



CITY OF HUBBARD

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September-October 2020

MAYOR’S CORNER

Upcoming Meetings

City Council

September 8~ 7:00pm
October 13~ 7:00pm

Planning Commission

September 15 ~ 6:30pm
October 20 ~ 6:30pm

City Hall is Closed

Monday, September 7,
2020
In observance of Labor
Day

Wednesday, November 11,
2020
In observance of Veterans
Day

It is hard to believe that fall is around the corner! The changes at our schools with distance learning and sports, mask requirements, and continued social distancing have, and will continue to have, an impact on us all. Please continue to be safe, demonstrate patience and grace for those around you, and above all else be a good neighbor.

City hall access continues to be closed to the public due to COVID-19, but all city operations continue, and the city offices are staffed. The monthly City Council meetings have shifted to a hybrid model which will continue until the COVID-19 restrictions ease. In these hybrid meetings the city’s department heads and City Council will meet in person and the city has setup a dial in option for the public so our residents and interested parties can attend. I look forward to the day when we can all again meet in the City Hall and welcome the public in person.

The Public Works department was able to get the water fountain repaired and back up. For those that did not know, the city had to replace the pumps that burned out last year and rebuild a broken water distribution manifold to bring the fountain back online. Although we had a late start to the fountain’s season, we do plan to keep it running longer this year, or at least until the weather changes. Progress continues to be made on the 5th street resurfacing (between J and G street) that includes a sidewalk project. This project should start and finish in the coming months. The concerns on the cloudy water most of the city witnessed in early August were discussed at the August City Council meeting. I would like to inform the public that the City Council and city staff have been working on a plan to address the city’s water infrastructure issues. I look forward to the day when we can bring this plan to the public for comments.

Until next time, be well, stay safe, and continue to look for opportunities to make our world a better place for all.

Thank you,
Mayor Charles Rostocil

Water and Sewer rates will increase in accordance with the 2012 Water & Wastewater Rate Study, but will be offset by the ISWP (Static Water Pressure Fee). The new utility rates are scheduled to begin June 16, 2020 (**which will reflect on the August 2020 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	\$ 48.88	\$ 50.64
Sewer	\$ 64.10	\$ 66.28
Transportation	\$ 13.24	\$ 13.36
GSF	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
WWR Project	\$ 22.26	\$ 22.26
ISWP Project	\$ 16.12	\$ 12.20
Bi Monthly Total	\$ 184.60	\$ 184.74

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 POSITIONS

On December 31, 2020, there will be **two positions** open for appointment with the term ending **December 2023**. 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 2, 2020**. 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.

NORTH MARION COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Even though we remain closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the library does have projects ongoing, and we have so many people to thank. First, to Wind Horse Antiques for offering us a table at their Estate Sale on August 7-9. Second, thanks to all of you who came and took a look and even purchased a vintage book or two.

Third, the White Rabbit continues to offer us shelf space for books. If you are looking for a good read, there's a great selection at the White Rabbit right now.

Fourth, Ray of Hope Thrift Shop in Woodburn donates unsold books to us. We thank you so much as we have been able to pass most of the children's books on to North Marion Schools for their summer book donations.

And....our annual HOLIDAY GREENS sale will be happening sooner than you think!! Please consider buying your wreaths, centerpieces, etc. from us this year. It will be our biggest fundraiser as our gigantic book sale was cancelled along with Aurora Days. Your friendly salespeople will be ready for your orders the first of November or so.

Nancy Trivitt

503-577-1856

FOOD BOXES AVAILABLE

Food boxes and/or frozen meals are available for seniors in Hubbard, Donald, Aurora and delivered once a week.

If you would like to receive this free service or have any questions, contact Anita [503-349-8469](tel:503-349-8469) or Whitney [503-858-5959](tel:503-858-5959)

Whitney Workman

North Marion PTO Vice President



<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.

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY NOTICE

In recent months Hubbard Police Officers have responded to calls of our citizens utilizing public rights-of-way that have not been vacated by the City of Hubbard thus violating Hubbard Municipal Code 10.25.010 through 10.25.050. It was recommended at a recent City Council meeting, that a letter go out informing all of our citizens of the Public Right-of-Way Code and to give our citizens 90 days to clear up any violations of the Hubbard Municipal Code. I have worked with our Public Works Superintendent, Mike Krebs, and he has compiled a list of properties where the right-of-way has been vacated by the City of Hubbard. If you are unsure if the right-of-way near your property has been vacated or not by the City of Hubbard, I am more than happy for you to call me at the police department and I will research the information for you. Our goal is for our citizens to come into compliance with the Right-of-Way Code. The grace period to take care of any issues on the right-of-way near your property will be July 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020. Hubbard Officers will then start the Hubbard Municipal Code violation process.

Thank you,
Dave J. Rash
Chief of Police

**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. To set up your account go to www.xpressbillpay.com and "opt in" to paperless billing or you can call 800-766-2350 for assistance.

**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.

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!



September is National Preparedness Month “Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today!”

Week 1 September 1-5 Make a Plan

Talk to your family and friends about how you will communicate before, during and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to Covid-19.

- How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my shelter plan?
- What are my evacuation routes?
- What is my family/household/neighborhood/work communication plan? Remember that texts can be the best way to initially reach out to your loved ones following a disaster to make sure they are safe and let them know you are safe. Phone lines may quickly become overwhelmed following a disaster, so if you are in an area which is currently experiencing a disaster of any sort, a simple text saying “I’m OK” can bring enormous mental relief to loved ones and better allow them to do and respond as they need to based on the circumstances.
- Do I need to update my emergency preparedness kit?
- Is my emergency plan updated per Covid-19 recommendations?

Week 2 September 6-12 Build a Kit

Gather supplies that will last for at least two weeks after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don’t forget to consider the unique needs such as medications, etc. which each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly or shelter-in-place. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control. Some general suggested kit items include:

- Water
- Food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First Aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and back-up battery

Week 3 September 13-19 Prepare for Disasters

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert. If you’re traveling, know the risks of disasters in the areas where you will be traveling to or through. Disasters can range from fires (home or wildfires), accidents, earthquakes, snowstorms, chemical emergencies to active shooter incidents or attacks in public places.

Week 4 September 20-26 Teach Youth about Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved with your emergency planning and preparation. Include children in volunteer activities (once it’s safe to do so). Involving children in volunteer work (age appropriately) can give them a sense of control and security and promote helping behavior. Helping others who are in need can help to bring about a positive outlook. Remember to be a model for your children. Watch your own behavior and how you react and interact, including how you speak about and to others who are impacted by and attempting to deal with a disaster in their own way.

How Wet Will We Get??? It remains to be seen how wet our coming fall and winter will be. However, regardless of how much rain we ultimately receive, there are many things you can either start or continue doing to protect our waterways! Give us a call at 503-982-9429 for more information, and remember—nothing except rain water should enter the catch basins and storm drain system.

Disc Golf Course Coming Soon! A HUGE Shout-Out & Thank You to volunteer Matt Fryauf for all his work to coordinate, fundraise and bring the community its first Disc Golf Course, to be located at the Jan LaFallotte Memorial Nature Park!

We Love Seeing You & Your Dog(s) **Out and About Enjoying the Sunshine & Fresh Air in Our City Parks!**

A **Shout-Out and Thank You** to those of you who remember to both keep your dogs on a leash and to pick up after them, and a friendly reminder/heads-up to those who may not be aware that all City Parks do have a leash ordinance in place. In addition, numerous pet stations are located throughout the City at our Parks for your convenience.

Look for Upcoming Information on Our Annual Leaf Disposal Events!

We plan to partner once again with Republic Services to provide two leaf disposal events for our community. These events will most likely take place in early November and early December. As plans are finalized, information will be posted on Facebook and in the November-December, 2020 newsletter. In the meantime, Republic Services continues to provide routine yard debris pick-up every other week.

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.