



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

November~December 2015



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Upcoming Meetings

Held in Council Chambers at 3720 2nd Street

City Council

November 10~7:00pm
December 8 ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

November 17~6:30pm
December 15~6:30pm

Leaves, Leaves & More Leaves—What NOT to do with them!

There are two big reasons NOT to sweep your leaves into the street. The first reason is that leaves can clog up the storm system and potentially cause local flooding during rain storms. The second reason is these same rain storms can carry the leaves into our local public water bodies. Although leaves are natural, decomposing leaves that wash into the storm drains end up over-fertilizing public water bodies and create a habitat for harmful aquatic plants and algae to thrive in. This wreaks havoc with the natural eco-balance of our waterways. So, what should you do with all your leaves if you can't sweep them into the street? Take advantage of Republic Services yard debris service. You are already paying for this service, so it makes sense to utilize it fully. Republic Services provides a large container, and picks it up every other week, all year long. Or, leaves also help to make great compost to use around your yard.

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**.

Hubbard Parks Improvement Committee

The Hubbard Parks Improvement Committee is in danger of dissolving due to lack of volunteer officers. If there are not three new officers by the end of this year, the committee will cease to exist. The goal now of HPIC is to hold fundraisers to maintain the care and upkeep of the parks. If you have a minimum of 4 hours in a year available, you can become one of the required officers for HPIC – all meetings are held locally. In the coming months, HPIC would like to apply for a non-profit matching grant to support the City's Local Government grant application for the Rivenes Park restroom project. If you have a little more than 4 hours per year to offer, there will be a few fundraisers you could support, such as the annual BINGO event at the Fire Hall! Proceeds from these fundraisers would go directly towards the proposed Rivenes Park restroom. If you are ready to make a difference in your community, contact Linda Kleczynski at 503-982-0287.

Please join in honoring our veterans on Veteran's Day, November 11th, 10:30 AM at the Marion E. Carl Veterans Memorial in Hubbard. A program consisting of Honor Guard, music, invocation, and a time for those veteran's present to share their military service will be held. Handicap parking beside the memorial or shuttle service will be available from Rivenes Park to the event. Boy Scouts will be present to assist wheelchair guests. An awning will be in place for rainy weather and refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by Hubbard Parks Improvement Committee. Contact Linda at 503-982-0287 for information.

8th Annual Hubbard Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 4th, at 7 PM at Centennial Park near Pacific Hwy 99E. The Christmas trees will be lit and the celebration will be moved inside to The Hub (2844 Pacific Hwy 99E) for refreshments and more. Visit Santa on his sleigh and follow him on a Hubbard Fire Truck to The Hub where you can listen to Christmas Music, enjoy cookies, hot chocolate/coffee and much more. For further information you may contact Jim Terwilliger at 503-984-5457. (Sponsored by North Marion Fellowship Church)

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:

- Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day**
- Wednesday-Thursday, November 25-26th for Thanksgiving**
- Wednesday-Thursday, December 23-24th for Christmas**
- Thursday, December 31st for New Years Day**

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HUBBARD PLANNING COMMISSION POSITION

On December 31, 2015, there will be two positions open for appointment with the term ending December 2018. If you are interested in a Planning Commission position, you may download the application from the city's website (<http://www.cityofhubbard.org/forms>) or you may pick up your application at Hubbard City Hall and turn it back in no later than November 9, 2015. Each Planning Commission member shall be appointed by the City Council at the first regular meeting of December to serve a term of three years beginning January 1st and ending December 31st of the year following appointment. The appointed shall not be an official or employee of the City of Hubbard. The City Council may, in its sole discretion, appoint not more than two of the five Commissioners who are not residents of the City. No two or more voting members of the Commission shall, at the time of their appointment, be employed in the same occupation, business, trade or profession. This provision shall not be interpreted to preclude business persons engaged in different kinds of business or retired persons not currently employed in an occupation from eligibility for appointment. The Commission holds Public Hearings on land use actions, development code changes and other zoning matters. Their decisions may be final or they may make recommendations to the City Council. You may call 503-981-9633 for further information.

Power Outages—Anywhere, Anytime

Don't let the next power outage ruin your day! Plan ahead now so it will be smooth sailing when the electricity disappears!

- Plan for batteries or other alternatives such as hand-crank or solar-powered chargers;
- Since gas stations depend on electricity to power their pumps, keep your car's gas tank at least 1/2 full at all times;
- NEVER use a generator, gasoline-powered equipment, or camp stove in any completely or partially enclosed area—including your basement or garage!

Eat safely by:

- Know the safe temperature zones of perishable food. Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold.
- Stock up on condiments—especially those that are vinegar-based like ketchup, mustard, soy sauce and BBQ sauce. These items have a long self life and are versatile.
- Keep canned protein on hand such as chicken, tuna, salmon, beans and peanut butter.
- Keep some boxes of powdered milk or shelf-stable cartons on hand for cereal or deserts; and
- Don't forget your manual can opener!

Looking for a quick, easy, high-energy breakfast that you don't need electricity to make? Try this one, compliments of the Mayo Clinic:

Coconut Oatmeal Energy Bites

Servings: 8

Serving Size: 2 Bites

Ingredients:

- ✓ 1 Cup Rolled Oats
- ✓ 2/3 Cup Coconut Flakes
- ✓ 1/2 Cup Ground Flax Seed
- ✓ 1/2 Cup Peanut Butter
- ✓ 1/3 Cup Honey
- ✓ 1 tsp. Vanilla

Preparation:

1. Combine oats, coconut flakes, flax seed and chocolate chips.
2. Stir in the peanut butter, honey and vanilla until the dry ingredients are well combined.
3. Using an ice cream scoop or your hands, roll mixture into 16 evenly sized balls.
4. To keep fresh, store in an air-tight container.

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.



NEW Restroom at Rivenes Park???

The City is working on funding for the completion of an updated, ADA-compliant restroom at Rivenes Park – similar to the restroom recently constructed at Barendse Park. In order to leverage both government and private grants available, Staff would like to be able to partner with the Hubbard Parks Improvement Committee (HPIC), our local non-profit group who works diligently to support our City's parks.

Save water by never putting water down the drain when there might be another use for it, such as watering your plants, inside or outside.



Don't forget the street sweeper comes the 3rd Thursday of every month. Please keep your vehicles off the curbed streets to allow the sweepers to do the best job possible. Not only does this make our City look better, but it also helps to keep pollutants out of the storm drain system and waterways!

Happy Holidays!

~ Hubbard Public Works