



The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for May / June

Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm

Planning Commission

May 4
June 1

City Council

May 11
June 8

Parks Committee

May 18
June 15

Historic Review Board

May 25
June 22

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

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Mayor's Corner

Ah, the sweet smell of spring. It's such a refreshing time! The warm sunshine feels so good and melts away our winter blues, especially after our recent ice storm. Colorful blooms are popping up, and it's the perfect time to start planting the garden. "Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil."



Bishop Reginald Heber

At the April council meeting we had a lengthy discussion about the city park and the number of off leash dogs. The City Ordinance states that no off leash dogs are allowed in the park and the need to take responsibility for your pets and follow the rules. We are a very pet friendly city however the rules are for everyone's safety. There is a \$50.00 fine for each offense. There are off leash parks in nearby Wilsonville. Currently there is no off lease park in Aurora. Please continue to be responsible pet owners. The city is providing dog waste bags and dump receptacles at multiple locations for your use. Thank you.

The Aurora Colony Visitors Association has a lot in store for the upcoming months. The Aurora Outdoor Antiques and Farmers Market will be held the 2nd Saturday each month starting in June. Outdoor spaces are still available for any interested vendors!

August 14th has been set aside for a special day to thank all of the residents in the city. Providing we will be allowed to do this, it will be in the city park with a band and food for everyone included. This will be a nice gathering and thank you as we look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors socially once again!

Brian Asher
Mayor

» » » CONSTRUCTION UPDATE « « « «

The previously planned service line connection that would necessitate a City wide water shutoff and subsequent boil water order has been postponed until at least August or September due to construction issues. We will keep you updated here and on the City website.

Budget Time



The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget meetings begin with the budget message and proposed budget introduced at 7 pm April 21, 2021, at City Hall and on Zoom. The 2nd meeting is May 5th – same time and place. The second meeting will include a public hearing on the spending of State Revenue Share funds. There are no restrictions on these funds but it is suggested they are used to enhance the city. The amount budgeted this year is \$11,000. Generally, we transfer some of that money to the Aurora Colony Days Fund - \$7,000 each of the last 2 years- with the rest used on various "beautification" projects - new garbage cans, water tower paint and art. If you would like to give us input on where you think this money would be well spent, please call city hall at 503-678-1283, email finance@ci.aurora.or.us or attend the May 5th meeting. We would love to hear from you!

THE ENCLOSED UTILITY BILL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 10th

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



Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday, May 31, 2021 - Memorial day





MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. In 2019 there were 13,674 reported victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon, of which 1,238 were in Marion County. We encourage all community members to become aware of the issues involved in the prevention of child abuse and neglect and we aim to strengthen families by supporting safe, stable, and nurturing environments for children. We all have role to play in preventing child abuse and neglect. For information about how you can help, please visit parent-forthefuture.org.

Wildfire Recovery Update- For those that enjoy the Santiam Canyon, be aware of limited access on the North Fork corridor. Marion County is temporarily restricting access and closing parks along the Little North Fork Santiam River corridor. Public access to North Fork, Gates Hill, and Pioneer Roads will be limited to property owners and their guests, contractors, and agents.

The county is additionally closing North Fork Park, Salmon Falls Park, and Bear Creek Park and Campground and the corridor will be closed to bicyclists and non-resident pedestrians. Public and private lands around the Little North Fork Santiam River basin were heavily damaged during the September 2020 Beachie Creek and Lionshead wildfires. Marion County Public Works anticipates it will take approximately 18 months to restore wildfire damaged roads and two to three years to fully rebuild county parks. Marion County parks sustained considerable damage with the near total destruction of vegetation and park amenities and it remains unsafe to enter the parks due to the large number of dead and standing trees that can fall with little or no warning.

As always, if you see something suspicious please don't hesitate to call 911, or if you feel it's not an emergency please call the Marion County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 503-588-5032. You can also contact your local deputy, Bill Ovchinnikov at 503-991-7055.

Thank You,

Deputy Bill Ovchinnikov
Marion County Sheriff's Office
City of Aurora



Dress up Aurora

Saturday April 24th 11-5

Wear your finest vintage attire, special hat or really cool outfit to Aurora!

For a chance to win \$50 in Aurora Bucks, snap a photo and tag us @auroracolonyvisitor on Facebook or Instagram. One random winner will be chosen Tuesday April 27th! Participating shops offering 10% off, to those in special attire.

Regency Meet-up & Mini Faire
At Aurora American Legion, 10-3



Sandwiches, soups & salads available to purchase.

*All photos submitted may be used in future promotion



Bring Mom to Aurora
Mothers Day Weekend in Aurora

May 8th-9th
Bring Mom for a fun day together!
Shop 20+ shops & eateries
Special features on our Mothers Day map

Saturday May 8th, Have Tea with Us!
Special Take-Out-Tea boxes to take home
Or enjoy under our special tea tent at our downtown park, presented by Arlene Cuisine
(order by May 1, see tea menu flyer)



Give Mom the Aurora Tea Package \$75

- *Full Afternoon Tea box with hot tea
- *Fabulous fresh bouquet by Almanac
- *\$30 in Aurora Bucks to spend in town!
- *Pair of Swarovski Crystal Earrings

Order online at AuroraColony.com or Purchase at Three Daisies Vintage or Time After Time.



Sunday, May 9th, 11-5
The ideal destination for AFTER BRUNCH
Families welcome for a fun way to treat Mom with plenty of space for browsing.
Public restroom, benches for resting, and easy parking.

Aurora’s New Bike Fix-It Hub

Cycling has boomed during the pandemic. Bike stores up and down the Valley spent the last 12 months struggling to meet the surge in demand for new bikes. Why? Well, it’s the perfect sport for families and individuals to escape the city together or on a solo ride and get fit while seeing their state from a new, slower perspective.

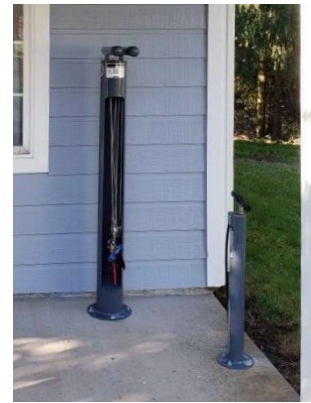
The city of Aurora decided to reach out a welcoming hand to the surge of cyclists coming through their town by installing a new bike hub. And knowing firsthand that there are two things that can ruin a ride: a bike malfunction and a bathroom emergency, they located the hub right next to the public bathrooms, just off Highway 99E on Second Street.

Bike hubs are the Swiss Army knife of bike repair and Aurora’s is a top-of-the-line unit. There is a pump to top off your tires, hex keys, wrenches, and a hanger arm to round out any bike tune up. Plus, it’s located in a covered area so you can take a break from those April showers.

Aurora is one of the growing number of towns in the Willamette valley with a bike repair hub and will put the town on the map for cyclists’ weekend rides. Ronan Feely, a keen cyclist and Aurora Parks Committee member, said the city is now more biker friendly. “Cycling isn’t going away with the eventual end of the pandemic, and we want to be a destination for those groups of riders from Portland, Salem and further afield. My Sunday rides often take me to Mount Angel for lunch. Now people can make Aurora *their* ride destination, knowing that they can maintain their bike while they refuel their bodies.”

And speaking of refueling, for the tired rider there’s wine tasting at Pheasant Run, pub grub at the Colony Bar, coffee and lunch at the White Rabbit and sit-down meals at Filberts, all right on 99E and all biker friendly.

If you’re planning to launch your tour from Aurora, tune your bike up first, top off your water bottles and use the public bathroom before you hit the road. You’ll find ample parking along Second Street down to the bike hub. And we’re confident you’ll want to tell your family, friends, and neighbors about the experience you had passing through and stopping a while in our historic town!



Aurora Utility Bills

I frequently talk to residents who have questions about options for paying their City utility bill, so here is a quick overview. Water bills are:

Mailed at the end of:	Due by the 10 th of
December	January
February	March
April	May
June	July
August	September
October	November



Payments made by check or money order can be mailed, brought into City Hall or deposited in the night drop slot near the employee entrance on the front of the building. At City Hall we can accept cash (be aware we do not have cash to make change) checks or credit/debit cards. Payments using any form of credit or debit card, are assessed a \$3.50 service fee.

You also have the option of paying online with a credit/debit card at the following website: <https://cityofaurora.merchantransact.com/>. Paying your bill online will incur the same \$3.50 fee. If you have not already done so, we suggest you register for online access to your account here as well. You may view your account status, history and sign up to receive your bills electronically. To register your account electronically you need your full 9 digit account number located in the upper right hand corner of your bill. Example: 001234-000.

If you prefer to pay your bill monthly you can estimate your average bill and make a monthly payment for one half that amount. If you would like, we can help you estimate your bill. Although we do not offer it at this time, it is easy to set up auto pay with your financial institution when you make monthly payments. Remember, even when making monthly payments, bills still need to be paid in full by the 10th of the “due” month to avoid late fees. Credit balances are reflected on your bill.

As always, if you ever have an issue with being able to pay your bill or questions regarding your service, please call City Hall at 503-678-1283 and we will be happy to work with you.



Update Your Contact Info

If you've had a change of contact information (email address, landline, or cell phone number) please provide City Hall with current contact information. It is important for the City to have good contact information to be able to reach residents in the event of an emergency. Thank you

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

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