.

A requirement to reach his goal of Fire Investigator led him to be a licensed Peace Officer. He completed the Police Academy in December of 2010 with a Peace Officers License for the State of Texas. He recently joined the City's Code Enforcement Department as an Investigator. Tim's experience and training will be an asset to our community as we work together to beautify the city.

### City-Wide Cleanup Saturday, April 16, 2011

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to rid their property of large, bulky items that would not normally be picked up by garbage collection crews. Individuals who wish to dispose of items/garbage must be able to provide proof that they are residents of the city. A water bill or driver's license will suffice. Contractors will not be allowed to utilize the dumpsters. The Hillsboro Independent School District is again generously providing the Eagle Field parking lot as one of the staging locations. Dumpsters will be set up at this location from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Items will also be accepted at the City of Hillsboro Public Works Department, 318 Morgan Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Read more about this upcoming community event in the Hillsboro Reporter newspaper, or visit the city website: <http://www.hillsborotx.org>.

For more information or to volunteer, call Paula Bettis, public liaison, at the Hillsboro Police Dept., weekdays at 582-2381, extension 20.



### Don't Miss These Upcoming Events in May

**Tri Hillsboro Triathlon** will be held Saturday, May 7, 2011. This non-profit event will benefit area Volunteer Fire Departments.

Competitors will test their endurance in swimming, biking and running in this exciting event. The first leg begins at Lake Aquilla with a 500 meter swim, then moves into a 16.2 mile bike ride. The last leg of the triathlon is a 3.1 mile run. This sanctioned race is in association with the USA Triathlon Association.

For more information, please call 254-582-8465 or 254-266-4355. Read additional articles on this event in upcoming issues of the Hillsboro Reporter, or visit <http://hillsbororeporter.com>. Printable sponsorship forms will be available on the City of Hillsboro website at <http://www.hillsborotx.org>.



**4th Annual Waggin' Trail Bike Ride** Don't miss this event on Saturday, May 7th! Staggered start at 9:00 am at Anytime Fitness, 303 Coke Street, Suite #100. Proceeds will benefit both **Hill County Paw Pals** and **Hill County Boys and Girls Club**. Guaranteed event T-shirt if pre-registered by April 22, 2011. Early registration fee is \$25, if received by May 3rd. \$30 fee after May 3rd ( \$15 for children under 12 years of age) Make checks payable to Hill County Paw Pals, P.O. Box 1533, Hillsboro, TX 76645. There will be six routes to choose from, ranging from 10 miles to 100 miles, all running on Hill County's famed historic Farm to Market Road system.

For more information on this fun-filled community event, contact Mike Hendricks at (254) 580-0679 or email him at [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com). Visit the Waggin' Trail Bike Ride on the web at [www.waggintrailbikeride.com](http://www.waggintrailbikeride.com).



### Keeping Your Grass

### MOWED TO CODE



Spring has arrived, and grass is beginning to grow in response to recent showers. Soon we will be mowing our lawns on a regular basis. Remember, lower rainfall amounts mean that grass isn't growing as quickly as in recent years, and periods of dry weather may raise the level of fire hazard. Tall, dry grass and weeds can burn quickly with devastating results, so it is important to keep these areas mowed.

Here are a few reminders of the importance of keeping grass nicely trimmed:

City ordinances state that grass be no more than 12 inches tall. Using this code as a guideline will have a number of benefits. Keeping the grass mowed and clear of debris creates a healthier environment. In addition to keeping property values from decreasing, it gives neighborhoods an attractive appearance, boosts civic pride, discourages pests, and results in a much safer place for all to enjoy.

When mowing, cut the grass all the way to the street as well as half of the alley behind your fence, if in fact you have an alley. Keeping the grass properly trimmed will reduce the necessary elements preferred by mosquitoes and other pests, while allowing any puddles that form to dry more quickly.

If you feel it necessary to report grass or weeds that are over 12 inches tall, please contact the City of Hillsboro Community Development office and notify them of the address of the property. If you live next to a field or a larger parcel of land with rugged terrain or dense brush, please remember that these properties are often exempt from mowing requirements.

**Follow the city code guidelines, and make Hillsboro an attractive place to live, work and enjoy!**

- EMS/Fire/Police Emergency..... Dial 911
- Fire/Rescue Non-Emergency.... 582-2401
- Police Non-Emergency..... 582-8406
- Hillsboro Police Records..... 582-2141
- Administration..... 582-3271
- Airport..... 582-3731

### CONTACTING CITY OFFICES

- Public Works..... 582-3478
- Animal Control..... 582-2381
- Cemetery..... 582-3478
- Community Development.....582-2119
- Code Enforce/Inspections..... 582-3341

- Court (Municipal).....582-9634
- Crime Stoppers.....580-9120
- Library..... 582-7385
- Main Street..... 582-5499
- Economic Dev.....582-5776
- Utility Billing..... 582-2252