



CITY OF HUBBARD

“The Small Town With A BIG Heart”



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March~April 2019

MAYOR’S CORNER

Upcoming Meetings

Held in the
Council Chambers at
3720 2nd Street

City Council

March 12 ~ 7:00pm

April 9~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

March 19 ~ 6:30pm

April 16 ~ 6:30pm

**Hubbard Volunteer
Firefighter Association
Dinner & Silent Auction**

We want to invite everyone to a dinner & silent auction on April 13th at the Hubbard Fire Station from 6PM-8PM. Great food, fun, and auction items will be available. Please keep a look out in the community for more updated information in the weeks to come. Invite your friends and see you there!

With spring upon us, we begin the gradual warm up and will soon see the trees and flowers come back to full glory. As the winter months fade, I want to thank all those in the community who stepped up to help those needing assistance during the cold snaps this past winter. It is a blessing to know we have such caring citizens in our city.

For those that would like to find opportunities to get involved around the city, be sure to stay tuned to the city’s website. At this time the HOP Festival committee is seeking volunteers to help out in this season’s festival, planned for July 20th. As we approach April, I would also like to organize a city clean-up day one Saturday. If anyone is interested in helping coordinate this, please reach out to me, as I would welcome any help.

In case you missed the news, I am pleased to congratulate the Hubbard Police Department on their official certification as an accredited law enforcement agency. The effort by the department to meet the standards required for accreditation was no small task; well done! I am also happy to announce that the Hubbard Police Department welcomed Grant Thommen to the department on March 4th. Grant will fill the last open position for a Police Officer, bringing our department to full strength.

- Mayor Rostocil

The Woodburn Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes Hubbard businesses to join us at weekly Greeters and other events in 2019.

If you’d like to receive weekly Chamber news and events coverage, feel free to reach out to: welcome@woodburnchamber.org.

Inform a membership decision by joining us at events, meeting our Board and regular members – all toward growing your business.

Find us online at: <https://woodburnchamber.org/>

Looking forward to meeting you and starting a conversation toward “Growing Your Business”

Stuart A. Rodgers

Executive Director

Woodburn Area Chamber of Commerce

www.woodburnchamber.org

503-982-8221

Do you know these fun facts about your North Marion Community Library?

- It's **free** and it's **local**, located in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE. **We welcome readers** of all ages, especially folks in Hubbard, Aurora, Donald, Butteville, and other areas of North Marion county.
- **Library hours** are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. The library's Facebook page has the latest information on hours or check out the "I love Aurora" Facebook page.
- The North Marion Community Library Association is a **volunteer-driven, non-profit organization**. Give a few hours of your time and we can staff more library hours. Call Josie Hyde, volunteer coordinator, at (541) 749-8088. Or come to monthly NMCLA meetings (first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., at the library) and help brainstorm ways to make your library better!
- You can **support the library** by signing up for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program (www.fredmeyer.com and click on the link to savings and rewards; use North Marion Community Library Association or KS973; this does not impact your personal rewards) or shop online at AmazonSmile (www.smile.amazon.com), a simple and automatic way to benefit the library every time you shop, at no cost to you.
- You may be able to **get the latest bestseller quicker** here than at nearby public libraries. Or we may order it for the library's collection if there's reader demand for the book.
- **We sell books at the Aurora Colony Flea** (in the Aurora American Legion Post 110, 21510 Main St. NE) the first Saturday of each month, September through May, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or if you're at the **White Rabbit Bakery**, check out the book selection there. Monetary donations are welcome and all sales benefit the library.

Energy Assistance Program – Mid Willamette Valley Community Action

Community Action assists low-income households in Marion & Polk counties with their heating and electricity costs. The program operates year-round using federal, state and private funding. Assistance availability depends on funding cycles and type of services requested. Funds are limited so there may be times when immediate assistance is not available.

Community Action Energy Services
Salem Area (503) 588-9016
Outside Salem Toll-free (866) 299-4216

Monday - Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE

60% of Oregon Median Income for 2019

Size of Family Unit	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$24,550	\$2045.83
2	\$32,103	\$2675.25
3	\$39,657	\$3304.75
4	\$47,210	\$3934.16
5	\$54,764	\$4563.66
6	\$62,317	\$5193.08
7	\$63,734	\$5311.16

PLANNING FOR EVACUATIONS . . .

DEPENDING ON YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES and the nature of the attack or disaster, one of the first important decisions you need to make is whether you stay put where you're at, or get away!! You should be prepared ahead of time for both possibilities. Use your common sense and any available information to determine if there is immediate danger.

IN ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY, local authorities and emergency workers will be working towards providing information to the public. If possible, try to monitor the television or radio news reports for information and official instructions as they become available. If you are specifically told to evacuate or seek medical attention — **do so immediately!!**

SO YOU WILL BE PREPARED IN THE EVENT YOU NEED TO EVACUATE, PLAN AHEAD how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency.

CREATING AN EVACUATION PLAN:

- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood;
- If you have a car, keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case you need to evacuate;
- Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area;
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to;
- Take your emergency supply kit with you unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated;
- Lock the door behind you; and
- Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan how you will care for your pets in an emergency.

IF YOU ARE EVACUATING AND IF TIME ALLOWS:

- Call or e-mail your "out-of-state" contact in your family communications plan;
- Tell them where you are going;
- If there is damage to your home and you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas & electricity before leaving;
- Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going; and
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.

IF YOU ARE A PARENT, make sure your school and/or daycare provider have emergency plans.

ASK THEM:

- How they will communicate with families during a crisis;
- Whether they store adequate food, water and other basic supplies; and
- Find out if they are prepared to "shelter-in-place" if need be, and where they plan to go if they must evacuate.

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.

<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.

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 Citizens 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 (age 65+) and annual household income.

Emergency Sanitation . . .

A 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 you and your family through a disaster without risking contamination.

1. Purchase a portable chemical toilet with supplies; OR
2. Create your own portable toilet by acquiring the following:
 - * Medium-sized plastic bucket with a tight-fitting lid (to store the supplies and to serve as the emergency toilet).
 - * Container of unscented household liquid bleach (5.25% sodium hypochlorite), to be mixed in a 1:10 solution with water.
 - * Heavy-duty plastic garbage bags with twist ties (sized to line the bucket).
 - * Toilet paper.
 - * Liquid antibacterial soap and/or towelettes.
 - * **OPTIONAL**—Sand, sawdust or kitty litter
 - * Line the bucket with a garbage bag. If you choose, you can put the sand, sawdust or kitty litter in the bottom of the garbage bag to absorb liquids. After each use, pour a disinfecting solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water into the garbage bag. Use twist ties to close the bag between uses, and close the lid tightly.
 - * At the end of each day, the bagged waste should be securely tied and removed to a protected location, such as a designated garbage can in the garage, basement or outbuilding until safe disposal is available.
 - * If your toilet bowl is empty, you can line your toilet with a garbage bag, and use it in the same manner as discussed above. This option has the additional comfort of being able to use a regular toilet seat.

General Guidelines:

- * Locate the toilet away from food preparation and eating areas.
- * Provide a place next to the emergency toilet to wash hands.
- * Keep the toilet closed when not in use.

NOTE: This waste CAN'T be disposed of with your regular garbage. Contact Public Works at 503-982-9429 for directions on how to properly dispose of this waste!

Lessons Learned—Courtesy of OEM: On December 2-3, 1984, a gas leak at the Union Carbide India Limited pesticide plant in Bhopal, India caused methyl isocyanate gas to leak into surrounding villages, causing what is believed to be the world's largest industrial disaster and exposing over 500,000 people to the toxic cloud. The exact number of fatalities caused by this leak is unknown, but estimates range from over 2,200 to 16,000, with many of those deaths occurring weeks, months, and even years after the incident as a result of exposure to the deadly chemicals. The gas release was believed to have been caused by a number of factors including improper chemical storage, a lack of maintenance, and safety systems being shut off to save money. **Lessons Learned:** This disaster, which continues to impact Bhopal, India and the surrounding area, also changed the way hazardous materials are used, transported, stored and reported in the U.S. In 1986 Congress passed the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). This Act mandates local governments include response plans for any hazardous materials stored in or transported through their community and that facilities must immediately report accidental releases of extremely hazardous substances to state and local authorities. The EPCRA also requires facilities that manufacture, process, or store hazardous chemicals make Safety Data Sheets, which describe the properties and health effects of the chemicals stored or manufactured on site, available to the public.

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.



Your Water Meter . . .

Please help out your local Public Works team by keeping your water meters accessible and clear from obstructions. Unfortunately, if your meter is obstructed by objects such as cars, trailers, trash and recycling bins, landscape bark or gravel, overgrown plants, etc. — Staff will most likely have to return to do their job. Thank you for your help in allowing us to be as efficient with our time as possible!

If it's on the ground, it could be in your water. . .

A few steps towards clean water include:

- * Keeping pollutants and litter out of the storm drains. You'd be amazed how far hose or rainwater can transport these pollutants!
- * Fertilize sparingly and carefully
- * Clean up after your pets.

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead to waterways, so any oil, pet waste, leaves or dirty water from hoses used to wash cars or driveways can reach these waterways via hose and/or rainwater!

Water Conservation

Pop Quiz — No Peeking 😊

1. When is the best time of day to water your lawn?
2. Which of the following ways to wash your car saves the most water? A) *In the driveway with the garden hose;* B) *Use a car wash that recycles water.*
3. True or False: It isn't important to conserve water because there is so much of it on Earth.
4. True or False: It's a good practice to flush trash like cotton balls and Kleenex down the toilet.

- ANSWERS**
1. *Early morning or late evening*
 2. *B) Use a car wash that recycles water*
 3. *False*
 4. *False*