

EMERGENCY PLANNING

... DTV Transition —WHAT IS IT???

& WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU???

OVERVIEW OF DTV TRANSITION: This refers to the switch from analog to digital television broadcasts. On **FEBRUARY 17, 2009**, federal law requires all full-power television broadcast stations stop broadcasting in analog format and broadcast only in digital format.

PUBLIC SAFETY IMPLICATIONS: For many individuals, television is the primary source of news, weather, emergency and other public safety information in their local communities. Individuals who do not take the appropriate measures to ensure their analog televisions are capable of receiving digital TV signals after February 17, 2009 may be at risk of losing access to important public safety notifications.

WHO IS AFFECTED? If your household receives television programs over-the-air using "rabbit ears" or a rooftop antenna, you **MUST** take action to continue using your analog TV's after February 17, 2009. Your three options are:

- 1) *Buy a converter box which will plug into your current analog TV;*
- 2) *Buy a TV with a digital tuner; OR*
- 3) *Connect your analog TV to cable, satellite or other pay service.*

HOW TO OBTAIN A \$40 COUPON FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CONVERTER BOX: Now through March 31, 2009, all U.S. households are able to request, on a **FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE basis**, up to two \$40 Coupons to help pay for the cost of a certified converter box. Converter boxes are expected to cost between \$40-\$70, however it is a one-time cost with no monthly service charges. Coupons will expire 90 days after they are mailed and cannot be replaced. For more information about the TV Converter Box Coupon Program, **VISIT:**

www.DTV2009.gov or call toll free 1.800.388.2009.

The Hearing Impaired may call the TTY number 1.877.530.2634.

Para información en español, llame al 1.866.495.1161.

CONSUMERS who already subscribe to pay television services are encouraged to contact their service provider to determine the impact of the DTV transition on their TV viewing and whether any additional components may be needed.

Knowledge and preparation are your best defense and are your responsibility! For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING, call 503.982.9429, or visit our website at www.cityofhubbard.org.



The 2007 BARENDSE PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT

is complete!! A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers who took time out of their own schedules to assist with the spreading of the wood chips! This was such a fun project to complete — children were so excited and were lined up to play before the contractors even had a chance to tighten the final nuts & bolts!



LOOK FOR YOUR ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

SKATEPARK NOTICE: The City has been having issues with mis-use and inappropriate behavior at the skatepark in Barendse Park. City Council has made the decision to have the majority of the skatepark removed indefinitely, and has directed Public Works to take action and place it in storage for the time being.

WATER PRESSURE: The City has received several calls from local residents regarding the perception of low water pressure here in Hubbard, so we wanted to take a few moments to address this concern with everyone. The City receives our pressure for the water system through the elevated tank located at the corner of Pacific Hwy. 99E and "D" Street. The average pressure throughout the City is 42 psi. Unfortunately, the only way for the City to increase water pressure for the entire system would be to replace the elevated tank system with a booster pump system. The City is currently tracking concerns, and throughout the next 12 months will be gathering information on what it would cost the City to install this type of system, both in the initial construction plus any possible increases in regular maintenance, staff time, etc. Most likely the City would have to raise the water rates to cover the costs of introducing this type of system. In the meantime, for those of you who do not wish to wait on the chance that the City will be able to install a City-wide booster pump system—there is one option which can be done to increase the pressure at your homes. This option is to install an Automatic Booster Pump System on your side of the meter. This type of project would require a Plumbing Permit from Marion County, however it should be a relatively simple project to complete. **This type of project would require the installation of a backflow device, which would then require testing on an annual basis.** Unfortunately we were not able to get a "ballpark" estimate for this type of project, as we were told it can vary significantly from site to site. Give us a call at 503.982.9429 if you're interested!

— *Hubbard Public Works*