



hello, Hillsboro!

August 2010

Community Calendar

August 3 City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street

August 7 Hillsboro Day (free until noon) at Trinity Landfill, Itasca

August 17 City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street

August 20th, 21st & 22nd - Sales Tax Holiday

September 4 Hillsboro Day (free until noon) at Trinity Landfill, Itasca

September 6th - Labor Day - City Offices CLOSED

September 7 City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.

September 21 City Council, 7 pm at the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.

September 24th & 25th - Waggin' Trail Bike Ride, Cotton Pickin' Fair & Elm Street Rod Run

Elm Street



Rod Run

co-hosted by Roadside America Museum and The Cruisers Club

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Historic Downtown Hillsboro's East Elm Street

Come Early for the Friday Night Cruise-In 7:00pm September 24th

Saturday Car Show & Activities

Registration opens at 8am Saturday \$20 Entry Fee

SHOW & SHINE 10am to 2pm

Awards presented at 3:30pm

The show is open to all Rods, Customs, Bikes, Cushmans & Classics

For more information, call: 972-291-2958

email: ceclassics@sbcglobal.net

or visit: <http://www.myspace.com/roadsideamerica>

90th TEXAN days!

Friday and Saturday September 24-25

Live Music Craft Booths
Vendors

BBQ Cook-Off

Fun for the Entire Family!

Located in the 100 & 200 blocks of
East Franklin Street

across from the
John W. Erwin Courthouse Annex

COTTON PICKIN FAIR



Saturday September 25th

Hill County Paw Pals & Hillsboro PD Community Outreach Programs' 3rd Annual

"Waggin' Trail Bike Ride"

Saturday, September 25th, 2010

Cyclists, Choose Among Five Routes & Enjoy Touring Rural Hill County's Beautiful Open Spaces for the Day!

Staggered Starts will begin at 9:00 am from Antique Village, 126 West Elm Street

Register online: <http://www.waggintrailbikeride.com>

For more information, call 254-580-0679 or email hcpawpals@yahoo.com

A Sense of Community



www.hillsborotx.org



A Lifetime of Possibilities



**Sales Tax Holiday
August 20 - 22, 2010**

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 20, 21 and 22 - the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

School Supplies- The 81st Texas Legislature passed HB 1801 (2009) expanding the list of items qualifying for exemption from Texas state and local sales and use taxes during the annual sales tax holiday in August. Effective this year, in addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

For more information & an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100), as well as a list of clothing, footwear & backpacks, and their exemption status, visit the Window on State Government online at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/>

**I-35 Construction Begins
in Hill County**

Next Section of Widening Project Begins

Motorists traveling I-35 between FM 310 south of Hillsboro and FM 1304 north of Abbott will see some changes beginning today, as signs and barricades go up in preparation for the next stage of the overall widening of Interstate 35.

Stage one of the new 4.5-mile-long project will be moving and widening the frontage roads along the highway, with the current two-way configuration becoming one-way on the new roads. Preparations are also being made for the addition of two new safety rest stop areas between Abbott and Hillsboro. After work on the frontage roads is completed, the mainlanes will be widened to three lanes in each direction, with new shoulders added. Dynamic signs with programmable messages will be installed over the highway, and the crossroads (FM 310, FM 1304 and Chatt Road) will be rebuilt under the bridges, adding more lanes and U-turn bays. Several ramps will be relocated, along with some bridge (overpass) widening and repair of the road surfaces leading up to the bridges. However, the overpasses do not need to be rebuilt, shortening the expected time required for project completion to a little over two years, with an estimated completion date in the fall of 2012.

TxDOT mobility coordinators will be working with the construction crews to coordinate any required lane closures with other sections of the overall project, as construction begins in those areas, to optimize traffic flow and increase safety in work areas. Plans are to keep daytime lane closures to a minimum, with a goal of keeping two lanes in each direction open at all times.

Contractor for this section of the I-35 project is W.W. Webber, LLC. Headquartered in Houston, Webber is currently completing the widening of I-35 in the section just south of Hillsboro, from SH 22 to FM 310. That section is expected to be completed before the end of this year.

For more information, contact Ken Roberts, Public Information Officer at the Waco District Office, at 254/867-2705, Jodi Wheatley, I-35 Information Specialist at the Waco District office, 254/867-2836, or Tony Moran, Hillsboro Area Engineer, at 254/582-5432.

June 2010 Stats

Hillsboro Police

911 Calls- 668 Accidents- 47
ACO Calls- 245 Arrests- 65
Other Calls for Service- 2225



Hillsboro Fire & Rescue

EMS calls- 56 Fire Runs- 44
Total calls- 100

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