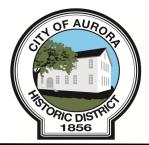
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# The Aurora Colony Times

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#### ALL WELCOME **City Meetings for** July / August

Meetings in the City **Council Chambers at** 7:00pm

Planning Commission Julv 5 August 2

> **City Council** July 12 August 9

Parks Committee Julv 19 August 16

**Historic Review Board** 

July 26 August 23

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

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Please remember keep gras ročks, vehicles bark, etc. water meters!

#### Mayor's Corner

Hello, Aurora! I hope this finds you all safely in your homes and not floating away from all this rain! This spring is a good reminder that living here in the Pacific Northwest, our summer doesn't really begin until July 4th. While not a good spring for our gardens, it will be a blessing as we move into our dry months.



I wanted to thank everyone for voting in the May election. We are excited to move forward with planning for improving our infrastructure and creating a safe City Hall, Library and Community Center. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped spread the word and get our resident's questions answered. Way to go!

We are excited to announce the return of our summer concert series starting on Wednesday July 13 in the park. Aurora Colony Days starts on Aug 12. Please see the schedule of events inside. We have a fantastic lineup of musicians, food and drink vendors, local artisans, and exciting parade entries! Please save August 12 -14 dates for this event, it's shaping up to be a good one!

A friendly reminder that everyone is invited to attend our city meetings. Council meetings are always on the second Tuesday of the month. Please come and get involved! We value your input, and your participation is essential for healthy, wellrounded representation of our community. We look forward to working with you!

Wishing you all a happy and joyous Summer.

Mayor Brian Asher

Wednesday, August 31st.

### Planning for a New Aurora City Hall / Community Center / Library

Do you want to join a group of fellow Aurorans to help develop plans and assist with outreach for a new, combined Aurora

City Hall and Community Center building? Please reach out with interest to Councilor Mercedes Rhoden-Feely, MFeely@ci.aurora.or.us, by



# Water Base Rate Update

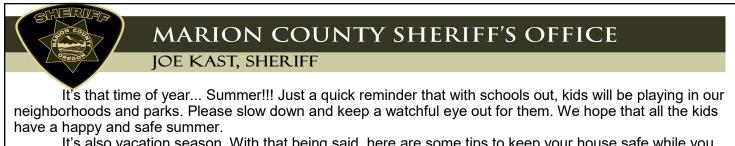
As provided for in Resolutions 726 and 727, water and sewer base rates were increased 7.1% immediately following the June billing. The base rates are as follows for a 2 month billing cycle: 

SEWER BASE RATE

\$ 137.17

	WATER BASE RATES		
r to	Meter Size	Prior Base Rate	New Base Rate
SS,	3/4"	\$ 22.76	\$ 24.37
,	1"	\$ 31.31	\$ 33.53
	1.5"	\$ 42.73	\$ 45.76
5.	2"	\$ 74.12	\$ 79.38
óff	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		

\$ 128.08



It's also vacation season. With that being said, here are some tips to keep your house safe while you are away....

- Have two lights on a timer, set to turn lights on and off at a logical sequence / time.
- Activate your alarm system or motion detectors.
- Have mail and newspaper delivery stopped or make arrangements for a neighbor to pick them up.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked.
- We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!

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



Vehicle fires are consistently a top cause of fire related fatalities in Oregon, and while many are the result of unfortunate circumstances, there are some actions motorists can take to reduce the risk of fire. Being prepared, having a plan, and knowing what to do can help people respond quickly and appropriately when a fire happens on the road.

Many areas require vehicles to have a shovel and fire extinguisher or at least a gallon of water.

- During the hot summer months, people should avoid parking or driving on dry grass. Instead, park on gravel surfaces or developed roadside pull-outs to avoid a vehicle's hot exhaust system touching dry grass.
- Ensure all parts of the vehicle, from muffler to chains, are secure and not dragging. Before setting out on the road, check the tire pressure, wheel bearing lubrication, and the possible metal-on-metal contact of worn out brakes.
- And finally, maintain and clean exhaust systems and spark arrestors.









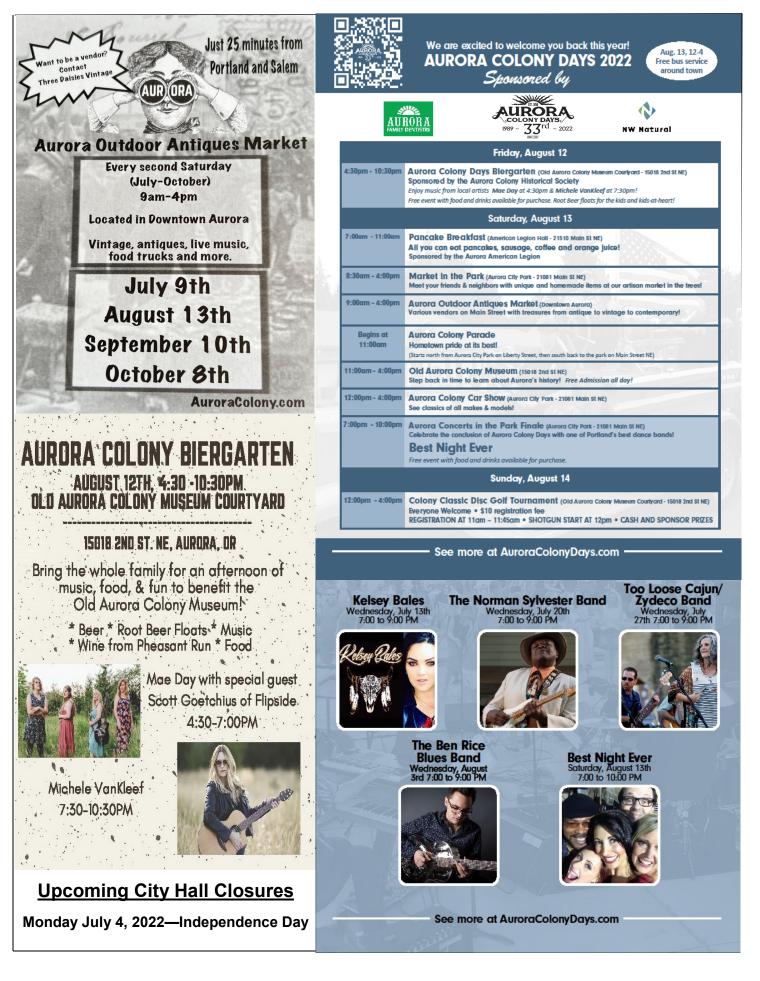
**Library News** 

What's new at the North Marion Community Library? There were eight very happy winners of the recent Read **and Ride Raffle who took home brand-new bicycles or gift cards toward bicycles, another who won** a scooter, ten others who got new bike helmets, and a host of smaller prize winners. The goal was to encourage students to read, and judging from the plastic bins filled with raffle tickets (one ticket = 20 minutes of reading), it was a

smashing success. This was a collaborative effort with the North Marion Primary and Intermediate Schools, the Aurora chapter of the Knights of Pythias, as well as the library, and we thank all who participated and helped with the raffle.

Look for the library's three-day book sale extravaganza during Aurora Colony Days; it starts Friday, August 12 and runs through Sunday, August 14, and each day's sale is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As in past years, look for the book sale tents on the triangular vacant lot bordered by Hwy. 99E, Main St., and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. In the meantime, you can borrow books at the library (21553 Liberty St NE, Aurora, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), pick up freebies at the little libraries in Aurora (city park as well as the corner of Filbert and Walnut Streets), or for a small donation, get one or more at the White Rabbit Bakery.

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Do you know your neighbors? Interested in volunteering? The Aurora Emergency Preparedness (AEP) team is a great way to connect with your neighbors, community and GET PREPARED! We need additional volunteers within the community neighborhoods to assist for when the next event happens! There are a variety of areas to choose from and no experience required - just a desire to help! Pick your area of interest or skillset. Wheth-

er as part of a neighborhood team, civil planning, safety & security, logistics, or medical teams WE NEED YOU! As we partner our efforts with the city's overall emergency preparedness plans Aurora will be better prepared!! Reach out via email at auroraprepardeness@gmail.com or our FB page Aurora Emergency Preparedness to learn more!!

# 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 nonemergency 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

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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

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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