



CITY OF HUBBARD "The Small Town With A BIG Heart"

July~August 2016



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Upcoming Meetings

Held in Council Chambers at 3720 2nd Street

City Council

July 12 ~ 7:00pm
August 9 ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

July 19 ~ 6:30pm
August 16 ~ 6:30pm

In accordance with the 2012 Water and Wastewater Rate Study, utility rates are scheduled to increase beginning June 16, 2016...

Table with 3 columns: Category, OLD, NEW. Rows include Water, Sewer, Transportation, GSF, WWR Project, ISWP Project.

Please note: Information regarding the 2012 Water and Wastewater Rate Study, the Water Re-use Project and the increase Static Water Pressure Project are available on the City of Hubbard's website at http://www.cityofhubbard.org/publicworks.

CITY COUNCIL POSITION OPENINGS

City Hall Offices Will be Closed Monday, July 4, 2016, to observe Independence Day.

The Mayor and two Council positions will be open for the General Election, held November 8, 2016. The Mayor shall be elected for a term of two years...

VACANT HUBBARD PLANNING COMMISSION POSITION

There is a vacant Hubbard Planning Commission position with the term ending December 2018. If you are interested in the Planning Commission position, you may download the application from the city's website...

The Hubbard Police Department keeps a list of elderly and those with disabilities who would like to be checked in on during periods of inclement weather...

NOXIOUS VEGETATION

Just a reminder, it's that time of year again! The sun is shining which means the grass and weeds are growing! Please remember, the City's Code states: "Between May 1 and September 30th, no owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on the property..."

New Billing Software Updates-Online Billing and Payments Available!

Did you notice your account number has changed? If you use online bill pay through your bank to pay your utility bill, please make sure to update the utility account number so the payment is applied correctly. The City now has the ability for online utility billing statements and payments!

## JULY-AUGUST 2016

### Emergency Preparedness & Vacations

Summer's here, and many of us have plans for travel and vacations! Whether your plans are for a weekend just hours from home or spending a few weeks in another state or country, it's recommended to include emergency preparedness in your vacation planning! The reason to vacation for most everyone is to relax and have fun, however a disaster occurring when you are far from home can be the exact opposite—extremely stressful! Particularly if you have not done any forethought to the “what ifs.” A little research, planning and strategic packing could go a long way toward keeping you and your family safe throughout your vacation!

#### BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- ✓ Conduct an internet search to learn about natural and man-made hazards for the area you plan to visit. If you are not familiar with those types of hazards, research preparedness for those types of hazards.
- ✓ Consider packing a travel-size emergency supply kit with water, snacks, first aid kit, flashlight, small battery-operated radio, extra batteries and an emergency contact card with names and phone numbers.
- ✓ Consider packing extra supplies of critical items such as prescriptions, baby formula, etc. in case your return is delayed by a disaster.
- ✓ Let family and friends know your itinerary and how to reach you.
- ✓ Develop a communications plan and ensure everyone in your traveling group is aware of the plan. Make sure everyone in your group knows each other's cell phone numbers. Designate an out-of-area person to contact in case your group is separated during an emergency and unable to place local calls.
- ✓ If traveling internationally, register with the US Department of State through a free online service at <https://step.state.gov/step/>. The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) allows travelers to enter information about upcoming trips abroad which enables the Department of State to better assist you.

#### DURING YOUR TRIP:

- ✓ If traveling by car, make sure it is in good shape for driving.
- ✓ If traveling by car, check the forecast for your entire route before and during your trip.
- ✓ Bring along a travel weather radio which will automatically switch to the weather radio station closest to your travel area and will alert you to any hazardous weather.
- ✓ Become familiar with the names of the counties you are traveling through because most hazardous warnings are issued by county.
- ✓ When you arrive at your destination, identify safe locations to go to when severe weather approaches and find out how weather warnings are communicated in the area, i.e. outdoor warning sirens, public address system, etc.
- ✓ Locate a hospital close to where you are staying.

**And a little more history from OEM . . . On September 9, 2010** a residential gas line in the City of San Bruno exploded, damaging or destroying 45 homes, injuring 45 people, and leaving 8 dead. An investigation into the accident determined faulty welds on the transmission pipeline, as well as other factors, led to this disaster.

**Lessons Learned:** The utilities we use to power our homes and businesses can create hazardous situations, and it's important to know how to avoid letting these hazards become disasters. Electrical lines, propane storage tanks and underground gas lines are among the most common utility hazards in our community. Avoid contact with downed power lines, regularly inspect propane tanks and connections for damage or leaks, and call 811 before digging on your property to have underground utility lines marked.

If disaster strikes, register on the American Red Cross "Safe & Well" website at [www.safeandwell.org](http://www.safeandwell.org) so family and friends will know you are safe!

### VIEW Hubbard's Drinking Water Quality Report On-line!!

Visit [www.cityofhubbard.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public\\_works/page/237/2015\\_ccr\\_final.pdf](http://www.cityofhubbard.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public_works/page/237/2015_ccr_final.pdf)

### Mosquito Pop Quiz—How many mosquitos can a coffee can with an inch of water produce every seven days?

Not only are mosquitos a nuisance, but they also transmit disease! Wondering how to help reduce the mosquito population in your area?

- Drain puddles or standing water as mosquitos can breed in any standing water that lasts more than one week..
- Ensure rain gutters are not clogged and can drain properly.
- Change water and clean birdbaths weekly.
- Empty wheelbarrows and plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Encourage mosquito-eating animals to live near your home by providing bat or swallow houses. A single bat can consume approximately 600 mosquitos per hour

**AND THE ANSWER** to the pop quiz — A coffee can with an inch of water can produce over 1000 mosquitos every seven days.



### Your Water Meter

Per City Code—please don't forget to keep plants, debris, vehicles, etc. off your water meter! Easy access to the meters allows Staff to complete our work more efficiently.

**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](http://www.cityofhubbard.org).

