

#### **ELECTRONIC WATER BILL PAYMENTS**

You can make payments and view your water/sewer account online at the following website <a href="https://cityofaurora.merchanttransact.com/">https://cityofaurora.merchanttransact.com/</a>. 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

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

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

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Councilor Sallee—ksallee@ci.aurora.or.us

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

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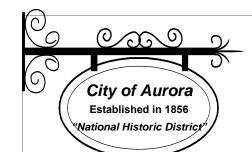
You will find additional council and board information on the city website or come by City Hall with any questions.

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

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

<u>Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079</u> <u>Non Emergency: 503-588-5032</u>

**Emergency Dial 911** 



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# ALL WELCOME City Meetings for September/October

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

Planning Commission September 4 October 2

> City Council September 11 October 9

Historic Review Board September 27 October 25

Please confirm dates and times with City Hall

503-678-1283

#### City of Aurora Website www.ci.aurora.or.us

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## **Mayor's Corner**

I hope everyone enjoyed 2018 Aurora Colony
Days as much as I did. The Market in the Park with
classic cars was very nice and this year's parade was
outstanding. I want to thank all the people who helped:
Team leaders – Spud Sperb, Ronan Feely, John Berard, Shatrine
Krake, Tom Heitmanek, Butch Kent, our volunteer event coordinators,
our City staff and Marion County Sheriff's staff that made this year's
event so successful. I want to also thank all the community members
that came out to enjoy our events. Please support our sponsors of 2018
ACD as they enable our city to celebrate our values and community. An
extra loud shout-out goes to the Aurora Family Dentistry team for being
our platinum sponsor.



Back to school preparations are underway. The bright yellow buses will soon grace our streets again. School bond construction is underway, with the new track almost completed. The high school wing design and CTE building upgrade planning are well underway. The new traffic patterns and parking lots are approved.

Please remember that there always exists the danger of fire in the surrounding area. The weather patterns have caused air advisories in the valley. Please be cautious when recreating outdoors. Being safe and protecting our environment are community values that make our region a great place to live.

Just a comment - last year at this time, we were watching a solar eclipse!

Mayor Bill Graupp

## **Upcoming City Hall Closures**

Monday, September 3, 2018—Labor Day

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

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#### **Aurora Park Committee**

The City of Aurora is pleased to announce the reformation of its Park Committee.

Reforming the committee has been an ongoing goal of Councilor Brian Asher. A group of residents has agreed to step up and serve alongside Councilor Asher to work on long-term planning for potential future park sites in Aurora. They are Ronan Feely, Annie Harris, Stuart Cregger and Nick Kaiser.

The committee will be meeting on the third Tuesday of every month, beginning September 18 at 7

p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. As part of the agenda, committee members will conduct an overview of current city-owned properties. There will also be a presentation by Betsy Imholt, who has deep roots in the community, about the challenges and opportunities associated with the Aurora Mills Park project. That project involved the use of a few acres near the rail-road tracks on the north end of town as a potential new city park.



# **City Continues Effort to Maintain Park Trees**

The Douglas Fir has been the state tree since 1939. Douglas Firs are the most common and important trees in Oregon, both ecologically and economically. For years, a disease has swept across the Douglas Fir species: the fungus commonly known as brown cubical rot, is a common decayer of coniferous trees. There is no known cure and infected trees have to be cut down. Forestry experts advise that when this disease is "present in recreation sites, infected trees should be considered hazardous and should be removed, to prevent possible collapse of [a] tree."

Therefore, the city has decided to take action and keep the park safe for its residents. "It is in our interest to preserve and maintain a healthy park," Mayor Bill Graupp said. The disease can only be combated by thinning/cutting down the tree. The conservation of the Douglas Fir species should not be a concern because the population is stable. The city has made yearly investments of \$20,000 for four years to thin the grove and remove the infected trees. This solution not only maintains the park's safety, but benefits the community since removed trees are open for residents to log and take as firewood. The firewood is also donated to families in need.

The continuous maintenance, provided by the city's Public Works department, will prevent further spreading of the disease, provide free firewood for the community, and keep the park safe for the continued provision of recreational services to the residents of Aurora and the visiting public.

#### **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 for more information.

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#### **Autumn in Aurora**

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Decorate your front porch or yard for the autumn season and enter this year's competition! Scarecrows, fall themes, etc. Watch for announcements and details on Facebook "I Love Aurora".

# **Update on Curbside Recycling**

Marion County Recycling & Garbage Haulers have been working with Recycling Processors and Local Governments in reaction to the recycling changes from Chinese Mills. In the coming months, you will be receiving updated information about what can be recycled and continued education on how to recycle right. For now, keep recycling material empty, clean and dry and when in doubt throw it out...



