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The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for March/April

Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

March 5
April 2

City Council

March 12
April 9

Parks Committee

March 19
April 16

Historic Review Board

March 28
April 25

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

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Mayor's Corner

Hello Aurorans!!

It's hard to believe Spring is just around the corner and Daylight-Saving Time is set for Sunday, March 10th this year! Are you ready?

As I write this article, the City Council is holding a Special meeting tonight to gather your input about a recent land use change application near the Aurora Airport. This development provides a glimpse of things to come so your future involvement is *so very important* as we move forward.

With several new businesses opening this past year our town is growing – such a good sign! As we look to Aurora's future it is critical for us to be planful and forward thinking with regards to business development, urban growth boundary and infrastructure needs, emergency preparedness, safety and overall vision for Aurora!

Ribbon cutting events for The Pink Door, Tin & Paisley, and Filbert's Farm-house Restaurant have provided a nice welcome for these businesses and brought a bit of excitement to our town. Our City Recorder, Scott Jorgensen has been instrumental with these events and I look forward to more of these!

Thank you, Scott!

Here are several opportunities for community engagement and participation with more to come:

March 12th – State of the City Address

**March 8-9th, 15-16th – CERT Training, Emergency Preparedness
for more information <http://bit.ly/CERTmarch2019>**

**Aurora Colony Days Committee & Volunteers
contact myself or Tara Weidman**

Looking to our future....

Mayor Kris

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PGE to Install Streetlight at Ehlen & Airport Rd.

In mid-December, an Aurora resident contacted city staff to request that a streetlight be installed at the intersection of Ehlen and Airport roads. The resident expressed concern that the lack of a light creates a potential safety hazard for any pedestrians who may be in the area at night.

City staff reached out to a member of PGE's local government affairs team, and the matter was also brought before the city council at its January 8 meeting. Councilors agreed by consensus to direct city staff to follow up with PGE to confirm that the city would like a streetlight installed at the intersection. PGE staff subsequently did a site visit and determined that the light could be installed at no cost to the city.

Authorization for the work has been granted by city staff and is expected to take place within the next four to six weeks.

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



The Aurora Fire District Spot



Change your Clocks, Check your Smoke & CO Detectors!

Daylight Savings time begins March 10th and marks that time of the year to check your smoke/CO detector. How old is your smoke/CO detector? Did you know that a smoke or CO detector older than 10 years old may no longer properly detect? Like most things, these detectors also have an expiration date. You can find the date of manufacture on the back side of the detector, and if it doesn't have one, it's most likely much older than 10 years and needs to be replaced anyways.

Aurora Firefighters would be happy to visit you in your home to assist you with checking your detector or even installing smoke detectors to ensure you and your family remain protected. If you need assistance, you can contact us by calling **(503) 678-5966** or by going to **www.aurorafire.org** and scheduling a time for us to come out.



City Welcomes New Mayor, Councilor, Planning Commissioner and HRB Member

Mayor Kris Sallee and Councilors Brian Asher and Tara Weidman officially took their oaths of office during the Aurora City Council's Tuesday, January 8 meeting. All three won their races in the November general election.

Sallee had previously served on the council in Position 1. That seat is now filled by Weidman, who was a member of the Planning Commission. Asher was re-elected to a four-year term for council Position 2.

The council also voted unanimously during the meeting to appoint Stephen Mikulic to a three-year term on the city's Historic Review Board (HRB). That position had been vacant for most of the last year.

Mikulic has a background in property management. His professional experience includes a stint as a portfolio manager for up to 15 office and multi-family complexes, with leasing responsibilities for vacancies in office and retail buildings, and he has been a licensed real estate associate broker. Mikulic is also a past chairperson of the Building Owners and Managers Association's codes and operating committee.

Mikulic has a Bachelor's degree in Social Science from Portland State University and a Masters of Art in Teaching; Language Arts and Communication from Lewis and Clark College.

The council voted in December to appoint Cindy Riley to the position on the Planning Commission that had formerly been held by Weidman.

Riley's professional background includes 17 years of multi-national internal audit experience, as well as forensic accounting and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations. Prior to her retirement, she worked as a director of internal audit at Mentor Graphics in Wilsonville.

"Aurora is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers serving on its city council, planning commission, HRB and park committee," City Recorder, Scott Jorgensen said. "I feel that the new mayor, councilor, commissioner and HRB member will be great additions, and look forward to working with them all to help the citizens of this town build a brighter future for generations to come."

Do you know these fun facts about your North Marion Community Library?



1. It's **free** and it's **local**, located in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE. **We welcome readers** of all ages, especially folks in Hubbard, Aurora, Donald, Butteville, and other areas of North Marion county.
2. **Library hours** are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. The library's Facebook page has the latest information on hours or check out the "I love Aurora" Facebook page.
3. The North Marion Community Library Association is a **volunteer-driven, non-profit organization**. Give a few hours of your time and we can staff more library hours. Call Josie Hyde, volunteer coordinator, at (541) 749-8088. Or come to monthly NMCLA meetings (first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., at the library) and help brainstorm ways to make your library better!
4. You can **support the library** by signing up for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program (www.fredmeyer.com and click on the link to savings and rewards; use North Marion Community Library Association or KS973; this does not impact your personal rewards) or shop online at AmazonSmile (www.smile.amazon.com), a simple and automatic way to benefit the library every time you shop, at no cost to you.
5. You may be able to **get the latest bestseller quicker** here than at nearby public libraries. Or we may order it for the library's collection if there's reader demand for the book.
6. **We sell books at the Aurora Colony Flea** (in the Aurora American Legion Post 110, 21510 Main St. NE) the first Saturday of each month, September through May, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or if you're at the **White Rabbit Bakery**, check out the book selection there. Monetary donations are welcome and all sales benefit the library.

Museum News



The Old Aurora Colony Museum has opened a new exhibit for 2019, "I Take the Feather in Hand." It focuses on letters sent between members of the original communal group who stayed behind in Bethel, Missouri, and members of the new colony at Aurora. This exhibit will change as the year goes on, with new letters rotated into the selections.



The annual Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase will be held at the Old Aurora Colony Museum March 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and March 10 from Noon to 4 p.m. It's put on by the Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild and features many varied antique spinning wheels in a living display. Every wheel is fully functional and will be in constant use by the owners &/or guild members, dressed in period clothing. Also, spinning wheels that belong to the museum will be on display, including a rare oscillating pendulum wheel, of which there are only five known to be in existence. This wheel was developed right here in the Aurora Colony. Most of the other wheels are owned by past and present members of the Handspinners' Guild, and great pride is taken in maintaining and operating these wheels, all with a minimum age of 100 years. While viewing the wheels and talking with their operators, you will also have the opportunity to view the wonderful displays in the many buildings of the museum.

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**WHEN THE RAIN SETS IN PLEASE BE AWARE OF STORM DRAIN
 BLOCKAGES AND HELP US KEEP THEM CLEAR.**
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**View or Pay
your Bill**

ELECTRONIC WATER ACCOUNT ACCESS

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.

If you need assistance, please call City Hall at 503-678-1283 for help getting set up.

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 541-231-8674 or 503-505-0951 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.



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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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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