



CITY OF HUBBARD

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March~April 2018

Upcoming Meetings

Held in the
Council Chambers at
3720 2nd Street

City Council

March 13th ~ 7:00pm
April 10th ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

March 20th ~ 6:30pm
April 17th ~ 6:30pm

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.

MAYOR'S CORNER

It feels like only yesterday we all were celebrating New Years. How quickly time passes. Down at City Hall activities continue to move forward. In February we welcomed a new officer to the Hubbard Police Department, Marcos Jimenez. The HPD is still actively seeking a candidate to fill another open spot. We also welcome Crystal Spenner to the City as our new Administrative Assistant/Court Clerk!

Do you have an interest in crafts? Are you an avid gardener? If you said "yes", you might be interested in the discussions that are currently underway to form a Hubbard farmers market. Please reach out to Ali Sobo or Crystal Rostocil at crostocil@gmail.com if you have questions, would like to help, or if you are simply interested.

Are you curious as to what is being discussed for our city in terms of beautification and revitalization? I would encourage you to attend the Planning Commission meetings that are held every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Right now the city is in the process of discussing various project proposals to ensure a pedestrian safe city and find ways to incentivize private investment. Please join in the discussions and have your thoughts and ideas heard.

It is no surprise that spring is around the corner with the temperatures on the rise and the trees flirting with promises of summer shade. But, it is also time to remind us all that with warmer temperatures also comes the civic responsibility to maintain your yard by cutting your grass on a regular basis and controlling noxious weeds. Help do your part to help the city put forth its best foot!

- Mayor 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.

UTILITY BILLING

SENIOR DISCOUNT

The City of Hubbard offers discounted rates to the City utility bills for low-income senior citizens (age 65+). There are eligibility requirements that must be met, an application to fill out, and other information to be provided before seniors are qualified to receive the discount. You may view the eligibility criteria and requirements on the City's website, www.cityofhubbard.org, under Chapter 13.14 of the Hubbard Municipal Code. The application request must be renewed annually (on July 1st) to remain qualified. Please contact **City Hall** at **(503) 981-9633** for more information or visit City Hall to pick up an application.

PRESCRIPTION DROP-OFF

The Hubbard Police Department has the ability to take your old prescription drugs via drop box. The drop box was awarded to the Hubbard Police Department through a generous grant from National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI). The drop box is located at City Hall in the Council Chambers and is available for use during normal business hours. The goal is to keep prescription drugs out of the hands of our children and keep our drinking water clear from contamination.

The drop box will not take needles, syringes, or fluids. If you have any questions, please contact the **Hubbard Police Department at 503-981-8738.**

HUBBARD HOP FESTIVAL

MEMBER AT LARGE POSITIONS OPEN

The Hubbard Volunteer Fire Association is seeking two (2) members of the community to fill a one-year term for an At Large position on the Hop Festival Board of Directors beginning immediately.

These two positions will sit on the Hop Festival Board of Directors and will be meeting to manage all financials, formulate and approve an annual budget, help make rules and regulations for the operations of the Hop Festival, and set short and long range objectives and goals to ensure the future of Hop Festival, among other duties and responsibilities.

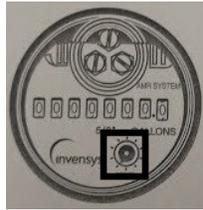
Interested parties must submit a letter of interest to the Hubbard Volunteer Fire Association by 5:00 pm on March 23 in order to be considered. The letter should address the candidate’s experience in organizing community events, volunteering experience, commitment to attending meetings and the Hop Festival, and their purpose for applying for the position. Letters can be emailed to hubbardhopfest@gmail.com, delivered to 3161 2nd Street, Hubbard, OR 97032, or mailed to PO Box 378, Hubbard, OR 97032

The Members At Large will be appointed at the March 26, 2018 meeting of the Hubbard Volunteer Fire Association.

COMPLETING A LEAK CHECK AT YOUR METER

Wondering if you have a leak? Give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 and we can complete a leak check at your meter for you. Or, if you want to complete one yourself after-hours, it’s pretty easy following these steps:

1. Make sure nothing is using water inside or outside your home/business (i.e. dishwasher, shower, etc.)
2. Go to your water meter and watch for approximately 15 minutes
3. If the area marked on the picture to the right is moving, you have a leak
4. If the area marked on the picture is not moving, then you do not have a leak



Public Works’ 2017 Drinking Water Quality Report is coming soon! Public Works will post on our City Facebook page when this report has been uploaded to our website and at our local public posting sites.

Save water by never putting water down the drain when there might be another use for it, such as watering your plants, inside or outside.



PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY’S

Did you know that you are responsible for maintaining the right-of-way in front of your property? This responsibility includes the street trees and other plantings along the right-of-way. Give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 if you are planning to work in the right-of-way before beginning any project as a Right-of-Way Permit application must be submitted and approved. Trees and bushes hanging over walkways are required to have a minimum of 8 feet clearance. Trees and bushes hanging over streets and vehicular traffic are required to have a minimum of 15 feet clearance. Clear vision areas are defined as: *“Those areas near intersections of roadways and motor vehicle access points where a clear field of vision is necessary for traffic safety and to maintain adequate sight distance.”* Give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 to find out specific requirements or check out the City’s Development Code at: www.cityofhubbard.org/documents

Heavy rain events just a reminder that Public Works has sand and sandbags available at the north side of our City Shop for your self-serve use as needed during heavy rain events!

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.

NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK

PROTECT THE SOURCE

MAY 6-12, 2018

For more than 40 years the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week during the first full week of May—an opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in our daily lives. Consider celebrating our water sources this week by taking steps to protect them such as:

1. Don't dump hazardous waste on the ground! It can contaminate the soil, which could also contaminate the groundwater or nearby surface water. Examples include motor oil; pesticides; leftover paint; household cleaners.
2. Use less water—conservation examples include finding and fixing any water leaks; sweeping instead of hosing off your driveway; use a car wash that recycles water instead of washing your own car
3. Talk to others about ways to protect our source water
4. Volunteer to organize a storm drain stenciling project
5. Consider organizing a clean-up day or volunteer for an already-planned event

Then sit back and enjoy a nice cold glass of tap water!

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!

LONDON "FATBERG"

True story—and something to think about the next time you're flushing or dumping waste down the drain! Please don't flush the un-flushables and think about what you are dumping down the drain! According to the CBS News, a 15-ton blob of fat, food and wipes, known as a "Fatberg" broke a London sewer! That's about the size of a school-bus. The "Fatberg Hit Squad" aka the London utility workers saved the day by cleaning up the mess and fixing the broken pipes. Public Works regularly tests for Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) in our wastewater, and our sewer mains are scheduled for maintenance every other year.

DID YOU KNOW? A leaky toilet wastes about 200 gallons of water per day. That's enough to fill a fish tank that holds six small sharks! Put a drop of food coloring in your toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak!

SANITATION IN THE MIDST OF DISASTER

So you survived the initial disaster, thank goodness — but, depending on the extent of damage to the City's water and sewer systems, it could take days, weeks or even longer before you regain the convenience of your sinks and toilets. This lack of sanitation facilities following a major disaster can quickly create serious secondary problems! However, with some pre-planning, you can assemble appropriate supplies to get your family through a disaster without risking contamination by:

1. Purchasing a portable chemical toilet with supplies; or
2. Creating your own portable toilet. Check out our Public Works webpage to find out how to build one at: www.cityofhubbard.org/publicworks/page/emergency-planning

SIDEWALKS IN NEED OF TLC?

Did you know that the sidewalks in front of your property are your responsibility to maintain? Spring is a great time to take a look at the sidewalks in front of your home and if they need some TLC, give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 to ask about the City's Sidewalk Repair Program. In brief, as funds allow, the City can reimburse up to 25% of the project cost (up to \$300). A Right-of-Way application will need to be submitted to Public Works and approved prior to beginning your project, and can be found on our public works city webpage at: www.cityofhubbard.org/publicworks

IS YOUR WATER METER ACCESSIBLE?

Public Works needs to have access to your water meters not only for reading but also for maintenance! Please keep an eye out for growing plants that may be obstructing access to your meters and please remember not to inadvertently cover or block your meter with new plants, bark dust, parked cars, etc. Thank you for your assistance!

READY FOR SOME SPRING CLEANING?

Public Works spoke with Republic Services in early February to try to confirm if they would be hosting another clean-up day this year on Earth Day, April 22, 2018. Unfortunately it was still too early to for them to confirm this event for sure, however there is a good chance they will be doing so. We will follow up with Republic Services in early April, and will post a notice on our City Facebook page if this will take place! It's a great way to get a jump-start on that spring cleaning and dispose of yard debris, cardboard and metal recyclables! More information to follow on Facebook in early April, 2018!

Are You Two Weeks Ready to be Self Sufficient after a Disaster?

This is an Achievable Goal!

The traditional three days of supplies is a good start, short-term power outages or temporary evacuation, or a large earthquake will leave much of the area's transportation routes destroyed. This means delivery of assistance and supplies will be difficult to impossible initially. What does two weeks of preparedness look like? There really is not just one correct way to put together two weeks worth of supplies since everyone has individual dietary and medical needs. If your family includes children, seniors or pets, you will have additional needs. Everyone's kit will look a bit different when complete, however there are some basic things that every kit should include! If you're just starting out to put your kit together, you are probably more prepared than you think. Many of the typical preparedness kit items you may already have in your home such as flashlights, gloves, trash bags, etc. Water is an absolute necessity—plan on at least one gallon per person per day, and don't forget your pet's needs. Can you use your own containers? Yes—you can store water in food-grade bottles using the following precautions:

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"I'M SORRY TO SAY SO BUT SADLY, IT'S TRUE THAT BANG-UPS AND HANG-UPS CAN HAPPEN TO YOU." ~ DR. SEUSS & WHY WE PREPARE

- Thoroughly clean and rinse your bottles.
 - Sanitize the bottles by adding a solution of one teaspoon of un-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to one quart of water.
 - Swirl the sanitizing solution in the bottle so that it touches all surfaces. After sanitizing the bottle, thoroughly rinse out the sanitizing solution with clean water.
 - Fill the bottle to the top with regular tap water.
 - Place a date on the outside of the bottle so you know when you filled it.
 - Store in a cool, dark place.
 - Water that has **not** been commercially bottled should be replaced every six months.
- Give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 for additional information!

Be in the Know Before, During and After an Emergency: Sign up for emergency alerts through Metcom! During an incident—communication becomes especially critical. Give Public Works a call at 503.982.9429 and we'll help you get set up!

Lessons Learned—Courtesy of OEM: The Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated upon entering the Earth's atmosphere as it neared completion of its 28th mission. All seven crew members aboard the shuttle were killed in the accident, which left a debris field hundreds of miles long, from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area through Louisiana and Arkansas (though searches were conducted as far west as the Texas/New Mexico border). **Lessons Learned:** The search for Shuttle debris became one of the largest search missions ever conducted in the United States, involving over 180 local, state, and federal agencies and volunteer organizations and encompassing a 2,400 square mile search area. Although this disaster occurred in a matter of minutes, the vital recovery efforts went on for months, and debris from the Shuttle was still being found eight years after the accident. This disaster reminds us of the important role inter-agency coordination plays in disaster recovery process, and that an incident is not over until the recovery process ends. Sadly, two additional fatalities were recorded during the search and recovery efforts when a search helicopter crashed, killing two and injuring three. The efforts of searchers and investigators were crucial to the Columbia Accident Investigation Board's ability to determine the cause of the accident and take measures to prevent such a tragedy from occurring again.

Did you know that the average homeowner applies seven times more chemicals to their lawn than a farmer does per acre? Excessive application of fertilizers and pesticides on our lawns can be washed away by sprinklers and rain, ending up in storm drains that empty into the waterways. As spring approaches, read and follow the label guidelines before applying chemicals! This can both save you money and keep the chemicals out of the water!

Ready to get started on all those spring projects?

If your projects involve digging—don't forget to call **811** for locates **before** you start digging to give utilities time to come mark underground utilities around your project site! Wondering how to interpret those markings?

- Red is electric
- Yellow is gas/oil
- Orange is communications
- Blue is water
- Green is Sewer
- White is proposed excavation

B.B. Hoops Coming to Barendse

Park: In order to utilize existing resources and provide additional recreational opportunities for the community, Council has approved the placement of two basketball hoops on the old skate park concrete pad.

Walks in the Parks with Your Dogs

For your convenience, additional pet pick-up stations have been installed and stocked at Barendse, Rivenes, Mill Creek Nature Parks and the Wolfer-Will Greenway! Enjoy your walks in the parks and help keep other people's walks enjoyable by remembering to pick up after your dogs!

Public Works After Hours Incidents

For after-hour incidents please call 503.982.2340, Metcom's non-emergency number and they can contact the on-call public works staff.

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.

