



MAYOR’S CORNER

Upcoming Meetings

City Council

July 14 ~ 7:00pm
August 11 ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

July 21 ~ 6:30pm
August 18 ~ 6:30pm

City Hall is Closed

Thursday, July 2, 2020
In observance of
Independence Day

Monday, September 7, 2020
In observance of Labor Day

As I write this we are officially in summer, thank goodness because Spring of 2020 was one tough push. It is time to start to let those challenges from the last few months fade away as we can start to enjoy the reopening of Oregon.

As with all good news, there must always be some accompanying bad news. The bad news is simple, because of the continued social distancing this year the HOP Festival has been cancelled, and as of now this season's Farmers Market has been delayed and is at risk to be cancelled as well. Let us hope that next year our dedicated volunteers that step up to make these events happen can welcome new volunteers to the mix and 2021 will be the best year yet for the HOP Festival and Farmers Market.

Now for some good news. Our parks are back open and soon the fountain will be back on! I agree with so many that have simply said “let them play”. Our children need the outdoors and they need social interactions. As the temperatures warm up, we will also see some projects kicking off around the city. We have the repaving of 5th Street between J and G coming up soon, and thanks to a grant we will see a new sidewalk along one side of the street as well.

I know this has been a difficult year for many so far, and I cannot express my gratitude enough for all the local residents and community members that have stepped up to support not only the city, but the North Marion Community as well. It is because of residents like you that make this town and community such a special place to live.

Thank you,
Mayor Charles Rostocil

***Our Hubbard City Council and Budget Committee unanimously agreed not to have an increase to the City utility billings for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Water and Sewer rates will increase in accordance with the 2012 Water & Wastewater Rate Study, but will be offset by the ISWP (Static Water Pressure Fee). The new utility rates are scheduled to begin June 16, 2020 **(which will reflect on the August 2020 bill)**. The following is an example of the increase based on the minimum standard **Bi-Monthly** utility bill, single residential unit, 5/8” meter with water consumption of 6,000 gallons or less:

	Old	New
Water	\$ 48.88	\$ 50.64
Sewer	\$ 64.10	\$ 66.28
Transportation	\$ 13.24	\$ 13.24
GSF	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
WWR Project	\$ 22.26	\$ 22.26
ISWP Project	\$ 16.14	\$ 12.18
Bi Monthly Total	\$ 184.60	\$ 184.60

Please refer to the City of Hubbard’s website: http://www.cityofhubbard.org/public_works for information regarding the 2012 Water & Wastewater Rate Study, the Water Re-use Project, and the Increase Static Water Pressure Project. For more information regarding these projects, you can contact Public Works at (503) 982-9429.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

911-

If you have an emergency, need to report an impaired driver, or have an incident that requires police response please call 911. Please do not call the Police Department directly as 911 dispatchers will obtain the needed information and dispatch an officer. For any other police business feel free to contact us.

BICYCLE HELMETS-

Spring is finally upon us! Hubbard is seeing an increase in the number of bicyclists, skaters and skate boarders on the sidewalks and streets. With this increase we have noted that many of those using “people power” have decided not to wear their helmets. Here is some very useful helmet information about some laws designed to keep cyclists and skateboarders safe!

State law, (ORS 814.485) says; A person commits the offense of failure of a bicycle operator or rider to wear protective headgear if the person is under 16 years of age, operates or rides on a bicycle on a highway or premises open to the public (Meaning: Parking Lots, Alleys, Sidewalks, Etc.) and is not wearing protective headgear. A violation of this law may be punishable by a maximum fine of \$25.00.

Likewise, (ORS 814.600) talks about skateboarders, scooter riders or in-line skaters who fail to wear a helmet. A person commits the offense of failure of a skateboarder, scooter rider or in-line skater to wear protective headgear if the person is under 16 years of age, rides on a skateboard or scooter or uses in-line skates on a highway or on premises open to the public (Meaning: Parking Lots, Alleys, Sidewalks, Etc.) and is not wearing protective headgear. A violation of this law may be punishable by a maximum fine of \$25.00.

In both cases, one must wear a helmet of a type approved under ORS 815.052.

So, what does it all mean? A responsible cyclist or skater wears a helmet when riding or skating at all times, but you must wear a helmet if you’re under 16! You can get a citation, or worse a brain injury! Please ride or skate where people are not walking, entering, leaving buildings, or anywhere else someone may be in your path unexpectedly! Please be kind to others, respect others property, and signs! HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!

NEWS FROM THE NORTH MARION COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

Although the library doesn’t yet have plans to reopen, please keep checking the library’s website (<http://northmarionlibrary.wordpress.com>), its Facebook page, or watch for announcements on the Facebook pages of I Love Aurora, Hubbard, or Donald. In the meantime, the library continues to donate books for North Marion students and their families by teaming with the North Marion PTO, the Backpack Buddies program, and others, so if you’d like to donate gently used books—Spanish language ones are especially appreciated, send an email to nmarionlibrary@gmail.com or bring them by the Aurora city hall. Also, in the works: a couple of Little Free Libraries are being built by local craftsman Tim Corcoran. We’re currently soliciting suggestions for their placement, so if you have a location you think would get lots of foot traffic, let us know. And last but not least, the library may collaborate with the local chapter of the Knights of Pythias to sponsor a Read and Ride competition later this summer; details will follow.

ELECTIONS

The Mayor and two City Council positions will be open for the General Election held November 3, 2020.

The Mayor shall be elected for a term of two-years, and the City Councilors shall be elected, each for a four-year term. No person shall be eligible for an elective office of the City unless at the time of the election he/she is a qualified elector within the meaning of the State Constitution and has resided in the City during the twelve months immediately preceding the elections. First day to apply is June 3, 2020. Forms will need to be completed and returned to the Director of Administration/City Recorder no later than August 25, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in any of these positions, or have further questions, you may contact the Director of Administration/ City Recorder Vickie Nogle during City Hall business hours, M-TH 7:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m., at 503-981-9633 or e-mail vnogle@cityofhubbard.org.

HUBBARD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries has awarded a grant to the Hubbard Cemetery Association to clean and restore 29 headstones of US Veterans and Veteran family members. The Commission will grant \$5,000 and the Cemetery Association will fund an additional \$4,000

The Oregon historic cemeteries program, created by the Oregon Legislature, provides resources including grants to people and organizations caring for the cemeteries. Any cemetery that has a least one burial of a person who died before February 14, 1909 and is listed with Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, is historic. The earliest burial in the Hubbard Cemetery was Laura A. Dimick, age 48 years, in 1859. The founder of the City, Charles Hubbard, was buried here in 1884, as was his wife Margaret who died in 1879.

The Hubbard Cemetery Association is an all-volunteer Oregon non-profit corporation funded by lot sales and donations. In 2019, the Association fully funded \$10,045 to clean and restore 47 headstones in the oldest section of the cemetery. The 2020 grant will continue this project. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

If any families of those buried at Hubbard Cemetery would like to fund the cleaning or restoration of headstones, outside of the grant program, please call 503-519-4567 for more information or email to hubbardcemetery@gmail.com.

NOXIOUS VEGETATION

It's that time of year again! As the weather warms ,the grass and weeds are growing! Please be mindful of the City of Hubbard's Municipal Code regarding noxious vegetation:

"Between May 1st and September 30th, no owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right of way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property. It shall be the duty of an owner, or person in charge of the property, to cut down or to destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, bushes, weeds or other noxious vegetation as often a needed to prevent them from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or going to seed."

Also, we would like to remind citizens to keep debris clear from our sidewalks allowing safe passage for pedestrians. We appreciate everyone's efforts as the warmer weather approaches!

You can access all of City of Hubbard's Municipal Code at www.CityofHubbard.org.

To Report concerns and/or violations, call 503-981-8738 or send an email to code_enforcement@cityofhubbard.org

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.

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

Emergency Alert Program Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with 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.

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!

COPING WITH EXTREME HEAT . . .

Although at the time I'm writing our Public Works page it still remains to be seen how hot of a summer is in store for us, we will most likely see at least one heat-wave come through our area. Extreme heat is a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days. In extreme heat your body works extra hard to maintain a normal temperature, which can lead to death. In fact, extreme heat is responsible for the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards. Older adults, children and sick or overweight individuals are at greater risk from extreme heat.

IF YOU ARE UNDER AN EXTREME HEAT WARNING:

- Find air conditioning if you can.
- Avoid strenuous activities.
- Wear light clothing.
- Check on vulnerable family members and neighbors.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- **Never** leave people or pets in a closed car.

STAY SAFE WHEN EXTREME HEAT ARRIVES BY PREPARING NOW!

- Find places in your community where you can go to get cool.
- Cover windows with drapes or shades.
- Weather-strip doors and windows.
- Use window reflectors, such as aluminum foil-covered cardboard, to reflect heat back outside.
- Add insulation to keep the heat out.
- Use attic fans to clear hot air.
- Install window air conditioners and insulate around them.
- Learn to recognize the signs of heat-related illness such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- If you're outside, find shade. Wear a hat wide enough to protect your face.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated. If you or someone you care for is on a special diet, ask a doctor how best to accommodate it.
- Avoid high-energy activities.

Lessons Learned-Courtesy of OEM: On February 7, 1812, the final and strongest in a series of earthquakes occurred, with an epicenter at New Madrid, Missouri along the Mississippi River and what is referred to as the New Madrid Seismic Zone. These earthquakes, the strongest ever to occur east of the Rocky Mountains, could be felt over nearly 2 million square miles. Although few deaths were attributed to this quake, damage was reported as far away as St. Louis, MO and Cincinnati, OH and reportedly caused church bells to chime as far away as Boston. The Mississippi even appeared to be flowing backwards because of the waves created by the quakes. **Lessons learned:** We don't often associate earthquakes with the Midwest, but the New Madrid Seismic Zone is the most active seismic area in the U.S. east of the Rockies. In 1812, St. Louis and other major cities along the Mississippi River did not have the skyscrapers and infrastructure that exists today, leading emergency managers and geologists to believe that an earthquake of similar magnitude would be devastating if it occurred today. The New Madrid Seismic Zone is a great example of the importance of knowing the hazards in your community (and where you travel) as part of your preparedness plan.

NEW Soccer Goals Located at Barendse Park

The antiquated soccer goals at Barendse Park have been replaced! Please help keep the new goals in good condition by not moving them around the field!



Keep on Keeping the Water Clean

As you continue to "walk-the-path" of doing your part to keep our waterways clean, remember to:

- * Use fertilizers sparingly & sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters;
- * Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams;
- * Vegetate bare spots in your yard;
- * Compost your yard waste;
- * Use the least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems;
- * Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff;
- * Take your car to a car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies;
- * Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil; and
- * Pick up after your pets.

Saving Water Makes "Cents" \$\$\$

Give Public Works a call at 503-982-9429 for tips on how to conserve water and maybe save yourself some money!

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.