



The Aurora Colony Times

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**ALL WELCOME
City Meetings for
May / June**

Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm

Planning Commission
May 3
June 7

City Council
May 10
June 14

Parks Committee
May 17
June 21

Historic Review Board
May 24
June 28

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

City of Aurora
Website

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

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

Mayor's Corner

What a great time of year. We are experiencing some warmer weather, longer days, tulips and other flowers blooming. Spring has sprung!



Our primary election is in May and we are in the New 6th Congressional District. We will elect a member of the United States House of Representatives. Research the candidates running for the position (voter pamphlet, all those mailers and TV ads).

There is also the City of Aurora Bond on the ballot. **Please vote** and drop off or mail in your ballots. **The deadline is Tuesday May 17th!**

We have a new store located in the octagon building in downtown Aurora. The Little Black Dog Vintage is an adorable shop filled with vintage toys, collectables, home décor, jewelry and more. Stop by and welcome Nicole!

The concert in the park series will return this year starting Wednesday evening July 13th at 7:00pm. More information to follow.

The Colony Days committee is working hard to put together a fun and exciting day Saturday August 13th. Events will include the Aurora Outdoor Antique & Farmers market in downtown Aurora and an Antique car show with music in the park. Our parade will start at 11:00 along with a Saturday market in the park during the day, capped off with the final concert in the park that evening. Fun for all!

Continue to stay safe and healthy

Mayor Asher



POP-UP PANTRY We're in your Neighborhood

A Mobile Food Pantry offering a variety of fresh produce and shelf-stable food will be in Aurora City Park the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12:00 to 1:30pm.

Provided by Marion Polk Food Share

Come Visit Starting Wednesday May 18th

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.

BUDGET TIME

The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget meetings began with the budget message and proposed budget introduced at 7 pm April 20, 2022, at City Hall. The second meeting, scheduled on May 4th, has been cancelled and will now take place on May 11th – same time and place. The second meeting will include a public hearing on the spending of State Revenue Share funds. There are no restrictions on these funds, but it is suggested they are used to enhance the city. The amount budgeted this year is \$11,000. The proposed budget includes a transfer of \$8,000 of those funds to the Aurora Colony Days Fund with the balance of \$3,000 to be used on various "beautification" projects. If you would like to give us input on where you think this money would be well spent, please call City hall at 503-678-1283, email finance@ci.aurora.or.us or attend the May 11th meeting. We would love to hear from you! Also, budget meetings are open public meetings and all are welcome to attend and engage in the process. The proposed budget and budget message are available at City Hall and on the City website on the Budget Committee page.



MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

The Marion County Sheriff's Office has launched a new online crime reporting option for community members. In 2021, deputies from the Sheriff's Office handled over 30,500 calls for service throughout Marion County. As we strive to continue to provide high levels of customer service, adding the ability to report certain crimes through our [Public Safety Citizens Service Portal \(https://www.co.marion.or.us/SO/Pages/OnlineReporting.aspx\)](https://www.co.marion.or.us/SO/Pages/OnlineReporting.aspx) gives community members the ability to share information at their convenience instead of waiting for direct contact by a deputy.

The online reporting system is reserved for incidents with no suspect information that occurred in response areas covered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Incidents that are eligible for this new service are limited to:

- Hit and Run (no injury to person)
- Theft from a Building
- Theft of Services
- Graffiti
- Suspicious Activity
- Lost or Mislaid Property
- Theft of Mail
- Telephonic Harassment
- Identity Theft
- Vandalism
- Fraud
- Shoplifting

Community members who would prefer to report incidents by calling our non-emergency number (503-588-5032) and speaking with a deputy directly will continue to have that option.

"By offering people multiple ways to report crimes our goal is to be respectful of our community members time and ensuring they have an option that is accessible and convenient to meet their needs." – Jeff Stutrud, Enforcement Division Commander

The Marion County Sheriff's Office provides 24-hour, 7 day a week, law enforcement services to the unincorporated areas of Marion County as well as enhanced services to three contract cities and the East Salem Service District.

Pete Walker, Senior Deputy
Marion County Sheriff's Office



NORTH MARION PRIMARY SCHOOL is now Enrolling students for Kindergarten and Preschool for the 2022-2023 School year. Kindergarten is offered to all In-North Marion School District students who are 5 on or before September 1, 2022. Tuition based Preschool is offered to students who are 3 on or before March 1, 2022. PK Tuition is \$2700 per year, in payments of \$300 per month from September through May.

For more information or to request a registration packet be mailed to you, please contact the office at 503.678.8500 or 503.678.8501 (Karla habla español). Join us for our Registration Fair on Thursday, May 5th 6-7 PM @ 20257 Grim Rd NE, Aurora, OR 97002



The North Marion Community Library's first spring book sale, held during Easter weekend (April 15–17, 2022) was a resounding success. Organizers weren't sure what to expect, since all other library book sales have been held outside in August, in conjunction with Aurora Colony Days. But happily, in spite of some inclement weather (think chilly temperatures, rain, wind, and even hail!), and no outdoor presence, there was a satisfying amount of foot traffic at the Aurora American Legion Hall. Each child got to pick out a free book, and there were lots of books for all ages, including some great bargains for younger readers. Mark your calendar for Easter weekend 2023 (April 7–9) as this will likely be an annual event. As always, we appreciate all who came to browse and buy, local folks as well as out-of-town visitors. Thank you!

Next up in May: A Read and Ride Raffle—sponsored by the Aurora Knights of Pythias, North Marion Primary and Intermediate Schools, and the North Marion Community Library—challenges kids to read. For each 20 minutes they spend reading, they earn one raffle ticket. There will be weekly drawings, but the biggest prizes—new bicycles and bike helmets—will be held at the end of the school year. Blank raffle tickets—to be filled out by the student and confirmed by a parent or other adult—will be available at the library soon, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE.

Your local community library may have the latest best seller or can order it, so come by and let us know what you want to read. We welcome readers of all ages!

Mothers Day Weekend in Aurora

Saturday May 7th, Have Tea With Us!

Special Take-Out Tea boxes from by Lux Suere to enjoy at our beautiful downtown park.

*Order by May 3rd at Auroracolony.com or at Three Daisies Vintage.



Cream Tea - \$16.95

- Cream Scone • Custard & Jam
- Mini Fruit & Custard Tartlet
- Mini Chocolate Raspberry Opera Cake Slice
- Vanilla Rose Tea Bag

Afternoon Tea - \$26.95



- Cream Scone • Custard & Jam
- 3 - Finger sandwiches
- Mini Fruit & Custard Tartlet
- Mini Chocolate Raspberry Opera Cake Slice
- French Macaron
- Vanilla Rose Tea Bag

Sunday May 8th, Mother's Day

Enjoy a Fun Filled Day With Mom of Shopping!
Over 20 Amazing Shops, Restaurants & Wineries!

MOTHER'S DAY TEA WITH EMMA

Saturday, May 7th
11:00AM

Featuring Best-Selling Author Jane Kirkpatrick

Presentation & Book Signing by Jane Kirkpatrick

Explore the Fashion During Emma's Life

Tour Emma's House

Tea & Lunch

\$50 / Person



To Benefit the Old Aurora Colony Museum
To reserve a seat or for more information:
503-678-5754
www.auroracolony.org

Featuring Crust Wood Fired Pizza

Father's Day Car Show

Saturday June 18th
9am-1pm
Located on Main Street in Downtown Aurora

If you would like to participate contact Three Daisies Vintage 503-678-1637

Save the date for the return of a community favorite!

Strawberry Social

Old Aurora Colony Museum

Saturday, June 18th
1-4pm

Strawberry Shortcake, Live Music & Activities for all Ages

Join us in celebrating the dedication of the Will Family Preservation & Research Center



Old Aurora Colony



Colony Days are back!

Mark your calendars to plan ahead for Aurora Colony Days. Leading up to Colony Days, join us for spectacular music Wednesday evenings July 13 - August 3 from 7 - 9pm at the Aurora City Park. Colony Days are August 12 - 13. Events start off with the Beer Garden Friday night August 12. On Saturday come and enjoy the Market in the park, Car Show, Library Book Sale, Free Museum Activities, Downtown Market, and Parade. Events will be capped off with an amazing band on Saturday night 7 - 10pm. Stay tuned for more details and surprises to come!



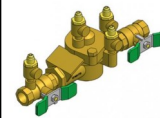
Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day



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
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