

HILLSBORO BEACH

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LOCATION

Hillsboro Beach Town Hall
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Hillsboro Beach, FL 33062
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HISTORY

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The name is derived from the Earl of Hillsborough, to whom large grants of land were made by the English Crown during one of the periods of English possession of Florida that alternated with Spanish ownership. Florida came under the flag of the United States by purchase from Spain in 1819.

The Hillsboro Lighthouse, completed in 1907, marks the northern end of the Florida Reef. It contains a 5,500,000 candlepower light and is the most powerful light on the east coast of the United States. Its height is 136 feet above the water.

In 1922, Herbert L. Malcolm (later a Town Commissioner for ten years and Mayor for two terms) bought land next to the Inlet and built a school. In 1925 he turned the school into a hotel, which became the present Hillsboro Club.

The Town was originally incorporated in 1939 and remained inactive until 1947 when it was incorporated by a special act of the Florida Legislature. The first meeting towards formal incorporation was arranged by Mrs. Marie McCollum and took place in February 1947, at the residence of Mrs. Ruth Markland. At a meeting held on March 4, 1947, Ernest Wooler was elected the first Mayor. At that time the Town had 17 voters, 9 private houses, 4 groups of rental cottages and apartments, and the Hillsboro Club. Highway A1A was an unpaved, sandy road. A narrow bridge, operated by hand connected the Town with Pompano Beach.

The present Town Hall was dedicated in 1955. The first Town Hall was a tiny wooden building at #957. In that time of war-induced shortages, it had telephone privileges, courtesy of Cap's Place.

The Town is governed by five elected Commissioners. The Town has a Police Department comprised of 16 men. The Town of Hillsboro Beach is serviced for fire by the Deerfield Beach Fire Department. Inland, off Sample Road and over the Biscayne Aquifer, is the Town's wellfield of twenty-two acres, with four wells, pumps and a water treatment plant. Our sewers are connected to the Broward County Sewage Treatment Plant.

In 1973 there were 747 voters in the Town, and the winter population was approximately 1,800. Today there are over 1,500 voters in the Town with a winter

population of over 3,000.

POPULATION

Population (year 2000): 2,163. Estimated population in July 2006: 2,335 (+8.0% change)

EVENTS

See Deerfield Beach and Pompano Beach

ATTRACTIONS

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SCHOOLS

See Deerfield Beach and Pompano Beach

HOSPITALS

North Broward Hospital
201 E Sample Rd
Pompano Beach, FL 33064
954-786-6800

Boca Raton Community Hospital
800 Meadows Rd
Boca Raton, FL 33486
561-395-7100

RECREATION & PARKS

See Deerfield Beach and Pompano Beach

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS

Palm Beach International Airport
1000 Turnage Boulevard
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
Phone: (561) 471-7420

BUSES

Hillsboro Beach Community Bus Service
954.427.4011

Broward County Transit
954.357.8400

DEPARTMENTS

MAYOR & COMMISSION

Carmen R. McGarry, Mayor

Dan Dodge, Vice Mayor

Lee Bennett, Commissioner

Tom Puleri, Commissioner

Alan J. Polin, Commissioner

ADMINISTRATION

Irene C. George, Deputy Town Clerk

Marilyn Coots, Administrative Assistant

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Felix D. Brugnani, Police Chief

WATER DEPARTMENT

Lutchman Singh, Water Superintendent

LEGAL

Julie Klahr

Town Attorney

UTILITIES

FPL 954.797.5000

Water Department: 954.941.8937

Sewer: 954.941.8937

Garbage: 954.974.7500

Recycling: 954.974.7500

Phone: BellSouth: 954.780.2355

Cable: Comcast: 954.941.4200

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