



Sept. / Oct. 2022

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. 6
Oct. 4

City Council

Sept. 13
Oct. 11

Parks Committee

Sept. 20
Oct. 18

Historic Review Board

Sept. 27
Oct. 25

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

**City of Aurora
Website
www.ci.aurora.or.us**

Mayors Corner

What a successful ride we experienced through the 33rd Anniversary Colony Days. Lots of hard work from many hands made this event come off without a hitch. I hope everyone attended some part of the festivities. As a tourist town we looked great.

I wish to extend my grateful thanks and appreciation to all the workers including the Aurora Colony Days Biergarten and Museum, the Pancake Breakfast, Aurora Outdoor Antiques Market, the Market in the Park, The Aurora Colony fun and exciting Parade, Arlene Anderson's Cuisine for all the great food arrangements, Colony Car Show in the Park, North Marion Community Library Book Sale, the Shuttle Bus Service, Colony Classic Disc Golf Tournament, final concert of a series of 5 and all the incredible sponsors for their generous donations. Many hats off to our fearless leader Tara Weidman and her Colony Days crew leads including Rachel Nelson, John Berard, Tom Heitmanek, Rashelle Newmyer, Spud Sperb, Downtown Merchants and all the volunteers for making it happen! Thank You.

With fall around the corner students will be headed back to school and we will be encountering more children on the roads with buses. Please think, look and listen and slowdown for all of us. There will be increased police activity looking out for our safety.

We are working with our engineers on the plans for three of the four large projects in Aurora including the new well at the park, the million gallon water tank located at the top of Cole Ln. and our new mechanical waste water facility to upgrade our current plant. I will try to keep all of you informed as we move forward on these projects.

The November Election is just around the corner and it is very important to put some time in to study the candidates that will be representing you for the next four years. More on this in the next newsletter.

Thank You,
Mayor Brian Asher



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

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



Parks Committee Looking to Add New Members

The Aurora Parks Committee is looking to fill two (2) open positions. Attendance at meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm, as well as tree planting and other service projects are some of the opportunities a volunteer experiences.

The members of this group have a lot of fun and are cultivating a vision for the future of Aurora parks toward involvement and enjoyment of the larger community and visitors from the larger area. Here is an opportunity to make a difference for the recreational and natural areas of our town.

Submit a resume and brief explanation of your interest to record-er@ci.aurora.or.us or reach out to Vice Chair Aaron Ensign with any questions: aensign@msn.com. Thanks!



Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday September 5, 2022—Labor Day





MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

The Sheriff's office would like to thank the Community of Aurora for inviting us to take part in this year's Colony Days events. By all accounts, it was a huge success. We look forward to next years events and serving your community for years to come.

With the conclusion of Colony Days, the start of school is just around the corner. We would like to remind everyone that kids will be headed back to school, which means an increase in school bus traffic. Oregon Revised Statute (811.155) requires a driver who meets a bus traveling in either direction to stop on the roadway for any bus that is operating red bus safety lights. Failure to do so is a class A traffic violation with a presumptive fine of \$440.00 dollars.

We want everyone in the community to have safe travels wherever they are going. We hope everyone had a fun and safe summer!

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



Hello, Aurora!

I wanted to send out a huge thank you to all the people who worked so hard over these past few months to bring Colony Days and the Summer Concert Series to Aurora!

Our generous sponsors gave us the opportunity to procure top-quality bands and activities. Please keep them in mind as you do your shop-

ping!

Our Market in the Park vendors were spectacular! What a wonderful, eclectic array of goods we had available!

The Antiques Market was a great success! Thank you to the ACVA and downtown business for such a hopping day!

Our food and drink vendors were delicious! A special thank you to them for braving the heat week after week to bring us yummy food and drinks!

What a great line-up of music we had! Thank you to all our talented musicians who kept us entertained and dancing, and to our sound man for making everyone sound great!

The Beer Garden was a wonderful way to kick off the weekend! Thank you to everyone who worked to bring that to fruition!

The Musuem was well attended by young and young-at-heart! I saw lots of happy youngsters with their handmade crafts around town! Thank you to all the hard working hands involved in making that such a success!

Our Car Show was the biggest one to date! I hope everyone had the opportunity to see all the amazing cars we had in our park! Thank you to the volunteers who brought the four-wheeled fun to our town!

What a parade we had! That was the longest parade Aurora has seen to date, and the entries this year were simply remarkable! Thank you to the Parade crew who worked to bring the wide variety of participants to us! And thank you to the parade marchers! What a treat!

And a very special thank you to all the incredible volunteers, the Fire Department, Sheriffs Department and City Staff who worked many hours to bring Aurora Colony Days to life! I am humbled by people's willingness to step up and serve. Your fun ideas, enthusiasm, generosity, and patience made everything possible. Every person brought their own special gifts, and you could see your love and care reflected throughout the weekend. For all that you do, ten thousand thank you's. You are all wonderful human beings.

And thank you to the community for coming out to the Wednesday concerts and Colony Days! We are delighted that so many people came out to enjoy the events!

Until next year,

Tara Weidman
Aurora City Councilor

PS: If you would like to be on the Colony Days Committee next year, please contact Tara Weidman at tweidman@ci.aurora.or.us



Want to be a vendor?
Contact
Three Daisies Vintage

Just 25 minutes from
Portland and Salem

Aurora Outdoor Antiques Market

Every second Saturday
(July-October)
9am-4pm

Located in Downtown Aurora

Vintage, antiques, live music,
food trucks and more.

July 9th
August 13th
September 10th
October 8th

AuroraColony.com

First Aid/CPR Classes Coming to Aurora!!!



Mark your calendars!! In partnership with the Aurora Fire department, there are two training opportunities for anyone interested in receiving their First Aid/CPR Certificate! The course is provided through the American Heart Association (AHA) and is a Blended CPR/AED/First Aid course. Cost: \$36.50 per student (Includes online course, practical and an AHA CPR card). The online portion is self-paced, and the practical portion takes between 45 minutes to an hour, depending on practice time and questions.

Training dates available are either **October 22nd** or **November 5th** and held at the fire station. As we continue to “prepare our community” we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity!! Registration will be posted on the Aurora Fire District website at: www.aurorafire.org/cpr. Payable to Aurora Fire District, 21390 Main St., Aurora, OR 97002.

Lost and Found Items @ City Hall

Items left in the City Park and other locations in town are often brought into City Hall. If you have lost an article of clothing or other personal item, you might find it at City Hall. Please identify the item when you call (503-678-1283) or stop by and staff will help determine if it is here.



Fab@ Fifty!

Old Aurora Colony Museum's
50th Annual Quilt Show

October 14-23, 2022, 10AM - 4PM Daily

Block Contest
Demonstrations
Featured Quilters
Raffle Quilt

TICKETS \$ 8

NEW for 2022: Quilting Classes!

15018 2nd St. NE
Aurora OR
503-678-5754

auroracolony.org



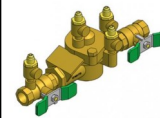

News from the North Marion Community Library:

Best book sale ever! The weather cooperated, there were Aurora Colony Days activities galore, and the library’s book sale, held August 12, 13, and 14, drew a lot of foot traffic. Many hands make light work, and we thank all those who helped with social media and advertising, set up, staffing during the sale, and take down, as well as those who came by to browse and buy. Mark your calendars for the library’s spring book sale, to be held Easter weekend in 2023. In the meantime, come borrow books at the North Marion Community Library, open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE.



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
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Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

Emergency: Dial 911