



CITY OF HUBBARD

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January-February 2021

Upcoming Meetings

City Council

January 12 ~ 7:00pm
February 9 ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

January 19 ~ 6:30pm
February 16 ~ 6:30pm

City Hall is Closed

Thursday, December 31
New Year’s Day

Monday, February 15
In Observance of
President’s Day

MAYOR’S CORNER

By the time this newsletter arrives, 2020 will be just a memory (or close to it). I hope one and all had a good holiday season because the year has been a tough one. As a community we faced the Covid-19 outbreak, we made it through the initial months of shortages, we got through the fires that raged in August, and now we have made it through the holidays with health recommendations that prevented many of our traditional holiday festivities. Through all of these, we have stayed strong, came together, and helped our neighbors.

Even with all the 2020 craziness many good things continued to happen around the city. Our reinvestments in the city continue with infrastructure investments like the repaving of 5th Street and the replacement of the sidewalk between J and D. As a community We ensured our volunteer Fire Department has the funds needed to operate safely, and our city is almost done with the refurbishment of the City Hall. Our volunteers continue to amaze me with the food banks, Jubilee Garden, PTO fundraising, and efforts to add to our city parks. Even as bad as 2020 has been for many, our community continued to shine brightly.

2021 is here. What will it bring? What new challenges will we face as a City? I cannot answer the challenging questions, but I can stand strong in the belief that no matter what comes our way, we will stand strong and make it through together.

Thank you,
Mayor Charles Rostocil

VULNERABLE POPULATION

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—hot or cold. If you are aware of elderly or disabled residents of Hubbard who would like to be added to this list please contact the Hubbard Police Department at 503-981-8738.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721950#/login>

Emergency Alert Program

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the Emergency Alert Program. This system enables you to receive critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.

HUBBARD PLANNING COMMISSION POSITIONS

There is **one position** open for appointment with the term ending **December 2023**. 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. Each Planning Commission member shall be appointed by the City Council 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. Applications are available at City Hall or on the website. You may call 503-981-9633 for further information or you can visit the City's website at www.cityofhubbard.org.

HUBBARD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Hubbard Cemetery Association has completed installation of a new 25-foot aluminum flagpole to replace the longstanding wooden pole. The new flagpole is equipped with a solar light that will display the American flag at all times. It is a priority of the Cemetery Association to honor all veterans of military, fire and police service and all others who provided service to the community and country in so many different ways.

The cemetery would like to thank the Hubbard Fire District Volunteers for their generous donation of \$500.00 toward this project. Thanks also goes to Darren Monen of Monen Construction Inc. and David Garber of David Garber Construction Inc. for donation and delivery of concrete for the base of the flagpole, and Jon and Megan Dryden of Dryden Electric Inc. for donation of their ladder truck and the assistance of employee Jeff Kahle to aid in the installation. Their generosity helped make this project a success and is greatly appreciated.

In other cemetery news, the headstone cleaning and restoration grant project has been completed by Willamette Memorials of Hubbard. This project has been funded in part by the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. There are now an additional 29 headstones of veterans and some family members of veterans that have been cleaned, reset or re-leveled thanks to this grant of \$5,000, in addition to \$4,000 funded by the Cemetery Association. We invite the community to tour Section A of the cemetery to see these restored historic headstones.

The Cemetery Association welcomes any comments or questions. If you would like to become involved in any way to assist the cemetery volunteers and its projects, please contact us at hubbardcemetery@gmail.com.

Linda Dryden

503-519-4567

BURNING SEASON

The burning season is open from **March 1st to June 15th and from October 1st to December 15th**. The DEQ and the Hubbard Fire Department regulates what days you are able to burn during the season.

To find out if it is a burn day contact the automated information line at **503-982-0011**.

For complete regulations contact the [Hubbard Fire Department](#) at

503-981-9454.

NORTH MARION COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Your North Marion Community Library is OPEN: Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church. Browse in person (with face coverings, social distancing, two patrons at a time) or go online to our catalog (northmarionlibrary.org) to place a hold. If the items you want are available, we'll pull the book(s) for pick up during Saturday hours. If the library is closed, you can still get free books from the little library kiosks near the Aurora park restrooms as well as the corner of Walnut and Filbert. The kiosks are painted Aurora blue—just like the benches you see around town. For more information or to be a library volunteer, email Nmarionlibrary@gmail.com or contact Josie Hyde, 541-749-8088.

Our holiday greens fundraiser raised more funds for the library than ever before! A heartfelt thank you to all who ordered greens from us, as well as all the helping hands who made it possible.

Andrea Heid,

NMCLA president and library volunteer

**GO GREEN!!
GO PAPERLESS!!**

Did you know you can view/receive your utility bill online? The City of Hubbard allows you to receive, view and pay your utility bill online. As soon as your bill is ready to view you will be notified by email. No more waiting for a bill in the mail or misplaced bills! Your billing history is available 24/7. To set up your account go to www.xpressbillpay.com and "opt in" to paperless billing or you can call 800-766-2350 for assistance.

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.

**LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN
DISCOUNT**

The City of Hubbard offers a Low-Income Senior Citizen discount for City utility charges, dependent upon eligibility. An application for this discount can be picked up at City Hall or on the City's website, and must be renewed annually by July 1st. Submittal of the application must be accompanied by proof of age (65 +) and annual household income.

STREET SWEEPER — 3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH

Just a reminder that our street sweeper comes the third Thursday of each month. Moving your parked vehicles off the street shoulders on these scheduled days helps the sweepers do a more thorough job with a much better end result!

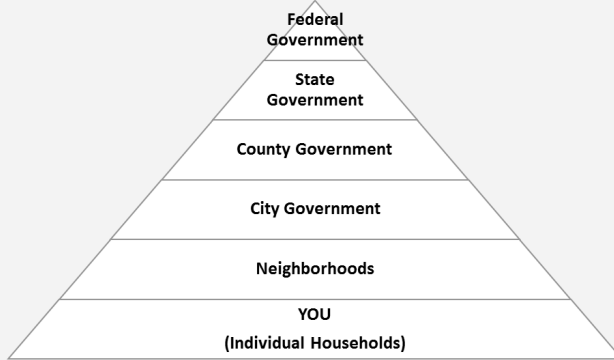


HAPPY ★ NEW YEAR

9.0 Earthquake—Is It Coming Our Way ? ? ?

WHILE NO ONE CAN SAY FOR SURE WHEN “THE BIG ONE” WILL HAPPEN, scientists are confident that at some point it will . . .

Preparedness is a **TEAM** effort, from the individual to the Federal government! Even under the best of circumstances, medical aid and other emergency response officials may not be able to reach you for many hours, or even days. It is our responsibility as individuals, neighborhoods and communities to reduce risks, to pre-



pare for the critical period immediately after the earthquake, and by making sure that planning for earthquakes is given the high priority it deserves. It all begins with you! Plus—all preparedness you do for a major earthquake makes you well on your way to being prepared for **ANY** type of emergency or disaster big or small! **BEFORE** a disaster strikes, ask yourself and answer the following:

- **WHERE WILL MY FAMILY BE AND HOW WILL I REACH THEM?**

Make sure your family disaster plan addresses: 1) children who may be away at school, daycare or other activities; 2) plan for pets if you are away from home; 3) designate your out-of-area contact to convey info to other family and friends; and 4) **DISCUSS** your safety plan with everyone in your family, including children (as age appropriate). Also consider that phone system and internet connections may be disrupted or overwhelmed almost immediately, and the road system may be damaged, making travel difficult or impossible.

- **WHERE WILL I GET MEDICAL HELP?**

Consider: 1) taking 1st Aid/CPR training; and 2) plan for back-up power if members of your family require electricity for life-saving medical equipment. **REMEMBER:** the 9-1-1 system will likely be overloaded; ambulances & emergency vehicles will be overwhelmed or have limited access; and medical facilities may not be operational.

- **AM I PREPARED TO LIVE WITHOUT THE ESSENTIALS?**

Consider: 1) storing water at home, work and in your car; 2) keep a two-week supply of food and medicine on hand; and 3) keep your fuel tanks at least half full. **REMEMBER:** utilities and water supplies may be disrupted for weeks.

- **HOW WILL I PAY FOR STUFF?**

Consider: keeping cash on hand because banks may be closed and credit cards unusable. **REMEMBER:** ATM’s may be out of service.

- **HOW WILL I REPAIR THE DAMAGE TO MY HOME OR BUSINESS?**

Consider: 1) examining what your insurance covers and consider earthquake and/or flood insurance; and 2) minimize losses by taking action to reduce your hazards. **REMEMBER:** Construction materials and labor for repairs will be limited and costs may increase.

- **DO I LIVE, WORK OR PLAY IN A TSUNAMI HAZARD ZONE?**

Although Hubbard is obviously not in a tsunami hazard zone, many of us spend time at the coast—**FAMILIARIZE** yourself and your family with the evacuation routes, and as soon as the shaking stops, don’t hesitate—head to high ground based on the evacuation routes you familiarized yourself with!

DURING OR FOLLOWING a widespread disaster texts are more apt to go through than a call and won’t clog much needed phone lines for emergency service use . . .

DID YOU KNOW that per the Municipal Code the property owner adjacent to an existing sidewalk is responsible for maintaining that sidewalk in good repair? (Code Section 12.15.060) However the City will help out with this responsibility through our Sidewalk Reimbursement Program which will reimburse a portion of the cost to repair on a first-come first-serve basis as funds are available, and so long as the repair was not code enforcement initiated or part of a land use or building permit requirement. Give Public Works a call at 503-982-9429 if your interested in this opportunity.

What are your New Year’s Resolutions???

Perhaps . . .

1. Make someone smile and laugh . . . 😊
2. Be open to change . . .
3. Learn something new. . .
4. **Check for and fix water leaks both inside and outside. . .**
5. **Always scoop up pet waste and properly dispose of it. . .**
6. **Keep everything EXCEPT rain water out of the storm drains. . .**

Knowledge & preparation are your best defense and is your responsibility! For more information on **EMERGENCY PLANNING**, call Public Works at 503.982.9429, or visit our website at www.cityofhubbard.org.

