



CITY OF HUBBARD

“The Small Town With A BIG Heart”



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January~February 2020

Upcoming Meetings

Held in the
Council Chambers at
3720 2nd Street

City Council

January 14 ~ 7:00pm
February 11 ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

January 21 ~ 6:30pm
February 18 ~ 6:30pm

City Hall is Closed

Wednesday, January 1 for
New Year’s Day

Monday, February 17
in observance of
President’s Day

JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM

BE A CENSUS TAKER
APPLY ONLINE
2020census.gov/jobs
\$17.50 AN HOUR
CALL KYRA HEINE
503-756-0809

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.

MAYOR’S CORNER

A new year is here as is a new chance to make a difference in Hubbard. It is time to look forward to the coming year and explore volunteer opportunities in our community. Over this past year, the work of fabulous volunteers accomplished many city projects: we were able to hold a city-wide clean-up day last Spring, improve our parks and nature trail, plant new flowers at Rivenes Park, hosted the annual HOP festival parade and celebration, completed the second season of the Farmers Market, continued the Veterans Day Memorial event, enjoyed the 12th annual Centennial Park Christmas Tree lighting, saw the return of the 3rd Street holiday decorations, provided help to many in the community through charities like Love Santa and Love Inc., and many more actions that made a difference in our small city. To all the volunteers, our Hubbard Fire and Hubbard Police departments, city councilors, and city staff that are making our city a better place, a huge “Thank You”.

In this New Year, how will you take part in making our city an even better place? How will you make that difference? I urge one and all, young and old, find where you can help out and get involved. If you are seeking a pointer on where to get involved locally: Farmers Market Commission and HOP Festival Board are always in search of volunteers, the city’s budget committee, or simply reach out to a city employee or City Councilor for upcoming opportunities. Above all else, get involved and stay informed.

The city has some lofty aims for 2020, many of which I hope to see resident participation. In January or February, the City Council plans to conduct a City goal setting session. I would encourage any resident that would like to help shape our city’s direction in the coming years to attend this meeting – so watch for the announcement. On the city infrastructure investment front, we have a few projects in the works for 2020. We are underway planning a street resurface and sidewalk replacement project for Fifth Street between J Street and G Street, planning a sidewalk improvement project along G Street between Third Street and Second Street, starting the interior revitalization for City Hall, and we have some continued improvements for the city parks. Other great projects will come to light as the year progresses.

If you have any suggestions for the city, please be sure to drop those ideas in the city suggestion boxes or let the city know at one of the monthly council meetings.

Thank you, Charles Rostocil

PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business as a peddler or solicitor as defined in this chapter, within the corporate limits of the city of Hubbard, without first registering as herein provided.

Peddlers and solicitors are required to display their license cards at all times when soliciting or peddling within the Hubbard city limits, and at the request of any citizen.

Please contact the Police Department if they do not display their license card at 503.981.8738.

You may find the regulations on the City of Hubbard website at the following link:

<https://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Hubbard/#!/Hubbard05/Hubbard0505.html#5.05>

A grateful and heartfelt thank you from the North Marion Community Library

It was a win-win: Our winter holiday greens fundraiser generated funds for our local community library as well as a host of pleased customers. And if you weren't able to take home (or send) a wreath, swag, or centerpiece this year, mark your calendar for the winter of 2020. Many thanks to all who participated—from those who took and filled orders, delivered, or how staff picked up hours at the Veterans Hall, and of course, purchased items. Always a bonus is that we met some of our neighbors, perhaps introducing them to the library for the first time.

Make it a New Year's resolution: Come visit us, currently located in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE. We're open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., though closed on holidays. Want different or more open hours or days? Sure, those may happen, and especially if we have more volunteers, so see below.

Volunteer your time or talents. We need folks willing to help staff the library, participate in fundraisers, brainstorm ways to recruit volunteers and new patrons, help with social media or technology, and more! Stop by the library, send us an email at nmarionlibrary@gmail.com, or come to monthly library association meetings, usually the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m. at the library.

Donate your newer, gently used books. Fiction and non-fiction categories such as biography and history are preferred. However, if you have vintage books or specialized ones, we may be able to use these for our annual book sale in August. And any books we can't use in our collection are destined for the library's sale shelves at the White Rabbit, or offered at the Aurora Colony Flea Market, the first Saturday of the month, September through May, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out those venues too!

Make a monetary donation. The North Marion Community Library Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization, and welcomes monetary donations. Our mailing address is NMCLA, PO Box 186, Hubbard, OR 97032.

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. Xpress Bill Pay. Please go to www.xpressbillpay.com to set up an account and "opt in" to paperless billing or you can call 800-766-2350 for assistance.

The Hubbard Police Department received 25 Parent Aid iCup urine drug test kits through The Oregon Association of the Chief of Police (OACP). The test kits will detect Cocaine, Marijuana, Opiates, Amphetamines, and Methamphetamines. This program is 100% confidential and no information is to be shared with others regarding test results. We offer this service at no cost to parents who have concerns about drug use and it is a very effective tool. The program is available to anyone who asks. Please contact the Hubbard Police Department at 503-981-8738 with any questions.

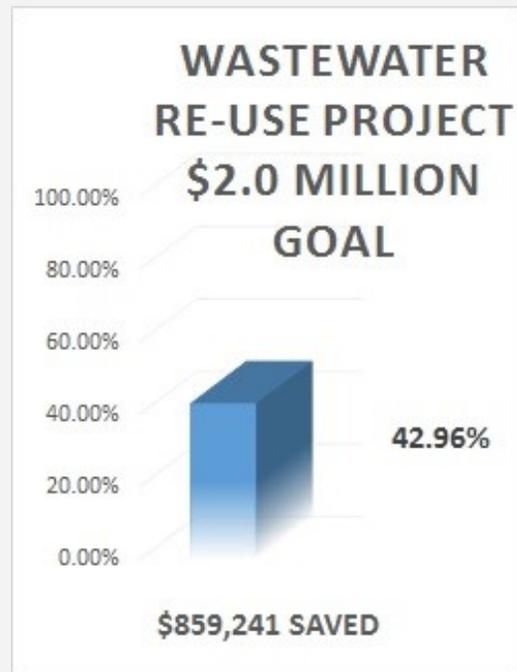
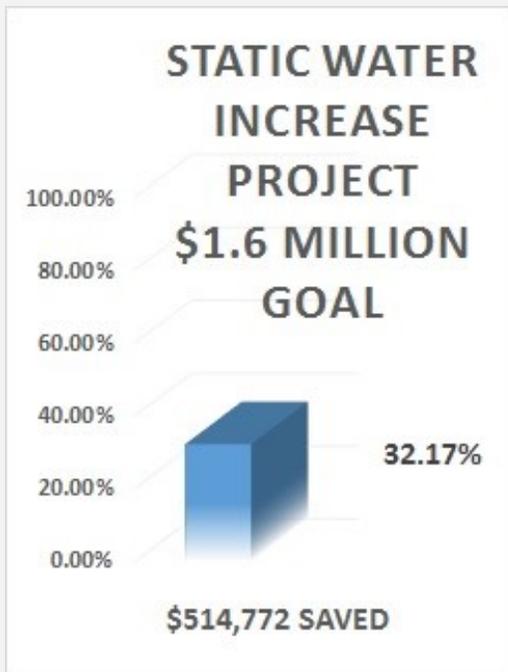
Low Income Senior Citizen Discount

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, and must be renewed annually by July 1st. Submittal of the application must be accompanied by proof of age (65 +) and annual household income.

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.

Ever Wonder Where the Money You Pay in Your Utility Bills Goes?



A local resident recently posed the question to me over here at Public Works about “where is the money going that she pays on her utility bill” and “why?” As she and I were chatting, the thought came up that it might be helpful for others to see the progress being made on saving for two pending Public Works projects (see above charts), of which a portion of your payment goes directly towards every time you pay your utility bill, plus other fees included in your utility bill. I promised her I’d include the information in the upcoming newsletter, so here it is.

Pending Public Works Projects Savings:

- 1) **The Wastewater Treatment Plant Re-use Project:** Briefly, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Re-use Project is a major DEQ-mandated pending project meant to keep the City in compliance with new regulations. The City began saving for this project in the 2012/2013 budget year. With **each utility bill you pay \$22.26** specifically for this project. The initial estimated cost of this project is: \$2,000,000. The project cost estimate will be evaluated and updated prior to beginning the engineering phase. **As of November 30, 2019, the City has saved a total of \$859,241, or about 42.96%, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Re-use Project.**
- 2) **The Static Water Increase Project (ISWP):** The Static Water Increase Project (ISWP) is a pending project the City initiated to increase the static pressure throughout the City. The City began saving for this project in the 2014/2015 budget year. With **each utility bill you pay \$16.12** specifically for this project. The initial estimated cost of this project is: \$1,600,000. The project cost estimate will be evaluated and updated prior to beginning the engineering phase. **As of November 30, 2019, the City has saved a total of \$514,772, or about 32.17%, for this project.**

Another separate fee included on your utility bill is the **General Service Fee**. This is a charge of \$10.00 per month (or \$20.00 per each utility billing cycle). These funds are **not** for a specific project as the two listed above are, nor are they for your water or sewer costs. Instead, the General Service Fee funds go directly into the General Fund budget, and are used for the cost of providing police services, City Hall administration costs, and public parks.

The last fee included on your utility bill is the **Street Fee (Transportation Fee)**. The amount of this fee varies dependent on the property use, however for residential properties, the fee is \$6.62 per month (or \$13.24 per each utility billing cycle). Funds from this fee go directly into the street maintenance fund to be used for the cost of providing day-to-day street maintenance services, including, but not limited to pothole repair, street sign replacements, street sweeping, etc.

Please give Public Works a call at 503-982-9429 if you have additional questions or if you have questions in regards to the cost of providing water and sewer utilities. We always appreciate the opportunity to chat with you!

**After a Disaster — Big or Small
Self-Care Tips for Dealing with Stress**

Things to remember when trying to understand disaster events:

- No one who sees or experiences a disaster is untouched by it.
- It is normal to feel anxious about you and your family’s safety.
- Profound sadness, grief, and anger are normal reactions to an abnormal event.
- Acknowledging our feelings helps us to recover.
- Focusing on our strengths and abilities will help you to heal.
- Accepting help from community programs and resources is healthy.
- We each have different needs and different ways of coping.
- It is common to want to strike back at people who have caused great pain, however nothing good is accomplished by hateful language or actions.

Signs that adults need stress management assistance:

- Difficulty communicating thoughts
- Difficulty sleeping
- Difficulty maintaining balance
- Increased use of drugs/alcohol
- Limited attention span
- Poor work performance
- Headaches/stomach problems
- Tunnel vision/muffled hearing
- Disorientation or confusion
- Difficulty concentrating
- Reluctance to leave home
- Depression, sadness
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Mood-swings, crying easily or easily frustrated
- Overwhelming guilt and self-doubt
- Fear of crowds, strangers or being alone



Ways to ease the stress:

- Talk with someone about your feelings— anger, sorrow or other emotions — even though it may be difficult.
- Take steps to promote your own physical and emotional healing by staying active in your daily life patterns or by adjusting them. This healthy outlook will help yourself and your family. (i.e. healthy eating, rest, exercise, relaxation, meditation).
- Maintain a normal household and daily routine and limit demanding responsibilities of yourself and family.
- Spend time with family and friends or use existing support groups.
- Establish a family emergency plan. Feeling that there is something you can do can be very comforting.

Lessons Learned—Courtesy of OEM: On November 12, 2001, American Airlines Flight 587 crashed into the Belle Harbor neighborhood of Queens, New York shortly after take off from the City’s JFK Airport, killing all 260 passengers and crew on board the Dominican Republic-bound aircraft, as well as 5 people on the ground. **LESSONS LEARNED:** The National Transportation Safety Board ruled that pilot error was ultimately to blame for this crash, determining that “unnecessary and excessive” use of the rudder by the flight’s First Officer placed too much stress on the aircraft’s rudder, causing the vertical stabilizer, or tailfin, to snap off. This crash, which occurred exactly two months after the September 11 terrorist attacks, shut down an entire neighborhood while rescue crews combed the area for survivors and the NTSB began its investigation. Even homes that were not damaged by the crash remained inaccessible for days after the accident. Thinking about all of the things you would need if you could not get home for a few days is a great way to start thinking about what needs to be in your “go-kit” and keeping some of these items at work, in your vehicle, or even at the home of a friend or relative. Digital copies of important documents like bank accounts, prescriptions, titles and deeds, wills and insurance information can be important to have following an emergency or disaster and can help get you and your family on the road to recovery a little more quickly.

Heavy Rain? Need Sand?

During heavy rains Public Works provides self-serve sand and sandbags, located at the City Shop—3652 1st Street.

Protect our Waterways—Fix that Vehicle’s Oil Leak

Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. If you can’t get the leak fixed right away, use ground cloths or drip pans beneath your vehicle. NEVER dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain! Instead recycle it through Republic Services.

Power OUT ???

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
- ✓ 1/2 Cup Chocolate Chips
- ✓ 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 & 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.

