



**CITY OF HUBBARD**

**“The Small Town With A BIG Heart”**



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**November-December 2020**

**MAYOR’S CORNER**

**Upcoming Meetings**

**City Council**

November 10 ~ 7:00pm

December 8 ~ 7:00pm

**Planning Commission**

November 17 ~ 6:30pm

December 15 ~ 6:30pm

**City Hall is Closed**

Wednesday, November 11  
Veterans Day

Wednesday & Thursday,  
November 25—26  
Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, December 24  
Monday, December 28  
Christmas Holiday

Thursday, December 31  
New Years Day

With the last few months of 2020 upon us, I for one will be happy to see this year sunset into memory. Still, even in this tough year there are still great things happening around us.

By the time this update is out we can sit back and look at the many City improvements that have taken place over the year. The finishing touches on the 5th Street resurfacing project between J and G Street should be completed, and we should see the finishing up of the landscaping along G Street between Pacific Highway 99E and 2nd Street. The City is also quickly moving ahead to complete the interior updating of City Hall. Thanks to the many volunteers, we are almost done with the effort to install the new disc golf course at the Jan LaFollette Nature Park, and hopefully in November the city will hang the first two volunteer sponsored Book Nooks, one at Rivenes Park and one at Barendse Park (with two more planned – one at a Postal Office location and another near the Laundromat).

I would like to take this time to thank all the volunteers that stepped up and made Hubbard a better place this year, from helping those in need during the ongoing pandemic in ensuring no one goes hungry, to driving the efforts so many depend on, without these amazing volunteers and the community support, all these improvements would not be possible.

As we look forward to 2021, ask yourself what you can do to get involved, what you can do to make a difference. Together we all make this town, and this world, a better place. To all of Hubbard, during the upcoming holiday season, be safe, have fun, and together let us all put 2020 behind us January 1st!

Thank you,  
Mayor Charles Rostocil



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hubbard Christmas Tree Lighting**



**Friday, December 4, 2020, @ 7pm @ Centennial Park**

**(Sponsored by North Marion Fellowship)**

The tree lighting ceremony will take place at Centennial Park (the greenway between Pacific Highway 99E and A Street) on **Friday, December 4 @ 7pm.**

Come join us as we give light to the Hubbard Christmas trees. At this point this will be all we will be doing due to Covid19 restrictions.

(No meeting at the Hubbard Fire Department 😞)

If things change we will be sure to communicate this but please join us for this special tradition for Hubbard.

Jim Terwilliger

North Marion Fellowship

### HUBBARD PLANNING COMMISSION POSITIONS

On December 31, 2020, there will be **two positions** 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 and turn it back in no later than **December 7, 2020**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.cityofhubbard.org).

### NORTH MARION COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

**GOOD NEWS:** The North Marion Community Library, in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE, has REOPENED! For now, we're open just Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Social distancing, masks, and only two patrons at a time are COVID-preventive measures to keep everyone safe and healthy. If you can spare three hours some Saturday to help keep the library open, call Josie Hyde, 541-749-8088.

**BREAKING NEWS:** Halloween treats anyone? We'll hand out book "treats" at the Aurora Legion Hall, Saturday, October 31, 3–5 p.m. Have you seen the little library kiosks painted "Aurora blue," one at the Aurora park restrooms and the other near the intersection of Walnut and Filbert? Come check them out, and take a book, leave a book—or not.

**IT'S TIME NEWS:** It's time to order your holiday greens; wreaths, centerpieces, and more can be sent as out-of-state gifts, or delivered or picked up in Aurora the first weekend in December. Place your order at the library, at the Legion Hall on November 7, or call Nancy Trivitt, 503-577-1856.

**LAST-BUT-NOT-LEAST NEWS:** Remember, you can also support the library by stopping by the library's sale table at the Aurora Colony Flea, 21510 Main Street, on the first Saturday of each month, September through May; or the White Rabbit; or by designating the library as your Amazon Smile or Fred Meyer Community Reward recipient. Need to contact us? Email [nmarionlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:nmarionlibrary@gmail.com) or call Andrea Heid, 503-776-9075 and leave a voicemail message.

### LOVE SANTA, INC.

Love Santa, Inc. will be providing a food box for local families living in Woodburn, Hubbard, Donald, and Aurora. We are working to provide the food boxes with limited volunteer interaction. More information about signing up for our support will be put out as soon as details are confirmed. Please watch the Love Santa, Inc Facebook page and website ([www.lovesantainc.org](http://www.lovesantainc.org)) for updated information. We will also be asking for specific donations very soon. Love Santa, Inc relies entirely on donations to support local families! We hope to coordinate with other organizations to best assist local families.

Thank you for reaching out in support of Love Santa Inc. If you have any questions please contact me.

Robert Prinslow, President, Love Santa, Inc

[lovesantainc@gmail.com](mailto:lovesantainc@gmail.com)

**Happy Holidays**

<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.

**ARCHES PROJECT COVID-19 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action is operating a COVID-19 Rent Relief program. Eligible households who have been impacted by a COVID emergency can receive rental assistance. These are funds provided by Oregon Housing and Community Services; dedicated to helping Oregonians during this crisis.

Call 503-399-9080 ext. 4003 to complete the assessment or go to <https://mwvcaa.org/programs/the-arches-project/covid-rent-relief/>. You can also email [COVID.RentRelief@mwvcaa.org](mailto:COVID.RentRelief@mwvcaa.org) for more information.

**Programa de asistencia de alquiler de COVID-19**

Ha experimentado una emergencia debido a COVID-19. No puede pagar su renta por COVID-19.

Llame hoy para completar una evaluación 503-399-9080 ext 4003 o visite nuestra pagina web para completar la aplicación en línea <https://mwvcaa.org/programs/the-arches-project/covid-rent-relief/> o envíe un correo electrónico a [COVID.RentRelief@mwvcaa.org](mailto:COVID.RentRelief@mwvcaa.org)

**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.

**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](http://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!



## Power Outages . . .

**THE POWER GOES OUT** — and doesn't come back on! Sudden power outages can be frustrating, but with a little preparation you can minimize the disruption! You have your emergency kit ready to go — so what else can you do beforehand to be as prepared as possible?

- ◆ If you have space in your freezer and refrigerator, consider filling plastic containers with water, leaving approximately one inch of space inside each one. (Water expands as it freezes, so it's important to leave room in the container for the expanded water.) Place the containers with the water in the freezer and refrigerator. This chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold if the power goes out, by displacing air which can warm up quickly with water or ice which keeps cold for several hours without additional refrigeration.
- ◆ If you use medication which requires refrigeration, check with your physician or pharmacist to confirm how long it can safely be kept in a closed refrigerator.
- ◆ If you use a computer, keep files and operating systems backed up regularly. Consider buying extra batteries and a power converter if you use a laptop computer. A power converter allows most laptops (12 volts or less) to be operated from the cigarette lighter of a vehicle. Also consider turning off all computers, monitors, printers, copiers, scanners and other devices when they are not being used. That way, if the power goes out, this equipment will have already been safely shut down. Get a high quality surge protector for all of your computer equipment. If you use the computer a lot, such as for a home business, consider purchasing and installing an uninterruptible power supply.
- ◆ If you have an electric garage door opener, find out where the manual release lever is located and learn how to operate it. If you regularly use the garage as the primary means of entering your home, be sure to still keep a key to your house with you in case the power goes out when you are away from home.
- ◆ If you have a telephone system at home which requires electricity to work, such as a cordless phone, plan for alternate communication (i.e. standard telephone handset, cell phone, etc.).
- ◆ Keep your car fuel tank at least 1/2 full as gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.

### SOME SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER DURING A POWER OUTAGE:

- ◆ Only use a flashlight for emergency lighting - candles are not recommended due to the extremely high risk of fire!
- ◆ Turn off electrical equipment you were using when the power went out.
- ◆ Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer.
- ◆ If you use a generator, connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator—do not connect a generator to a home's electrical system!

***Carbon Monoxide can kill—so use generators safely! Never use a generator indoors, in a garage, basement, crawlspace or partially enclosed area even with ventilation. Locate units away from doors, windows and vents which could allow carbon monoxide to come inside. If you are considering purchasing a generator get advice from a professional such as an electrician!***

**Trees and Storm Damage** Wondering if your tree—damaged by a winter storm—can be saved? Visit [www.arboday.org](http://www.arboday.org) to find out. Per the City's Municipal Code, please give public works a call at (503) 982-9429 *before* you do any tree removal and/or trimming so that we may confirm that the tree(s) in question are not in the City right-of-way. Per the Municipal Code street trees adjacent to a property are the property owners responsibility to maintain and care for.

### DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN!

Oil stains in your driveway and outdoor spills of antifreeze, brake fluid, and other automotive fluids are easily carried away by a rainstorm. An oily sheen on runoff from your driveway is a sure sign that you could do more to prevent pollutants from reaching our waterways by using pans, carpet scraps or matting to catch drips. Routine maintenance can prevent your car from leaking and help identify potential leaks. If you change your own oil, be careful to avoid spills and collect waste oil for recycling.

### Look for Upcoming Information on Our Annual Leaf Disposal Events!

We plan to partner once again with Republic Services to provide two leaf disposal events for our community across from Rivenes Park. These events will most likely take place in early November and early December. As plans are finalized, information will be posted on Facebook. In the mean-time, Republic Services continues to provide routine yard debris pick-up every other week.

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](http://www.cityofhubbard.org).

