



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. 2
Dec. 7

City Council

Nov. 9
Dec. 14

Parks Committee

Nov. 16
Dec. 21

Historic Review Board

Nov. 23
Dec. 28

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

City of Aurora
Website
www.ci.aurora.or.us

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

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



MAYORS CORNER

Welcome to the colorful falling leaves and the Halloween season. Have you been around town to see all the creative displays? Mark your calendars for Sunday October 31st. From 3pm -5pm downtown Aurora businesses will be open for trick or treating! Ghosts and Goblins welcome.

There were some amazing costumes last year. Let's have a repeat! Thanks to all for the decorations around town and the local merchant's trick or treat event.

As we all prep and cook foods in our kitchens, please save all the food scraps and either place in the garbage or compost it. Please don't put it down the drain as it will make a difference on the waste materials at the wastewater treatment plant. Thank you.

I will be starting the two years of monthly meetings for the airport master plan. More on that as the meetings progress.

The GO bond committee is meeting regularly for the bond that you will be voting on in the May 2022 election to help fund the infrastructures for the water and sewer plant and a new Community Center, Library & City Hall combined.

While we are still enjoying warm days, it is time to start thinking ahead about the upcoming Holiday season. This year, Aurora will be hosting many wonderful events. Please refer to the event info inside for details. We are so grateful to all of those who bring these activities to our town!

This year, we are doing something new! On November 26, the day after Thanksgiving, we will have our First Christmas Tree Lighting! We welcome kids and kids at heart to join us at 6 PM at the Aurora City Park for cookies, caroling, Santa, and at 6:30 PM, the lighting of the Christmas Tree! The Aurora Presbyterian musicians will lead us in carols, and Santa will help us ring in the Holiday Season! If you are interested in donating for this event (store bought cookies, candy canes, cocoa, paper cups), please contact Tara Weidman at tweidman@ci.aurora.or.us or Sarah Cregger at sarahkregger@gmail.com

We have also partnered with North Marion Schools and their Giving Tree program. Tags will be hanging on the city Christmas tree for residents to choose from. The tags have gift suggestions for those children and their families in our school district that may need some extra kindness this Holiday Season. Please consider contributing to this traditional community service project.

As we enter the darker, shorter days, let's remember to check in on our neighbors and friends. Let's count our blessings and share what we can. Let us carry the spirit of the holidays, of hope, peace, and generosity in our hearts as we welcome in this special time of year.

I would also like to remind our community to remember our amazing local businesses as we begin our Holiday shopping. Shop local, Eat local, Spend local, Enjoy local. Support the local businesses who support us. Every small purchase makes a big difference.

Brian Asher, Mayor



Aurora Christmas Tree Lighting!

Come join us Friday, November 26 at the City Park to ring in the holidays with Santa, cookies, caroling, and a TREE LIGHTING!

- Santa and cookies arrive at 6:00 pm.
- Tree lighting and carols at 6:30. pm.





Marion County Sheriff's Office- City of Aurora

From the Marion County Sheriff's Office we hope this letter finds everyone well! With the changing of the seasons, you should check exterior lighting to make sure it's in good working order. Good lighting is not only a great deterrent from theft around your properties but can also help you find your way around, if you find yourself outside after dark.

Reminder: Car "break-ins" have occurred again over the past few weeks. The Sheriff's

Office received a couple of reports from inside the Aurora city limits but several other calls from surrounding areas outside the city too. Please pass this message along to lock doors/ windows to vehicles and out-building. Also, please try to remove any valuables from your vehicles.

Halloween is around the corner. Here are a few safety tips for both trick-or-treaters and drivers:
Costume Safety-

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night-

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- Plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Safety Tips for Motorists-

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

If you want to report an issue but feel 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.

Thank You,
 Deputy Bill Ovchinnikov
bovchinnikov@co.marion.or.us
 503-991-7055



Halloween Fire Safety Tips

Halloween is a fun and spooky time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with some easy safety tips.

- When out trick-or-treating, be sure your child carries a flashlight or glowstick as part of their costume. Be sure to have one yourself as well.
- Be sure to talk to your children about road and crossing safety. It's an exciting time of year and everyone should always look both ways before crossing the road.
- When using decorations in or around your home, avoid using items that may easily catch on fire such as dried flowers, cornstalks and papers. If used, be sure to keep them away from open flames and other heat sources such as light bulbs and heaters.
- In place of candles, use battery-operated lights that mimic candles, or a glow stick. If you do decide to use a real candle, use extreme caution. Be sure to watch small children at all times when candles are lit.
- Keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Ensure all smoke and CO alarms are working in your home.

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in over 900 reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by candles. Ensure you have an enjoyable halloween by making fire safety your priority. For more tips and information on fire safety, visit www.aurorafire.org. For assistance with smoke detectors please call (503) 678-5966 during business hours.

Stay safe!



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

Sunday October 31st, 3pm-5pm
Bring the little ones down, shop owners will be handing out special treats!



Aurora Celebrates The Holidays!

Nov 5-6 HOLLY JOLLY WEEKEND
at Tin & Paisley

Nov 5-7 HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS SHOW
at Three Daisies Vintage

Nov 13 TRIMMING THE AURORA VILLAGE
Vintage & New Holiday Decor
Open Houses Throughout Town

Nov 26-28 AURORA OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND
Nov 27 Small Business Saturday

Nov 27 Old Aurora Colony Museum "Christmas in Aurora"
with Father Christmas & Children's Activities

Nov 28 HOLIDAY AURORA MAKER'S MARKET
at American Legion Veterans Hall

Dec 4-5 WINE & CHOCOLATE WALK
Dec 4-5 HOLIDAY AURORA COLONY FLEA
at American Legion Veterans Hall
Times & Details at AuroraColony.com





CHRISTMAS
IN AURORA

NOVEMBER 27TH 11AM-4PM

- + FATHER CHRISTMAS
- + REFRESHMENTS
- + ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- + WRAPPING STATION



OLD AURORA COLONY MUSEUM
15018 SECOND STREET, AURORA, OR
503-678-5754
WWW.AURORACOLONY.ORG



AURORA
Wine & Chocolate Walk!

*Artisan Wines
Local Chocolates
Vintage Shops
Holiday Cheer*

December 4th & 5th
2021

Tickets & Information
aurorawineandchocolate.com
Just 30 minutes south of Portland

***** Upcoming City Hall Closures *****

Wednesday & Thursday, November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 23 - Christmas Holiday





LIBRARY NEWS: No Halloween tricks, just treats! Bring your young ones to the Aurora Legion Hall for a BOO-k treat. We'll be there handing out BOO-ks from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. These treats are much easier on your teeth—no sugar involved.

Have you waited all year for your holiday greens "fix" from the North Marion Community Library Association? Good news: Your wait is almost over. We'll be taking orders until November 15 for wreaths, centerpieces, and so much more, for yourself or to send to family and friends. Come by the library (open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty Street NE, Aurora), contact Nancy Trivitt 503-577-1856, or if you live in Aurora, watch for a door hanger with all the pertinent information. Orders will be available for pick up or delivered to addresses in Aurora the first week in December, as well as picked up at the Holiday Aurora Colony Flea on December 4 and 5.



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

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