



CITY OF HUBBARD “The Small Town With A BIG Heart”

January~February 2016



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Upcoming Meetings

Held in Council Chambers at 3720 2nd Street

City Council

January 12 ~7:00pm

February 9 ~7:00pm

Planning Commission

January 19 ~6:30pm

February 16 ~6:30pm

New Billing Software

As you'll notice with this month's statement, the City incorporated a new software system for a number of facets, including utility billing. The statements have a slightly different look to them, but the rates and service remain the same. If you have any questions regarding the new statements, contact City Hall at (503) 981-9633.

Come to Hubbard City Hall front window & pick up your **FREE 2016 Emergency Preparedness Calendar**. They are available on the front counter. Please call Public Works at 503.982.9429 if you have any questions!

INCLEMENT WEATHER / AT-RISK RESIDENTS

*The Hubbard Police Department is forming a list of senior citizens and those with disabilities who would like to be checked in on during periods of inclement weather (hot or cold). If you are aware of elderly or disabled residents of Hubbard who would like to be added to this list, contact **Christie** at the **Hubbard Police Department** at **(503)981-8738**.*

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS!

Maintaining a home is a challenge. If you are in need of home repairs and are seeking financial assistance, the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments administers a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program on behalf of City of Hubbard that can help. The program provides financing to low and moderate income residents for necessary repairs to homes. Applicants who own and occupy a single-family home and whose household income is at or below eighty percent of median income for Marion County may qualify for the program. The program provides financing to assist with common repairs and replacement of the following: Install or repair roofing, plumbing and electrical, carpet and linoleum, painting, dry rot and structural repairs, accessibility improvements, insulation or new windows, repair or replace heating systems, and other eligible repairs. Homeowners may qualify for loans of up to \$25,000. These low-interest, deferred payment loans require no monthly payments as long as the property remains your primary residence. Therefore, a homeowner makes no monthly payments, and the loan does not need to be repaid until he or she sells the house. Please inquire about specific terms and conditions. If you would like more information about the program or are interested in applying for the financing through the program, please contact **Garrett Jensen** with **Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments** at **503.588.1640**.

AUTO PAY FOR YOUR UTILITY BILL

The City offers the ability to have your water/sewer bill paid automatically through our Auto Pay program! It saves you time and eliminates the possibility of late charges. The Direct Payment form is available at the City's website, www.cityofhubbard.org, under the Utility Billing link. For more information, contact Administrative Assistant Lucy Astorga at (503) 981-9633 ex. 200, or at LAstorga@cityofhubbard.org.

FREE Showerhead Giveaway Are you interested in saving energy and water with the added bonus of potentially helping out your pocketbook? Contact Public Works at 503.982.9429 to receive your showerheads—up to two showerheads per household. Showerheads have a three-spray setting, chrome finish, and 1.75 GPM flow rate. This promotion is made available through the Energy Trust of Oregon Products Program.

City Hall Offices Will be Closed Monday, February 15, 2016, to observe President's Day.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2016

Your Home, Natural Gas & Earthquakes—What a Combination

Do you know how to turn off your natural gas meter in the event of an emergency? Well, here's what N.W. Natural has to say about it:

If you smell natural gas, it's always safest to leave the area immediately and call N.W. Natural. However, in the event of a significant natural disaster, it could be several days or more before they are able to reach your home. DO NOT turn off your gas unless you smell gas, hear the sound of gas escaping, or see other signs of a leak. ONLY turn off your gas if it is safe to do so. If you turn the gas off, LEAVE IT OFF and give N.W. Natural a call at 800.882.3377. DO NOT turn the gas back on yourself. Appliances and natural gas lines will need to be checked for possible damage before service can be safely restored.

REMEMBER—ONCE YOUR GAS HAS BEEN TURNED OFF
DO NOT TURN IT BACK ON YOURSELF

Get More Prepared with the Help of Some Great APPS Compliments of the American Red Cross

Got kids? Check out the Monster Guard app created by the American Red Cross and sponsored by Disney. Designed especially for kids aged 7-11, Monsters Maya, Chad, Olivia and more teach kids how to prepare and stay safe in real-life type emergencies at home and other places. Download by texting MONSTER to 90999 or search 'Monster Guard' in your mobile app store.



Looking for instant access to information for handling the most common FIRST AID EMERGENCIES? Text GETFIRST to 90999 to download and get expert advice for everyday emergencies.

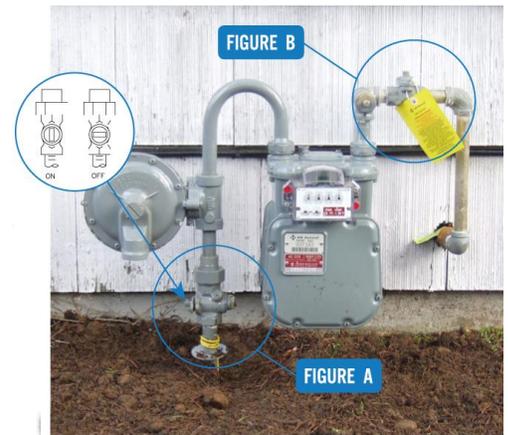
Text GETEMERGENCIES to 90999 for a one-download resource that puts vital information at your fingertips. This app combines more than 35 different severe weather and emergency alerts from natural to man-made, giving you real-time information to help keep you and your family safe.



And of course we don't want to forget your furry friends in our preparedness efforts, so to get expert veterinary advice in the palm of your hand, for everyday pet emergencies text GETPET to 90999.

And while you are checking out all these great American Red Cross apps, don't forget to make sure you have signed up for our local HUBBARD EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION through our local dispatch center—Metcom. If you are not already signed up, don't worry, it is easy to do. Just login to www.METCOM911.com - and on the right side of their homepage you will see a box with big blue letters which says: "Citizen Alert, Notification Sign Up" - click on this box and it will walk you through the process of getting signed up. When the City has important EMERGENCY info to share with you, this notification system plus the reverse 911 system are the first and best way we have to communicate with you. If you don't have computer access, give Hubbard Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 and we'll work together to get you signed up for these important notifications.

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.



To shut off your gas meter (see diagram):

- ✓ Locate the shutoff valve on the riser pipe from the ground to your meter (Figure A) or on newer meters the service line going from your meter into the house (Figure B)
- ✓ Use an adjustable pipe or crescent-type wrench to turn the valve a quarter-turn in either direction. When the valve head is parallel to the pipe it is in the OPEN position.
- ✓ Turn the valve head crosswise (perpendicular) to the pipe and it will be in the OFF position.

\$50,000 ODOT GRANT RECEIVED for "G" Street Improvements (between 99E & 2nd Street)

We anticipate construction will take place in the spring of 2016.

Rain & Drains

As I'm writing our Public Works Page 2 for the newsletter, we are in the middle of one of the wettest weeks we have seen in a long time, and I'm predicting that we will see a lot more rain before the spring and summer sun comes out to stay for awhile. A big thank you goes out to all of you who continue to do your part in minimizing the effect of these heavy rains in your area by keeping the drains in front of your homes and businesses clear. Working together we can keep what is supposed to be going in the drains going in—and what is not supposed to be going into the drains such as leaves and debris - out!

*Wishing you all a GREAT 2016!
~Hubbard Public Works*