

HUBBARD HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR A \$890,000.00 GRANT

for Pacific Hwy. 99E improvements!! More info to follow in the next newsletter!!

EMERGENCY PLANNING RECOMMENDED

- Windshield Survey -

It's a typical evening in Hubbard, then the ground begins to move and shake in a violent manner — pictures fall off the walls; a fire takes hold in a house where a gas main has broken; walls and roofs collapse; a tree is uprooted and falls on a passing vehicle. . . when the shaking finally stops, people begin to gather in the streets — many bearing evidence of physical injuries — what happens next and when can you expect assistance??? A **WINDSHIELD SURVEY** will be the initial response taken by our local emergency responders and will be the first damage assessment in the event of a major disaster. It may occur as an event is still in progress, as with a flood, or immediately afterwards, as with the above example of an earthquake disaster. A windshield survey is basically a drive-by throughout the City, and provides a quick overview of what is or has occurred. It provides the initial extent and boundaries of the damaged area, and helps determine the scope of response, i.e. where the most critical needs are. This survey is a tool Emergency Responders use to prioritize the immediate needs of our City.

NO EMERGENCY STOPS WILL BE MADE DURING THIS SURVEY

Once the survey is complete, needs will be prioritized, thus allowing our first responders to be dispatched to those areas and people with the greatest immediate need. Although Emergency Responder's will be on the scene following a disaster, they will not be able to reach everyone right away — **immediately following a disaster such as the example above, there will be a time period where you and your neighbors will be on your own.** Knowledge and preparation is your best defense and is your responsibility — and it could save your life, or possibly the life of a neighbor! **For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING**, please give us a call at 503.982.9429, or visit our website at www.cityofhubbard.org.

WEST NILE VIRUS — WHAT IS IT AND HOW CAN WE HELP PREVENT IT'S SPREAD???

The West Nile Virus is a mosquito-transmitted virus first identified in the West Nile District of Uganda in 1937. **HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?** The West Nile is carried by birds, and is transmitted by mosquitoes. Birds are the primary host for the virus. Humans are an "end host" for the virus, i.e., humans do not transmit the disease to other humans except in a very rare circumstance, such as has been documented in an organ transplant. Horses are more susceptible to the West Nile Virus than are other livestock and pets.

MOSQUITO FACT:

A coffee can with an inch of water can produce over a thousand mosquitoes every seven days.



You can reduce the number of mosquitoes in your area by:

- * Drain puddles or standing water, mosquitoes can breed in any standing water that lasts more than one week;
- * Ensure rain gutters are not clogged and can drain properly;
- * Change water and clean birdbaths weekly;
- * Empty wheelbarrows and plastic wading pools when not in use;
- * Encourage mosquito-eating animals to live near your home by providing bat or swallow houses. (A single bat can consume approximately 600 mosquitoes per hour.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINKS AT:

www.cdc.gov

AS SPRING IS QUICKLY APPROACHING your thoughts may be turning towards the possibility of new landscaping projects. If so, the consideration of Xeriscape/Conservation Landscaping might be worth a thought! Xeriscaping is an increasing trend in landscape design. By combining water conservation practices with creative landscape design, you can create an attractive haven which, once established, is relatively hassle-free. 85% of all landscape problems are directly related to over-watering. A properly designed and operated irrigation system can reduce water use by 20% or more per year.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT: We are getting close to that time of year where we share information regarding the quality of the water you drink and use every day. Please look for this report to be included with your next newsletter in May, 2007.

IS THERE FLUORIDE IN YOUR WATER???

For those of you wondering whether your child needs a fluoride supplement or not, you can let your child's pediatrician know that the water here in Hubbard does contain a trace amount of fluoride which occurs naturally at <0.1 mg/l (last tested in May 1996). **Fluoride is not added to your water.**

THE BARENDSE PARK PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AND THE "C" STREET IMPROVEMENTS are anticipated to be complete by mid-March 2007, weather-permitting.

WATER CONSERVATION is a good way of life! Consider how much water is used every time a toilet is flushed and every time a shower is taken. Remember leaks can account for hundreds and even thousands of gallons lost each day.

WE WISH TO EXTEND A WARM THANK YOU TO JOE STINNETT, a local resident and coach and his PRYDE associates, for their time, support and work done to maintain the ball fields at Barendse Park.

Until next time - Hubbard Public Works