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This Week in Town

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Hod HaSharon
community and nature in the center



Hatima Tova!

The synagogue at Magdiel Square



Drill at a simulated demolition site in the Yesod HaMa'ala Street urban-renewal complex

Municipal Security Patrols Track Down and Apprehend Suspect in Series of Arson Attacks Across the City

On Rosh Hashanah eve, as the city's residents sat down for the holiday meal, Hod HaSharon Municipality's security patrols worked to track down a suspect in a series of fires set at community libraries and bins across the city.

Thanks to the swift action and real-time coordination between the municipal security forces and the police, the suspect was located and caught in possession of flammable material shortly after he had set fire to a donation cabinet, a public bin and a private trailer in the city center.

The suspect, a resident of the city in his thirties, was handed over to the police and taken to the Kfar Saba police station. His remand was later extended, and an indictment is expected to be filed against him. Firefighting crews extinguished all the fires before they could spread, and municipal crews were already working that same night to remove the resulting hazards and clean up the areas affected by the fires.

New community libraries will be installed at the locations where the fires were set, and the donation cabinet built by the community garden in HoutHakker will also be replaced by the municipality, for the benefit of the whole community.



Hod HaSharon Prepares for Winter

Municipal crews are currently preparing the city's public spaces for winter: clearing storm drains and drainage channels, cleaning and pruning along stream channels, and dealing with hazardous trees.

To prepare for winter, please remember to clear your yards, gutters and drainage openings, prune branches that could pose a hazard, and secure any objects that might be blown away by strong winds.

Together, let's make sure everyone has a safe winter.



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,The municipal security department patrols the city 24 hours a day
.conducts spot checks and visits construction sites to locate undocumented workers

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Court Recommends that Petitioners Against Hod HaSharon's Guard Fee Withdraw Their Petition

Shmuel Bornstein, a judge at the Central District Court in Lod, recommended that the council members who had petitioned against the guard-fee process in Hod HaSharon withdraw their petition. "I have recommended that the petitioners withdraw the petition," the judge wrote briefly in his ruling, seemingly bringing the petition to an end.

During the hearing, Hod HaSharon Municipality presented the court with the city's guard-duty plan, the Interior Ministry's approval of the plan and the collection of the fee, the city council's decisions, and how the plan is to be implemented in practice.

Omer Kaspi, head of the municipality's Security and Enforcement Division, detailed for the court the operations of the city's security network, which has been expanded in recent years and includes, among other things, foot patrols, patrol vehicles, a motorcycle patrol unit, a monitored CCTV center, and additional security components in public spaces. The municipality's investment in strengthening its security network has led to a sustained decline in property crime offenses (break-ins and property crime) in the city.

In recent months, too, the city's stepped-up security activity has recorded successes, including thwarting the activity of burglary rings, the arrest of a serial arsonist on the most recent Rosh Hashanah eve, rapid handling of vandalism incidents in public spaces, and more. A data analysis conducted by the Ynet news site and the real-estate data company Madlan, based on police data, found that Hod HaSharon

is among the safest cities in Israel, and that the city's 200 Complex is the safest neighborhood in the country.

The municipality noted that in 2020, Hod HaSharon was the only city that decided to forgo collecting the guard fee, after the municipality assessed that at the time it could continue to fund municipal security services without collecting it. Even after the outbreak of the war in 2023, the municipality continued for a further period not to collect the fee.

In 2025, against the backdrop of growing security needs, rising costs of the guard and patrol network, and the need to strengthen the municipal response in both routine times and emergencies, collection of the fee was resumed, based on a dedicated guard-duty plan approved by the Interior Ministry.

The fee revenues are earmarked for funding municipal guard and security services, including expanding the patrol network, operating the motorcycle patrol unit, reinforcing security components, a 24/7 monitoring center, securing public spaces and educational institutions, and assisting with security for municipal events.

Hod HaSharon Mayor Amir Kochavi: "The judge has put an end to a political petition – shallow, mistaken and full of disinformation and public misinformation regarding the guard fee. What was said at the court hearing was simple and clear: there is a plan, there is a framework, there is activity, there is a budget, and there is a council decision that was made openly and under the Interior Ministry's

supervision. After months in which claims were made that these things do not exist or are not properly regulated, the court has had its say: 'I have recommended that the petitioners withdraw the petition' – six words in Hebrew that say it all.

When we were able to forgo the guard fee, we did so. In 2020, Hod HaSharon was the only city that chose to give it up voluntarily, based on financial calculations and the knowledge that we could manage without collecting it. This continued even as the security situation began to change. Only when security costs rose significantly and needs on the ground grew did we bring back the fee, as a dedicated tool for funding the municipal guard network.

The opposition members who filed the petition acted by sowing misinformation, making false insinuations, and repeatedly harming the professional staff of the

municipality and the Interior Ministry. The recommendation to withdraw the petition is also a reminder that public responsibility requires checking the facts before spreading misinformation and harming public officials and civil servants

We will continue to look our residents in the eye, to tell the truth even when it is uncomfortable, and to act for their personal security with responsibility and transparency. People are welcome to disagree with us. People are welcome to criticize us. But the days of ignoring the facts, or even brazenly lying in the face of them, are over. The security of Hod HaSharon's residents is not a political game – we will continue to promote it responsibly."

Classroom Greeting Boxes at Lapid School

Lapid School opened the school year with a unique initiative led by Galit Salamon, the school's social-education coordinator: classroom boxes in which students and parents exchanged warm, personal greetings.



Thank You for the Rides and the Support

12th-grade students and the pre-military prep class at Tsurim School put together a festive holiday table for the chaperones and bus drivers, thanking them for their work and support throughout the year.



Preparing for Every Scenario: Hod HaSharon Rescue Unit Trains in Rubble Extraction at Simulated Disaster Site

On Tuesday, September 15, the municipal rescue unit held a large-scale drill at a simulated demolition site in the urban-renewal complex on Yesod HaMa'ala Street.

The drill simulated an Iranian missile strike on a cluster of buildings and ran continuously through the daytime and after dark. The exercise included training in locating and extracting trapped casualties, medical treatment and evacuation of the injured, drone operation, gathering intelligence on the population and its needs, cordoning off the site, and directing residents. At the same time, the operations of the municipal command post and cooperation between all the forces involved – municipal and external – were also put to the test.

Four teams from the municipal rescue unit took part in the drill, along with command-post crews and teams responsible for directing the population and cordoning off the site. The exercise was held in cooperation with, and under the guidance of, the Home Front Command. Mayor Amir Kochavi: "Hod HaSharon is growing, and our urban-renewal sites offer an ideal opportunity to practice the city's emergency preparedness.

Even in routine times, we continue to train for the full range of emergency scenarios, to test our teams' readiness and our cooperation with the various forces involved, in the hope that this will remain only training.

I thank the staff of the Security and Enforcement Division, the municipal rescue unit, the Home Front Command and all the forces who took part in the drill and who work throughout the year to strengthen the city's emergency preparedness. We will continue to train and prepare, so that we will know how to provide our residents with the response they need, quickly and effectively, should the need arise."





Infrastructure works in the city



Work Begins on Laying a New Water Line on Sinai Street

Following the completion of extensive infrastructure work at the site, HaMekhonai St. has reopened to vehicle traffic.

Maya, the city's water corporation, is leading an upgrade project – with an investment of NIS 750,000 – to develop and renew the water line on Sinai St. Work began this past Monday and is expected to continue for three months.

The goal is to replace an old water line laid in the 1980s with a new one, to improve the quality of the water supply in the area for the benefit of residents.

The work will be carried out in three gradual stages, in order to minimize disruption to residents as much as possible.

- The first stage will focus on the section of Sinai St. between HaYedid St. and HaNotrim St.
- The second stage will focus on the section of Sinai St. between HaNotrim St. and Etzel St.
- The third stage will focus on the section of Sinai St. between Etzel St. and HaShomrim St.

Localized water shutoffs may be required to carry out the work. Maya will give 48 hours' notice, so that residents can prepare accordingly.

Work will take place every Sunday through Thursday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Residents parking in the affected area are asked to move their vehicles by 8:00 a.m. each morning.

Please follow the signage and the instructions of the inspectors regarding traffic arrangements and access in the work area.



Over the past year, Maya, Hod HaSharon's water and sewage company, continued to develop the city's water and sewage infrastructure. Despite periods of emergency, every target was met! Over NIS 12 million was invested in water and sewage infrastructure this past year. More than 6.6 million cubic meters of water were supplied across the city. Approximately 4.4 million cubic meters of sewage were treated and turned into reclaimed water, which is used to feed the Ecological Lake and the Yarkon River, and the city's water loss rate remained low – just 5.7%. The company also completed the installation of an emergency water-supply connection between Hod HaSharon and Kfar Saba and carried out a series of works on the city's water and sewage infrastructure.



Sukkot

in Hod HaSharon



Sukkah-Roofing (S'chach) Distribution Times for Hod HaSharon Residents

Wednesday, September 23 | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 24 | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Hayarok School Gymnasium - Ezer Weizman St.

Hadarim High School - entrance from Shvil HaTichon Street (rear entrance, via the kindergarten complex)

For accessibility inquiries: 09-8895042 | aliaa@hod-hasharon.muni.il

KKL-JNF's Tzafraton Bird Festival to Take Place During Sukkot at Hod HaSharon's Ecological Park

During the Chol Hamoed Sukkot, the Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF) will hold its ninth-annual edition of the Tzafraton bird festival – a special nationwide event dedicated to birds and the conservation of their habitats. The festival will include a wide range of activities for the general public across the country, alongside birdwatching and photography competitions.

As part of the activities for families and the general public between September 28 and 30, fun family activities will take place at Hod HaSharon's Ecological Park and at Kfar Masaryk – along the Naaman Stream Trail. The activities will include a family riddle trail, observations of migrating birds, and a prize draw among participants.

The festival will also include a bird photography competition in two categories: children and youth (up to age 16), and adults. Photos submitted to the competition must have been taken on October 27–28.

Additional activities will take place across the country during October; full details are available on the KKL-JNF website.



Click to register and for more details
Participation in the competitions and activities requires advance
registration on the KKL-JNF website, on the Tzafraton page.

Municipal Activities

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the Municipal Activities
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*Free Public Transport

From Hod HaSharon to Tel Aviv and back

FRIDAY

To Tel Aviv | 17:00 To 00:30

To Hod Hasharon | 17:00 To 01:30

SATURDAY

To Tel Aviv | 09:00 To 18:00

To Hod Hasharon | 10:00 To 18:00

*Funded by the Hod HaSharon Municipality

Grandma's Display Case

A performance by the Free Puppeteers theater company about the bond between a grandmother and her granddaughter, and what remains of it forever, at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center.



Guest Lecture at the Seniors' College

A narrated performance as part of the Seniors' College at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center, featuring cellist Udi Weber and classical guitarist Marianna Altengof, in a show titled "Dreams in Strings".



Guided Bridge Game

"Behind the Cards" – a guided bridge game for seniors at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center.



The Digital World - Brain Power

A workshop for seniors at the HaBarnash Community Center, in cooperation with Appleseeds Academy (Tapuach) and the National Digital Directorate's Brain Power program: cognitive preservation through digital games.





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