



Chamber of Commerce
Convention & Visitors Bureau



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Vicki Hidde

During the Month of November our thoughts turn to those of thanksgiving, gratitude and appreciation. It is wonderful working with a cooperative board and city officials to build relationships and support our local businesses. Natalie Meeks has stepped into the Main Street Roll and has planned the Cotton Pickin' Fair, Halloween Haunted House, Christmas on Elm and other events.

The haunted house collected over 100 pounds of food and raised over \$700 for Hillsboro Interfaith Ministry. Rhett Reddell coordinated a team of volunteers that brought smiles to children faces and over 1500 attendees to downtown Hillsboro. Bonnie Burson and Phillip Spencer entertained more than 100 children with fortune telling. First Baptist church hosted a trunk or treat with a live band.

Plans are under way for the next event, which is *Christmas on Elm*. The Christmas Parade will begin at 10 am. There will be shopping from 10 am to 8 pm. Family photos will be taken with Santa and the *Three Wisemen*. There will be caroling, a live Christmas tree ornament contest judging for a \$100 prize, tree lighting and live nativity and carriage rides. The Tourism Board, Chamber and Main Street are working on this event. You will be hearing more about this event in the coming weeks.

➤ We need sponsors for the Christmas on Elm event

On November 13th we will host our Business-After- Hours which will be a Ladies Night Out Hosted by Glitz and Glamour. There will over 10 organizations represented at the event. It will be a fun time for women to gather and see what is new in cosmetics, fashion, wellness and nutrition.

State Senator Brian Birdwell will be our featured speaker at the Legislative Luncheon November 20th. Make plans to attend.

Hillsboro Happenings

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lions Club - Tuesday at Lunch (noon) At First United Methodist Church

ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday Lunch (noon) Lone Star Cafe

November 5 – Library Membership Campaign Begins

November 7&8- Hill College - Holiday on the Hill

November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade

November 13 - Chamber Board Meeting

November 13- Business-After-Hours – Women's Night Out at Glitz and Glamour 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

November 13- Muscular Dystrophy Lock Up - I told them that my friends would let me stay locked up....but for a good cause, and this is a good cause, I need a contribution so I can break out of Jail. "I need a & I want Vicki" will be contacting you for a donation.

November 15, 1st Annual Explore Hillsboro 5 K Color Run/Walk (more information at www.hillsborochamber.org) CANCELLED

November 18 – City Council 6 pm Historic City Hall

November 20 - Chamber Legislative Luncheon - at Historic City Hall - 11:30 am to 1 pm- State Senator Birdwell will be the speaker. Cost \$20.

November 27 & 28 Thanksgiving Holiday (City of Hillsboro)

November 27 - Outlets of Hillsboro (Thanksgiving Night) 8 pm- Midnight for "Moonlight Madness" and Black Friday from 7 AM to 9 PM. Selected store may open for extended hours during holiday shopping period.

December 5- Healing Hearts Coral Group -7 PM - First United Methodist Church - Free Concert starts at 7:30 pm

December 5 – Library Gala, at the Library, 118 South Waco Street 7- 9 pm

December 6 - Christmas Parade - Downtown Hillsboro –10 am – 11 am

December 6 – Christmas on Elm – Downtown **12 pm to 8 pm** – More Details to follow

January 28-31 - Hill County Fair

February 26 - Hill County Day in Austin - More information to Follow

March 5 - Chamber Banquet



Senator Brian Birdwell
Will be the featured speaker at the Hillsboro Chamber Luncheon on November 20 at Historic City Hall.

Networking will begin at 11:30 and Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$20. Please RSVP by Noon on Tuesday, Nov 18.

Christmas on Elm Street A Texas Christmas December 6, 2014

10 am to 11 am – Christmas Parade
Signup by Contacting the Chamber Office
10 am to 8 pm –Shopping
12 pm to 5 pm Elm Street Market with Vendors Cost \$25.00
12 pm to 3 pm – Family Christmas Photos
3 pm to 5 pm – Santa and Three Wiseman Pictures
3 pm to 8 pm – Caroling
4 pm – Live Christmas Tree Ornament Contest – Judging - \$100 prize
5:30 – Christmas Tree Lighting
6 pm to 8 pm – Live Nativity
6 pm to 8 pm Carriage Rides

Library Gala

118 Wouth Waco
7 pm to 9 pm

Ladies Night Out

Business After Hours

Glitz & Glamour

This event will feature gift items, cosmetics, fashion, wellness and nutritional products

6 pm to 9 pm

Invite a Friend and

Make it a Ladies Night Out

Thanksgiving Night

Outlets at Hillsboro

8 pm to Midnight for
“Moonlight Madness”

And

Black Friday

7 am to 9 pm

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New Members

Fulbright Winniford – Law Practice

Taylor’s Smoke House

Heather Derington, MD

Hillsboro Haunted House



Costume Contest



R& R Fitness presented a check for \$700 to Hillsboro Interfaith Ministry on Friday November 6, 2014. Over 430 youth and adults walked through the haunted house. Over 100 pounds of food was collected.

Glitz and Glamour gave away 2000 pieces of candy to 1000 children before 8 pm.

Gold Nugget Pawn gave away over \$700 in candy during the event. We are hearing "Good Job" from community leaders.

Thank you R & R Fitness and Main Street.

Natalie Meeks, Rhett Reddell and a team of volunteers did an outstanding job.

Roane Meeks at A Tisket A Takset – Which is open on Saturdays.

Door Decorating Contest at HISD



Taylor's Smoke House

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COMMENTS FROM OUR MEMBERS

I have found the Chamber to be an excellent source for strengthening relationships with other businesses and a way I can be directly involved in successfully contributing towards growth in my community.

Karen Duskocil, Lone Star Ag Credit

Our disappointment with the chamber, changed almost overnight after we met Vicki Hidde. She told us to expect a return on our chamber investment and the chamber has delivered. Not only does the chamber solicit your ideas and recommendations, but the staff surpasses our expectations.

Britney Cockerham, Glitz and Glamour

The chamber supports small business, Main Street and community activities. I am honored to be a member of the Hillsboro Chamber and support their programs.

Rhett Reddell, R & R Fitness

The Chamber helped promote Aaron's by showing and helping us get more involved in the community. Also they played a huge part in helping us with the donations for a recent local benefit fundraiser. Thank you for your hard work!

Aaron Fullerton, Aaron's Store Manager

You comment can go here

