



Clerkin' with David

July 2025

Welcome!

It is hard to believe 2025 is already halfway over. As the weather continues to remain warm, it's great to see people out and about in our community, especially enjoying the new multi-use trail in Central and Challacombe Parks. Remember to follow the rules of the trail and to keep the parks clean so everyone may have an enjoyable experience. With that, here are some things going on in Hillsboro that may be of interest:

Fourth of July

The City will once again host a fireworks display in celebration of Independence Day on the evening of July 4, 2025. The display is being performed by A.M. Pyrotechnics.

Fireworks will be launched from the same location that they were last year, which is approximately 600 feet south of Lake Glenn Shoals. The display is set to begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. with Optimum viewing located on Hillsboro Lake across from the old beach looking north; on Lake Glenn Shoals looking south; and the Lake Glenn Shoals Emergency Overflow looking southwest. Traditional fireworks viewing at 4th of July Point and the Hillsboro Sports Complex south parking lot will be available, but may be obstructed.

Parking will be available at 4th of July Point, the Hillsboro Police Shooting Range, the Lake Glenn Shoals Emergency Overflow; and along Glenn Shoals Drive on the south and east sides of the road. Glenn Shoals Drive will be closed from the South Marina parking lot to the top of the shooting range beginning 15 minutes before the start of the display and will remain closed until the show has concluded.

Homefield Energy Municipal Aggregation Letters

The City's contract for municipal aggregation with Constellation NewEnergy has expired, and residents should have received letters from Homefield Energy regarding the new contract. The City reached an agreement with Homefield in May, and it will take effect in August with a guaranteed rate of 10.82 cents per kilowatt hour. Customers will automatically be enrolled in the program if no action is taken. Residents who wish to opt out of the program should follow the instructions on the letter they received. The deadline to opt out is July 9th.

Prior to the new agreement taking effect, customers will be switched to Ameren for a brief period. Letters from Ameren notifying customers of this adjustment have already been mailed. The new rate is a fully-fixed rate from August 2025 to May 2026. The City is required to give residents and

businesses the choice to opt-out of the municipal aggregation program every time a new agreement is reached. There is no option to opt-out of the program in perpetuity. Those who decide to opt out must choose another supplier within 60 days; otherwise, they must remain with Ameren for an additional 10 months.

Questions?

If you have any questions about what's going on with the City, you can contact the City Clerk's office by calling (217) 532-5566 ext. 2, or by emailing cityhall@hillsboroillinois.net. Thanks for reading!

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