

### ELECTRONIC WATER BILL PAYMENTS



You can make payments and view your water/sewer account online at the following website <https://cityofaurora.merchantransact.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.

For information regarding events and happenings in Aurora, please check out the City of Aurora facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Aurora-Oregon-1690880117667604/>.

This page will be updated regularly to provide up to date information to anyone who may be interested.



#### North Marion Community Library

21553 Liberty St. NE., Aurora, OR 97002

Library Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday : 1 – 4 pm

### City of Aurora Contact Information

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

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

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[pws@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:pws@ci.aurora.or.us)

### City Council Contact/Information

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

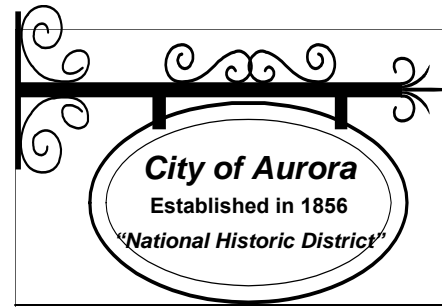
City of Aurora Website  
[www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us)

### 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 May / June 2018

**Meetings at the City  
Council Chambers at  
7:00pm**

Planning Commission  
May 1  
June 5

City Council  
May 8  
June 12

Historic Review Board  
May 24  
June 28

Please confirm dates and  
times with City Hall

503-678-1283

City of Aurora  
Website

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### Mayor's Corner

Hard to believe it's time to prepare for another North Marion graduation ceremony. There are two changes in the leadership positions in our city. We have a new city recorder, Scott Jorgensen. Please come by city hall and say hello. Also, the Aurora Rural Fire District has hired a new chief, Josh Williams. Please also stop by the fire hall to say hi.



I am very pleased to announce that our very own Mary Lambert was awarded Office Manager of the Year at the OAWU conference. I would like to thank Mary for her dedication and many years of service to our city.

You may notice the construction of a new restaurant at Highway 99 and Bob's Avenue. It is very exciting to watch the building process. I hope everyone is looking forward to the grand opening.

Our city continues to invest in infrastructure. We have a \$50K grant from Business Oregon to repave some of our streets on the south side of town. Upgrades to our water and waste water systems make our town more efficient. A replacement of a water main next month along Highway 99 will reduce our water loss due to a damaged pipe. Over the last year, the public works department has located and fixed water leaks amounting to a reduction of over 20,000 gallons of water loss per day.

The Planning Commission is working hard on future development plans for Aurora. Please join in the discussions about Transportation Master Planning and Urban Growth Boundary updates. They meet the first Tuesday of each month at Aurora City Council Chambers.

Mayor Bill Graupp



### Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday, May 28, 2018—Memorial Day

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

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



# The Aurora Fire District Spot



## Window Fall Prevention Keeping your kids safe!

Did you know the leading cause of injury for children are window falls? It accounts for 38% of all fall related injuries in children four and under. The rate of fall related injuries increases during the spring and summer as people open up their windows to get that fresh spring air in their home. But many don't realize that children can easily push out the bug screen that they feel will protect them from a fall. Children play, they may jump or climb on furniture near windows, or windows might be low enough that a child could easily fall out. Screens may keep bugs out, but they won't keep children in. Many kids may think that leaning or pushing on screens is ok as they seem secure, but as soon as they push hard enough, out they go.

Prevent window falls by removing furniture such as chairs or couches away from open windows so children cannot reach them. Teach older children to stay clear of windows and to prevent younger children from playing near windows. And the best way to prevent falls is to never open windows more than four inches, and install a window stop to prevent it from being opened more than four inches. Be sure that the window stop can be removed by an adult in the event of a fire, and the window being needed for escape.

If you would like more information you can visit [www.safekids.org/fall-prevention](http://www.safekids.org/fall-prevention).

## City Recorder's Corner

I just started as the City Recorder for the City of Aurora on March 15, and wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the members of the community.

My last position was as a chief of staff in the Oregon Senate, where I worked for the last three and a half years. I started my career as a reporter covering city government in towns like Jacksonville, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Cave Junction and Estacada. That experience taught me a lot about the inner workings of small cities like Aurora.



I'm a 2017 graduate of Portland State University's Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, with an Executive Masters in Public Administration. My undergraduate degree was in journalism from Southern Oregon University.

Like many of you, I'm also a resident of Aurora, as I moved here just before starting this job. Feel free to stop by city hall and say hi!

W. Scott Jorgensen  
City Recorder



## Emma Meets Dr. Keil in his HOUSE!



As loyal fans of Jane Kirkpatrick's trilogy about Emma Wagner Giesy know from reading the books, Emma was never shy about discussing her own interests and needs for herself and her family with Dr. William Keil, the leader of the Aurora Colony. Chief among her concerns was her desire to have her own house, one that she had a hand in designing and one that could house her children in the village.

On May 12, 2018, you will have an opportunity to meet Jane Kirkpatrick for a book signing in the parlor of Emma's house (located at the museum complex itself). Bring any of Jane's books or purchase them that day on site. And THEN go with Emma to meet Dr. Keil in HIS house for a special reception. Wouldn't Emma have loved that!

Finally, we will take you to Emma's gravesite where Emma has been known to make special appearances over the past few years.

What a day! And all of this for only \$40.00.

Contact the Aurora Colony Historical Society at 503-678-5754 for more information and tickets.

## Fired Up for Felines

### Homemade items for sale!

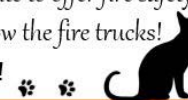
- \* Baked goods
- \* Art work
- \* Catnip toys
- \* Geraniums & perennials
- \* Jewelry
- \* Kitty blankets
- \* Goat milk soap
- \* Crocheted & knitted items

### Have fun while shopping!

- \* Play the "Wine Toss"
- \* Win a new \$100 cat tree or a \$100 Fred Meyer gift card
- \* Introducing 4 new coffee blends available exclusively through Meow Village!
- \* Special "Flea(less) Market" sale

PLUS... Aurora firemen will be onsite to offer fire safety tips, answer questions and, of course, show the fire trucks!

Thank you Aurora Fire Department!



Meow Village Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>  
www.meowvillage.org 10:00am to 5:00pm  
All proceeds to toward Aurora Fire Dept.  
veterinary costs! 21390 Main St. NE Aurora

## Moms Rule!

May 12-13<sup>th</sup> 11-5

Bring your moms to downtown Aurora this Mother's Day weekend

Do what moms like to do best - visit, shop and eating with their loved ones!

Or enjoy an 'all girls' day.

It's the perfect place for "after brunch" fun.

There will be activities and specials for mothers.

Pick up a free Mother's day map available in our

20+ shops.

More info available at:

[AuroraColony.com](http://AuroraColony.com)

