

The Aurora Colony Times

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**ALL WELCOME
City Meetings for
Sept. / Oct.**

Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm

Planning Commission
Sept. 7
Oct. 5

City Council
Sept. 14
Oct. 12

Parks Committee
Sept. 21
Oct. 19

Historic Review Board
Sept. 28
Oct. 26

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

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Website
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Harvest Times

What a ride the past year plus has been. We are just finishing the fourth heat wave in a short period. Aurora residents have been very accommodating as we travel though life in our city.

I hope everyone that attended the Aurora community celebration had a wonderful time and got to meet new people and enjoy the festivities of the day. The Hit Machine played some great tunes through the evening. Special thanks to The Aurora Family Dentistry for those much-needed bottles of cold water! Thank you to all that assisted in our celebration, including Arlene Cuisine, White Rabbit Bakery, CRUST Wood fired Pizza, Kona Ice, Pheasant Run, The Aurora Fire Department, Aurora Community Preparedness Team, NM School District and The Old Aurora Colony Museum.



As we move into fall, I would like to talk about our wastewater plant that was built by many hands in the community twenty plus years ago. It is running at almost capacity and needs upgrading. I am asking every household to try to limit the dumping of food waste down the disposal. The sludge costs are on a non-stop increase to dispose of. Every little bit will help. Thanks.

Planning for Aurora's Long-Term Infrastructure Needs:

Looking into 2022, the May ballot will have a Water and Wastewater Bond to help fund, maintain and modernize our facilities and provide service to Aurora residents. Also included will be a new community center, library and City Hall.

With all the weather-related challenges this year it has brought to a head the need for major upgrading. Approval will keep the existing Wastewater property taxes at the current rate. If anyone has questions or concerns, please reach out to any one on the council or myself.

**Brian Asher
Mayor**



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

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

Water Base Rate Updates

As provided for in Resolutions 726 and 727, water and sewer base rates were increased 2.21% immediately following the June billing. The base rates are as follows for a 2 month billing cycle:

WATER BASE RATES

Meter Size	Prior Base Rate	New Base Rate
3/4"	\$ 22.26	\$ 22.76
1"	\$ 30.63	\$ 31.31
1.5"	\$ 41.80	\$ 42.73
2"	\$ 72.51	\$ 74.12

The water filtration rate of \$8.00 per 2 month billing cycle remains the same, as do the water consumption rates of: \$.07 per cubic foot for up to 1,200 cf; .075/cf for 1,201 to 1,800 cf and .08/cf for consumption greater than 1,800 cubic feet

SEWER BASE RATE

\$ 125.31	\$ 128.08
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Fall Fire Safety Tips

All Heating Types

- Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Keep things that burn such as paper, curtains, bedding, or furniture, at least three feet away from all heating equipment, including fireplaces, wood stoves, and pellet stoves.
- Keep a three foot "kid and pet free zone" around all heating equipment.

Heaters

- Use newer, portable space heaters with an automatic shut-off so if they're tipped over, they will shut off.
- Clean them each year before using and check for product recalls.
- Unplug portable space heaters when not in use, before going to bed, or when leaving the room.
- Make sure fuel-burning heaters are designed for indoor use, and are properly ventilated.



Wood and Pellet Burning Heating Equipment (fireplaces, wood stoves, pellet stoves)

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected at least once a year by a qualified professional.
- In wood stoves and fireplaces, burn only dry, seasoned wood. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned pellets.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from escaping.
- Place ashes in a metal container, soak with water, and keep them at least 10 feet away from the home or anything that can burn. Dispose of the ash only after it is cool.



Portable Generator Safety

- Never run your portable generator indoors, this includes your garage. Generators emit carbon monoxide which could be deadly to you and your family. Be sure you have a working CO Detector in your home.
- Be sure to operate your portable generator away from combustible materials. Always be aware of where your exhaust is blowing.
- Let your generator cool for a few minutes before refueling. Gas vapors are very flammable.
- Be sure to use undamaged and grounded power cords. Leave cords uncoiled as they will generate heat. Never use damaged cords.



Due to the extreme heat in mid-August, the library's book sale was postponed to September 10, 11, & 12, 2021—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday—on the vacant lot diagonally across from the American Legion Veterans Hall (21510 Main St. NE, Aurora). Come browse and buy from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. We will still have 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!

Book donations accepted Thursday, September 9, but please call Nancy Trivitt (503) 577-1856 or email nmarionlibrary@gmail.com to make arrangements. **Monetary donations** are always welcome too; we're a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so contributions are tax-deductible. And don't forget that the library's **holiday greens fundraiser** gears up soon after in late fall. Buy a wreath or swag for yourself, but also consider sending fragrant Northwest greens or centerpieces to family or friends; folks who did so report their recipients loved them.

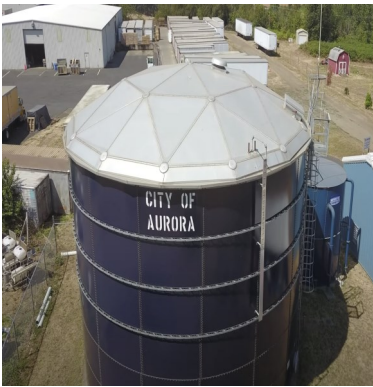


Upcoming City Hall Closures
Monday, September 6, 2021 - Labor Day



Planning for Aurora’s Long-Term Infrastructure Needs: Water & Wastewater Bond

Aurora’s water and wastewater systems are community-developed infrastructure playing an essential role in the health and wellbeing of the community. Built largely by residents, maintained by the city, and supported by taxpayers, this core infrastructure has served the community well. That is why the Mayor and City Council will be asking voters to approve a bond to modernize and maintain our facilities and provide a long-term public service for residents while keeping the town’s historic charm and quality of life.



Approval, which would keep existing wastewater property taxes at the current rate, would support:

- ◆ Upgrades to and modernization of the wastewater treatment plant and a new water tank
- ◆ Support construction of a new City Hall, to include a community center that can provide a warming and cooling shelter during extreme weather, serve as a hub for emergency management, host community events, and provide a permanent location for the North Marion Community Library

In the coming months, the city will be talking with the community to gather feedback on the prospective Water & Wastewater Bond to inform its decision-making. This will include:

- ◆ Direct outreach
- ◆ Informational efforts through community events
- ◆ Public listening sessions
- ◆ Digital engagement opportunities



For more information or to get involved, please contact City Councilor Mercedes Rhoden-Feely at MFeely@ci.aurora.or.us.

 49th Annual
Old Aurora Colony **QUILT SHOW**

Holidays We Love

October 8-17, 2021, 10-4 daily

Demonstrations * Raffle Quilt
Block Contest * Featured Quilters



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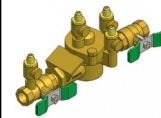


- Scarecrows of Aurora
October 1st-31st
- Aurora Artisan & Antique Market
October 9th, 10am-4pm
- Trick or Treating
October 31st, 3pm-5pm
- Quilt Show "Holidays We Love"
October 8th-17th



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 !



Backflow Testing

If you have a backflow device and haven't had it tested yet this year, please have it done soon! A list of current testers is available at City Hall and is also on the City website.

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
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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

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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
www.ci.aurora.or.us

Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

Emergency: Dial 911