

SPRING 2025

HUDSONVILLE

HOMETOWN NEWS

CITY OF HUDSONVILLE MISSION STATEMENT:

To grow a distinctive, livable, vibrant, and connected city offering excellent services and amenities.

WELCOMING THE SPRING SEASON

Enjoy the Outdoors in Hudsonville



Hughes Park

With warmer weather approaching, it's a great time to get outside and enjoy the variety of parks and trails Hudsonville has to offer. If you're looking for a kid-friendly playground, visit Hughes Park, Sunrise Park, or Hillside Park. These family-friendly parks offer a range of activities, including basketball courts, volleyball courts, playgrounds, frisbee golf, picnic areas, and more.



Nature Center

If you're looking to immerse yourself in nature, consider visiting the Nature Center, a 76-acre nature preserve of woodlands, prairies, and wetlands that offers hiking trails, lookout views, wildflowers, and picnic areas. Additionally, the city's naturalist leads about 20 free guided hikes throughout the year, providing an opportunity to learn more about local wildlife and plants. For more information about upcoming hikes, visit www.hudsonville.org/calendar.php.

There are also a variety of non-motorized pathways connecting the city. Buttermilk Creek Trail and Elmwood Trail are excellent paved routes for walking, jogging, or biking.

Hughes Park, Sunrise Park, and Hillside Park can be reserved for your next party or get-together! Use our online rental request which can be found on our website at www.hudsonville.org/facility-rental. For more information regarding future park upgrades and considerations, check out the city's new parks and recreation plan at www.hudsonville.org/plans_maps.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

32nd Avenue from Allen Street to New Holland Street

A full-depth milling and resurfacing road project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2025 before the start of the school year. The grant amount of \$235,654 is appropriated by MDOT via their Local Agency Program (LAP).

Corporate Grove and Corporate Exchange Drive

A full-depth mill and resurfacing project with an estimated total construction cost of \$418,000. The project is partially funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation, covering 50% of the cost. Estimated completion in the summer of 2025.

Hughes Park Pathway Extension

Construction of a 1,450-ft accessible pathway to connect the ball fields, parking lot, and public restrooms.

School Avenue Parking Lot

Construction of 43 public parking spaces, EV charging stations, bike racks, and decorative light poles. Anticipated completion late spring of 2025 pending DDA and City Commission approval.

Full project details including additional projects approved in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget will be released on our website or by press release.



Buttermilk Creek Ribbon Cutting

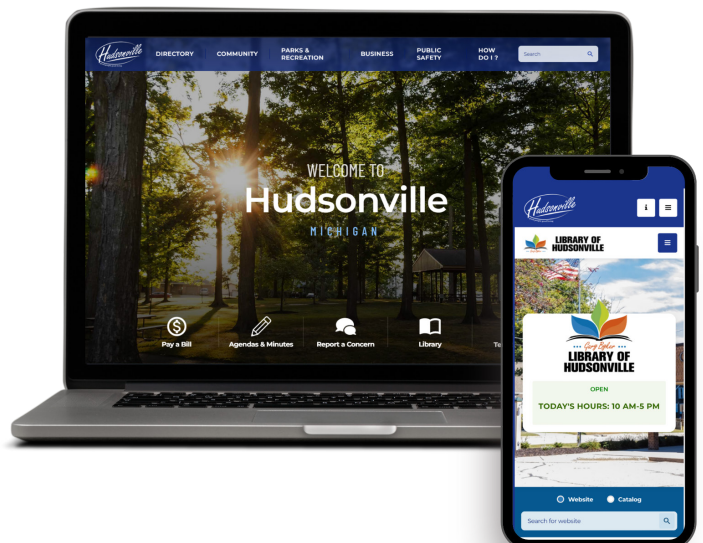
Join us for a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, June 10, at 12:00 p.m. at Buttermilk Creek Park located at 3511 New Holland Street. The new facility features public restrooms, a small rain garden, and a new public parking area.

NEW CITY & LIBRARY WEBSITE

The city is pleased to announce our new website! Designed with residents and visitors in mind, our updated site is easier to navigate, mobile-friendly, and packed with helpful features, including online bill payments, event calendars, news & alerts, public service info, and more.

Plus, check out the library's new website as well for reading resources, program details, digital libraries and more at www.hudsonvillelibrary.org.

Visit www.hudsonville.org today and explore everything our city has to offer—all in one convenient place!



SPECIAL ELECTION

A special election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on election day. A sample of the proposed ballot and absentee ballots will be available at the City Clerk’s office and on the City’s web page at www.hudsonville.org/elections.

Wards 1&2

Hudsonville City Hall, 3275
Central Blvd.

Ward 3

Hudsonville Congregational United Church
of Christ, 4950 32nd Ave.

If you wish to apply for an absent voter ballot, please stop by City Hall or contact the City Clerk, at (616) 669-0200 or elections@hudsonville.org, to obtain an application. The City Clerk’s office will also be open on Saturday, May 3, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing absentee ballots and registering voters.

NOMINATION FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Nominating petitions for the City Commission will be accepted by the Hudsonville City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2025, for the following offices to be elected at the November 4 city general election:

Ward 1 Commissioner	4 year term	Incumbent – Jack Groot
Ward 2 Commissioner	4 year term	Incumbent – Dan Bolhuis
Ward 3 Commissioner	4 year term	Incumbent – Larry Brandsen
Ward 3 Commissioner	2 year term, partial term	Incumbent – Jeremy Kamp

A petition must be signed by not less than 15 nor more than 30 registered electors of the ward in which the candidate resides. Candidates for the office of Mayor may have registered electors from the city at large sign their petition. If more than two candidates, per office, submit a nomination petition, a primary election will be held on August 5. Petition forms and affidavit of identification forms are available at the City Clerk’s office, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ELECTION REMINDERS

- Early voting will not be offered for either election this year. Per state legislation early voting is only required for state and federal elections.
- Please be aware that if you were previously on the permanent application list (different from the permanent ballot list), you will no longer be receiving an absentee ballot application automatically.
- If you wish to receive an application for an absentee ballot, they will be available on the city’s website, or you can request an application from the City Clerk.
- The permanent ballot list is available for those who want an absentee ballot sent to them prior to every election. If you wish to join this list, you will need to submit one last absentee application and mark the box indicating your wish to join.
- Please note that the USPS cannot forward absentee ballots, so the permanent ballot list might not be the best option if you are someone whose mailing address isn’t the same all year long (i.e., snowbirds or college students). However, there is a form available for temporary address changes from the City Clerk. This form must be submitted yearly.
- Any electronic communication from the clerk’s office will come from elections@hudsonville.org. Please make sure to add this email address to your safe-senders list in the event there is an issue with your ballot or application (i.e. missing or unmatching signatures).
- For more information about elections, please visit www.hudsonville.org/elections.

HOME CARE REMINDERS

Per Hudsonville City Code and Zoning Ordinance Standards, the following requirements apply to all property in the City of Hudsonville.

Landscaping

As a reminder for this spring, no branches or landscaping shall interfere with the sidewalk (keep hedges and trees trimmed back). Grass shall not be above 8" in length. Please do not mow or blow grass into the street. When mowing, weed-whip around fences, mailboxes, telephone poles, or street signs on your property. Edge the curb and sidewalk in front of your home or business, and do not pile landscaping and other materials in the road.



Campfires

It's important to remember that small fires are permitted solely for recreational purposes, such as barbecues and campfires. A permit is not required for these. A member of the fire department or police department may require a fire to be extinguished if it is hazardous or a nuisance to the general public or neighbors.

Recreational Vehicles

Recreational vehicles include enclosed trailers, campers/RVs, and flatbed trailers. There are zoning ordinance standards for the amount of vehicles permitted, as well as their location. Some examples of these requirements are listed below.

- For all residential uses, the parking of recreational vehicles and equipment in the front yard for longer than three days shall be prohibited.
- Recreational vehicles and equipment shall not be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes when parked on a residential lot or in any other location not approved for those purposes.
- The storage area is required to be a paved or gravel surface. In the rear yard a mowed grass surface is permitted.
- Three pieces of recreational vehicles and equipment are permitted per parcel. (Small equipment located on a trailer is permitted as one piece.)
- One piece is permitted to be over ten feet tall, but no more than thirteen-and-a-half feet tall.

SPRING CLEANUP

The Department of Public Works will be offering a springtime yard waste drop off day on Saturday, April 26. This will be held at 5713 Balsam Drive and will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to accept grass clippings, sticks, branches (4" diameter max), leaves, and landscape trimmings. We cannot take stumps or root balls. Any containers or trash bags used to transport the waste must be taken back by the resident to be disposed of.

• PROTECT OUR WATERSHED •

SPRING TIPS



<h3>Clear</h3> <p>April showers bring clogged storm drains! Clear drains of snow, leaves and other debris before it rains.</p> <p>www.lgrow.org/adopt-a-drain</p>	<h3>Plant</h3> <p>Choose a variety of native species for your landscape so you have something in bloom all growing season.</p> <p>www.lgrow.org/rainscaping</p>
<h3>Dispose</h3> <p>Bring expired cleaning chemicals to a Kent County SafeChem event or the Ottawa County Resource Recovery Center.</p> <p>www.lgrow.org/proper-disposal</p>	<h3>Travel</h3> <p>With summer around the corner, check our disposal guide for proper disposal of RV/travel trailer and boating sanitary wastes.</p> <p>www.lgrow.org/proper-disposal</p>
<h3>Swap</h3> <p>Make the change and swap out harmful cleaning products for biodegradable or homemade options.</p> <p>www.lgrow.org/pollution-solutions</p>	<h3>Recycle</h3> <p>Bring used motor oil to participating oil recycling facilities or your country resource recovery service centers.</p> <p>www.lgrow.org/proper-disposal</p>

 • VISIT WWW.LGROW.ORG FOR MORE INFO • 

Participate in the
Library Strategic
Plan survey:



... Gary Byker ...
**LIBRARY OF
HUDSONVILLE**

SERVICES, PROGRAMS & MORE!

Adult Programs

Bed Turning ~ Quilt Show & Tell

Sat., Mar. 29, 10:30am

Portrait Painting

Sat., April 5, 11am - Paint a portrait of your friend or family member while they paint you!

Friends Present: WW Greenhouses

Thurs., April 10, 1pm

Puzzles & Pie Night

Thurs., May 1, 5:30pm

Friends Present: Coffee Roasting: Beans & Brews

Thurs., May 8, 1pm

Diverse Readers Book Club

Tues., Apr. 22, 7pm: *The Lost Children Archive* by Valeria Luiselli

Tues., May 20, 7pm: *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson

Art & Crafting Classes

Nimble Fingers Creative Circle: Wednesdays @ 10am

Beginning Twining Class: Sat., Apr. 12, 10am, \$30

Basket Weaving: Door Basket, Sat., May 3, 10am, \$28

Crochet Saturday, Sat., May 3, 10:30am, Free

Fitness Classes

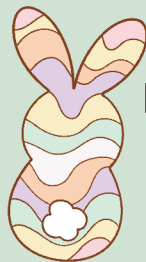
WERQ Cardio Dance: 6:30pm on Wednesdays

Zumba with Aimee: 9:15am on Fridays

Fitness classes use the south-facing library entrance.



**Next Friends of the Library
BOOK SALE: June 5-7**



Spring Break Peep-tacular Party!



Wed., April 9, 1-2pm

A delightful afternoon filled with Peeps-inspired games & activities. All ages welcome!

Don't miss out on this blooming good time!

Registration for all ages is required.



Programs for Kids

Move to the Music

Mondays & Tuesdays at 10:30am, ages Birth-PreK

Pop-In & Play!

Thursdays at 10:30am, ages Birth-PreK

Kindness Club

Monthly on Mondays at 5pm for ages 6-9

D&D for Tweens

Check our calendar for beginner & advanced groups that meet every couple weeks.

Maker Mondays

Monthly program for ages 9 - Teen

For more programs,
details & our complete
calendar, go to
HudsonvilleLibrary.org



Summer Reading kicks off June 2!

Reading challenges and
programming for kids, teens,
& adults all summer long!



3338 VAN BUREN ST., HUDSONVILLE ~ HUDSONVILLELIBRARY.ORG

PROJECT UPDATES



Hudsonville Flats

A 22-unit mixed-use development on Harvey Street in downtown. Holland Hospital opened their doors in January; Rock 'n' Thai is under construction and slated to open this summer. Apartments are currently available for lease.

Prospect Flats

A 41-unit, two-building rental housing development, north of Prospect Street and west of 32nd Avenue opening in May 2025. Leasing opportunities are available.



Prospect Flats Rendering

Terra Station

141-unit, twelve-building mixed-use development, commercial building under construction, listed as one of *Crain's Grand Rapids Business* 'Top Residential Projects of 2025.' Estimated project completion is in the fall of 2026, with the commercial buildings opening in the fall of 2025.



Terra Station Rendering

Elmwood Lake Apartments

156-unit rental housing development on Balsam Drive offering studio, one, two, and three-bedroom apartments with amenities. Leasing open now!

5875 Balsam

10-unit rental housing, 4 midterm rental units. More details coming soon.

TRIANGLE PROPERTY

Working together with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC's) Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) team and Lakeshore Advantage, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) seeks proposals for the purchase and development of DDA-owned parcels located at 3284 and 3320 Chicago Drive and 3287 Prospect Street, colloquially referred to as the "Triangle Property."

These parcels, totaling 1.76 acres, are among the first seen when driving southeast on Chicago Drive into Hudsonville's growing downtown district. The DDA seeks a skilled developer who can provide a diverse blend of mixed-use and, preferentially, commercial amenities. The ideal development team will have a proven track record in building mixed-use complexes for family-oriented, middle-class demographics.

The request for proposals is due April 10, 2025. For a copy of the RFP visit www.hudsonville.org/business/bid_opportunities.php.





Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m.
Veteran’s Park (3275 Central Blvd.)

Join us to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our country so that we can enjoy the freedom and liberties we have today. For more information please visit www.hudsonville.org.



Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June – September
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Support local and shop fresh at our annual Farmers Market! Featuring a delightful selection of Michigan-grown produce, homemade baked goods, and unique artisan crafts.

Master Plan Unveiling – Community Workshop

Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Terra Square (3380 Chicago Dr.)

The workshop will present various key aspects of the draft master plan and give residents opportunities for feedback prior to adoption. The plan will be available for viewing on www.hudsonvilleplan.com after April 8.



Event Space – Book Today

Host your next event at Terra Square, where style meets versatility. Our beautifully designed space offers the perfect setting for any occasion. With modern amenities, customizable layouts, and a welcoming atmosphere, we ensure your event is memorable and stress-free. Book today and let us bring your vision to life!

DO YOU HAVE A CONCERN?

Did you know that you can report any non-urgent concerns on the city’s website? If you visit www.hudsonville.org, you may then click on the ‘How Do I?’ tab. Then, click on ‘Report a Concern’.

If you have an urgent matter that needs immediate attention, such as a water main break, please call Central Dispatch at 1-800-249-0911.



For more details visit www.terrasquare.com
3380 Chicago Dr., Hudsonville, MI

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH



City Hall:

3275 Central Blvd., Hudsonville, MI 49426
 Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
 Friday: 7:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
 (616) 669-0200

Library:

3338 Van Buren St., Hudsonville, MI 49426
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 (616) 669-1255



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