March / April 2018

ELECTRONIC WATER BILL PAYMENTS

View or Pay your Bill

You can make payments and view your water/sewer account online at the following website https://cityofaurora.merchanttransact.com/. If you choose to pay your bill with a credit or debit card, there is a small convenience charge of \$3.50 for each transaction. This site also provides the option to sign up for electronic bill delivery.

Emergency and Non-emergency call out information

- If you have an emergency call 911.
- If there is a non-emergency item you would like to report please call 503-588-5032, Marion County non-emergency dispatch.
- If there is a water leak that you would like to report please call City Hall, 503-678-1283. If it is after hours, please report it to Public Works at 503-444-0670 or 503-519-0889 or call the non-emergency dispatch number, 503-588-5032 and they will contact public works
- The City is only responsible for repairs and water leaks in the city right-of-way, not in private yards.

We understand water leaks can be concerning for various reasons. Once reported, Public Works will respond accordingly. The repairs will be prioritized according to need and scheduled for repair as soon as possible. We thank you for reporting any issues.

Please go to the City of Aurora website at www.ci.aurora.or.us and sign up for Aurora Notifications and Alerts. This is our way of getting you the most up to date information as quickly as we can.



City of Aurora Contact Information

Office: 503-678-1283 Fax: 503-678-2758

Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday Closed Friday

> **City Recorder** recorder@ci.aurora.or.us

Mary Lambert, Finance/Court Clerk finance@ci.aurora.or.us

Tammy Grimes, Administrative Assistant assistant@ci.aurora.or.us

Mark Gunter, Public Works Superintendent pws@ci.aurora.or.us

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Councilor Feely—mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us

Councilor Heitmanek—theitmanek@ci.aurora.or.us

Councilor Asher—basher@ci.aurora.or.us

You will find additional council and board information on the city website or come by City Hall with any questions.

> **City of Aurora Website** www.ci.aurora.or.us

Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

Emergency Dial 911

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ALL WELCOME **City Meetings for** Mar. / Apr. 2018

Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

Planning Commission March 6 April 3

> **City Council** March 13 April 10

Historic Review Board March 22 April 26

Please confirm dates and times with City Hall

503-678-1283

City of Aurora Website

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Mayor's Corner

The snow starts to fall here as I write this note. Oregon needs more snow pack so it is a good thing. Spring is just around the corner. Vegetable seedlings will soon be in the pots. Please consider indigenous varieties of plantings and removing invasive species as much as you can.



The council and planning commission have received much public input about issues in the North Marion region. Planning commission has begun discussion on UGB expansion to the north along Airport Road. Please come to the meetings and be part of the process of city planning. It is recognized that Oregon land use is complicated. There is much to understand about the entire process.

Our local businesses will be getting into warm weather mode again. Please support our businesses here in town. I plan on using the downtown art gallery on Sundays for discussions on city planning. Construction continues for new businesses and land development.

Only two and a half weeks (Sunday, March 11) until we turn our clocks forward again. We already have a pair of nesting birds outside the front window. And, of course, a new mole has just moved into our front yard. Living in the City of Aurora is awesome.

Mayor Bill Graupp

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Please come to the Aurora Volunteer **Firefighters Association Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday March 31, 2018 @1:00 pm in the Aurora City Park

For age groups: 1-3 years, 4-Kindergarten,

Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4

Please remember to keep grass, rocks, vehicles, bark, etc. off water meters!

THE ENCLOSED UTILITY BILL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 10th.

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The Aurora Fire District Spot



Plastic Handle Fire extinguishers recalled due to failure

In November of 2017 Kidde recalled millions of plastic handle fire extinguishers due to their failure to activate during a fire emergency. The recall involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between 1/1/1973 and 8/15/2017. The extinguishers sold were red, white or silver and either ABC or BC rated. Fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard. Many of you may have this type of fire extinguisher in your home, RV, boat, vehicle, farm equipment or place of work. This extinguisher, no matter how old or new, should be replaced as soon as possible. Kidde offers a free replacement through their recall program. You will need the model



number and manufacture date (location shown in the illustration above) and fill out a form to see if your extinguisher qualifies. If so, they will send you a free replacement in the mail, and a return label allowing you to send back the old one. It's simple as that and could make a big difference if you had a fire emergency.

Kidde would like you to complete a product safety recall form online at www.kidde.com under "product safety recall". Or call toll-free at (855) 271-0773 for more information. You can also find a link on our website at www.aurorafire.org.



To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Aurora Blood Drive - March 7th

WHAT: American Red Cross Blood Drive

WHO: Aurora Community, Aurora Fire District and the American Red Cross to host a Blood Drive

WHEN: March 7, 2018 from 11 AM to 4 PM

WHERE: Aurora Fire Station, 21390 Main St., Aurora, OR

See the Aurora Fire Website (https://www.aurorafire.org/) for more information or call Aurora Fire at (503) 678-5966. redcrossblood.org - Sponsor code Aurora Fire



36th Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase March 10-11, 2018 Sat: 10am-4pm

Sun: Noon-4pm



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For the 36th year, the Old Aurora Colony Museum welcomes the Aurora Colony Hand Spinners' Guild as they present their signature event, the Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase, March 10 and 11, 2018. The spinners take over the museum complex and courtyard to share their love of spinning with the public. The show is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and Noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The spinners will have more than 35 antique spinning wheels in a living display—every wheel is fully functional and will be in constant use by the owners and/or guild members, dressed in costume. In addition to the wonderful wheels, there will be spinning-related animals out in the courtyard, and hands-on demonstrations of crafts.

The museum's own spinning wheels will also be on display, including the rare oscillating pendulum wheel, of which only five are known to exist. This wheel was developed in the Aurora Colony in the 1800s, and a replica of it will be in use during the showcase.

Most of the other wheels are owned by past and present members of the Aurora Colony Hand Spinners Guild. Members take great pride in maintaining and operating these wheels, all of which are at least 100 years old. Come see the wheels and talk with their operators as you take in the wonderful displays throughout the museum.

Regular museum admission rates apply: \$5 for AAA, seniors, and students; \$6 adults; \$20 max for a family. Children 5 and under enter free.

Aurora Colony Museum 15018 Second St NE Aurora, Oregon 97002 503-678-5754 www.auroracolony.org



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21553 Liberty St. NE., Aurora, OR 97002 Library Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday : 1 – 4 pm