

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PUBLIC WORKS

Projects, Projects & More Projects

Street Improvements: Our project team is moving forward as quickly as possible towards the bid process and then on to construction for the improvements on "A" Street (between 3rd and 5th Streets) and 3rd Street (between "A" and "D" Streets). If you live in these areas, keep an eye out for yellow door hangers as we share information as this project continues to progress to ensure everyone stays informed and there are no "surprises" for anyone.

Potholes: We're on the look-out for and repairing as weather allows.

Sidewalks: Staff will be completing the 2023 sidewalk walk-through in the coming months to assess sidewalk conditions throughout the City, and will be communicating with adjacent property owners as needed regarding necessary repairs and maintenance. Keep in mind the City recently updated our sidewalk improvement reimbursement program, which now allows for up to \$1,500 reimbursement for completed sidewalk replacements and/or repairs that meet the reimbursement criteria.

Water System Improvements Project(s): Work behind the scenes continues on our major water system improvements project! Another reason to keep your eyes open for those yellow door hangers as we begin reaching out to communicate project specifics in certain areas. In addition Staff is working with funding agencies for the Phase 1B portion of the this project as well.

"G" Street Sidewalk Improvements (Railroad Right-of-Way): Staff continues to move forward in our work and coordination with Union Pacific to get the last portion of sidewalk upgrades completed on "G" Street in the railroad right-of-way between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

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

Clear the street right-of-ways on the 3rd Thursday each month to allow the street sweepers to do the best job possible!

Help us help you! Don't forget to please keep your water meters accessible and clear of debris, shrubs, and weeds!

Outdoor Water Conservation

Tip: When mowing your lawn, set the mower blades to 2-3 inches high. Longer grass shades the soil improving moisture retention, has more leaf surface to take in sunlight, allowing it to grow thicker and develop a deeper root system. This helps grass survive drought, tolerate insect damage and fend off disease.

For additional ideas to conserve water—give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 or email molinger@cityofhubbard.org

Prepare for Emergencies:

EVERYONE should have basic supplies on hand in order to survive for an absolute minimum of three days, however two weeks is much more realistic on how long it may take for professional help to arrive! Once you have the basics for your emergency kits for home, vehicle, and work, think about what you may need for your unique family needs, such as prescription medications, important family documents, infant formula, etc. Don't forget your pet's needs when you plan your kits—they are depending on you to take care of them! Practice your plan with your family, including your kids!

Protect Our Groundwater: Everyone can and should do what they can to protect our groundwater as everyone has a stake in its quality and quantity! For starters, 95% of all available freshwater comes from underground aquifers. Being a good steward of groundwater just makes sense. Not only that, most surface water bodies are connected to groundwater, meaning it influences the quantity and quality of water in our rivers and lakes. Many public drinking water systems, including the City of Hubbard, draw all or part of their supply from groundwater. In Oregon, that's 90% of the population! Protecting this resource protects the public's water supply and keeps treatment costs down. In Oregon alone, one billion gallons of groundwater are withdrawn every day. There are two fundamental categories of groundwater protection: Keeping it safe from contamination; and using it wisely and not wasting it.

Protect Our Waterways—Non-Point Source Pollution: Non-point pollution generally results from land runoff, precipitation, atmospheric deposition, drainage, seepage or hydrologic modification. NPS pollution, unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants, comes from many diffuse sources. NPS pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and ground waters. Only rain water should be entering storm drains!