

**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.

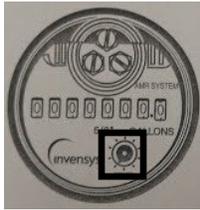
Interested parties must submit a letter of interest to the Hubbard Volunteer Fire Association by 5:00 pm on March 23 in order to be considered. The letter should address the candidate’s experience in organizing community events, volunteering experience, commitment to attending meetings and the Hop Festival, and their purpose for applying for the position. Letters can be emailed to [hubbardhopfest@gmail.com](mailto: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



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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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!

**Got a Vacation Planned? Be Vacation-Prepared!**

Summer’s coming, and many of you may already have plans for travel and vacation! Whether your plans are for a weekend just hours from home or spending a few weeks in another state or country, it’s recommended to include emergency preparedness in your vacation planning! The reason to vacation for most everyone is to relax and have fun, however a disaster occurring when you are far from home can be the exact opposite—extremely stressful and not so fun! Particularly if you have not given any forethought to the “what ifs.” A little research, planning and strategic packing could go a long way toward keeping you and your family safe throughout your vacation!

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE:**

- √ Conduct an internet search to learn about natural and man-made hazards for the area you plan to visit. If you are not familiar with those types of hazards, research preparedness for those types of hazards.
- √ Consider packing a travel-size emergency supply kit with water, snacks, first aid kit, flashlight, small battery-operated radio, extra batteries and an emergency contact card with names and phone numbers.
- √ Consider packing extra supplies of critical items such as prescriptions, baby formula, etc. in case your return is delayed by a disaster.
- √ Let family and friends know your itinerary and how to reach you.
- √ Develop a communications plan and ensure everyone in your traveling group is aware of the plan. Make sure everyone in your group knows each other’s cell phone numbers. Designate an out-of-area person to contact in case your group is separated during an emergency and unable to place local calls.
- √ If traveling internationally, register with the US Department of State through a free online service at <https://step.state.gov/step/> The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) allows travelers to enter information about upcoming trips abroad which enables the Department of State to better assist you.

**If disaster strikes, register on the American Red Cross “Safe & Well” website at [www.safeandwell.org](http://www.safeandwell.org) so family and friends will know you are safe!**

**DURING YOUR TRIP:**

- √ If traveling by car, make sure it is in good condition for driving.
- √ If traveling by car, check the forecast for your entire route before and during your trip.
- √ Bring along a travel weather radio which will automatically switch to the weather radio station closest to your travel area and will alert you to any hazardous weather.
- √ Become familiar with the names of the counties you are traveling through because most hazardous warnings are issued by county.
- √ When you arrive at your destination, identify safe locations to go to when severe weather approaches and find out how weather warnings are communicated in the area, i.e. outdoor warning sirens, public address system, etc.
- √ Locate a hospital close to where you are staying.
- √ Familiarize yourself with emergency plans in your hotel or wherever you are staying.

Then **RELAX** and **ENJOY** your vacation knowing you are prepared for the unexpected!

**Lessons Learned—Courtesy of OEM:** March 11-14, 1988-The Great Blizzard drops 20-60 inches of snow between Washington D.C. and Maine, killing more than 400 people including a U.S. Senator. The storm shut down the New York Stock Exchange for two days and cut off communication lines along the East Coast of the U.S. and Canada. Snow drifts as high as 40 feet were reported to have completely covered 3-story houses. Hurricane-force winds were reported in some areas of the storm. **Lessons Learned:** Due to the heavy snow, many fire stations along the East Coast were non-operational, resulting in over \$25 million in fire-related losses alone because firefighters could not get to burning structures, emphasizing the importance of identifying critical infrastructure and prioritizing emergency response efforts. This storm also prompted New York City (and many other areas) to begin burying their telegraph lines underground. This storm led to the design of the first underground subway system in the U.S., which opened in Boston 9 years after the storm.

**Garden Hoses & Storm Water**

You all know what storm water is, but did you know there doesn’t need to be a rain-storm to send pollutants rushing towards streams and other public waterways? So what are some ways you can keep your regular garden hose from impersonating a rainstorm and help keep pollutants from reaching our waterways?

- Consider not washing your car at home with the hose — but instead using a car wash which recycles its water.
- If you can’t go to a car wash, use a shut-off nozzle on your hose to minimize the amount of water running out of your hose and down your driveway.
- Consider washing your car on the grass or other pervious surface instead of on the asphalt.
- After mowing, sweep any grass clippings on your driveway back into your yard so they are not carried by your hose water into the street, where they eventually end up in the nearest waterway.

**Don’t forget — call 811 before beginning those spring and summer projects that involve digging!**

**Your Water Meter**

Per City Code—please remember to keep plants, debris, vehicles, and other objects off your water meter! Easy access to the meters allows Staff to complete our work more efficiently.

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**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](http://www.cityofhubbard.org).**

