



# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for Nov./Dec.

Meetings at the City  
Council Chambers at  
7:00pm

**Planning Commission**  
Nov 5  
Dec 3

**City Council**  
Nov 12  
Dec 10

**Parks Committee**  
Nov 19  
Dec 17

**Historic Review Board**  
Nov TBD  
Dec TBD

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

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## Mayor's Corner :

With the changing of the seasons I can't help but reflect on how blessed we are to live in this wonderful area of the Northwest.

With its very unique storybook historical start to our city, The Old Aurora Colony Museum exhibits focus on Colony families, crafts and history of those who followed Dr. Kiel's vision, settling here. The preservation and heritage of The Aurora Colony is a great learning experience if you haven't already visited.

Do something memorable soon. As you drive by 3<sup>rd</sup> and Liberty you may hear the sound of the popping black walnuts. Yes, fall has arrived. Take some time to get out and meet some new neighbors and friends.

I would like to personally thank the many volunteers who have devoted countless hours of time and resources over the years to build, maintain and make Aurora what it is today. Thanks to each and every one of you! Let's not forget the fire department. Thank you!!!!

We always welcome new faces to be active and volunteer in events and goodwill efforts to keep us moving forward. Please contact City Hall, or any one of the councilors or myself with any questions or information you may need.

Watch for upcoming events around town as the holidays are just around the corner. Enjoy this special time with your families and loved ones. Be safe!

I look forward to working with the residents of our community and together we can maintain and improve our city as we look to our future.

Mayor Brian Asher



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

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**IF YOU HAVE A  
BACKFLOW DE-  
VICE AND HAVE  
NOT HAD IT  
TESTED THIS  
YEAR—PLEASE  
GET IT TESTED  
NOW**

## Brian Asher Sworn in as New Aurora Mayor; Council Seat Declared Vacant

Aurora City Councilor Brian Asher was sworn in as the city's new mayor at the Tuesday, October 8 council meeting.

Asher was the sole applicant for the position. He was appointed to council position 2 in April 2017 and elected to a full term in November 2018.

His past community involvement includes 22 years as a member of the Aurora Historical Society board of directors, with stints as its past treasurer and past president. Asher has also served on the board of the McLoughlin Historical Society and Rose Farm and is the current chair of the city's Parks Committee.

Councilors voted unanimously to appoint Asher to the mayor's position. They also voted unanimously to declare his council position vacant. Applicants are being sought for that position, which expires in January 2023. Requirements are that a candidate must be a registered voter who has resided within city limits for at least six months.

Any interested applicants must submit a letter of interest along with a resume to City Hall no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 4 and should attend the council meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. The council will make its appointment to position 2 at that meeting.

Letters of interest and resumes can also be emailed to the City Recorder at [recorder@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:recorder@ci.aurora.or.us) by the due date listed above.



### **City Seeks Clarity on Airport Master Plan**

The City of Aurora has filed a motion with the State’s Land Use Board of Appeals. The City wants to be heard on a petition filed by Friends of French Prairie and the City of Wilsonville that challenges the 2012 Master Plan for the Aurora Airport.

It seems the Master Plan, taken as a given in every discussion since 2012 about airport land use, including the extension of the runway, may not have been approved in its final form by the Board of Aviation. The question the City wants answered is, “How much should we rely on this plan?”

The answer will affect our continued efforts to give effective oversight by bringing the airport into the Urban Growth Boundary of the City. It also gives the airport an ability to better plan and help underwrite the cost of any necessary City services.

It is important for the City to participate in the Master Plan as more than just a neighbor affected by the land use decisions of the airport. Those decisions will affect not only the traffic we face each day and the market value of the land our citizens own, but the healthy growth of the City.

Aurora is already in the flight plan, it now needs to be in the Master Plan.

Copies of the motion to participate and the brief explaining its view of the airport, the City and land use, are on the city’s website at <https://www.ci.aurora.or.us/apc/page/city-seeks-clarity-airport-master-plan>.

On a second but separate challenge to the airport, you may have seen notice of a Department of Aviation hearing on September 24. The City provided testimony about why the Master Plan does not comply specifically with statewide land use Goal 12 (transportation) at that hearing. The City will present additional materials in late October regarding the Master Plan’s inconsistencies with a specific set of other statewide land use goals and local land use regulations.

### **Aurora Residents Help PGE Win Top Participation Honors in Department of Energy Program**

With the help of 208 residents and businesses in Aurora, PGE’s voluntary renewable energy program was named No. 1 for customer participation by the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Lab – for the tenth year in a row.

PGE’s Green Future program is Green-e certified, which is one of the most stringent certification standards in the United States.

With nearly a quarter of PGE customers choosing to participate voluntarily in Green Future, PGE is supporting renewable power while also giving constituents a way to pay it forward. Funded entirely by Green Future customers, PGE’s Renewable Development Fund gives back to communities by funding renewable energy projects. To date, the fund has contributed \$14 million in grants to build local renewable energy projects with schools, nonprofits and local governments. PGE has thus far invested more than \$2 billion in new renewable resources.

### **City Wins 2019 CIS/League of Oregon Cities Annual Safety Award**

The city was recently notified that it has been named a winner of the 2019 CIS/League of Oregon Cities Annual Safety Award contest.

The safety award represents a successful program with few or no days lost due to on-the-job injuries. It also represents recognition for having focused on a safe workplace.

### **Draft of Constrained Operations Runway Justification Study for Aurora State Airport Now Available**

The draft Constrained Operations Runway Justification Study for the Aurora State Airport has been released, and the file is on the city’s website at <https://www.ci.aurora.or.us/community/page/draft-constrained-operations-runway-justification-study-aurora-state-airport-now>. It was produced as a result of a public records request that was made by Friends of French Prairie and provided to the city by that organization.

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

### **Upcoming City Hall Closures**



**Wednesday & Thursday, November 27 & 28, 2019 - Thanksgiving**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019—Christmas Day**

## Community Events

**October 31, 2019**



### Healthy Trick or Treating at the Old Aurora Colony Museum

5-7 pm

Bring your kids or grandkids to the Old Aurora Colony Museum for a fun yet healthy Halloween. Historically attired ghouls and ghosties (maybe even some pioneer zombies) will pass out treats that won't harm teeth. Thanks to Aurora dentist Dr. Joe Young for partnering with us for this festive event! This event is planned for outside in the courtyard, with entry on Liberty Street, weather permitting. This event is FREE.

### Christmas Open Houses

**November 9, 2019 11-5!**

Holiday décor and fashion, tasty tidbits and fabulous décor. Six shops with holiday décor and fashion are ready with their long-laid plans, both vintage and new items. Refreshments and special promotions.



**Thanksgiving Weekend  
November 29-Dec. 1, 11-5**

Aurora's village is swagged with fresh cedar garlands and red bows – even our famous blue benches! Inside you'll find thousands of great gift ideas in both vintage or new. Slow down, have lunch here!

**November 30, 2019**

### Aurora Old-Fashioned Family Christmas at the museum



The Old Aurora Colony Museum invites the young and the young-at-heart to come spend some time with us this holiday season. For the regular cost of admission, we will have a variety of special hands-on projects such as cinnamon ornaments, orange pomanders, ribbon trees, a pine cone project and gift cards or tags. In the Steinbach cabin, you can greet Father Christmas, have a photo taken and share a cup of cocoa. 1 free digital image will be sent to your email, if you wish. The Ox Barn will host Heartstrings, a musical duo who will delight you with sounds of the season. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. This event is included in regular admission prices.

**December 7-8**

### Wine & Chocolate Walk! Downtown Aurora 11am-5pm Local Wineries and Chocolatiers

featured in twelve locations in our charming, historic village. Come for the day and enjoy this special package to benefit Habitat for Humanity and have a blast!



## Want to support your free, local library? Count the ways you can do so:

- 1. Come visit us:** the **North Marion Community Library** is located in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, [21553 Liberty St. NE](#), and library cards are free for all who live or work in North Marion County. Come browse our collection, check out (and return) books, and maybe learn how to be a library volunteer, too.
- 2. Support our fall/winter fundraiser!** Our holiday greens sale is in full swing. Place an order by coming to the library during open hours ([1 to 4 p.m.](#), Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays), stop by the Aurora Colony Flea Market the first Saturday of November ([9 a.m. to 4 p.m.](#)), or call Nancy Trivitt at [503-678-5999](#) and leave a voice-mail. Delivery or pickup will be the first week of December.
- 3. Use Amazon Smile when you shop online** and enter [smile.amazon.com](#) in your web browser. Once you've designated the North Marion Community Library Association as your preferred charitable organization, it's a simple and automatic way to support the library at no extra cost to you!
- 4. Sign up for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program** and link your rewards card to the library association ([www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](#)) by searching for our name or by using our organization's number, KS973. Every time you shop and use your rewards card, you help the library association earn a donation. Best of all, this does not affect your personal rewards program.





## City Welcomes New Contract Deputy Bill Ovchinnikov

Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Deputy Bill Ovchinnikov has started his new assignment as the City of Aurora contract deputy.

Ovchinnikov has been with MCSO since 2012, holding a variety of positions during that time.

He grew up in southwestern Clackamas County on a family farm and currently resides in Marion County with his wife and children. Their free time is spent outdoors, hunting, fishing, kayaking, hiking and, most recently, running and jogging.

Ovchinnikov said he plans to pick up where Sr. Deputy Mike Bell left off, and hopes to continue to provide the same, high level of public service to all those that call Aurora home.

### 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 971-930-3597 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-



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



### Colony Museum Hours

Tuesday—Saturday 11:00 am—4:00 pm  
Sunday: Noon—4 pm

The Museum is closed for the month of January and all major holidays.



### City of Aurora Contact Information

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

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

**W. Scott Jorgensen, City Recorder**  
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**Mary Lambert, Finance/Court Clerk**  
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**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 Brian Asher – [mayor@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:mayor@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 Weidman—[tweidman@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:tweidman@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**  
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### Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

Emergency Dial 911