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Upcoming Meetings

Held in Council
Chambers at
3720 2nd Street

City Council

March 8 ~7:00pm

April 12 ~7:00pm

Planning Commission

March 15 ~6:30pm

April 19 ~6:30pm

New Billing Software Updates

The new utility billing statements have a slightly different look to them, but you'll also 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 we can get your payment applied correctly. The City is hoping to have the ability for you to receive online statements and make your payments online within the next few months. Please keep an eye out for more updates on this convenient feature in the upcoming newsletters. If you have any questions regarding the new statements, contact City Hall at (503) 981-9633.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Here are some fun facts about the North Marion Community Library (NMCL):

WHAT: NMCL is the nearest FREE library serving the communities of Hubbard, Aurora, Donald, Butteville, Broadacres, and the surrounding areas. They welcome library users from other nearby communities, too. The library has over 6,000 titles, DVDs, and even a public computer for patron use.

WHERE: The library is located in the basement of Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE. But they are outgrowing this space, so help them find a larger place!

WHEN: Hours are Mondays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 to 5 p.m.

WHY: They want to “read local” and hope you do too. They are a FREE library.

HOW: The Library is staffed by volunteers, so if you can give them a few hours of your time, they may be able to offer other library hours. Contact them at nmarionlibrary@gmail.com or their website www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com.

Native Plant Sale Fundraiser

The 14th Annual Marion Soil & Water Conservation District Native Plant Sale Fundraiser will be held Friday, March 11th, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Bauman’s Farm and Garden, 12989 Howell Prairie Road, Gervais. Overstock will be sold Saturday, March 12th, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the same location. Profits from the native plant sale go to fund the Stan Vistica Memorial Scholarship which is awarded yearly to two students from Marion County who are studying natural resources or agriculture at an Oregon college or university. There will be no pre-orders. Cash, checks, credit and debit cards will be accepted. There will be no limit on the number of plants that can be purchased on Friday. For more information or to see a full list of available plants and their prices visit, www.marionswcd.net.

BINGO!

Hubbard Parks Improvement Committee will be holding their annual BINGO fundraiser event on Saturday, March 12th, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Hubbard Fire Department. This year’s prizes include cash, custom gift baskets, overnight luxury getaways to the Oregon Coast, family activity packages, and lots more from local retail sponsors. Opportunities to win also include a 50/50 cash raffle. Beverages, sandwiches, and snacks will be available for purchase. All players must be 18 or older to play, and all proceeds go to benefit improvements to the Hubbard parks for everyone in the community to enjoy. Join your neighbors for a fun evening out for a great cause! For more information, contact Thia at ThiaPlante@msn.com. For HPIC event updates, visit the Hubbard Parks Facebook page, www.facebook.com/officialhubbardparks

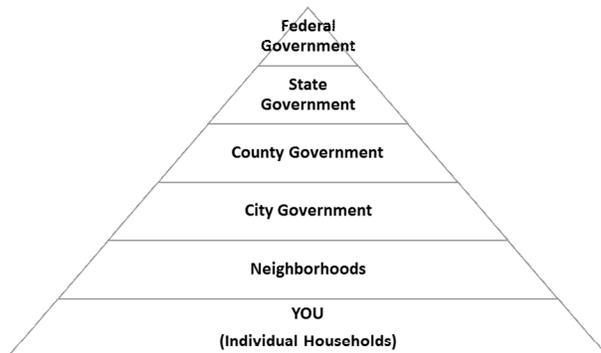
AUTO PAY FOR YOUR UTILITY BILL

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.

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Emergency Preparedness = Team Sport

How well you prepare as an individual for emergencies directly effects how well your team is prepared—you are only as prepared as the least-prepared members of your emergency preparedness team are. So who are your emergency preparedness teammates? Take a look at the pyramid to see all the players. Much like any champion sports team, emergency preparedness team members must train individually, practice as a team, and engage in their specialty on a consistent basis. Plus we must all be using the same team playbook. Depending on the magnitude and severity of an emergency situation—different levels of your team may or may not be pulled off the bench to play. BUT—it all starts with you! We encourage you to take a look at where you are at in your emergency preparedness efforts. If you haven't started, it is never too late to begin. If you are further along in your preparedness efforts—it's always a good idea to review, update, network, and practice what you know.



A few thoughts and questions to ask yourself:

- Do you know the risks and danger signs of potential hazards in your area? This knowledge should not only be for where you live, but should also include where you work, go to school, take vacations, etc.
- Do you have appropriate insurance for your area?
- Do you have a plan, and do you practice your plan on a regular basis?
- Do you have a disaster kit for your home, car, and work and do you rotate items as needed?
- Have you signed up for emergency alerts through Metcom?

What we can learn from a little history from OEM . . .

On August 25, 1950 disaster struck when the US Navy hospital ship USS Benevolence sank after it was struck by the freighter SS Mary Luckenback in dense fog near Golden Gate in California's San Francisco Bay. Of the 526 people aboard the Benevolence, only 23 perished. This was due in large part to the efforts of John Napoli, a crab fisherman who single-handedly rescued 70 victims of this tragedy.

Lessons Learned: Often times, the first response to an emergency or disaster does not come from response professionals, but rather from citizens willing to come to the aid of someone in distress, and the heroism of John Napoli is but one example of an ordinary citizen behaving extraordinarily during a crisis. Learning basic 1st Aid, CPR and other training can help you be better prepared to render aid during an emergency. Knowing what to do during an emergency can greatly reduce your anxiety and the anxiety of whomever you are helping. Developing your skills to assist family, friends, neighbors and maybe even a stranger during an emergency is an awesome way to set yourself up to be a

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.



Stay safe and call 811 BEFORE you dig! Getting ready for those outside spring projects? If your project involves any digging, don't forget to call 811 to request your free utility locates.

Water leaks can run, but they can't hide! Are you ready to chase down leaks? If so, mark your calendars for Fix a Leak Week — March 14-20, 2016. Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves — all of which are typically easily corrected. Don't forget to check your irrigation system before you start it up for the summer months—and if you miss the Fix a Leak Week, not a problem. You can of course fix those leaks anytime of the year.

***"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."* ~ Author Unknown**

Are you an individual or are you part of a group who wants to give back to your community? If so, send us an email at molinger@cityofhubbard.org or give us a call at 503.982.9429 to talk about current volunteer opportunities with Public Works!

The Rivers beneath our Feet— Our Storm Sewer System

The water that enters our storm drains is most likely carrying harmful pollutants such as fertilizers, oil, leaves and debris — and it all heads straight to our waterways. These waters do not go to our wastewater treatment plant for treatment, so any pollutants end up directly in our streams and rivers. There are lots of simple things you can do to help keep these pollutants out of our waterways, such as making sure your downspouts are directed to a vegetated area instead of a paved area. For more ideas give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429.

Enjoy the spring season!

~ Hubbard Public Works