



CITY OF HUBBARD

“The Small Town With A BIG Heart”



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September~October 2019

MAYOR'S CORNER

Upcoming Meetings

Held in the Council Chambers at 3720 2nd Street

City Council

September 10th ~ 7:00pm

October 8th ~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

September 17th ~ 6:30pm

October 15th ~ 6:30pm

City Hall is Closed

**Monday,
September 2nd
In Observance of
Labor Day**

**Thursday, September
18th Due to staffing
levels**

With September here, and the summer of 2019 now a memory, it is time for us all to look forward to the fall. Hopefully, everyone had a chance to enjoy time at the Saturday Market, the Bike Rodeo, Hop Festival, the Splash Fountain, or any of our parks this summer. I would like to thank all those who volunteered this summer to make these events possible, without the volunteers and their efforts these activities simply could not happen.

As summer comes to a close, we are also seeing many of the city projects finish up. The G Street improvements are now completed, the railroad crossing on G Street is finally back open after the unforeseen incident, the damaged sidewalk near the railroad crossing on D street has been repaired, and the City Hall's new siding is done. Please continue to keep an eye out for information on additional City projects. If you have suggestions or input you would like to share with the City, please attend one of our monthly City Council meetings to share your ideas, or if you wish, you can share your ideas or suggestions by submitting them via the new suggestion boxes located at Rivenes and Barendse Park (and soon City Hall).

As we approach Fall and the eventual falling leaves that are to come, the City is again working to coordinate with Republic Services to have a leaf drop off day (stay tuned to the city website for updated information as it becomes available).

- Mayor Rostocil

In accordance with the 2012 Water & Wastewater Rate Study, utility rates are scheduled to increase beginning June 18, 2019 (**which will reflect on the August 2019 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	\$ 47.14	\$ 48.88
Sewer	\$ 62.04	\$ 64.10
Transportation	\$ 12.62	\$ 13.24
GSF	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
WWR Project	\$ 22.26	\$ 22.26
ISWP Project	\$ 16.14	\$ 16.12
Bi Monthly Total	\$ 180.20	\$ 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.

HUBBARD PLANNING COMMISSION POSITION

On December 31, 2019, there will be **two Planning Commission** positions open for appointment with the term ending **December 31, 2022**. If you are interested in a Planning Commission position, you may download the application from the city's website (<http://www.cityofhubbard.org/forms>) or you may pick up your application at Hubbard City Hall and turn it back in no later than **November 30, 2019**. Each Planning Commission member shall be appointed by the City Council at the first regular meeting of December to serve a term of three years beginning January 1st and ending December 31st of the year following appointment.

The appointed shall not be an official or employee of the City of Hubbard. The City Council may, in its sole discretion, appoint not more than two of the five Commissioners who are not residents of the City. No two or more voting members of the Commission shall, at the time of their appointment, be employed in the same occupation, business, trade or profession. This provision shall not be interpreted to preclude business persons engaged in different kinds of business or retired persons not currently employed in an occupation from eligibility for appointment. The Commission holds Public Hearings on land use actions, development code changes and other zoning matters. Their decisions may be final or they may make recommendations to the City Council. Applications are available at City Hall or on the website. You may call 503-981-9633 for further information or you can visit the City's website at www.cityofhubbard.org.

CANINE ZAFSA RETIRES

After 6 years of service, the Hubbard Police Department's Canine Zafa is retiring from the department. Zafa, who is a 7 year old female Belgian Malinois was purchased utilizing a grant from the K9s4cops program when she was 1 year old. She was originally trained and purchased from the Houston K9 Academy in Houston, Texas utilizing the K9s4cops grant funds. Zafa performed to the best of her abilities for the Citizens of Hubbard and those who traveled into our community. She was also called upon from several surrounding agencies needing K9 Assistance numerous times throughout her career. Most recently Zafa was named the Grand Marshall of the Hubbard HOPS Festival Parade!

We cannot thank K9 Zafa and her handler, Officer Glen Bentley enough for their unselfish commitment to duty. After the proper procedures are completed, Zafa will live out her life with Officer Bentley and his family. Officer Bentley who has been a K9 Officer with the department for 10 years will continue to work in the capacity of a police officer for the Hubbard Police Department.

At this time, the police department is not going to replace the K9 program with another police canine.



NOXIOUS VEGETATION

Just a reminder, it's that time of year again! The sun is shining which means the grass and weeds are growing! Please remember, the **City's Code** states: ***"Between May 1 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 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 from going to seed."***

Need to reserve the ball fields?

Complete an **APPLICATION** from our City Website www.cityofhubbard.org and return it to Hubbard Public Works at molinger@cityofhubbard.org or mail it to Hubbard Public Works, P.O. Box 380, Hubbard, OR 97032.

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.

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

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

EMERGENCY ALERT PROGRAM

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the 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 whenever you specify, such as your home, mobile or

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.

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.



WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS!!

ARE YOU READY FOR A THUNDERSTORM??? Lightning is a serious danger! So what can you do to prepare yourself and your family???

BEFORE LIGHTNING STRIKES:

- ⇒ Keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, flashes of light or increasing wind. Listen for the sound of thunder;
- ⇒ If you can hear thunder, **you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning!** Go to a safe shelter immediately!
- ⇒ Listen to NOAA, commercial radio, or the TV for the latest weather forecasts.

WHEN A STORM APPROACHES:

- ⇒ Find shelter in a building or car. Keep car windows closed & avoid convertibles;
- ⇒ Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug appliances. Avoid using the telephone or any electrical appliances;
- ⇒ Avoid taking a bath or shower, or running water for any other purpose;
- ⇒ Turn off the air conditioner. Power surges from lightning can overload the compressor, possibly resulting in a costly repair job!
- ⇒ Draw blinds and shades over windows. If windows break due to objects blown by the wind, the shades will prevent glass from shattering into your home.

IF CAUGHT OUTSIDE:

- ⇒ If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shorter trees;
- ⇒ If you are boating or swimming, get to land and find shelter immediately!
- ⇒ If you are unable to go inside, find a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles, or metal objects. **Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding!**
- ⇒ Be a very small target! Squat low to the ground. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them.
- ⇒ Do **NOT** lie flat on the ground—this will make you a larger target!

AFTER THE STORM PASSES:

- ⇒ Stay away from storm-damaged areas;
- ⇒ Listen to the radio for information and instructions;

IF SOMEONE IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING:

- ⇒ People struck by lightning carry **no** electrical charge and can be handled safely;
- ⇒ Call for help. Get someone to dial 9-1-1;
- ⇒ The injured person has received an electrical shock and may be burned, both where they were struck and where the electricity left their body. Check for burns in both places;
- ⇒ Give first aid. If breathing has stopped, begin rescue breathing. If the heart has stopped beating, a trained person should begin CPR.

THE #1 LIGHTNING MYTH is "lightning never strikes the same place twice." **THIS IS FALSE!!** Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it's a tall pointy isolated object. Places prone to lightning are places to avoid when thunderstorms are nearby!

THE #2 LIGHTNING MYTH is "If it's not raining, or if clouds are not overhead, I'm safe from lightning!" **THIS IS FALSE!!** Lightning often strikes more than 3 miles from the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or even thunderstorm clouds. "Bolts from the blue," though infrequent, can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm. Under extreme conditions, anvil lightning can strike the ground over 50 miles from the thunderstorm.

Lessons Learned—Courtesy of OEM: July 23, 1976, 182 people fall ill while attending an American Legion convention in Philadelphia, PA. 29 of these convention attendees, known as "Legionnaires" because of their affiliation with the American Legion, would die as a result of this novel and severe form of pneumonia, which is now known as Legionnaires' disease. **Lessons Learned:** The bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease is not spread through person-to-person contact, but is spread when it contaminates aerosolized water or soil and is commonly spread through hot tubs, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems of large buildings like hotels and offices. The disease, which has killed or sickened hundreds of people (with some believing the first outbreaks may have occurred as early as the 1940's) and causes thousands to be hospitalized in the U.S. each year can be prevented through proper maintenance of drinking water systems, hot tubs, decorative fountains, HVAC systems and cooling towers.

COMING LEAF DISPOSAL EVENTS

Although it is a little difficult to start thinking about falling leaves already, by the time the next newsletter goes out, we'll be just two days away from the first 2019 Leaf Disposal event—sponsored once again by Republic Services! Pencil in the following dates on your calendar—and look for additional details to come out in October! Details should be similar to the 2018 events!

1st Event: Saturday, November 2

Water Pollution & Storm Water

Water pollution is contaminated water caused by materials getting into the waterways and interfering with the natural balance of the water. The result of contamination can be measured and sometimes can be seen and sometimes is "invisible." Contaminated water can have too many or too few plants growing; oxygen levels and bacteria levels can be too high or too low; fish and animals can get sick or die. Storm water, whether its from a heavy rainstorm, light sprinkle or even your garden hose can act as an unintentional carrier of pollutants from yards, driveways and streets. This is called "non-point pollution (NPS). NPS is the largest contributor to surface water pollution. From its name, you can probably guess that NPS comes from sources which are hard to identify, as pollutants can travel long distances before entering a body of water. Even if you think you don't live, work or play close enough to make a difference - we encourage you to think again as most cities have underground storm systems which eventually dump directly into a body of water. What you and other individuals do to avoid unintentionally leaving contaminants for rain or hose water to pick up and carry away can make a real difference in the amount of pollutants able to reach our public waterways. Prevention is always much easier and less costly than trying to clean-up a waterway once its been polluted! Give us a call at 503-982-9429 to see how you can help protect one of our most important resources—water!

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.

