



CITY OF HUBBARD

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May-June 2020

MAYOR’S CORNER

Upcoming Meetings

Held in the
Council Chambers at
3720 2nd Street

City Council

May 12~ 7:00pm

June 9 ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

May 19 ~ 6:30pm

June 16 ~ 6:30pm

City Hall is Closed

Monday, May 25, 2020
in observance of
Memorial Day.

Thursday July 2, 2020
In observance of Independence
Day

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 con-
tact the automated information
line at **503-982-0011**.

For complete regulations contact
the [Hubbard Fire Department](#) at

503-981-9454.



I hope this update finds you and your family safe and healthy. It has been a daunting few months as our Nation and State have endured the many hardships brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. In place of enjoying these wonderful days of sun and warm weather at picnics and family gatherings, we find ourselves tucked away indoors with only the occasional outing paired with social distancing restrictions. For those essential workers in our community who risk their health day in and day out in efforts to keep our communities fed, healthy, safe, and running, I thank you. For those impacted by the executive orders and unable to work, please stay positive and look forward to the better days to come. As with all hardships and tribulations, this too shall pass. As a nation, we have been through troubling times before, and as a nation, we have always pulled through and moved forward. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and together, as a community and as a nation, we will see this through.

I would like to recognize all the North Marion High School seniors who have seen their senior year cut short and the loss of so many cherished memories many of us might have taken for granted. I know they will never get a chance to have their last May Day as seniors, Prom, or even a graduation ceremony. I hope something can be done to celebrate their accomplishments and achievements once the pandemic has passed. As for the many parents out there, that are now finding themselves as both parent and teacher as we embrace distant learning, keep up the great effort. I am sure we will all be happy once September rolls around and the schools reopen.

I encourage all small business owners to visit the City’s website and review the material posted there that might help ease the burden your businesses are facing. There are grants and loan programs available through the SBA that many may qualify for.

I would like to thank our local first responders, the Hubbard Police Department and Hubbard Fire Department, for their continued operations to keep our community safe. I realize we have seen an increase in property theft over the last month. The HPD is working with the Marion County Sheriff’s Office to try and prevent these thefts, and in the meantime, we are encouraged to secure our vehicles at night.

I would also like to thank our City staff and Public Works team who have continued to keep our city running while practicing social distancing.

I pray that by June we can all meet up and enjoy the opening day of the Farmers Market (tentatively planned to kick off June 6th), and I am looking forward to other city activities over the summer months. Together we are stronger, and together the city of Hubbard will get through this.

Thank you,

Mayor Charles Rostocil

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 as 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.

Report concerns and/or violations at the phone number or fax number above or send an email to code_enforcement@cityofhubbard.org

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. Filing 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 at 503-981-9633 or e-mail vnogle@cityofhubbard.org.

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.

<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.

HUBBARD FARMERS MARKET

The Hubbard Farmer's Market is located in Downtown Hubbard at [Rivenes Park](#) 2600 D St, Hubbard, OR 97032

The Hubbard Farmer's Market happens every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

June 2020 through September 2020.

We ask that applications for vendors be completed and turned into Hubbard City Hall no later than May 15, 2020, but will be accepted throughout the season.

Visit the City website for vendor application information.

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.

North Marion Community Library

Although the North Marion Community Library, presently located in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE, Aurora, remains closed for the foreseeable future, library volunteers are teaming with the North Marion PTO, the Backpack Buddies program, and others to provide donated books for North Marion students and their families. When the library reopens, we'll post the news on our Facebook page, and to the Facebook pages of Hubbard, Aurora, and Donald, so stay tuned!

If you currently have books checked out from the library, rest assured that you're not getting any overdue fines. Once we reopen, you'll receive an email message reminding you what books you have that need to be returned. Any questions? Send them to nmarionlibrary@gmail.com.

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.

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!



COVID-19 Stress & Coping. . .

Pandemics are stressful — not many would argue with that. There are so many things in our day-to-day lives that we have no control over, however how we deal with and handle the stressors of our world as we move through each day is something we can control! Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger!!

The CDC reminds us that the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can cause fear and anxiety which can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in both adults and children. How each of us responds to an outbreak such as COVID-19 can depend on our background, the things that make us different from other people, and the community we live in.

Although facts and staying current with new information regarding the pandemic is important and is a good thing — taking time to “step-away” from it is also important! Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories about the pandemic, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly with no breaks of any sort can be upsetting and can take its toll on both you and your family’s health.

Take care of your body by: taking deep breaths, stretching or meditating. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, with a treat every now and then. Exercise regularly, and get plenty of sleep. Make time to unwind by doing some activities you enjoy and are able to while continuing to follow health guidelines. Connect with others by talking with someone you trust about your concerns. Find something to laugh with someone about—a funny memory, a joke, your pet’s silly antics. All these things can make you feel better and stronger, and will also help your immune system stay strong!

Know the facts about the COVID-19 event to help reduce stress! Sharing facts and understanding the risks to both yourself and others can make an outbreak less stressful and also creates a connection with others.

Don’t forget to talk to your children about the COVID-19 outbreak! Answer their questions and share facts in a way your child or teen can understand. Reassure your child or teen that they are safe, and let them know it is okay if they feel upset. Share how you deal with your own stress so that they can learn how to cope from you. Children and teens react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Be a role model by taking breaks, getting plenty of sleep, exercising and eating well. Watch for behavior changes in your child. Not all children respond to stress in the same way. Common changes could include: excessive crying or irritation; returning to behaviors they have outgrown; excessive worry or sadness; unhealthy eating or sleeping habits; irritability or “acting out;” difficulty with attention or concentration; unexplained headaches or body pain; or use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.

Check in with all your loved ones often! Virtual communication can help you and your loved ones feel less lonely and isolated. Connect through: telephone; email; mailed letters or cards; text messages, video chats, and/or social media.

RESILIENCE is the ability to bounce back, cope with adversity, and endure during difficult situations.

Thankfully resilience during emergencies and disaster recovery has been demonstrated time and time again by people who have experienced disasters of every kind. Using supportive resources to address stress and other hardships is a critical component of this resilience. Questions or concerns? Please give Public Works a call at 503-982-9429 or email molinger@cityofhubbard. Stay safe and well!

NEED HELP? If you, or someone you care about, feels overwhelmed with emotions like sadness, depression, or anxiety, or feels like you want to harm yourself or others:

- Call 911
- Visit the Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746
- Visit the National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233 or TTY 1-800-787-3224

Public Works and COVID-19

Our primary goal in dealing with the COVID-19 epidemic is two-fold: continuity of service and protecting both staff and the public’s health and safety. As you probably can guess, one of the biggest challenges our department may face is how to continue essential services with a potential drastic reduction in staffing due to the pandemic. In preparation for these types of events, Staff has prioritized tasks and services, and as much as possible has cross-trained multiple staff members to be able to complete many of these tasks and services. We also have mutual aid agreements with other public works agencies to share resources as we are able to and as needed. As recommended, we have staff working remotely when possible, and on-site staff are keeping up with social distancing both with each other and the public, and using PPE as appropriate. As this pandemic event unfolds, we will continue to focus first on providing the essential services of our department. Please don’t hesitate to give Public Works a call at 503-982-9429 if you have questions or concerns. Wishing everyone good health and the perseverance to see this event through to the end and into the recovery phase and beyond!

2019 Consumer Confidence Report

As required, Public Works is pleased to share our 2019 Consumer Confidence Report and to let you know that the water you drink and use every day meets or exceeds all health standards! Questions or concerns, please give Public Works a call at 503-982-9429. The report can be found at www.cityofhubbard.org/publicworks.

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.

