



Welcome to Hilliard!

We are thrilled to welcome you to our charming small town! Whether you're here for a new start or returning to your roots, we hope you find Hilliard as warm and inviting as we do. To help you settle in, we've put together this welcome packet with all the information you'll need to get started in your new home.

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1. A Note from Our Mayor

Dear New Neighbor,

Welcome to Hilliard! We pride ourselves on being a community that values tradition, hard work, and the connection we all share with one another. As we grow, we remain committed to keeping our small-town charm and fostering a place where everyone feels welcome. We're excited to have you join us and look forward to getting to know you. Feel free to reach out to the Town Hall with any questions or just to say hello!

Warm regards,

Mayor

John P Beasley

2. About Hilliard

Nestled in the heart of Nassau County, Florida, the Town of Hilliard is a close-knit community that blends small-town charm with a growing sense of opportunity. Known for its warm hospitality, rich history, and a slower pace of life, Hilliard offers residents and visitors a peaceful yet vibrant place to call home.

Our Town's Character

Hilliard prides itself on its strong community values. Here, neighbors support one another, local businesses thrive, and events bring people together. It's a town where everyone knows your name, and newcomers are welcomed with open arms. Whether you're strolling through one of our parks, attending a community festival, or stopping by a local restaurant, you'll feel the genuine spirit of Hilliard in every corner.

A Growing Community

While growth is inevitable, Hilliard remains dedicated to preserving its small-town atmosphere. We're excited to welcome new families and businesses while maintaining the slower, more intentional pace that defines our way of life. Our growing community continues to offer new opportunities while holding fast to traditions that make Hilliard unique.

Events and Recreation

Hilliard is full of life and community spirit, especially during our many town events. From the Harvest Festival to the Golf Cart Parade, Food Truck Fridays, and the Christmas Market & Tree Lighting, there's always something to celebrate. For families and individuals seeking recreation, our parks and sports leagues offer spaces for fitness, fun, and relaxation.

Location and Accessibility

Conveniently located near major roadways and just a short drive from Jacksonville, Hilliard offers a quiet, rural setting with easy access to nearby cities. Whether you're commuting for work or seeking entertainment and shopping, Hilliard provides the best of both worlds: peaceful living with modern conveniences just a stone's throw away.

Our Commitment to the Future

While we honor our history and traditions, Hilliard is also forward-looking. Through community initiatives like improving our parks, enhancing emergency preparedness, and supporting local businesses, we aim to foster a town where both long-time residents and newcomers can thrive.

We are excited that you have chosen to join our wonderful community and hope you will enjoy all that Hilliard has to offer.

Welcome home!

3. Community Values

Hilliard is more than just a town—it's a way of life. We pride ourselves on:

- **Community Support:** Whether it's a local event, a fundraiser, or simply helping a neighbor, we come together when it matters.
- **Small-Town Charm:** In Hilliard, you'll find friendly faces and a welcoming spirit wherever you go.
- **Traditions & Heritage:** Our town celebrates its rich history while looking forward to a bright future.

4. Important Contacts

Here are some essential contacts to help you get settled:

- **Town Hall:** (904) 845-3555
- **Nassau County Sheriff's Office:** (904) 225-5174
- **Hilliard Public Works:** (904) 845-2711
- **Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department:** (904) 845-7071
- **Hilliard Elementary:** (904) 845-4471
- **Hilliard Middle Senior High School:** (904) 845-2171

5. Town Services

As a resident of Hilliard, here's a quick guide to essential services:

- **Water & Sewer:** You can set up services through Town Hall. Make sure to bring proof of residency.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Hilliard is a StormReady community, and we work closely with Nassau County Emergency Management to keep residents informed during severe weather. Sign up for alerts at <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085611111/login>

6. Local Events & Activities

Hilliard is known for its fun and community-centered events. Be sure to check out:

- **Food Truck Fridays:** Enjoy delicious local food trucks on the last Friday of every month.
- **Hilliard Harvest Festival:** A fall celebration with games, vendors, and family activities held in September.
- **Town Clean Up:** A day of community gathering to beautify our Town Together.
- **Veterans Day Ceremony:** Held annually in November at Town Hall Park to honor our veterans.
- **Tree Lighting Ceremony:** We all gather in town hall park to light the Town Christmas tree, Sing Christmas Songs and turn Hilliard into a Hallmark Movie scene.

7. Schools & Education

Hilliard is part of the Nassau County School District, which offers a range of public schools with a commitment to student success.

- **Hilliard Elementary School (HES):** Grades K-5
- **Hilliard Middle-Senior High School (HMSHS):** Grades 6-12
- **Private & Charter Options:** Available nearby in Nassau County

For more information, visit the Nassau County School District website at <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/>

8. Parks & Recreation

Hilliard offers excellent recreational opportunities for all ages.

- **Multiple Parks:** Featuring playgrounds, sports fields, walking trails, and picnic areas.
- **Hilliard Community Pool:** Open seasonally with swim lessons, aqua classes, and public swim sessions.
- **Hilliard Parks and Recreation:** Hosts youth sports leagues, fitness programs, and seasonal events. Reach out to our Parks & Rec team for details on how to get involved or sign up your kids!

9. Shopping & Dining

Hilliard offers a variety of local shopping and dining options that reflect the town's small-town charm. From family-owned boutiques to essential services, you'll find everything you need close to home. Our local shops provide unique goods, friendly service, and a personalized experience you won't find anywhere else.

For dining, Hilliard has a few options from casual eateries to Southern comfort food. Whether you're grabbing a quick bite at a local diner or enjoying Treats from a local food truck, you'll experience the warm hospitality and delicious flavors that define our community. We offer a Monthly Food Truck Friday in Town Hall Park, where we invite different cuisines to come out the last Friday of the month.

For larger shopping centers, nearby Jacksonville or Yulee offers malls and retail outlets just a short drive away.

10. Getting Involved

We encourage all residents to get involved in the community! Whether it's joining a town committee, participating in local events, or volunteering at the Parks and Recreation Department, there's always a way to make a difference. Your unique skills and passions can help shape the future of Hilliard and strengthen our town's close-knit spirit.

You can also adopt a park through our Parks & Recreation initiative, helping to maintain and beautify our public spaces. Attending Town Council meetings is a great way to stay informed about local decisions and have your voice heard. Together, we can continue making Hilliard a wonderful place to live, work, and play!