



The Aurora Colony Times

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

Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm

Planning Commission
Nov. 3
Dec. 1

City Council
Nov. 10
Dec. 8

Parks Committee
Nov. 17
Dec. 15

Historic Review Board
Nov. 24
Dec. 22

**Please confirm dates and
times with City Hall
503-678-1283
City of Aurora
Website
www.ci.aurora.or.us**

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

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

Mayor's Corner

Happy Halloweenie yes, it is here faster than you can say boo! Thanks to all of you who participated in the Halloween/Fall decorating contest. Take a drive around the neighborhood and see all the fall colors and the creativity of our residents. Next is Thanksgiving followed by Christmas! I'll save that for later.



VOTE VOTE VOTE It is time to show your support for your local city council and vote for all these volunteers that make decisions that affect you and the city. After Tuesday October 27th, please use an official ballot drop site, don't mail your ballot. Remember your return envelope must be received by 8PM election night or your ballot will not be counted.

The Aurora Bucks are still out there and many of you have not used yours. They expire Dec 31st so don't miss out! The bucks can now be redeemed at the gas station and the pet grooming shop in town.

Stop by Aurora's new salon, Blue Alley Salon & Gift Shop on Main Street and our new coffee drive-thru, Chug Coffee on Hwy 99 E across from the post office. See all the seasonal goodies on hand to capture your interests and tastes!

Looking up you will see our Water Tower has a new coat of paint and will support new graphics "Aurora" just in case you forget where you live.

As many of you may know, the Aurora Fire Dept. was on top of their game during the recent wildfires. While dealing with their own crisis, they gifted a fire engine to the neighboring Idanha-Detroit district, which lost its office and a fire engine in the Beachie Creek fire. Many thanks to everyone for their gracious donations of supplies and food to sustain our crews!

Thank you to all who have given to the "Garden of Eatin" produce box on Liberty street and the food box at City Hall. Many have enjoyed the fresh vegetables, giant zucchinis and fruit, etc.

The downtown merchants are having a Trick or Treat Saturday Oct 31st from 3-5. Bring the kids by for a treat!

Aurora celebrates the holidays! Mark your calendars for Saturday November 14th as our merchants kick off the holiday season with a Christmas Open House from 10-5. Visit our shops filled with décor, gifts and more!

I would like to make all of you aware of the meetings ODOT is having about the new I-5 Aurora / Donald interchange project being held in the coming months. The plan includes what changes will be made to the interchange, the surrounding local roads and the property accesses.

Thanks for your time,

Mayor Brian Asher



Upcoming City Hall Closures

**Wednesday & Thursday, November 25 & 26, 2020 -
Thanksgiving**

Thursday, December 24, 2020—Christmas Eve





The Aurora Fire District Spot



Halloween Safety Tips in 2020

We don't have to tell you that these are strange times, and many are debating whether to venture out to trick-or-treat or stay home and sit this year out. Whatever your decision, we thought we would share the following safety tips:

- If you decide not to go out, there are many ideas and tips on the internet for some safe yet fun alternatives to traditional trick-or-treating. Halloween masks won't provide the safety a face covering provides. No matter how scary your costume mask is, wearing a face covering that covers your mouth and nose is still a good idea.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds before and after your outing. It's also a good idea to use hand sanitizer often.
- Continue practicing social distancing (6 feet+).
- Bring lights, glow sticks or other high visibility items so others can see you while walking throughout the neighborhood. Always look both ways before crossing the road!

If you do decide to venture out, Aurora Fire would like to offer an opportunity for you and your little ones to come by the fire station for some candy. Our firefighters will be providing some goodies while following corona virus precautions and guidelines. We will be requiring all those attending to wear appropriate face coverings and practice social distancing. Have a safe & healthy Halloween!

Halloween masks don't protect against COVID-19

A Halloween mask won't protect you and others from COVID-19. Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly on your cheeks.

For more information visit healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211

Main Street Aurora Survey

The City of Aurora and Historic Review Board are conducting a short, anonymous survey to provide direction on how to pursue community engagement, beautification, and economic development.

To take the survey, please find it here: rb.gy/xkcn6x



Thank you!
Stuart Rodgers
Aurora City Recorder



Colony Museum News

The Old Aurora Colony Museum will begin to have regular open hours starting October 22nd. The Museum will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This will be effective through the rest of the year.

The Museum will begin selling Daffodil bulbs this month. We will be taking advance orders either through our website: www.auroracolony.org or at local businesses. The bulbs can then be picked up, from the Museum, during business hours, beginning November 5th. We will be selling them in increments of 20 for \$10 or 60 for \$25. The purchase of these bulbs will go to support the educational and community events put on by the Old Aurora Museum.

Upcoming Events in Aurora

Scarecrows of Aurora
October 1st-31st
* Stop by and cast your vote on Instagram for your favorite scarecrow at our participating shops!

Trick or Treating in Aurora
Saturday October 31st, 3pm-5pm
Bring the little ones down, shop owners will be handing out special treats!



MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON from the Marion County Sheriff's Office! Below are a few tips to help make this time of year more safe and enjoyable for all;

Halloween safety tips... Consider starting during daylight hours... use glow stick, reflective bands and flashlights... Look before crossing the street and stay on the sidewalk if possible and children should always be accompanied by an adult.

For more information on these tips and more please visit the National Safety Council website at: <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween>

Aurora along with the City of Hubbard were hit with a rash of car "break-ins" (unlocked cars) recently. This is a reminder to remove valuables from your vehicles or keep them out of plain view when left in the vehicle. LOCK YOUR DOOR! This goes for your vehicles, homes, out building/ sheds etc... Bags of cans and other items of value should not be left in plain view from the street. If possible please place these items behind a fenced area or covered and out of view.

With the changing weather more folks will want to warm-up their vehicles before leaving for the day. Don't forget to lock doors when warming up vehicles. Vehicles left unattended while warming up are an easy target for car thieves. Also, with the days being shorter please check and make sure your exterior lights are in good working order. Lighting is a good deterrent to prevent unwanted persons coming onto your property.

It's always important to protect your property but more important to protect yourself. The Sheriff's Office would like to bring awareness to Domestic Violence by providing resources for those that need to report an incident or that have been victimized and don't know where to turn. **Contact Marion County Victim Assistance 503-588-5253, Clackamas County Victim Assistance 503-655-8616 or Crime Victims' Assistance 1-800-503-7983.** Or as always, if you see something suspicious please don't hesitate to call **911** if it's an emergency or report it to the Marion County Sheriff's Office non-emergency dispatch at **503-588-5032**.

You can also contact your local deputy, Bill Ovchinnikov by phone or email at 503-991-7055 and bovchinnikov@co.marion.or.us or the contracts Sgt. Tom Crofts at 503-932-0679 or tcrofts@co.marion.or.us.



LIBRARY NEWS

GOOD NEWS: The North Marion Community Library, in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE, has REOPENED! For now, we're open just Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Social distancing, masks, and only two patrons at a time are COVID-preventive measures to keep everyone safe and healthy. And if you can spare three hours some Saturday to help keep the library open, call Josie Hyde, 541-749-8088.

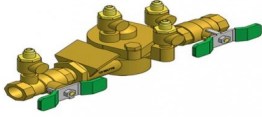
BREAKING NEWS: Halloween treats anyone? We'll hand out book "treats" at the Aurora Legion Hall, Saturday, October 31, 3–5 p.m. And have you seen the little library kiosks painted "Aurora blue," one at the Aurora park restrooms and the other near the intersection of Walnut and Filbert? Come check them out, and take a book—or not.

IT'S TIME NEWS: It's time to order your holiday greens; wreaths, centerpieces, and more can be sent as out-of-state gifts, or delivered or picked up in Aurora the first weekend in December. Place your order at the library, at the Legion Hall on November 7, or call Nancy Trivitt, 503-577-1856.

LAST-BUT-NOT-LEAST NEWS: Remember, you can also support the library by stopping by the library's sale table at the Aurora Colony Flea, 21510 Main Street, on the first Saturday of each month, September through May; or the White Rabbit; or by designating the library as your Amazon Smile or Fred Meyer Community Reward recipient. Need to contact us? Email nmarionlibrary@gmail.com or call Andrea Heid, 503-776-9075 and leave a voicemail message.



******* Backflow testing *******



If you have a backflow device installed on your property, the State requires that it be tested annually. If you have not had yours tested yet this year, please do so now! Some of you may have backflow devices but do not have anything that requires one. If you don't want to have to test it every year please contact City Hall about possible deactivation.

Additional information is available on the City website: www.ci.aurora.or.us.

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 503-409-1434 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.

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: Saturday : 10– 4 pm

Colony Museum Hours

Thursday—Saturday 11:00 am—4:00 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

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City Council Contact/Information

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Councilor Berard – jberard@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
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Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

Emergency: Dial 911