

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PUBLIC WORKS

### Projects, Projects & More Projects

**Street Improvements ("A" Street between 3rd & 5th Streets and 3rd Street between "A" & "D" Streets and 5th Street between "F" & "G" Streets):** At the time I am writing our public works newsletter page this project continues on an expedited path towards completion so we will be eligible for next years grant funds for another project. The overall project will be substantially complete by the time you receive this newsletter at the end of the month, June, 2023. Please give us a call at 503-982-9429 or email [molinger@cityofhubbard.org](mailto:molinger@cityofhubbard.org) if you have questions regarding this project.

**Sidewalks:** One more reminder that the City recently updated our sidewalk improvement reimbursement program, last year, which now allows for up to \$1,500 reimbursement for completed sidewalk replacements and/or repairs that meet the reimbursement criteria. Per the City's Municipal Code, the adjacent property owner is responsible for the care and maintenance of sidewalks abutting the property, so this is a great way to receive funds to help with those costs. Give us a call at 503-982-9429 or email [molinger@cityofhubbard.org](mailto:molinger@cityofhubbard.org) if you'd like to take advantage of this great opportunity!

**Water System Improvements Project(s):** Work on this major project continues behind the scenes as our project engineer is getting close to wrapping up the preliminary engineering. Our project team is meeting on June 22, 2023 to review preliminary plans and moving forward with this project.

As always, please give Public Works a call at 503-982-9429 or email [molinger@cityofhubbard.org](mailto:molinger@cityofhubbard.org) for questions, concerns or additional information regarding any of these pending projects—we would love to hear from you!

**Give water more places to go to help prevent non-point source pollution in our waterways:** The majority of non-point source pollution occurs as a result of runoff. When runoff from rain, melted snow, or water from your garden hose travels, it can pick up pollutants along the way and deposit them directly into a waterway. Help prevent this non-point pollution by providing more places for this water to go by:

- Plant a rain garden to catch and infiltrate excess storm water as it flows across your yard.
- Connect your down spouts to rain barrels and then use that water to irrigate landscaping during dry periods. Make sure the barrel's overflow goes to a pervious surface like a garden of yard instead of your impervious driveway or street.
- When it's time to replace your driveway, consider using some type of porous pavement. These materials allow water to soak through and infiltrate the ground. If it's not feasible to construct your entire driveway with porous pavement, consider using it at the driveway's apron where it meets the street.

### Outdoor Water Conservation

**Tips:** If updating or creating a new garden area this season, consider native plants which, once established typically use less water to maintain. Check out the *Native Plants for Willamette Valley Yards* link on our public works website for ideas. **Looking for more ideas? Give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 or email [molinger@cityofhubbard.org](mailto:molinger@cityofhubbard.org)**

### Mitigate Your Risk from Wildfires when Planning a Hiking Trip:

With unpredictable humans being a major cause of wildfires and lightning strikes also starting fires, it is impossible to know in advance exactly where a wildfire will occur. However to increase your chance of staying safe from wildfires, consider the following:

- Start with a flexible mindset about your plans from the beginning.
- Check the current fire-season outlook report and consider destinations or backup trip options that are in a green (low-risk) area.
- Make sure you have options by planning your trip where there are multiple trails and roads into and out of an area.
- Ask local land managers for maps and information about wildfires in recent years. Burn zones might have road and trail closures because they are prone to landslides and have unstable trees and branches, although burned areas have little fuel for fires.
- When you're close to your destination check in with the local ranger station for last-minute fire, trail and road closures updates
- Register at the trailhead so authorities know you're in the backcountry if a fire breaks out.
- Leave a very detailed trip plan with family and friends back home so they can assess your risk if they become aware of fire near your planned destination.

**Curious about the quality of your water? Our 2022 Consumer Confidence Report has been posted on the City's website, or you can request a PDF copy at**

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