

'The Hillsboro Highlights'

July 2017



Welcome to the first edition of "The Hillsboro Highlights"

For those who haven't heard, I was recently elected as Mayor of Hillsboro on April 4, 2017.

My name is Dennis Bradley and I am very happy to serve this great community. My opponent and friend, Mayor Jim Gowan is a fine and caring person whom I personally admire and respect. Mayor Gowan's longtime commitment to the community is well appreciated by the residents of Hillsboro. Jim and I do have a common goal that we share and that is to keep moving the city of Hillsboro forward.

The City Administration, during our last meeting on June 5th, agreed to use our best efforts to inform the residents of our progress, and so we have created this newsletter as a tool to help in that task. However, due to the excessive cost of mailings and a limited budget, there are constraints with how we can provide an affordable way to communicate with the citizens of Hillsboro. The most economical way of doing this is by placing this newsletter on the city's already existing website at: www.hillsboromo.org.

May 1st Meeting

During the May 1st meeting, Mayor Jim Gowan led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and afterwards he stated it has been a pleasure serving as Mayor and thanked the Board of Alderpersons and the city employees for their work during his tenure. Mayor Gowan then asked Mr. Jack Stewart to administer the oath of office to Mayor Elect, Dennis K. Bradley. Mayor Bradley complimented Mayor Gowan on his service to the city and then assumed his duties as Mayor. The newly elected Mayor then asked Mr. Stewart to administer the oath of office to the elected Alderpersons; Brenda King (Ward 1), Jeffrey Scanlon (Ward 2), Nancy Maxwell (Ward 3), and Joyce Twigg (Ward 4).

Mayor Bradley then called the regular session to order at 6:40 p.m. on May 1, 2017.

Chief Charles Bennett:

Officer Steve Kissell has returned to duty from an extended medical leave. We wish him well and welcome him back to work.

Officer Sulzer started as a new part-time officer on May 1st.

Officer Schanker started as the new full-time officer as of May 15th. We welcome these two officers to the community and we are glad to have them with us. **WELCOME !!!**

Building Inspector Joe Defter Report:

Inspector Defter has reported there were 8 building permits issued, 12 occupancy inspections, along with 81 construction inspections.

Superintendent of Public Works, Cody Pardieck

Mr. Pardieck reported on the status of various ongoing activities of the department and the current personnel status. He also reported that the Public Works Department prepared for the last heavy rain by moving equipment and materials to higher ground or elevated locations within buildings. Thankfully, Belews Creek did not rise out of its banks. Personnel checked on the status of the creek's level and problem locations within the city about every two hours. Only about 8 inches of rain was reported at the Highway BB facility.

Street & Road Committee, Alderpersons DeGare & Maxwell

The Alderpersons reported that they spoke with the Superintendent of Public Works (Mr. Pardieck) about repair plans for the bad spot on Business 21 near Pioneer Road. Pardieck also reported what repairs Cochran was planning in that general area.

Economic Development Committee, Alderperson Phillips

The Alderperson Phillips reported on the first meeting held of the Jefferson County Municipal Aldermanic forum. He Phillips stated that Mr. Warren Robinson, Director of County Emergency Management addressed the group.

Mayor Bradley Recommended Two Appointments for the Park and Recreation Board: Rita Baker and Milton Cook.

Alderperson Scott Gowan made a motion to approve the two appointments and was seconded by Alderperson Brenda King. The vote was (8) ayes and (0) nays. Mayor Bradley announced that the motion was passed. Congratulations Rita Baker and Milton Cook!

Hillsboro Farmer's Market at Bridle Ridge opened on May 10th.

"Providing opportunities for small local business & offering the community a variety of items for a healthier living" at Bridle Ridge Acres, located at 10533 Business 21 (*Open every Wednesday, 3:30-6:30 p.m.*).

For information on becoming a vendor, contact
Kress Farm Market Master:

Carmelita Davidson at: **314-650-3830**

or

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce at:
636-789-4920.

Be sure to stop in and check us out and help support your local businesses! Thanks!

West Nile Virus Tests Positive in Southern Jefferson County

A collection of adult mosquitoes by the Jefferson County Health Department (JCHD) has tested positive for the West Nile Virus. The collection is the first mosquito collection in the county to test positive for the virus this season. It was taken from the unincorporated De Soto area of Jefferson County on June 6, 2017. The health department has implemented adult mosquito control in the affected area and will be reassessing mosquito populations for continued viral activity. All affected municipalities with mosquito abatement programs have been contacted.

The Health Department encourages residents throughout Jefferson County to take precautions when in areas where mosquitoes are active, including the use of insect repellents that contain DEET or Picaridin and wearing light colored clothes. The Health Department also encourages citizens to remove standing water sources such as waste tires, cans, buckets, flower pot sills, or other containers that can hold the water in which mosquitoes breed. Keep gutters free of debris and screen rain barrels used for irrigation.

The JCHD has mosquito educational packets that contain educational material, DEET, and a two-pack of Mosquito Dunks that it is distributing via venues in the county. These packets are intended for individuals who have been impacted by flooding. There are a limited number of these packets available.

The JCHD plans to continue testing for the virus through the end of September.

For more information, contact JCHD's Vector Control Program at **636-797-3737, ext. 150.**

The "Hillsboro Highlights" Newsletter's future outlook...

There will be improvements in the newsletter as we get our schedule under control and organized. Please accept our apologies for the quick start-up. We hope you will enjoy knowing what is going on in the community and grow with this new tool.

Sincerely,

The City of Hillsboro Administration

**Next City of Hillsboro Board Meeting
will be July 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**