



July / August 2021

The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME
City Meetings for
July / August
Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm

Planning Commission
July 6
August 3

City Council
July 13
Aug 10

Parks Committee
July 20
August 17

Historic Review Board
July 27
August 24

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
July 10th

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

Mayor's Corner

Welcome summer, and the rising temperatures! Stay cool, remember the elders and your neighbors, and our 4-legged friends too.



This has been a very interesting year. Oregonians have come together to keep our communities safe and healthy. Thank you for all that you have done for Aurora during this challenging time. Let's celebrate!

PICNIC IN THE PARK WITH TUNES **Saturday August 14, 2021 Aurora City Park**

The City will be providing food for those Aurora residents within the city limits. There will be crafts provided by the Aurora Colony Museum and other activities for the kids. **Sign-up / RSVP is required!!!** See below. There will be a check-in table at the park to receive your food tickets. Food will be provided from 5-7pm. Beverages will be available for purchase.

(Additional food will be available for purchase to non-residents.)



Portland's premiere dance band, Hit Machine,
will be performing from 7-10pm.

If you are planning on eating at the picnic,
PLEASE RSVP with the number of people in your household
attending by Wednesday, August 4th to City Hall at
503-678-1283 or
[**assistant@ci.aurora.or.us**](mailto:assistant@ci.aurora.or.us)

We are so very excited to celebrate with you! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. See you there!

Happy 4th of July !!
Mayor Brian Asher



Upcoming City Hall Closures
Monday July 5—Independence Day





MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

From the Marion County Sheriff's Office we hope this letter finds everyone well!

In response to complaints regarding bicycle riding in town and failing to obey the traffic laws I wanted to provide information which would be beneficial for both the motoring public and bicyclists'. See flyer below.




Also it has come to my attention that some have been seen (and smelled) smoking recreational Marijuana in public place around town... Adults 21 and older **can** use recreational **marijuana** at home or on private property. **You cannot** use recreational **marijuana in public** places. **Public** places are places **to** which the general **public** has access.

We had a few car "break-ins" over the past few weeks where tools and other items of value were stolen from unlocked vehicles. Some vehicles appeared to have been "gone through" but nothing appeared to be missing. No matter how insignificant you feel the issue or problem is, **please report it**. All reported calls get documented for future reference. Also, I can't stress this enough for the safety of your property and the safety of our community **PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!** If you decide not to, please remove any valuables from your vehicles.

If you want to report an incident but feel like it isn't an emergency, please call the Marion County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 503-588-5032 or you can contact your local deputy, Bill Ovchinnikov directly at 503-991-7055 or bovchinnikov@co.marion.or.us

Thank You,
Deputy Bill Ovchinnikov
Marion County Sheriff's Office, *City of Aurora*

<p>In the past, people on bicycles were required to follow the same rules as motorists when approaching an intersection with a stop sign or flashing red light. They had to come to a full stop, even if there was no cross traffic.</p>	<p>Starting in 2020, a person riding a bicycle may treat a stop sign or flashing red light as a yield sign. Staying efficient, while staying safe – it's another way Oregonians stand out!</p>	<p>Introducing Oregon's New Law for People on Bicycles</p> 
	<p>On wheels or on foot, whatever the mode, let's all look out for each other!</p>	
<p>Today, under Oregon's new Stop as Yield law, riders are allowed to slow to a safe speed, check for cross traffic and proceed without stopping. It's more efficient for riders and all the rules of right of way still apply.</p>	 oregonwalkbike.org Ride, Drive & Walk Safely. The Way to Go. <small>Transportation Safety – ODOT</small>	<p>Improving the efficiency of traffic flow at intersections while keeping an eye out for each other.</p>

<p>The Law of Physics The Stop as Yield law helps riders stay upright and in motion at intersections. Unlike driving, people riding bicycles must use their muscle power to get started again, which can be difficult after a complete stop. With the new law, they can now maintain some momentum, keep their balance, and carefully move through intersections efficiently, keeping traffic moving for everyone.</p>	<p>What the Law Says A person riding a bicycle who is approaching an intersection where traffic is controlled by a stop sign or a flashing red light may, without violating the law (ORS 811.265), do any of the following without stopping if the person slows the bicycle to a safe speed and yields to other traffic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proceed through the intersection. Make a right or left turn onto a two-way street. Make a right or left turn onto a one-way street in the direction of traffic upon the one-way street. 	<p>When riding, we must...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow to a safe speed for conditions, allowing enough time to stop if needed. Yield the right of way to traffic approaching or already within the intersection. Follow the directions of any road work flaggers and/or law enforcement officers. Yield to pedestrians crossing the road. Do what we can to stay visible and predictable! 
<p>Common Sense Rules We all need to look out for each other. Because people on bicycles are naturally more vulnerable than motorists – with only their helmet to protect them – it's up to all of us to pay extra attention at intersections.</p> 	<p>What Hasn't Changed Riders are still required to come to a stop and remain stopped at a steady red light. Failure to do so can result in a \$65-250 ticket – or much worse.</p> 	<p>While driving, we must...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always watch for bicyclists, especially at intersections. Yield the right of way to riders before turning. Allow plenty of space around riders while passing them. Avoid distractions and other impairments when behind the wheel. 

Are you prepared for a wildfire?

With fire season here, are you prepared in the event a wildfire burns toward your home? Do you know what to do if you were told to prepare for, or to immediately evacuate due to wildfire dangers? Are you prepared to care for yourself for 72 or more hours in the event there is a disaster?

Wildfires can occur at any time. Although you may live in town, it can still affect you and your home if you are not prepared. As I'm sure you experienced during the summer of 2020, wildfires can create dangerous conditions for not only our rural residents, but for entire communities that may need to evacuate in a moment's notice.

Prepare your home by removing debris, cleaning gutters and creating a defensible space. If you don't prepare your home, we won't have the time or personnel to be able to prepare it for you during a fast moving fire.

Prepare yourself by having a home emergency kit and if necessary pack valuables ahead of time. The time to make a decision on what you should take with you is now, not during an evacuation order. You should be focused on your safety, the safety of your family and valuables. Firefighters will be focused on the fire and getting people moving away from a dangerous area.

Have a plan in the event you have to evacuate. Know where to go and your routes out. You don't have to stay and wait for an order to evacuate. If you have the ability to leave sooner, you are encouraged to do so at any time. Roads and streets can quickly become congested during an evacuation order. Plan ahead.

For more information please feel free to visit our website at www.aurorafire.org or visit us at the Aurora Fire Station at 4th St. & Main St., Aurora for a free information guide.



AURORA COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (ACHS) 2021 BEER GARDEN

On August 13, the Aurora Beer Garden will return after a year off because of COVID. This year's event will be a little different than in years past, (isn't everything different since COVID)? This event will be done in cooperation with Pheasant Run Winery at their location on Main St. in Aurora. ACHS will be offering beer and Pheasant Run will be offering their incredible wines. A food vendor will be on site to satisfy your hunger cravings and there will be wonderful music for your listening pleasure.

Open from 2PM-11PM. Food service starts at 4PM.

Put it on your calendar to be at Pheasant Run for an afternoon and evening of fun!

Want to be a vendor?
Contact
Three Daisies Vintage

Just 25 minutes from
Portland and Salem

Aurora Outdoor Antique & Farmers Market

Every second Saturday
(June-September)
9am-4pm
Located in Downtown Aurora
on 2nd Street.
Vintage, antiques, home decor,
food trucks, farmers market,
and more.

June 12th
July 10th
August 14th
September 11th

AuroraColony.com

North Marion Community Library Book Sale is coming Back !!

When: August 13, 14, 15—Friday, Saturday, AND Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: the vacant lot diagonally across from the American Legion Veterans Hall (21510 Main St. NE, Aurora). The property at the junction of Highway 99E, Third, and Main Streets.

There will be hundreds of books for all ages—fiction, non-fiction, paperbacks, hardbacks, children's board books, picture books, chapter books, as well as vintage books/collectibles!

We will gladly accept book donations, but since our storage space is limited, we'd prefer to get them only on the day before the sale. Please email nmarionlibrary@gmail.com or call Nancy Trivitt (503) 577-1856 to make arrangements.

Monetary donations are always welcome too; we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so contributions are tax-deductible.



Parks Committee Opening

The Aurora Parks Committee is looking to fill two (2) open positions. Attendance at meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm, as well as tree planting and other service projects are some of the opportunities a volunteer experiences.

The members of this group of volunteers have a lot of fun and are cultivating a vision for the future of Aurora parks toward involvement and enjoyment of the larger community and visitors from the region. Here is an opportunity to make a difference for the recreational and natural areas of our town.

Please send an email to recorder@ci.aurora.or.us expressing your interest and qualifications to serve as part of this committee by Wednesday, 14 July. Thanks!

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.

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.



North Marion Community Library

21553 Liberty St. NE., Aurora, OR 97002
Library Hours: Saturday : 10– 4 pm

Colony Museum Hours

Currently only the Gift Shop is open
Thursday—Saturday 11:00 am—4:00 pm
The Museum is closed for all major holidays.



City of Aurora Contact Information

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

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

Stuart A. Rodgers, City Recorder
recorder@ci.aurora.or.us

Mary Lambert, Finance/Court Clerk
finance@ci.aurora.or.us

Tammy J. Grimes, Administrative Specialist
assistant@ci.aurora.or.us

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

City Council Contact/Information

Mayor Brian Asher – mayor@ci.aurora.or.us

Councilor Berard – jberard@ci.aurora.or.us

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

Councilor Veliz – wveliz@ci.aurora.or.us

Councilor Weidman – 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
www.ci.aurora.or.us

Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

Emergency: Dial 911