



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. 1
Dec. 6

City Council

Nov. 8
Dec. 13

Parks Committee

Nov. 15
Dec. 20

Historic Review Board

Nov. 22
Dec. 27

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

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

Mayor's Corner

As we welcome the change of the seasons, Fall has arrived. The colorful leaves are blanketing our town and along with our first rain, turning our landscapes lush and green again.

We have a new bakery in town called Granny Fi's at 21338 Pacific Hwy / 99 E. Welcome them to our city and enjoy their delicacies.... awesome short bread.

There is a lot of construction going on with new sidewalk handicap corners being added to most crossings in the city. As with all construction please drive with care and avoid the area if at all possible. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

There's a new time and location for the Marion Polk Food Pantry. With the change in weather ahead it will be located indoors at the Pythian Hall on 2nd and Liberty the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:30 – 5:00pm.

It is election time and your vote is important. Fill in your ballot and sign your return ballot envelope. Voted ballots must be received in an election's office or an Official Oregon Ballot Drop Site by 8:00pm November 8, 2022 or postmarked by November 8, 2022

Our second annual lighting of the Christmas Tree in the park is scheduled for Friday Nov. 25th Save the Date. We will have the giving tree to help our local children have a merry holiday. More Information will be on the city website.

Your Mayor
Brian Asher

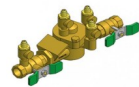


Notice of Historic Review Board Open Position

Are you a "visual" person, intrigued by your city's historic surroundings? Here's an opportunity to be a part of that by joining the City of Aurora's Historic Review Board (HRB). One position is open to a city resident who is either inside or outside of the historic district. Potential applicants can also live outside of the city with certain skills in construction, historic restoration or other related fields. The commitment involves one approximately two-hour meeting per month.

Anyone interested in applying can attend the HRB's next meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month, call City Hall at 503-678-1283 or email recorder@ci.aurora.or.us for more information.

Upcoming Changes to Backflow Testing



With the adoption of Ordinance No.498 the City will be implementing a program to ensure compliance with State mandated annual backflow device testing. Beginning in 2023 the City will be contracting with a Backflow Device tester who will complete testing of all devices installed within the City limits. After testing is completed, the testing fee will be included on each respective residents water bill. The city will notify residents if their device fails to pass the testing, and the resident will be responsible for having the device promptly repaired. This program will help ensure that we all have safe drinking water and help reduce the cost of annual testing. It will also relieve residents of the responsibility to schedule testing each year.

More detailed information will be provided via mail to all residents that currently have a backflow device installed on their property.

Upcoming City Hall Closures

November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 26 - Christmas Holiday





MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

Hello from the Sheriff's Office. Even though it was late, it appears fall has finally arrived. With that being said, we would like to bring the changing road conditions to your attention. Now that it has started raining, roads will be slick, and drivers should use caution.

**FINES
DOUBLE IN
WORK ZONES**

If you haven't noticed, ODOT contractors are performing work on Highway 99E, replacing sidewalk curb ramps to make them ADA compliant. Most of Highway 99E through the City is now marked as a construction zone and some moving violation fees double. For instance, exceeding the speed limit (ORS 811.111) 11-20 MPH is normally a presumptive fine of \$165.00 dollars. In the work zone it increases to \$325.00. I am not seeing very many city residents driving this fast, but I still wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

And one last reminder, Halloween is just around the corner. Please be on the lookout for little ghouls and goblins in our neighborhoods. They will be looking for treats and may not be paying attention to vehicle traffic. The monsters may be hard to spot especially since day light is getting in short supply.

I hope everyone gets their fill of candy and enjoys the break from the heat.

Pete Walker, Senior Deputy
Marion County Sheriff's Office
City of Aurora contract | Enforcement Division



Aurora Emergency Preparedness Non-Profit Company Donation Match!

Does your employer participate in gift-matching contributions for non-profits? Are you still looking to donate to a local non-profit for this year? If so, we are asking you to consider a donation to the Aurora Emergency Preparedness non-profit group!

That's right! We are very excited about this new status and the benefits this will provide in the emergency preparedness efforts for our residents. As a non-profit group this allows us to accept financial donations and other fundraising opportunities. These funds will be used to procure emergency supplies and materials. This includes first-aid supplies like bandages, masks, gloves, and blankets. Small equipment needs include radios, vests, gloves, hand tools, generators, etc., as well as educational materials for the community.

If you would like to donate, please make checks out to Aurora Emergency Preparedness. Mail to PO Box 602, Aurora, OR 97002

Preparing together with all of us in mind!



YOUR FREE LOCAL LIBRARY: Just a reminder that the **North Marion Community Library**—open to all who live or work in North Marion County—is located at 21553 Liberty St. NE in Aurora. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Get a library card, browse our collection, check out and return books, and if you can spare three hours some Saturday to help keep the library open, contact Josie Hyde, (541) 749-8088.

HALLOWEEN BOOK TREATS: Join us for the **Third Annual Halloween Book "Treats"** in partnership with the Aurora American Legion Post 110 and the Aurora American Legion Auxiliary Post 110. Library and Legion volunteers—some in costume!—will hand out book "treats" at the Aurora American Legion Hall, 21510 Main St. NE, on Sunday, October 30, 3 to 5 p.m.

ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY GREENS BY NOVEMBER 15: It's time to order wreaths, centerpieces, and so much more that can be shipped as gifts, delivered or picked up in Aurora the first weekend in December. Place your order at the library, at the Aurora Colony Flea Market (at the Aurora American Legion Hall) on Saturday, November 5, or by calling Nancy Trivitt, (503) 577-1856. This fund- and friend-raiser supports library operations, which include the purchase of new books, and perhaps the furnishing of a future home in the yet-to-be-built Aurora city hall.



AURORA
Wine & Chocolate Walk!

*Artisan Wines
 Local Chocolates
 Vintage Shops
 Holiday Cheer*

December 3rd & 4th
 2022

Tickets & Information
aurorawineandchocolate.com
 Just 25 minutes south of Portland



Aurora Celebrates The Holidays

Nov. 4th-6th : Three Daisies Vintage
 Holly Jolly Christmas Show.

Nov. 12th : Trimming the Aurora Village
 Vintage & New Holiday Decor
 Open Houses Throughout Town

Nov. 25th-27th : Aurora Open House
 Weekend
 Small Business Saturday

Dec. 3rd - 4th :
 Wine & Chocolate Walk

Dec. 3rd 11am-4pm :
 Old Aurora Colony Museum
 "Christmas in Aurora"
 with Father Christmas
 & Children's Activities



Meet **Father Christmas**

at Old Aurora Colony Museum
 15018 Second St. NE
 Aurora, Oregon 97002

DEC 3rd
 11am-4pm

- Refreshments
- Activities for all ages


 Auroracolony.org



SECOND ANNUAL AURORA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CAROLING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @6 PM
AURORA CITY PARK

Santa! Caroling! Cocoa! Treats!
 And the LIGHTING OF THE AURORA CHRISTMAS TREE!



Important
Information

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

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