



CITY OF HUBBARD "The Small Town With A BIG Heart"

March~April 2017



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Upcoming Meetings

Held in the
Council Chambers at
3720 2nd Street

City Council

March 14 ~ 7:00pm
April 11 ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

March 21 ~ 6:30pm
April 18 ~ 6:30pm

I'd like to take this opportunity to let our community know what we are doing regarding the vacancies in our Police Department. Council and staff have been working hard to implement hiring processes and revising job descriptions. We reached out to the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police to advertise our need for an interim Chief, and we are processing those applications now. We hope to have an interim Chief in place very soon. We will be posting for a permanent Police Chief shortly, and will review those applications as they come in. It is our desire to have a permanent Chief in place and work with that Chief for the hiring to fill the remaining vacancies in the Police Department. In the meantime, interim Chief Gill is working to prepare the department for those changes and our Hubbard Officers are continuing to work hard under the additional pressure. Their performance has been exceptional with these new challenges and they have my thanks and support.

Thia Estes,
Mayor

City Hall will be closed Tuesday, April 25, 2017, from 7:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. to allow staff to attend a required safety meeting.

GO GREEN! GO PAPERLESS!

Don't wait for your utility bill to arrive in the mail, sign up for paperless billing and receive it instantly in your email inbox! See the insert for more information. For questions, call City Hall at (503)981-9633

READ LOCAL, READ FREE AT YOUR NORTH MARION COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The **North Marion Community Library** is located on the lower level of the Aurora Presbyterian Church at 21553 Liberty St. NE, Aurora. Library hours are Mondays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursdays, 1 to 5 p.m. The library is staffed solely by VOLUNTEERS, if you can give us just a few hours each month, we may be able to offer more library hours. You'll be trained and will work in pairs. Call Josie Hyde at 541-749-8088.

JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY / COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Jubilee Food Pantry is looking for gardeners to tend and reap the bounty of the Jubilee Community Garden this garden year! They have 3 plots available (4'x 20') with a \$25 fee per garden season. The location of the community garden is the green space at 4th Street and B Street. If you are an interested gardener, please contact **Andy and Serenity Coulombe** at **503-803-7823**.

The Jubilee Community Garden is needing some maintenance and freshening up. If you are interested in helping financially or desire to help in other ways please contact **Andy and Serenity Coulombe** at **503-803-7823**.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

The City of Hubbard requires all door-to-door solicitors to have a City-issued permit displayed on their person while soliciting in the City limits. Please contact City Hall at (503)981-9633 or the **Police Department** at **(503) 981-8738** with questions or concerns.

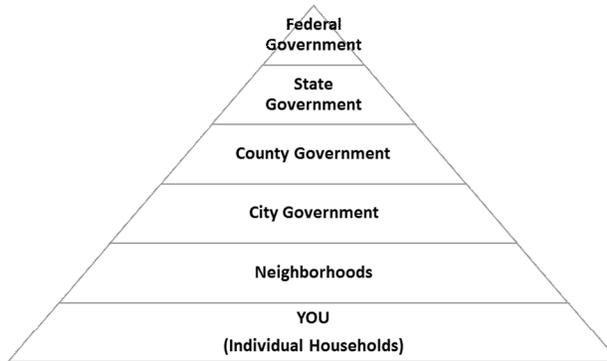
Helpful Hint...

When setting up your automatic payments through Xpress Bill Pay, don't choose the first of the month as a payment date. It can take up to 24 hours from when bills are uploaded (last day of the month) to reflect on your online account and if payment is scheduled within that 24 hours, it may be skipped. Choose the second of the month or the day before the due date for a safe option.

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Emergency Preparedness = Team Sport

How well you prepare as an individual for emergencies directly effects how well your team is prepared—you are only as prepared as the least-prepared members of your emergency preparedness team are. So who are your emergency preparedness teammates? Take a look at the pyramid to see all the players. Much like any champion sports team, emergency preparedness team members must train individually, practice as a team, and engage in their specialty on a consistent basis. Plus we must all be using the same team playbook. Depending on the magnitude and severity of an emergency situation—different levels of your team may or may not be pulled off the bench to play. BUT—it all begins with you! We encourage you to take a look at where you are at in your emergency preparedness efforts. If you haven't started, it is never too late to begin. If you are further along in your preparedness efforts—its always a good idea to review, update, network, and practice what you know.



A few thoughts and questions to ask yourself:

- Do you know the risks and danger signs of potential hazards in your area? This knowledge should not only be for where you live, but should also include where you work, go to school, take vacations, etc.
- Do you have appropriate insurance for your area?
- Do you have a plan, and do you practice your plan on a regular basis?
- Do you have a disaster kit for your home, car, and work and do you rotate items as needed?
- Have you signed up for emergency alerts through Metcom? This is so important as one of the most critical things that needs to happen in the midst of an emergency situation is communication. The best way we have to get important, updated and accurate information to you in an event involving our community is through this emergency alert system. It allows us to send the same information and updates to everyone (who is signed up) with little time or effort—both of which are in very short supply in the midst of an emergency.

Got some spring projects on your to-do list?

If it involves working in the City's right-of-way (ROW), please complete and submit a ROW permit application to Public Works PRIOR TO beginning any work. ROW applications can be found at: www.cityofhubbard.org/public_works/index.html If your project involves digging, CALL 811 for FREE utility locate service at least 48 hours BEFORE you want to begin digging.

Garden Hose = Storm Water

You all know what storm water is, but did you know there does not need to be a rainstorm to send pollutants flowing towards streams and other public waterways? To avoid letting your garden hose impersonate a rainstorm and help keep pollutants from reaching our waterways, consider not washing your car at home with the hose, but instead use a car wash which recycles its water. If you can't go to a car wash, make sure to use a shut-off nozzle on your hose to minimize the amount of water running out of your hose and down your driveway. Consider washing your car on a the grass or other pervious surface instead of on the asphalt. Another good practice is to, after mowing, sweep any grass clippings that landed on your driveway back into your yard so they are not carried by your hose water into the street, where they eventually end up in the nearest waterway.

And some more history from OEM . . . February 7, 1812 - The final and strongest in a series of earthquakes occurs 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 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.

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

