



The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for March / April

Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm

Planning Commission

March 1
April 5

City Council

March 8
April 12

Parks Committee

March 15
April 19

Historic Review Board

March 22
April 26

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

City of Aurora
Website

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Mayor's Corner

Last year at this time we were fighting the ice storm with all hands on deck for a solid week. We have learned from that time and are better prepared, however, we still have a way to go.

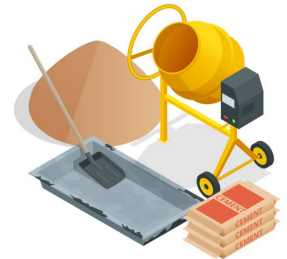
You will notice some survey markers on several corners downtown and along highway 99. The State of Oregon is installing handicapped corners and work will begin in later spring/ summer. Next year work will begin on installing three flashing crosswalks, one at the Post Office another at Filberts Restaurant, and the last one in front of Aurora Colony Pub. These new safety crossings will assist our community and visitor pedestrians.

The budget committee currently has an opening that will start in March and involve approximately four meetings through May. Please join in and help with the next year's Budget.

It is time for us to start planning for Aurora Colony Days, held the second weekend in August. There will be activities for all. We hope this can happen.

Let's keep positive and test negative!

Mayor Brian Asher



Aurora Colony Days 2022 is ON!!



We are looking for volunteers to help plan our Colony Days event this year, scheduled August 13th. There are numerous, fun ways to help! If you would like to a part of planning, please contact Councilor Tara Weidman at Tweidman@ci.aurora.or.us

*Remember, it takes a team to pull off this event. We need your help, ideas, and input!

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

Notice of Budget Committee Vacancy

The City of Aurora has a vacancy for a three-year term on its Budget Committee. This term will expire in January 2025.

The committee typically has two to four meetings between late April and early June to examine and approve the city's projected revenues and expenses for the fiscal year that begins on July 1st. It is a great way to be involved in your local government.

Potential applicants must be registered to vote in the City of Aurora and cannot be an officer, agent or employee of the city. To apply, please send a letter of interest to city hall or email Mary at finance@ci.aurora.or.us . Council will appoint the new member at an upcoming meeting.



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



MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

Hello from the Sheriff's Office...

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Pete Walker, and I am the new City of Aurora Contract Deputy. I have been a Deputy with the Enforcement Division of the Sheriff's Office for nine years. You may have seen me around when Dep. Ovchinnikov was not on duty. Before coming to Marion County, I worked at the Polk County Sheriff's Office for four years, as a Patrol Deputy. Before that, I was a Reserve Officer with the City of Keizer. If you see me out and about, please feel free to come up and chat.

For those of you who haven't heard, Deputy Ovchinnikov accepted a new position with the Traffic Safety Team, within the Sheriff's Office.

I have several events planned for the upcoming year (more to come later) and look forward to serving the citizens of Aurora.

I will be providing a crime prevention section in the newsletter. This month will cover vehicle break-ins.

- Never leave valuables in plain sight. Lock valuables in the trunk or out of view. This includes the vehicle title.
- Do not leave your keys in the vehicle. Twenty percent of stolen vehicles had the keys inside.
- Close windows and lock your vehicle. Confirm it is locked by physically checking the handle or visually noting the locks are in the locked position.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running. This is a violation of Oregon law. ORS 811.585

Document your vehicle license plate, vehicle identification number year, make, model, and color. This information can be found on your Oregon vehicle registration card or insurance card. I would encourage everyone to report suspicious activity by calling the Non-Emergency number at 503 588 5032 or 911 if the situation warrants it. 911 should be used for any serious medical problem, any type of fire, any life-threatening situation (fights, armed persons, residence burglary, etc.) or to report in progress crimes. Again, I look forward to serving the citizens of Aurora.

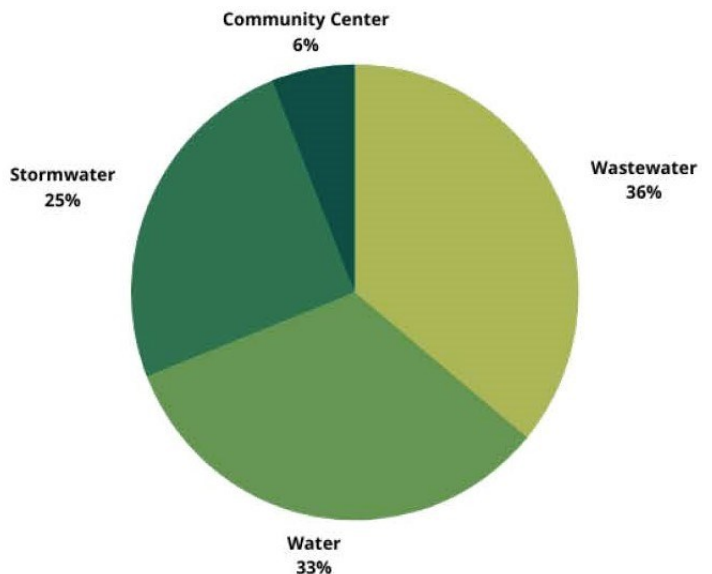
Senior Deputy Pete Walker
Marion County Sheriff's Office

Bonds for City Water, Wastewater, Stormwater Systems; Multi-Use Building

The Aurora City Council approved at its Tuesday, February 8, 2022 meeting the referral of a ballot measure for \$7,100,000 with an estimated tax levy rate of \$2.90 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for a May 17, 2022 election.

For more information, please refer to the city bond page (particularly the bond slideshow presentation) and recent Council minutes for bond discussions – see below links. Additionally, reach out to City Council bond contact with questions: Mercedes Rhoden-Feely at mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us.

<https://www.ci.aurora.or.us/bond>
<https://www.ci.aurora.or.us/meetings>





Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild ❖ 38th annual

Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase

Mar. 13, 2022 10-4 & Mar. 14, 2022 12-4

Old Aurora Colony Museum

15018 2nd St, Aurora OR 97002

District 63 Firefighters Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th 2022

At 1:00pm

Located at Aurora City Park

- Easter Egg Hunt starts promptly at 1:00pm
- Bring your own basket
- Come early to meet your local firefighters & neighbors!
- Special Prize eggs!

Age Groups:

1-3 years

4 years – Kindergarten

Grades 1-2

Grades 3-4



Aurora Veterans Evening

Monthly gathering on the third Thursday of each month for veterans, friends and families to connect, socialize, get information and share. Beverages and snacks provided. Presented by the Aurora American Legion Post 110 & AL Auxiliary Post 110.

Contact Lisa at

Immhand@me.com or (503) 720-1601 for more info.

North Marion Library News

Thanks to two annual fundraisers (in August/September and holiday greens in the winter), the North Marion Community Library is able to purchase new books for its collection in addition to those donated to the library. Come check out this new book, *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*, by Daniel James Brown. You might remember his *Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*, another great read. And if those don't appeal to you, the library does purchase new books on request as long as there's sufficient reader interest.

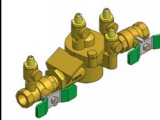
Looking ahead: The North Marion Community Library also partners with other organizations to get kids reading. We are working with the North Marion Primary and Intermediate Schools to get books to students for spring break. And a future project is the **Read and Ride Raffle**, a collaborative effort with the school district and the local chapter of the Knights of Pythias to encourage reading in the elementary grades. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming months or stop by the library to learn more. Remember: The library is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 21553 Liberty St. NE, the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church.





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 recently. 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
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