



# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for November/December

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

**Planning Commission**  
November 6  
December 4

**City Council**  
November 13  
December 11

**Historic Review Board**  
November TBD  
December 27

**Please confirm dates and  
times with City Hall**  
  
**503-678-1283**

**City of Aurora  
Website**

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## Mayor's Corner

It should be obvious if you go around town that the election is just around the corner. I encourage everyone to vote. Every opinion matters! There are many important issues at the state level as well as our city's leadership choices. Please take the time to look over the issues and submit your ballot.

Autumn and winter always bring some severe storms. These events will happen from time to time and we encourage all residents to have a backup plan. Flashlights, battery backups for cell phone charging, hard line phones, battery radios, and spare batteries are all good things to have on hand. Quantities of food that don't require opening the refrigerator are also a great idea. Please stay safely in your home as the storm passes, but remember to check on your neighbors afterwards, especially the elderly.

Please make sure your heaters and water systems are ready for the cold weather. Covering outdoor hose bibs, turning off pressure to outside water systems, and disconnecting hoses are all good ideas. Please contact City Hall if you have questions or concerns.

Mayor Bill Graupp

## Upcoming City Hall Closures

Wed. & Thurs., November 21 & 22, 2018 - Thanksgiving  
Holiday  
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - Christmas Day



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

**WHEN WINTER RAINS SET IN PLEASE BE AWARE  
OF STORM DRAIN BLOCKAGES AND HELP US TO  
KEEP THEM CLEAR.**

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

## PulsePoint App now available in the Aurora & Donald Area!



### What is Pulsepoint?

Pulsepoint Respond is a mobile app that alerts CPR-trained citizens to someone nearby having sudden cardiac arrest. The app is activated by a local public safety communications center (METCOM 911) simultaneous with the dispatch of local fire and EMS resources. The purpose of the app is to increase survival rates of cardiac arrest victims by reducing collapse-to-CPR times & reducing collapse-to-defibrillation times. The app is only activated if the event is occurring in a public place (not typically activated for residential addresses).

In addition to the life-saving CPR/AED functionality, the app provides a virtual window into fire and EMS activity in your community, offering unique opportunity for civic engagement. This app is available for both android and ios systems in the play store or App store.

Learn more or download the app by visiting [www.PulsePoint.org](http://www.PulsePoint.org) or see an article with further information and links at [www.aurorafire.org](http://www.aurorafire.org).

### Did you know?

Home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of the year.

Follow these heating tips to help prevent winter fires and to stay safe this winter season:

- ✓ Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, space heaters or candles.
- ✓ Never use an oven to heat your home.
- ✓ Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ✓ Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected each year by a professional.



## Aurora Honored by CIS and League of Oregon Cities for Workplace Safety

The City of Aurora was informed that it is a winner of the 2018 CIS/League of Oregon Cities Annual Safety Award contest.

"Your safety award represents a successful program with few or no days lost to on-the-job injuries," CIS Executive Director Lynn McNamara said in an email to city officials. "Any city that becomes a safety award medalist can be proud, as this represents recognition for having focused on a safe workplace. We're very pleased to recognize your hard work, which has led to your excellent results!"

The award was presented during the League of Oregon Cities Conference Friday, September 28 at the Hilton in Eugene.

City staff formed a Safety Committee earlier this year to address any potential workplace hazards that may arise. That committee will hold quarterly meetings in an attempt to maintain the city's award-winning safety record.

### Basargin Hired to Fill Public Works Position



The City of Aurora is pleased to announce that it has hired Mark Basargin as its new utility worker. He officially started on Tuesday, August 28.

Basargin grew up in Australia and graduated from high school there.

A Woodburn resident, Basargin is married with a two-year-old son.

Basargin’s hobbies include fishing, hunting and camping in the great outdoors.

“We’re happy to have Mark join our public works crew,” City Recorder Scott Jorgensen said. “After an extensive hiring process, we determined that his skill sets and experience were the best fit for the position, and think he will serve the citizens of Aurora very well in this role.”

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### Aurora Celebrates the Holidays!

Bring your friends and family to these city-wide popular events (or invite a neighbor you don’t know too well and make an afternoon of it)! Pick up your calendar and map in any of our shops.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 10-5**

#### “Our Christmas Opening”

Open House at Seven Shops with Fabulous Holiday Décor

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 10-5**

#### Aurora’s Open House Weekend & Small Business Saturday

All stores open, refreshments, displays & more

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11-5**

#### Wine & Chocolate Walk

Tickets on sale 11/1!

#### Candlelight Tours

#### at Old Aurora Colony Museum

Reserve your time beginning at 5pm

Details at [www.AuroraColony.com](http://www.AuroraColony.com)

Aurora Colony Visitors Association

### HRB Open Position

Are you a “visual” person, intrigued by your city’s historic surroundings? Here’s an opportunity to be involved by joining the City of Aurora’s Historic Review Board (HRB). One position is open to a city resident whether they live inside or outside of the historic district. Potential applicants can also live outside of the city limits if they have skills in construction, historic restoration or other related fields. This commitment involves a 1 to 2-hour meeting per month.

Anyone interested in applying can attend the HRB’s next meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month, call city hall at 503-678-1283 or email [recorder@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:recorder@ci.aurora.or.us) for more information.

## **ELECTRONIC WATER ACCOUNT ACCESS**

**View or Pay  
your Bill**

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 only.

**For additional information regarding events and happenings in Aurora, please check out the City of Aurora face book 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**

**Scott Jorgensen, City Recorder**  
[recorder@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:recorder@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Mary Lambert, Finance/Court Clerk**  
[finance@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:finance@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Tammy Grimes, Administrative Assistant**  
[assistant@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:assistant@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Mark Gunter, Public Works Superintendent**  
[pws@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:pws@ci.aurora.or.us)

### **City Council Contact/Information**

Mayor Bill Graupp— [mayor@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:mayor@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Sallee— [ksallee@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:ksallee@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Feely— [mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Heitmanek— [theitmanek@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:theitmanek@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Asher— [basher@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto: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.

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### **Aurora/Marion County Police Department**

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

**Emergency Dial 911**