



The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for Jan. / Feb.

Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm

Planning Commission

Jan. 3
Feb. 7

City Council

Jan. 10
Feb. 14

Parks Committee

Jan. 17
Feb. 21

Historic Review Board

Jan. 24
Feb. 28

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

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

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

MAYOR'S CORNER

Welcome to 2023! (Yes it will take a while to remember to write it correctly.) I hope your holidays were filled with all the wonders of the season, relaxing and spending time with friends and family.

We continue to be amazed at the turnout and giving at our second annual tree lighting.

This year our community generously donated over 100 gifts for the North Marion School District from the Giving Trees in various locations around town. Thanks to the White Rabbit and Kerry Naylor for all your assistance.

How wonderful to have such a generous community. Thank You all.

It is time to start planning the new Community Center, Library, and City Hall facility. Our meetings and work sessions are tentatively planned to start in late Jan - Feb. This should be an exciting long term project. The new facility will provide opportunities for active living and recreation in a safe, inclusive environment in Aurora.

If you would like to be part of the planning, project please send an email to me at mayor@ci.aurora.or.us

Mayor, Brian Asher

NORTH MARION GIVING TREE

We were honored to partner another year with North Marion Schools to collect gifts for their students. Once again, we collected over 100 gifts which will make the holidays a little brighter for our neighborhood youth. I am humbled and honored to live in a community that values helping others and sharing generously. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Tara Weidman, City Council



AURORA TREE LIGHTING

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and attended our 2nd Annual Aurora Christmas Tree Lighting event! The glow of the tree was nothing compared to the glow on our community's smiling faces! If you haven't seen our Aurora Tree, make sure to check it out at the Aurora City Park next to the amphitheater!

Tara Weidman, City Council



UPCOMING CITY HALL CLOSURES

Monday January 2, 2023 - New Years Holiday
Monday, January 16, 2023 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 20, 2023 - President's Day



NEW FURNITURE AT CITY HALL

The City of Aurora wishes to thank the law firm of Jordan Ramis for its gracious donation of office furniture for City hall which has helped staff outfit their offices with coordinated desks, shelves, file cabinets, chairs, and some miscellaneous items that have now rounded out the hub that serves our residents.



With a relocation from Lake Oswego to downtown Portland, Jordan Ramis' transition made the donation possible and was welcomed by city staff as an opportunity to replace worn out, broken, and mismatched furniture. A big thanks goes to Planning Commission Chair Joseph Schaefer who was instrumental in facilitating this donation and to all the other volunteers who helped with the heavy lifting to move all this furniture.

So when you stop by to pay a water bill or conduct other business at City Hall, you'll see this change and know the backstory of this gift during the Christmas holiday season.

BLANKET AND BED SHEET DRIVE



Aurora Emergency Preparedness is having a Blanket and Sheet Drive In the month of January.

We will be collecting gently used blankets and bed sheets. These items will be cleaned and stored with our medical first aid kits. They will be used for patient care during a disaster event.

Thank you so much for donating to our great cause of "taking care of our community".

Please drop off at Aurora City Hall at the front entrance during the month of January.

Reach out via email at aurorapreparedness@gmail.com or our FB page 'Aurora Emergency Preparedness' to learn more!!

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

The City of Aurora has two vacancies for three-year terms on its Budget Committee. The terms will expire in January 2026.

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.

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 Lambert at finance@ci.aurora.or.us . Council will appoint the new members at the January 2023 meeting

NOTICE OF HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD VACANCY

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.



THE AURORA COLONY MUSEUM IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!!

As we return with more events and educational programs, we are looking for interested folks to be tour guides, work with historic artifacts, Saturday greeter, assist with hands on activities for our fieldtrip program, community outreach, special events such as Colony Days, and more. Also, as it warms up, we are especially looking for help with grounds maintenance & gardening. Our herb garden needs a bit more love and care. You don't have to be a Master Gardener, just be interested in helping us keep up & maintain. For more information and to find the right fit for your volunteer interest, come to our Open House, Saturday, January 14th 10-11:30 AM. If you would like more information, please email us at info@auroracolony.org.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

OLD AURORA COLONY MUSEUM JOIN US IN MAKING HISTORY

Explore the possibilities at our
Volunteer Open House
10:00AM - 11:30AM
Saturday, January 14, 2023

Will Family Preservation & Research Center



21555 Main St. NE

(Located Behind Well Rooted)

AURORACOLONY.ORG/VOLUNTEER




**NORTH MARION COMMUNITY
LIBRARY**

'Tis the season for gratitude and gifts, and so the North Marion Community Library Association says thank you:

- To everyone who contributed to another successful holiday greens fundraiser;
- To the Aurora Presbyterian Church for sharing its space for a community library;
- To the Aurora American Legion Hall for giving us a presence at the flea markets and more;
- To the White Rabbit Bakery for displaying donated books for sale;
- To our library patrons for enlivening our Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- To the City of Aurora for letting us store books and more there;
- To all those in North Marion County who have supported the library in myriad ways; and
- To future volunteers or donors who will lend a hand in 2023; can we count on YOU?!

We wish everyone a Happy New Year—come see us at the library!

LIBRARY NEWS



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