

January / February 2019 The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME **City Meetings for** January/February

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

Planning Commission January 3 February 5

> **City Council** January 8 February 12

Historic Review Board

January 24 February 28

Parks Committee January 15 February 12

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

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Mayor's Corner

Let me begin by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone has a safe and eventful time with family and friends during the holidays. Please note that our local businesses have lots of great shopping ideas and food.



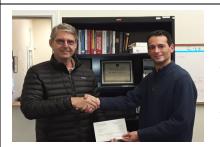
After 5-1/2 years serving as your mayor, I have mixed emotions as I move out of city hall. After 7 years of being on city council, it is time for change. It has been an honor and a privilege to volunteer as a servant of our city. I enjoyed meeting so many of you and the great conversations about our community and the world. Working with so many great volunteers and staff, especially on Aurora Colony Days, will be missed. Together, we have brought a multitude of infrastructure enhancements, new businesses, and great people to our city. I continue to live in this awesome city and look forward to continued conversations with all of you.

I continue to serve our community and State of Oregon with a focus on K12 education. Many of you know of my efforts on the North Marion School Board as well as my state-wide work on improving the education and career opportunities for our children. I have already taken on new leadership roles to drive continuous improvement of the education system in Oregon. It is a very exciting time for me.

I want to express my and staff's hope that everyone be safe this winter and to help those in need of assistance. Spring planting is not far off.

In closing, I want to thank all the citizens of Aurora for allowing me to serve as Mayor and City Councilor for the last 7 years. And to our outstanding city staff and volunteers, it has truly been an honor to work with all of you.

Mayor Bill Graupp



Filberts Farmhouse Kitchen

The city officially issued the business license for a new restaurant, Filbert's Farmhouse Kitchen, on Thursday, December 6. City Recorder W. Scott Jorgensen (right) is pictured with Warren Bean (left).

Tin and Paisley Boutique

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held Sunday, December 9 for Tin and Paisley Boutique and Salon in downtown Aurora. City Councilor and Mayor Elect Kris Taylor Sallee was present for the ceremony to welcome the new business to town.



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



The Aurora Fire District Spot

211 The Easy Way to Find Health and Human Services

If you or someone you know needs assistance, there is now a simple way to get connected with assistance you need. 2-1-1 is a free and confidential service that helps people across the U.S. and in many parts of Canada find the local resources they need. They are there for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Assistance connections include Emergencies & Disasters (For immediate emergencies to health, life or property needing Police, Fire or Ambulance call 9-1-1), Crisis Services, Food, Health, Housing & Utilities, Human Trafficking, Jobs & Employment, Reentry, and Veterans Assistance.



For more information or to get assistance started, call 211 or visit www.211.org.

Basic CERT Training

The Aurora Fire District and Marion County Office of Emergency Management are hosting a Basic CERT training that is open to the public, with first priority for registration going to residents of the Aurora Rural Fire Protection District. This is an introduction to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and a refresher for current CERT members. The six modules cover a variety of topics that include an introduction to CERT, fire safety, hazardous materials, terrorist incidents, disaster medical operations, and search and rescue.

Dates:	January 11-12 and 18-19, 2019 (Friday evening and all-day Saturday)
Time:	Fridays 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (30-minute lunch, BYOB + res- taurants and bakery nearby)
Location:	Aurora Fire Station, Training Room, 21390 Main Street NE, Aurora, OR
Trainer:	Greg Leo
Register:	Space is limited, please contact Greg Leo at (503) 804-6391 or by email <u>greg@theleocompany.com</u> to reserve your space, or if you have questions.
Cost:	None

*** Community Needs Assessment Survey ***

Residential water users will receive in their water bill, together with this newsletter, a brief postcard survey about the needs of our community. The City of Aurora, in collaboration with Pastors Craig Johnson and Amber Slate, have created this survey in order to get a better understanding of needs in our city. The idea for this came out of the North Marion Service Integration Team meetings that have been gathering service providers in our area from government agencies, to the school district, and to faith organizations who can pool resources and collaborate to meet the needs in Aurora and the broader North Marion community. There is lots of exciting momentum for our community in these meetings. The City of Aurora and North Marion Services Team realize we can only focus on meeting the needs we know about, and this is our way to reach out and ask each of you to help us know where to put our focus. YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE! It will give valuable information to those who lead and serve and influence their process. We hope to identify key issues and then learn more about how they affect you and how we can respond together. Please complete the survey and return it by mail or drop it off at City Hall (your response is anonymous).

To learn more about North Marion Service Integration Team visit: sitsofmarionco.org.

Incoming Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year to you all! As we embark on this new season of leadership, I want to again express my commitment to you to engage and include the citizenry as we plan for Aurora's future. There is much to do! Each of you are a very integral part and as I have learned over the last several months, so many with so much talent, experience, AND enthusiasm to be involved. There will be numerous opportunities for one to participate as I will be forming various committees in the near future. Be sure to check the city's website, social media, newsletters, etc. for details. I look forward to working with city staff, council, various commissions and future committees, and YOU the coming two years!

Elected Mayor & Council Members to be Sworn-in Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Mayor Elect, Kris Taylor Sallee, will be sworn in along with Councilors Brian Asher for his second term and,

Tara Weidman for her initial term. With that, your City Council for 2019-2021 is as follows:

Kris Taylor Sallee, Mayor Tara Weidman, Council Position 1 Brian Asher, Council Position 2 Mercedes Rhoden-Feely, Council Position 3 Tom Heitmanek, Council Position 4

All are welcome to attend!



Tuesday January 1, 2019—New Year's Day Monday January 21, 2019—Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday February 18, 2019—President's Day



Highway 99 Property Purchased by Electrical Contracting Company

A new business is coming to town! Portland Electrical Construction Inc. has decided to move their headquarters from their current shop in Oregon City to 21187 Highway 99E.

This family run business opened their doors in 1986 and has built their business on the principle of steady growth while maintaining a high level of customer service. Their team of approximately 40 electricians have been working on a variety of commercial, industrial, and institutional electrical construction projects for more than 30 years.

When the company's founder and family patriarch, Mike Donohue, passed away in 2016, his wife Jan Donohue partnered with Greg Boen and her sons, Corey and Matt, to help run this now woman owned business. The company is in the early planning stages right now but hopes to have its main office relocated to Aurora within the next year and a half.

City Recorder W. Scott Jorgensen said the city is happy to welcome the company to the community. "I've really enjoyed working with the Donohue's over the last few months to make this project happen," Jorgensen said. "Portland Electrical Construction, Inc. will bring family wage jobs to Aurora and I think they'll be a great fit for the town."

Jan Donohue said the company plans to make Aurora its home for decades to come. "It took us 30 years to grow out of our Oregon City property, and it's a fraction of the size. We'll have a long way to go before we grow out of this property," she said. "We're planning to be there for a very long time."

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

ELECTRONIC WATER ACCOUNT ACCESS

View or Pay your Bill

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

HRB Open Position

The Historic Review Board still has 1 open position. For more information please see our website : www.ci.aurora.or.us.

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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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