

= Hillsboro , Oregon =

Hillsboro is the fifth @-@ largest city in the State of Oregon and is the county seat of Washington County . Lying in the Tualatin Valley on the west side of the Portland metropolitan area , the city hosts many high @-@ technology companies , such as Intel , that comprise what has become known as the Silicon Forest . At the 2010 Census , the city 's population was 91 @,@ 611 .

For thousands of years before the arrival of European @-@ American settlers , the Atfalati tribe of the Kalapuya lived in the Tualatin Valley near the later site of Hillsboro . The climate , moderated by the Pacific Ocean , helped make the region suitable for fishing , hunting , food gathering , and agriculture . Settlers founded a community here in 1842 , later named after David Hill , an Oregon politician . Transportation by riverboat on the Tualatin River was part of Hillsboro 's settler economy . A railroad reached the area in the early 1870s and an interurban electric railway about four decades later . These railways , as well as highways , aided the slow growth of the city to about 2 @,@ 000 people by 1910 and about 5 @,@ 000 by 1950 , before the arrival of high @-@ tech companies in the 1980s .

Hillsboro has a council ? manager government consisting of a city manager and a city council headed by a mayor . In addition to high @-@ tech industry , sectors important to Hillsboro 's economy are health care , retail sales , and agriculture , including grapes and wineries . The city operates more than twenty parks and the mixed @-@ use Hillsboro Stadium , and ten sites in the city are listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) . Modes of transportation include private vehicles , public buses and light rail , and aircraft using the Hillsboro Airport . The city is home to Pacific University 's Health Professions Campus . Notable residents include two Oregon governors .

= = History = =

The first people of the Tualatin Valley were the Atfalati or Tualaty tribe of the Kalapuya , who inhabited the region for up to 10 @,@ 000 years before white settlers arrived . The valley consisted of open grassland maintained through annual burning by the Atfalati , with scattered groves of trees along the streams . The Kalapuya moved from place to place in good weather to fish and hunt and to gather nuts , seeds , roots , and berries . Important foods included camas and wapato , and the Atfalati traded for salmon from Chinookan tribes near Willamette Falls on the Willamette River . During the winter , they lived in longhouses in settled villages , some near what became Hillsboro and Beaverton . Their population was greatly reduced after contact in the late 18th century with Europeans , who carried smallpox , syphilis , and malaria . Of the original population of 1 @,@ 000 to 2 @,@ 000 Atfalati reported in 1780 , only 65 remained in 1851 . In 1855 , the U.S. government sent the survivors to the Grande Ronde reservation further west .

The European @-@ American community was founded by David Hill , Isaiah Kelsey , and Richard Williams , who arrived in the Tualatin Valley in 1841 , followed by six more pioneers in 1842 . The locality went by two other names ? East Tualatin Plains and Columbia ? before it was named " Hillsborough " in February 1850 in honor of Hill , when he sold part of his land claim to the county . On February 5 , 1850 , commissioners chosen by the territorial legislature selected the community to be the seat of the county government . Hill was to be paid \$ 200 for his land after plots had been sold for the town site , but he died before this occurred , and his widow Lucinda received the funds . The town 's name was later simplified to Hillsboro . A log cabin was built in 1853 to serve as the community 's first school , which opened in October 1854 . Riverboats provided transportation to Hillsboro as early as 1867 when the side @-@ wheel steamer Yamhill worked on the Tualatin River .

In 1871 , the Oregon and California Railroad line was extended to the area , but it ran just south of town because the city did not want to give the railroad land in exchange for the rail connection . Hillsboro was incorporated as the Town of Hillsboro on October 19 , 1876 , by the Oregon Legislature . The first mayor was A. Luelling , who took office on December 8 , 1876 , and served a one @-@ year term . Notable later mayors included Congressman Thomas H. Tongue (1882 and

1886) and state senator William D. Hare (1885) . In 1923 , the city altered its charter and adopted a council @-@ manager government with a six @-@ person city council , a part @-@ time mayor who determined major policies , and a city manager who ran day @-@ to @-@ day operations .

On September 30 , 1908 , 5 @,@ 000 people gathered as the Oregon Electric Railway opened a connection between the city and Portland with an interurban electric rail line , the first to reach the community . In January 1914 , the Southern Pacific Railroad introduced its own interurban service , known as the Red Electric , on a separate line and serving different communities between Hillsboro and Portland . SP discontinued its Hillsboro service on July 28 , 1929 , while the Oregon Electric Railway 's passenger service to Hillsboro lasted until July 1932 .

A brick building was constructed in 1852 to house the county government , followed by a brick courthouse in 1873 . In 1891 , the courthouse was remodeled and a clock tower was added , and the building was expanded with an annex in 1912 . A new courthouse replaced the brick structure in 1928 . The last major remodel of the 1928 structure occurred in 1972 , when the Justice Services Building was built and incorporated into the existing building .

The city 's first fire department was a hook and ladder company organized in 1880 by the board of trustees (now city council) . A drinking water and electricity distribution system added in 1892 ? 93 gave the town three fire hydrants and minimal street lighting . Hillsboro built its first sewer system in 1911 , but sewage treatment was not added until 1936 . In 1913 , the city built its own water system , and the first library , Carnegie City Library , opened in December 1914 . From 1921 to 1952 , the world 's second @-@ tallest radio tower stood on the south side of the city , but in 1952 , the wireless telegraph tower was demolished .

In 1972 , the Hillsboro City Council passed a Green River Ordinance banning door @-@ to @-@ door solicitation , but it was ruled unconstitutional by the Oregon Supreme Court in a 1988 decision . The court determined that the city ordinance was overly broad , in a case that was seen as a test case for many similar laws in the state . In 1979 , Intel opened its first facility in Hillsboro . The Hawthorn Farm campus was followed by the Jones Farm campus adjacent to the airport in 1982 , and finally by the Ronler Acres campus in 1994 . TriMet opened a Metropolitan Area Express (MAX) light rail line into the city in 1998 . A cultural center was added in 2004 , and a new city hall was completed in 2005 . In 2008 , SolarWorld opened a facility producing solar wafers , crystals , and cells , the largest plant of its kind in the Western Hemisphere . U.S. President Barack Obama visited the city and Intel 's Ronler Acres campus in February 2011 .

= = = Registered Historic Places = = =

Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in and around Hillsboro include the Old Scotch Church , completed in 1876 north of the city . Near the Orenco neighborhood is Imbrie Farm , which includes a house built in 1866 and the Frank Imbrie Barn , both of which McMenamins converted for use as a brewpub . Built in 1935 , the Harold Wass Ray House is near Intel 's Hawthorn Farm campus . Historic properties in downtown include the Zula Linklater House (completed 1923) , Rice ? Gates House (1890) , Edward Schulmerich House (c . 1915) , and Charles Shorey House (c . 1908) . The Richard and Helen Rice House is adjacent to the Sunset Highway on the north side of the city and houses the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals . The Old Washington County Jail had been at the Washington County Fairgrounds in the city , but was restored and moved to the Washington County Museum outside the city in 2004 , and was de @-@ listed from the NRHP in 2008 . In 2007 , the Manning ? Kamna Farm was added to the NRHP and includes 10 buildings , dating to as early as 1883 . The Malcolm McDonald House in Orenco was added to the Registry in 2015 .

= = Geography = =

Hillsboro is located at 45 ° 31 ? N 122 ° 59 ? W. The United States Census Bureau reports the city has a total area of 21 @.@ 6 square miles (55 @.@ 9 km2) , all of which is land . In 2013 , Hillsboro itself reported an area of 23 @.@ 88 square miles (61 @.@ 8 km2) , equivalent to 15

@, @ 283 acres (61 @. @ 8 km²) . The city is located in the Tualatin Valley , and the Tualatin River forms part of the southern city limits . The city 's terrain is fairly level , consistent with an agricultural past and the farms still in operation . Hillsboro is about 17 miles (27 km) west of Portland and immediately west of Beaverton , at an elevation of 194 feet (59 m) above sea level . In addition to the Tualatin River , streams include Dairy Creek , McKay Creek , Rock Creek , Dawson Creek , and Turner Creek . Neighboring communities in addition to Beaverton are Aloha , Cornelius , North Plains , Reedville , Scholls , and West Union .

Hillsboro 's street system differs from many others in the county . Most cities in Washington County use a numbering system and cardinal direction orientation based on a grid that begins at the Willamette River in downtown Portland , which was originally part of Washington County . For example , the street names in Beaverton generally include Southwest (SW) prefixes because Beaverton lies in the southwest quadrant of the Portland grid . In Hillsboro , some county road names and addresses conform to the Portland grid instead of Hillsboro 's internal cardinal direction grid , and the city has been working to make addresses and streets within Hillsboro conform to the internal grid .

The internal grid in Hillsboro centers on the downtown intersection of Main Street , which runs east ? west , and First Avenue , which runs north ? south . Most addresses within the city include a quadrant prefix : NW , NE , SW , or SE . Main Street is simply designated as East Main or West Main , and First Avenue is only North First or South First . Addresses on the streets ' south side and the avenues ' east side have even numbers , while odd numbers are on the opposite side . Hillsboro 's street system contains 20 blocks per mile (12 @. @ 5 blocks per kilometer) .

North ? south through roadways are called avenues , while east ? west roadways are called streets . All cul @-@ de @-@ sacs are named as either places or courts . Roads that curve can be named drives . Non @-@ city streets may not conform to these naming conventions .

The city is divided into eight planning areas , each of which contains several neighborhoods . The east planning area contains the Tanasbourne neighborhood and Oregon Health & Science University 's West Campus . The northeast planning area includes the Orenco , Orenco Station , Airport , and West Union neighborhoods . Jackson School , Sunrise , and Glencoe neighborhoods lie in the northwest area , and the Dennis , Garibaldi , and Connell neighborhoods are in the west area . The central area includes the Downtown , Jackson Bottom , Henry , and Eastwood neighborhoods . Blocks in the downtown core are 400 feet (120 m) long on each side . The Minter Bridge , Rood Bridge , and River Road neighborhoods are in the south planning area ; the southeast area consists of the Reedville and Witch Hazel neighborhoods , and the Brookwood planning area in the center of the city contains the Cedar , Bentley , and Brogden neighborhoods .

Landmarks in Hillsboro include the Washington County Courthouse , the seat of county government . Along the western edge of the city is Hillsboro Pioneer Cemetery , established in 1870 , which serves as the final resting place of city pioneers and politicians . Next to the airport is the Washington County Fair Complex , home to the annual county fair . Located at Shute Park is the 25 @-@ foot (7 @. @ 6 m) tall wood sculpture Chief Kno @-@ Tah , donated to Hillsboro and dedicated in 1987 as part of Peter Wolf Toth 's Trail of the Whispering Giants .

== = Climate == =

Summers in Hillsboro are generally warm , but temperatures year @-@ round are moderated by a marine influence from the Pacific Ocean . The Willamette Valley in which Hillsboro lies receives the majority of its precipitation during the winter months , with the wettest period from November through March . This occasionally includes snowfall . Hillsboro receives precipitation on 161 days per year , on average . The average yearly precipitation between 1930 and 1998 was 38 inches (970 mm) . August is the warmest month with an average high temperature of 81 ° F (27 ° C) , while January is the coolest month with an average high of 46 ° F (8 ° C) . The highest recorded temperature , 108 ° F (42 ° C) , occurred on July 19 , 1956 , and the lowest , ? 10 ° F (? 23 ° C) , occurred on January 31 , 1950 .

According to the Köppen climate classification system , Hillsboro has a warm @-@ summer

Mediterranean climate (Köppen Csb) .

= = Demographics = =

Hillsboro 's population grew from 402 in 1880 to 2 @, @ 016 by 1910 , making it the county 's most populated city , according to the 1910 census data . By 1970 , it had increased to more than 15 @, @ 000 , although neighboring Beaverton had overtaken it as the county 's most populous city . By 1990 there were more than 37 @, @ 000 residents , and commuters raised this to 110 @, @ 000 during daytime . At the 2010 Census , the population was 91 @, @ 611 , fifth in rank among the state 's largest cities behind Portland , Eugene , Salem and Gresham and slightly ahead of Beaverton , which ranked sixth . This figure was a 30 @. @ 5 percent increase from Hillsboro 's 70 @, @ 186 residents in 2000 , which made Hillsboro the fourth fastest @-@ growing city in the state during the 2000s (decade) , and the fastest @-@ growing city in the Willamette Valley over the same period . In 2007 , there were 17 @, @ 126 houses lived in by their owners , with an average home price in the city of \$ 246 @, @ 900 . Bloomberg Businessweek listed the city as the fastest @-@ growing in Oregon for the period between 1990 and 2010 , for cities with populations over 10 @, @ 000 .

= = = 2010 census = = =

As of the census of 2010 , there were 91 @, @ 611 people , 33 @, @ 289 households , and 22 @, @ 440 families residing in the city . The population density was about 3 @, @ 800 inhabitants per square mile (1 @, @ 500 / km²) . There were 35 @, @ 487 housing units at an average density of about 1 @, @ 500 per square mile (600 / km²) . The racial makeup of the city was approximately 73 % White , 2 % African American , 1 % Native American , 9 % Asian , less than 1 % Pacific Islander , 10 % from other races , and 5 % from two or more races . Hispanic or Latino of any race were about 23 % of the population .

There were 33 @, @ 289 households of which about 38 % had children under the age of 18 living with them , 51 % were married couples living together , 11 % had a female householder with no husband present , 5 % had a male householder with no wife present , and 33 % were non @-@ families . About 24 % of all households were made up of individuals and 6 % had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older . The average household size was 2 @. @ 71 and the average family size was 3 @. @ 24 .

The median age in the city was 32 years . About 27 % of residents were under the age of 18 ; 9 % were between the ages of 18 and 24 ; 35 % were from 25 to 44 ; 21 % were from 45 to 64 ; and 8 % were 65 years of age or older . The gender makeup of the city was 50 @. @ 2 % male and 49 @. @ 8 % female .

= = = 2000 census = = =

At the time of the 2000 census , there were 25 @, @ 079 households , of which about 38 % had children under the age of 18 living with them , 55 % were married couples living together , 9 % had a female householder with no husband present , and 32 % were non @-@ families . About 23 % of all households were made up of individuals and 5 % had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older . The average household size was 2 @. @ 8 and the average family size was 3 @. @ 3 .

City residents included about 28 % under the age of 18 , 11 % from 18 to 24 , 37 % from 25 to 44 , 17 % from 45 to 64 , and 6 % who were 65 years of age or older . The median age was 30 years . For every 100 females there were about 106 males .

The median household income was about \$ 52 @, @ 000 and the median family income was \$ 57 @, @ 000 . Males had a median income of \$ 41 @, @ 000 compared to \$ 30 @, @ 000 for females . The per capita income for the city was about \$ 22 @, @ 000 . Approximately 6 % of families and 9 % of the population were below the poverty line , including 11 % of those under age 18 and 8 % of

those age 65 or over . In 2007 , 28 % of people 25 and older held at least a bachelor 's degree , while an additional 11 % held an associate degree . Those with less than a high school diploma made up 15 % of the population , and 22 % of residents had more than a high school diploma but less than a college degree .

== Crime ==

For the year 2011 , the city had 180 violent crimes reported to law enforcement , and 2 @, @ 154 reports of property crimes . The violent crime rate was 157 @. @ 2 per 100 @, @ 000 people compared to a national average of 309 @. @ 3 and 287 for Oregon . Property crime nationally was 3 @, @ 335 per 100 @, @ 000 compared to 3 @, @ 203 in Hillsboro , and 4 @, @ 402 for the state . Violent offenses include forcible rape , robbery , murder , non @- @ negligent manslaughter , and aggravated assault . Property crimes include arson , motor vehicle theft , larceny , and burglary . Statistics published by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission showed a slight downward trend in the Washington County crime rate between 1991 and 2005 . The rate for index crimes , a group comprising the combined violent offenses and property crimes mentioned above , was 3 @, @ 930 per 100 @, @ 000 in 1991 and rose to 4 @, @ 440 per 100 @, @ 000 in 1997 before falling to 3 @, @ 410 per 100 @, @ 000 in 2005 .

== Economy ==

Manufacturing is the leading employment sector in Hillsboro , employing 24 % of the workforce , followed by health care , education , and social services with a total of 15 % . One example of a manufacturer headquartered in Hillsboro is Beaverton Foods , a family @- @ owned condiment manufacturer since 1929 , with 70 + employees and \$ 25 million in annual sales ; it moved to its current headquarters in 2001 . Retail employment constitutes 12 % , construction makes up 7 % , and 13 % of workers are employed in the administrative , scientific , professional , or waste management industries . Sixty @- @ eight percent of workers commute alone to the workplace , and eight percent use public transportation . The average one @- @ way commute time is about 24 minutes .

Many technology companies operate in Hillsboro , making it the center of Oregon 's Silicon Forest . In particular , Intel 's largest site is in Hillsboro , and includes three large campuses : Ronler Acres , Jones Farm , and Hawthorn Farm , along with several smaller campuses that employ about 16 @, @ 000 workers . Other high @- @ tech companies operating facilities in Hillsboro include Yahoo ! , Credence Systems , Synopsys , Epson , Salesforce , and Oracle 's (formerly Sun Microsystems) High @- @ End Operations . Hillsboro is the co @- @ corporate headquarters for Qorvo (formerly TriQuint Semiconductor) , RadiSys , and Planar Systems among others .

In 2006 , Genentech announced plans to locate a packaging and distribution facility on 100 acres (0 @. @ 40 km2) in Hillsboro . The \$ 400 million facility opened in 2010 , which Oregon officials hoped would eventually also be used for research and development for the biotechnology company . Other biotech or medical companies based in Hillsboro include FEI Company and Acumed .

The city is also a landing point on three fiber optic cable systems linking the United States across the Pacific Ocean : C2C , Southern Cross Cable , and VSNL Transpacific . These cable landings , lower energy costs , and tax breaks led to a boom of data centers being built starting about 2010 . Data centers include those for Adobe , NetApp , Umpqua Bank , OHSU , and Fortune Data Centers .

Hillsboro serves as the corporate headquarters for Rodgers Instruments , Soloflex , Norm Thompson Outfitters , SureID , and Parr Lumber , among others . Fujitsu and NEC Corporation formerly had factories in Hillsboro . Hillsboro is also home to the Laika stop @- @ motion animation studio , creator of the Oscar @- @ nominated feature films Coraline (2009) and Paranorman (2012) .

The Hatfield Government Center in Hillsboro is the western terminus of the MAX Blue Line , part of the Portland metropolitan area 's light @- @ rail system . The presence of MAX prompted the

development of the pedestrian @-@ oriented community of Orenco Station within Hillsboro . (See also : Orenco , Oregon .) Orenco Station was called the Best Planned Community of 1999 by the National Association of Home Builders . It was also named " Best new burb " by Sunset magazine in 2006 . Hillsboro overall was listed on CNN Money Magazine 's list of best places to live in 2010 for cities with populations between 50 @,@ 000 and 300 @,@ 000 residents . The city came in at 92 , the highest ranking for any city in the state .

Hillsboro 's primary commercial cores are concentrated along Tualatin Valley Highway and Cornell Road . Additionally , the Tanasbourne neighborhood is a regional shopping area on the eastern edge of the city . The neighborhood is home to the lifestyle shopping center The Streets of Tanasbourne . The \$ 55 million outdoor complex with 368 @,@ 000 square feet (34 @,@ 200 m2) of retail space opened in 2004 with Meier & Frank (later Macy 's) as the anchor tenant .

The other large shopping center in the city is The Sunset Esplanade , located along Tualatin Valley Highway . In November 2005 , the world 's largest Costco , a warehouse club store , opened in Hillsboro . The store , with 205 @,@ 000 square feet (19 @,@ 000 m2) of floor space , is about 60 @,@ 000 square feet (5 @,@ 600 m2) bigger than the average Costco .

Wineries near the city include Oak Knoll Winery , established in 1970 , the oldest and largest winery in Washington County . Helvetia Winery & Vineyards to the north of Hillsboro started in the 1980s . Wineries to the south include Gypsy Dancer Estates Winery and Raptor Ridge . Local wines include pinot noir , pinot gris , and chardonnay .

= = Culture = =

Within the city are three commercial movie theaters with a total of 30 screens . This includes the Venetian Theatre that re @-@ opened at the site of the old Town Theater in 2008 . The Oregon Chorale (a 60 @-@ person symphonic choir) , a men 's barbershop chorus , the Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra , and the Hillsboro Artists ' Regional Theatre are also located in Hillsboro . The orchestra was founded in 2001 under the direction of Stefan Minde . In 2004 , the city opened the Glenn & Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center in a remodeled church in downtown . The center provides space for galleries and performances , as well as classrooms for art instruction . The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals is located on the northern edge of the city . The Washington County Museum returned to downtown Hillsboro in 2012 when it moved into the Civic Center .

Hillsboro operates two library branches . Opened in 2007 after a smaller location was closed , the 38 @,@ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot (3 @,@ 500 m2) main branch is located in the north @-@ central section of the city . The older , smaller second branch is in Shute Park in the southwest area of the city . The Hillsboro libraries are part of Washington County Cooperative Library Services , which allows residents to use other libraries in the county and includes interlibrary loans .

= = = Media = = =

AM radio station KUIK , the weekly Hillsboro Argus newspaper (twice @-@ weekly until 2015) , and the Hillsboro Tribune are based in Hillsboro . The Argus is published on Wednesdays , and has been in circulation since 1873 . KUIK is a 5 @,@ 000 @-@ watt station broadcasting at the 1360 frequency . The Tribune started in September 2012 and now publishes weekly . The city is also served by Portland @-@ area media outlets including The Oregonian , Willamette Week , and all broadcast stations .

= = = Recreation = = =

Hillsboro 's Department of Parks and Recreation operates more than 20 facilities , including Hillsboro Stadium . There are 23 parks , two sports complexes , the Walters Cultural Arts Center , the Shute Park Aquatic & Recreation Center , and three other mixed @-@ use facilities . The city also owns the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve along the Tualatin River on the south side of the

community . South of city is Bald Peak State Scenic Viewpoint , which is day @-@ use only , and is the closest state park to Hillsboro . L.L. " Stub " Stewart Memorial State Park is the closest full @-@ service state park .

Local golf courses include The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club (36 holes) that was completed in 1997 , Meriwether National Golf Course (27 holes) established in 1961 , and the 9 @-@ hole McKay Creek Golf Course that was built in 1995 . Other courses in the area include Killarney West Golf Club (9 holes) , Rock Creek Country Club (18 holes) , Forest Hills Country Club (18 holes) , and Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club (36 holes) .

Hillsboro 's annual Fourth of July Parade is the second @-@ largest Independence Day parade in Oregon . The Oregon International Air Show , Oregon 's largest air show , is held each year during the summer at the Hillsboro Airport . Each summer the city offers a free concert series at Shute Park (Showtime at Shute) , while the Washington County Fair is held annually at the county fairgrounds adjacent to the airport .

Hillsboro Farmers ' Markets operates weekend farmers ' markets on Saturdays downtown and on Sundays at Orenco Station , from May to October . The Saturday market began in 1982 and sells arts and crafts , food , produce , and plants . A different organization , Hillsboro Tuesday Marketplace , operates a downtown farmers ' market on Tuesdays from mid @-@ June through September 1 . Farmers ' markets also operate on Wednesday afternoons from June through August at Kaiser Permanente and on Thursday afternoons at Tuality Hospital from June through August .

The city has one professional sports team , the Hillsboro Hops of the Northwest League , a Minor League Baseball club affiliated with the Arizona Diamondbacks . The baseball team relocated from Yakima , Washington in 2012 and began play as the Hops on June 14 , 2013 , with its inaugural home game at the new Ron Tonkin Field on June 17 .

= = Government = =

Hillsboro operates under a council ? manager form of city government . Voters elect six at @-@ large councilors and a mayor , who each serve four @-@ year terms , subject to a charter @-@ imposed limitation of two consecutive terms . The mayor and council appoint a city manager to conduct the ordinary business of the city . Policy decisions are the responsibility of the council and mayor . Administrative functions are carried out by the manager and manager @-@ appointed staff . Government functions are centered at the Hillsboro Civic Center , which houses the office of the city manager and is the location of the twice @-@ monthly city council meetings . As of November 2015 , Jerry Willey was mayor with Darell Lumaco , Rick Van Beveren , Kyle Allen , Olga Acuña , Steve Callaway , and Fred Nachtigal as the city councilors . Michael Brown serves as the city 's manager .

Hillsboro operates its own library system , fire department , parks department , water system , and police department . The Hillsboro Fire Department has five stations , and the Hillsboro Police Department operates two standard precincts and a mobile precinct . Wastewater treatment is provided through the county @-@ wide Clean Water Services .

At the federal level , Hillsboro lies in Oregon 's 1st congressional district , represented by Suzanne Bonamici . In the State Senate , Hillsboro is in District 15 , represented by Bruce Starr , District 13 , represented by Larry George , and District 12 represented by Brian Boquist . In the House , Districts 24 (Jim Weidner) , 26 (John Davis) , 29 (Ben Unger) and 30 (Joe Gallegos) cover the city . Parts of county commissioner districts 1 (Dick Schouten) , 2 (Desari Strader) , and 4 (Andy Duyck) overlap the city . In addition , Hillsboro lies within District 4 (Kathryn Harrington) of the Metro regional government .

= = Education = =

Public schools in Hillsboro are operated by the Hillsboro School District (1J) . The district is a unified school district with twenty @-@ three elementary schools , four middle schools , and four high schools . The district also operates the Miller Education Center , an alternative school , the Hare Field athletic complex , and City View Charter School . The school district covers Hillsboro ,

Scholls , Reedville , North Plains , West Union , and other surrounding communities . Total enrollment as of 2012 was 20 @, @ 903 students , making it the fourth largest district in the state . The four traditional public high schools are , in order of creation :

Post @-@ secondary educational opportunities include the west campus of Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) while Pacific University operates a satellite Health Professions Campus in downtown adjacent to Tuality Community Hospital . The OHSU site was formerly that of the Oregon Graduate Institute (now OGI School of Science and Engineering) and the Oregon National Primate Research Center portions of OHSU . Other educational opportunities are available at the Work Force Training Center (Portland Community College) and a branch of the University of Phoenix . Hillsboro is home to private primary and secondary schools including Faith Bible High School , St. Matthew Catholic School , Tualatin Valley Academy , and Renaissance Alternative School , among others .

= = Infrastructure = =

= = = Transportation = = =

Public transportation is available by bus and light rail , managed by regional transit agency TriMet . The first MAX light rail line , now known as the Blue Line , was extended to serve Hillsboro on September 12 , 1998 . The western terminus is located downtown . The Willow Creek and Hillsboro transit centers (TC) are the main hubs of the public transit system , although seven other MAX stations provide varying degrees of bus interconnection . MAX Stations (west to east) are the Hatfield Government Center , Hillsboro Central TC , Tuality Hospital , Washington / Southeast 12th Avenue , Fair Complex / Hillsboro Airport , Hawthorn Farm , Orenco , Quatama , and Willow Creek TC . Located next to the Tuality Hospital station is the Hillsboro Intermodal Transit Facility , which opened in 2010 and was jointly paid for by the hospital , Pacific University , and the city . The facility is primarily a parking garage , but includes lockers and showers for bicyclists along with electric vehicle charging stations .

Freight rail service from Portland and Western Railroad with interconnections to the BNSF Railway and the Union Pacific Railroad both serve Hillsboro . The city is not served by passenger rail service over a heavy @-@ rail line . Air travel is available at the Hillsboro Airport in the center of the city and at Stark 's Twin Oaks Airpark , a general aviation field south of the city . The Hillsboro Airport is a general aviation airport operated by the Port of Portland , and is the second @-@ busiest airport in the state after Portland International Airport . The airport mainly serves private pilots and corporate flights , with no scheduled airline flights from its two runways , but does have an on @-@ call customs service .

Oregon Route 8 , known locally as the Tualatin Valley Highway (TV Highway) , is the primary east ? west highway . U.S. Route 26 , also known as the Sunset Highway , bisects the northeast corner of the city . Other major east ? west roads are Cornell Road and Main Street / Baseline Road . Major north ? south routes are Oregon Route 219 / 1st Street , 10th Street / Cornell Road , Cornelius Pass Road , and Brookwood . The easternmost north ? south route , 185th Avenue , borders Beaverton and runs between the Tanasbourne Town Center and the rest of Hillsboro . TV Highway connects to Cornelius and Forest Grove to the west and Beaverton to the east .

= = = Health care = = =

Hospital services in the city are provided by Tuality Community Hospital in the downtown area of the city . Opened in 1918 as the city 's first hospital , the 167 @-@ bed facility is operated by Tuality Healthcare . Other significant medical facilities include Kaiser Permanente 's Sunset Medical Office and Providence Health & Services ' immediate care center , both in the Tanasbourne neighborhood . Kaiser Permanente also opened the Kaiser Westside Medical Center , a 126 @-@ bed hospital in 2013 , next to its Sunset Medical Office . The Department of Veterans Affairs opened a medical

clinic in the Tanasbourne area in 2008 .

= = Notable people = =

For more than 150 years , the city has had residents as varied as David Hill , the city 's founder , to Tiffeny Milbrett , an Olympic and World Cup champion soccer player . Two governors of Oregon , James Withycombe and Paul L. Patterson , have called the city home . Other politicians included Congressmen Thomas H. Tongue and Samuel Thurston ; mayors William N. Barrett , Benjamin P. Cornelius , and William D. Hare , patriarch of the Hare political family . Athletes include Erik Ainge , Scott Brosius , Colt Lyerla , Ad Rutschman , Wes Schulmerich , Wally Backman , and Olympic medalists Josh Inman , Thomas Garrigus , and Jean Saubert . Hillsboro has also been home to Peggy Y. Fowler , the former chief executive officer of Portland General Electric , producer Bryce Zabel , the " Mother Queen of Oregon " Mary Ramsey Wood , Tommy Overstreet , and professional wrestler Roddy Piper .

= = Sister city = =

Hillsboro 's only sister city relationship is with Fukuroi , a city of about 85 @, @ 000 residents in the Shizuoka Prefecture in central Japan . The cities , which have similar economic bases in agriculture and high technology , began their relationship in November 1988 . The relationship has included exchanges of students between schools in each city . In the late 2000s , Hillsboro unsuccessfully explored finding a sister city in Mexico and also neglected the relationship with Fukuroi . However , in 2008 , a Fukuroi contingent of adults visited Hillsboro to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Sister City agreement .