



# 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**  
August 1

**City Council**  
July 11  
August 8

**Historic Review Board**  
July 25  
August 15

Please confirm dates  
and times with City Hall  
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## Upcoming City Hall Closures

Tuesday, July 4, 2023  
Independence Day

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

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

## Mayor's Corner

Welcome to Summer Time YES!

It's that time of year when the kids are out of school, graduates are moving forward and we are working to get our gardens revived. Life's great - let's all enjoy each day.

Would you know what to do if our community had a major catastrophe like an earthquake, train derailment, or a major house fire? Disaster can strike at any time. These and many other topics will be addressed at our City Wide Block Party on Saturday July 8, 3pm to 6:00 pm at the City Park. Save the date! Hotdogs will be served by the City staff.

Fun activities for all will include face painting, bouncy house, Fire Department presence and more.

The Sheriff's Department will be giving away bike helmets and lights for kids and adults courtesy of an ODOT Transportation Options Sponsorship grant acquired by City Councilor John Berard. The Red Cross will have a hands on class. The Aurora Emergency Preparedness team is continually working to help us be prepared. Let's take advantage of these safety plans to protect your home and community. See you all there!! Great chance to meet new people in Aurora.

Don't forget the concert series is starting Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the City park.

Saturday August 12th is Aurora Colony Days. It is looking great! So, Mark your calendar.

See you all there!

Mayor Asher



## Water 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:

### WATER BASE RATES:

Meter size	Prior Rate	New Rate
3/4"	\$ 24.37	\$ 25.88
1"	\$ 33.53	\$ 35.61
1.5"	\$ 45.76	\$ 48.60
2"	\$ 79.38	\$ 74.30

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

**SEWER BASE RATE** \$ 137.17 \$ 145.54

**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE**  
\$ 137.17 / EDU \$ 145.54 / EDU

The current Equivalent Dwelling Unit water consumption, as calculated per Resolution 412 is 975cubic feet per 2 month billing cycle, down from 993 cf last year.

The Street Lighting Fee was increased by Resolution 837, passed on May 9, 2023.

STREET LIGHTING FEE	\$ 6.50	\$ 7.50
Street Paving Fee remains	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Total base charges/fees for 3 / 4 " meter	\$ 191.92	

### North Marion Area "Family Fun Day"

Sunday, August 20 from 12:15-2:30pm

A time of fun for the whole family with free food (street tacos/hot dogs and more), dunk tank, bouncy house, volleyball, face painting, Hot Wheel's car racing, corn hole and more.

It will be held at the North Marion Intermediate Front Lawn and is open to everyone!!

Sponsored by North Marion Fellowship. For more information call Jim Terwilliger @ 503-984-5457 or email [jim@northmarionfellowship.com](mailto:jim@northmarionfellowship.com)



The Library is open every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church. We offer preschool reading time on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00 AM.

This year's Summer Reading Program, June 26 through August 19, is for both kids and adults, with prizes and a raffle.

We are having a book sale at 99 E and Main St. in Aurora on August 11, 12, and 13, during Aurora Colony Days from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Come visit us soon; we have lots of great new books! Volunteers needed. <https://northmarionlibrary.wordpress.com/>



### CITY BLOCK PARTY JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>

This FREE block party event is for YOU and your family! The Aurora Emergency Preparedness group is organizing this fun event to bring awareness to the group's mission; **to educate the community on emergency preparedness and provide resources in the event of a disaster.**

The city is partnering with us by providing free hot dogs, chips, and beverages. There will be various vendor booths, fun activities for the kids, and LIVE MUSIC provided by PARK ROAD!

Our raffle prizes include two handmade quilts, gift baskets, gift certificates, a car detail package all from local businesses, and a 50/50 raffle! The event will be at **Aurora City Park from 3-6pm**. We are very excited to put this event together for everyone and look forward to seeing you there!

Marion County Sherriff's Office will be handing out bike helmets and lights in an effort to promote bicycle safety. One helmet and light set with batteries per Aurora resident (Adults / Youth/Children – we even have some toddler helmets!) – recipients must be present to receive no-cost bike gear.

**2023**  
**Free Summer Meals**  
**COMIDAS DE VERANO GRATIS**  
**JUNE 22ND TO AUGUST 17TH**  
All children 18 and under. No registration required  
Todos los niños de 18 años y menor. No es necesario registrarse. No se pide identificación.  
*Meals provided by North Marion School District*

Hot lunches served Monday's and Thursday's at the locations listed below:  
Almuerzos calientes servidos los lunes y jueves en los lugares alistados a continuación

Additionally, Grab and Go meals will be available to pickup Monday for Tuesday, Wednesday; and Thursday for Friday, Saturday, Sunday.  
Además, las comidas Grab and Go estarán disponibles para recoger el lunes para el martes, miércoles; y jueves para viernes, sábado, domingo.

Château Properties, Woodburn 10:45am-11:05am  
Aurora City Park, Aurora 11:15am-11:35am  
Century Meadows, Aurora 11:45am-12:05pm  
Rivenes Park, Hubbard 12:30pm-1:00pm

USDA and North Marion school district are equal opportunity, providers, and employers.  
El USDA y el Distrito Escolar de North Marion son proveedores y empleadores que ofrecen igualdad de oportunidades

Want to be a vendor?  
Contact  
Three Daisies Vintage



Just 25 minutes from  
Portland and Salem

**Aurora Outdoor Antiques Market**

**August 12th**  
**September 9th**  
Located in Downtown Aurora  
**9am-4pm**  
Vintage, antiques, live music,  
food trucks and more.  
**Auroracolony.com**





Old Aurora Colony  
Museum Activities

**August 11-12, 2023**  
Family Friendly Beer Garden (Fri.)  
Living History Day at the Museum (Sat.)  
**FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION AUG 12**

**AURORA COLONY BIERGARTEN**  
**AUGUST 11TH, 4:30 -10:30PM**  
**OLD AURORA COLONY MUSEUM COURTYARD**  
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**15018 2ND ST. NE, AURORA, OR**  
Bring the whole family for an afternoon of music,  
food, & fun to benefit the  
Old Aurora Colony Museum!  
\* Craft Brew Beer \* Root Beer Floats  
\* Music \* Wine from Pheasant Run  
\* Food by Good News BBQ



**Mark Seymour and Friends**  
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**7PM-10PM**



**NOTICE OF HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD VACANCIES**  
Two positions are currently open on the Historic Review Board to city residents who live 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
*FREE Concerts in the Park*

**GOLD DUST**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>. 7 – 9PM

**BOOTLEG RIDGE**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>. 7 – 9PM

**KELSEY BALES**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>. 7 – 9PM

**21 TURNS BAND**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>. 7 – 9PM

**BEST NIGHT EVER**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>. 7 – 10PM  
*Rain or Shine!*

**New Backflow Testing Program**

City of Aurora has entered into a contract with Hempel Backflow Testing to provide backflow testing of all devices in the City.

Testing was mostly completed during the Month of May. If you had a personal device that was tested the charge will be reflected on this months water bill.

If you were previously on an annual service with another company you should contact them to cancel future testing to avoid additional charges.



**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.**



Working together to build a library for the communities of Aurora, Donald, Hubbard, Butteville and Broadacres

21553 Liberty St. NE, Aurora, OR 97002

Open Saturdays 10am - 4pm

[nmarionlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:nmarionlibrary@gmail.com)

[www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com](http://www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com)



**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](mailto:recorder@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Mary Lambert, Finance/Court Clerk**  
[finance@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:finance@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Tammy J. Grimes, Administrative Specialist**  
[assistant@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:assistant@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Mark Gunter, Public Works Superintendent**  
[pws@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:pws@ci.aurora.or.us)

**City Council Contact/Information**

Mayor Brian Asher – [mayor@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:mayor@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Berard – [jberard@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:jberard@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Feely – [mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Veliz – [wveliz@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:wveliz@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Roper – [croper@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:croper@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**