



HILLSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Working in partnership with the community to provide public safety services which enhance the safety, security, and quality of life of the community.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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STOP for Flashing Red Lights

Even on multi-lane roads with ONE EXCEPTION

by Sergeant Diana Foesch, Traffic Division

School is starting again which means you need to look out for students walking to school and pay attention to school buses with flashing red lights.

School buses have two colored lights. Flashing amber lights and flashing red lights. The flashing amber lights are a warning to other drivers that the bus is going to stop on the road, and load or unload children. Drivers should get ready to stop. When the flashing red lights are activated drivers in both directions must stop and remained stop until the flashing red lights are turned off.

The law requires vehicles to stop for flashing red lights on a school bus. There is only one exception to the law. Vehicles do not have to stop for a school bus with flashing red lights when the roadway is divided by a physical barrier (paved or unpaved median strip). A physical barrier can be a concrete raised barrier, grass barrier, guard rails, etc.

A continuous left turn lane does not fall under the exception, as it is not a physical barrier. An example with a continuous left turn lane is TV Highway near the Esplanade or Shute Park Plaza. It is a five lane roadway with a continuous left turn lane.



If a school bus with flashing red lights stops in one direction, all vehicles (both directions) have to stop for the school bus.

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In the ZONE?

Knowing what to do is as simple as A-B-C

by Julie Carrasco, Crime Prevention Specialist

Anytime a yellow light on a school speed sign is flashing.

Between 7 am and 5 pm on school days, as posted.

Crosswalks (marked/unmarked) near school grounds when children are present, as posted. This means when children are in the crosswalk, the shoulder of the roadway at a crosswalk, or a crossing guard is present.

Click It or Ticket

by Lt. Michael Rouches, Public Information Officer

In Oregon last year, 997 child passengers under age eight were injured and three were killed in motor vehicles crashes - of these, 12 were riding totally unrestrained.

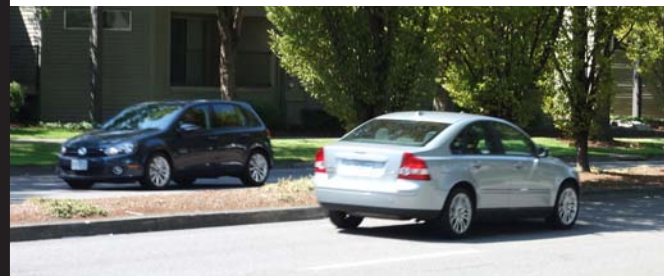
It's critical child passengers use the right safety restraint for their age, weight and size; and to help ensure this, many Oregon law enforcement agencies (*including Hillsboro Police*), are participating in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. The campaign is made possible through Oregon Department of Transportation grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

It's worth the effort to make sure our most vulnerable passengers are buckled up correctly. And most Oregonians do *buckle up*. A statewide observation survey from June 2013 found 98 percent of Oregon's motoring public using safety belts, making Oregon the highest belt use state in the country. Still, in 2012, 61 of Oregon's 198 occupant fatalities were reportedly unrestrained.

For child passengers, [Oregon law](#) states the following:

- A child must ride in a rear-facing infant seat until they are one year of age and weigh more than 20 pounds.
- A child weighing less than 40 pounds must be properly restrained in a child safety seat.
- A child over 40 pounds but under age eight or less than 4' 9" tall must be restrained in either a child seat with harness system or in a booster seat that raises the child up so that a lap and shoulder belt system fit correctly.

STOP: Flashing Red Lights continued



A roadway with a physical barrier is Evergreen Parkway by the movie theater near 185th Avenue. There's a raised curb with plants and trees. In this case, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as a school bus with flashing red lights would have to stop.

Baseline & Oak Construction

Update from ODOT

The contractor has added crews over this summer and plans to complete a significant amount of work by October 2014. Please plan for congestion, delays and uneven road surfaces over the next couple of months. The majority of the work through September will center on Oak Street and Baseline Street between 1st Avenue and 10th Avenue. After October 2014, the contractor plans to take a winter break and return in spring 2015 to complete the remaining work by the end of 2015. The contractor and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are working hard to minimize disruption as much as possible, but many impacts are unavoidable.



There is increased traffic enforcement in the area. Please drive cautiously and follow the construction signage.

Rapid Flashing Beacon

by Tiffany Bral, Public Works Department



Hillsboro Public Works Department crews have installed a new rapid-flashing beacon at the crosswalk for NE 28th Avenue and NE Veterans Drive. The beacon catches drivers' attention with a pair of light emitting diodes (LEDs) mounted on a pole under a pedestrian crossing sign. This rapid-flashing beacon location has an advanced beacon 300 feet before the crosswalk because of a curve in the road that decreases visibility, giving drivers additional warning time as they approach the crosswalk.

Pedestrian Details Yield Increased Awareness

The Hillsboro Police Department received a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation to conduct crosswalk enforcement details this past summer. It's an effort to raise awareness about pedestrian safety and crosswalk laws in the state, and hopefully decrease the number of auto-pedestrian crashes.

The results:

- 4 Pedestrian Details
- 65 citations for crosswalk law violations
- 32 warnings for crosswalk law violations
- 25 citations for other offenses
- 3 warnings for other offenses

Not My Job!

A Story about Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody
by Officer Don Pierce, Code Enforcement



View from the street

There was a job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



View from the sidewalk

Many amusing stories are amusing because they're true – everybody can relate! This is true of overgrown parkways. A parkway is that portion of a street not designated for use by vehicles or pedestrians for travel. But, wait a minute! "What is a street?" you ask. Simply put, a street extends from the edge of the front lawn all the way across to the edge of your neighbor's front lawn. A parkway is the area of a street between a sidewalk and a curb that is meant to be decorative. Homeowners tend to think it's a public street so it's the City's responsibility, the neighbor's responsibility, or the Homeowner's Association's responsibility.

Hillsboro Municipal Code 6.16.020(C) states: No owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation over or upon their property or the abutting sidewalks, planter, and streets. But that word, noxious. My kids can be noxious...oh wait, that's OB-noxious. What is noxious then? Among other things, noxious is "...grass or weeds that exceed 12 inches in height."

Take a look at the pictures at the beginning of the article. The picture of the house on the right was taken from the sidewalk. The picture, of the same house, on the left was taken from the street. Everybody thought that Anybody could cut those ugly weeds in the parkway and were sure that Somebody would. But Nobody did.

Don't wait for a Code Enforcement Officer to determine whose job it is to cut the weeds – that has already been determined. The person responsible for the Weeds Gone Wild is the person who resides at the adjacent property.

It can be easy to recognize when work needs to be done but think, "That's not my job." Think again, it just MAY BE YOUR JOB.

Law Enforcement Challenge

Hillsboro Police Cadets Earn High Marks

by Detective Rebecca Venable, Cadet Advisor

This year marked the 35th Law Enforcement Challenge held at Camp Rilea. 165 police cadets and explorers from agencies throughout Oregon and Washington competed over four days. Hillsboro Police Cadets did an outstanding job representing our agency.



GROUP AWARDS

1st Place Sharp Shooter Team

3rd Place Active Shooter

3rd Place Master Team Shooting

3rd Place Top Post

(cumulative scores from all events)

TEAM AWARD

1st Place Building Search

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

1st Place DUII

2nd Place Marksman Shooter

2nd Place Expert Shooter

3rd Place Sharp Shooter

3rd Place Unknown Risk Traffic Stop

Cadet Application Process Opens

Hillsboro Police is currently accepting applications for its Cadet program. Applicants must be 15 - 20 years old, and hold a 2.5 grade point average. Applications are available at our West Police Precinct (250 SE 10th Avenue) or our [Cadet Program](#) webpage. For more information, contact Cindy Naylor or Leola Kalamau at 503-681-6175. The application closing date is September 30.



LOCAL HEROES SOFTBALL GAME



A police lieutenant was arrested for playing on Fire's team. He was released after promising never to do it again!



Neighborhood Challenges

Steps to Resolving Conflict

by Julie Keys, Police Program Specialist



As our community grows, not only does our population increase, we have more opportunities to learn about other cultures and meet new people. Sometimes that also causes problems in neighborhoods that become crowded, as parking issues arise and noise issues become more irritating. People are naturally afraid of the unknown and avoid speaking with their neighbors about perceived problems because they don't know them. Frustration builds...what can you do?

If you find yourself in neighborhood conflict, here are some steps you can take to lower the heat between yourself and your neighbor.

- 1.) Talk directly with the other party involved. See if you can clear up some of the assumptions that may be causing the difficulty.
- 2.) Choose a mutually agreeable time to talk with the other party. Ask them when a good time might be and do your best to be patient and flexible.
- 3.) Plan ahead what you might say. Keep it simple and focus on the issue that is the problem.
- 4.) Don't blame or accuse. Just gather information as to their side of the situation. You may have missed something from your view of things.
- 5.) Give information that would help the other party to understand your perspective of the situation.

6.) Listen, listen, listen; if you don't understand, politely ask questions. Then, listen some more.

7.) Show that you are listening by keeping hand gestures calm and maintaining eye contact, if that is appropriate. Some cultures are not comfortable with eye contact; be aware of any cultural differences which might play a role in the situation.

8.) Talk it all through; make sure you have covered all the issues or ask to talk again, in case something else comes up after both parties have time to think about the conversation.

9.) Work together toward a solution. What could you do that would make both your lives less stressful? Be willing to compromise and be prepared for the possibility that you may not get everything you want out of the resolution. Meeting people in the middle can work.

10.) Follow through. If you say you will do something or make a change, follow through with that commitment. If you find yourself unable to follow through, talk with the other party and explain. Try to work out an alternative solution.

The Hillsboro Mediation Program can help with conflict resolution. You can contact us at mediation@hillsboro-oregon.gov or 503-615-6651.

For more information, visit our webpage at hillsboro-oregon.gov/mediation



Community Outreach

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



B i k e R o d e o





Looking Ahead



Beaverton | Forest Grove | Hillsboro
Tigard | Tualatin | Washington County

**Our monthly Landlord Forums will return in October.
More details will follow soon!**

Brought to you by Warren Allen LLP and
the Westside Crime Prevention Coalition

Landlord Forums

- Better manage your rental property.
- Network with other landlords.
- Partner with law enforcement.



Drive up and drop off your unwanted Rx drugs

Prescription Drug Turn-In!

**Saturday
September 27**

10 am - 2 pm

Hillsboro Police 250 SE 10th Avenue

Help protect your family, community and environment by bringing in your current or expired, unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, including unknown tablets and capsules. We will even take your pet's medications. Liquids and ointments are accepted in their original, sealed containers.

Sharps, medical waste & intravenous solutions will NOT be accepted.

Safe-n-Sane

October 31

5 pm - 7 pm

**Trick or Treating in Downtown Hillsboro
Main Street between 2nd and 4th**





Looking Ahead



SHRED EVENT

Saturday, November 1

8 am - 12 pm

**Hillsboro Post Office
125 S. 1st Street**

**Three Banker Box Size Limit
Secure On-Site Shredding by**



***\$5.00 Suggested Donation
Benefits***

2015 Drug/Alcohol-Free Grad Night Parties in Hillsboro

Hillsboro Police Department

Citizens' Academy

FREE, 12 week class for community members

When you think of a police department, perhaps some of the first images that come to mind are a uniform and a badge. That certainly paints part of the picture. However, there's so much more to see!

You can get a first-hand look at law enforcement, and learn why officers make the decisions they do by attending the 2015 Hillsboro Police Department Citizens' Academy. You'll see it takes more to operating an effective police department than just enforcement. And that behind the badge, there's a person looking to make a difference in the community.

Classes begin February 5 - Thursday Evenings through April 23

6:30 pm - 10 pm; Pre-Registration Required

For more information or an application, contact earleen.reimann@hillsboro-oregon.gov





Numbers to Know

EMERGENCIES

9-1-1

Non-Emergency

Dispatch

503-629-0111

Hillsboro

Records Division

503-681-6175

Hillsboro

Mediation Services

503-615-6651

Hillsboro

Code Enforcement

503-615-6645

Hillsboro

Volunteer Services

503-681-6474

Hillsboro Domestic

Violence Program

503-615-6740

City of Hillsboro

503-681-6100

Community Enhancement Team

CET is committed to working with its residential and business partners to facilitate community excellence through safety education, crime prevention, problem-solving, and resource assistance.

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