



hello, Hillsboro! March 2010

Community Calendar

March 2	Primary Election
March 2	City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.
March 6	Hillsboro Day (free until noon) at Trinity Landfill, Itasca.
March 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins- Set your clocks AHEAD one hour
March 16	City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.
March 20	First Day of SPRING
April 2	Good Friday
April 3	Hillsboro Day (free until noon) at Trinity Landfill, Itasca
April 4	Easter
April 6	City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.
April 10	City Wide Cleanup
April 20	City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.

2nd Annual Hillsboro Historic Preservation Awards Dinner

Friday, April 30, 2010, 6:30 pm

Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street

15 Award Categories

Co-Hosts:

Historic Preservation Commission & Main Street Advisory Board

Watch for Nomination Forms in the Hillsboro Reporter newspaper and on the City of Hillsboro website:

www.hillsborotx.org

For more information, contact:

Betty Harrell, Main Street Manager
254-582-5499 or bharrell@hillsborotx.org

Hillsboro Police Department Implements CSI

The City of Hillsboro and the Hillsboro Police Department recently implemented two crime scene investigator positions to enhance the department's ability to process minor and major crime scenes.



In August 2009, Investigator Brian Orban and Roseann Cox became certified forensic technicians, after attending an 80 hour Forensic Technician course, in Lubbock, Texas. The course was sponsored by TEEEX through the Texas Forensic Science Academy.

Investigators use different tools, chemicals, and compounds to process a crime scene for latent fingerprints, blood and other serological evidence, as well as other trace evidence.



The implementation of crime scene investigators will lessen the time that detectives spend at a crime scene, allowing them to concentrate on identifying persons of interest, conducting interviews, apprehending violators and bringing closure to victims and their families.

City-Wide Cleanup Saturday, April 10, 2010

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 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.



FEMA Preliminary Flood Map Adoption

The City of Hillsboro and Hill County, through the Map Modernization initiatives program, were directed by FEMA to participate in reproducing and republishing county-wide Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs). FEMA will be reformatting Hillsboro's existing (paper) flood map into a digital format.

Review period has already begun and will end April 7, 2010. During the 90-day period, an individual property owner who wishes to file an objection to the base flood elevations or other information in this preliminary map or the preliminary Field Insurance Study report should submit their appeal or protest along with the required scientific or technical data to the Community Development Department.

The digitally based flood map will assist the Community Development Department in providing Hillsboro citizens with increased capabilities

referencing the flood hazard information for floodplain management and other purposes. Read more about this preliminary flood map adoption in the Hillsboro Reporter newspaper and on the city website at <http://www.hillsborotx.org>.

Visit the Hillsboro City Library
Preschool Storytime Tuesdays at 10am in the Children's Library
For more information, call 254-582-7385

Statistics for January 2010
Hillsboro Police: 911-Calls...488, ACO Calls...294, Arrests...56, Accidents...54, Other Calls for Service...2703
Hillsboro Fire and Rescue: EMS calls...59, Fire Runs...50, Total calls...109

City Council Officers Election May 8, 2010

The City of Hillsboro elects Council members by Precinct. The City is divided into five (5) districts (precincts) and candidates must live in the precinct they serve. These precincts are designated Councilmember Places 1 through 5. The Mayor and Council Place 6 are elected At-Large which allows every registered voter to cast a vote for those positions. The Mayor and Places 1, 3, and 5 are elected in odd-numbered years and Places 2, 4, and 6 are elected in even-numbered years. All positions serve 2 year terms and there are no term limits. The current council includes:



- Mayor John P. Erwin, Jr., M.D.
Councilmember Jim Riggins, Place 1
Councilmember Edith Omberg, Place 2
Councilmember Dana Robinson, Place 3
Councilmember Frances Zarate, Place 4
Mayor Pro Tem John Versluis, Place 5
Councilmember Betty Birdwell, Place 6



Applications will be accepted for Place 2, 4 and 6 which is Elected At-Large for the May 2010 Election. The City Council officially called for the election at their February 2nd meeting. The last day to file for an application with the City Secretary to be a candidate is 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2010. Information on qualifications for candidates and applications are available by contacting City Secretary, Karen S. Warren, 214 E. Elm Street, 254 582-3271 or kwarren@hillsborotx.org. A map indicating the precinct boundaries can be found on the city's website at www.hillsborotx.org. You may also check your Voter Registration Certificate which identifies your voting precinct on the right side as HIL(1-5). If you have questions, please contact the City Secretary.

- 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