



March / April 2023

# The Aurora Colony Times

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503-678-1283 [www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us)

## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for Mar. / Apr.

Meetings in the City  
Council Chambers at  
7:00pm

### Planning Commission

Mar. 7  
Apr. 4

### City Council

Mar. 14  
Apr. 11

### Parks Committee

Mar. 21  
Apr. 18

### Historic Review Board

Mar. 28  
Apr. 25

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

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## MAYORS CORNER

Here we go! Spring is nearing so let's update what's happening. Many thanks to Oregon Flowers (Martin and Tyler) for the beautiful Valentine tulips for the residents of Aurora. We appreciate your Dutch Touch!



Let's give a big welcome to our new City Councilor Charles Roper, inducted at the February meeting. He has been very active on city committees. Thank you for your commitment to your community.

For those who dropped off blankets and sheets at City Hall on behalf of the Aurora Community Preparedness group, thank you! It was very successful and we were glad to help support their event!

In recent weeks we've seen several major catastrophic events unfold, which is a crucial reminder how important it is to be prepared for an emergency! These events could potentially take place in and around our town and the question begs, would we know what to do? The emergency preparedness at the personal and community level are extremely important considering these events. The Aurora Community Preparedness, a 501c3 non-profit, is working diligently with the city and other local resources to ensure we are prepared and ready to respond to these types of situations. It is our responsibility as a community to be able to take care of ourselves and those around us. I would like to encourage you to reach out to the Aurora Community Preparedness group either for resources or to consider how you can get involved. There are many volunteer opportunities that may be of interest to you or use your skills. It is a great way to serve your community! You can email them at: [aurorapreparedness@gmail.com](mailto:aurorapreparedness@gmail.com) or on their Facebook page.

**WE ARE PLANNING A CITY WIDE EMERGENCY PRACTICE TRAINING / PICNIC ON JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!**

Enjoy warmer days ahead and working in your yards anxiously waiting until the last frost! Have a fun, safe spring break.

Mayor Asher

## FIRST AID CLASSES!!

One of our goals this year is to increase the number of Aurora residents who are First Aid/CPR trained! The Aurora Fire department is working with us to provide these opportunities throughout the year with Blended (Online/In-person) CPR classes. Register at <https://www.aurorafire.cpr>. The cost is \$35. We hope you will make this a priority as part of your personal preparedness goals this year! If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with our group email [aurorapreparedness@gmail.com](mailto:aurorapreparedness@gmail.com). **SAVE THE DATE: JULY 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our 1<sup>st</sup> First City-wide Block Party – more info to come!**  
Aurora Community Preparedness



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

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



## Notice of Budget Committee Vacancy

The City of Aurora has one vacancy for a three-year term on its Budget Committee. The term 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](mailto:finance@ci.aurora.or.us). Council will appoint the new member at the March 2023 meeting.



# MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

Hello from the Sheriff's Office. I have been receiving reports from citizens that crimes and suspicious incidents are going unreported. I would like to remind everyone there are several ways to reports incidents to the Sheriff's Office.

- Public Safety Citizens Service Portal - (<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 • Theft from a motor vehicle .
- 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.
- If you believe your incident is an emergency call 911!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or flag me down when you see me in the city.

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



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join the team and have some fun planning this year's **Aurora Colony Days**, scheduled on August 12<sup>th</sup>. There are several ways to lend a helping hand and many hands are needed, so, **if you would like to learn more or are ready to jump right in, please contact Julie Sixkiller at [julied64@yahoo.com](mailto:julied64@yahoo.com).**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### JOIN US!

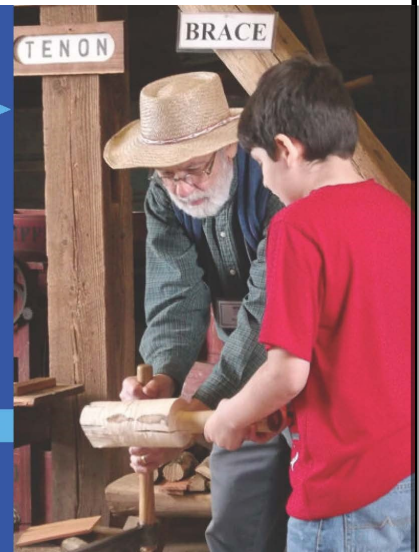
Make a difference in your community today!

- Teach students skills & crafts (Training begins in March)
- Restore our historic gardens
- Preserve historic documents
- And so much more!

To sign up or for more information:



[www.AuroraColony.org](http://www.AuroraColony.org)  
[info@auroracolony.org](mailto:info@auroracolony.org)  
503-678-5754



## LIBRARY NEWS



Join the **North Marion Community Library** in creating community for the folks in Aurora, Hubbard, Donald, Butteville, and the surrounding areas:

Library currently located in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE. Hours: Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free library cards!

Interested in family game or movie nights, arts and crafts, teen or adult book clubs, story times for young ones, summer programs for school-age children, or different library hours? Sponsor or partner with us in making those happen! Contact Nancy Trivitt at (503) 577-1856 or Lisa Hand (503) 720-1601.

Can't volunteer in person right now? You can still donate to the North Marion Community Library Association, PO Box 191, Aurora, OR 97002; sign up for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program (#KS973); attend our spring and summer book sales; and support our holiday greens fundraiser. Book donations of newer fiction/non-fiction or vintage/antique books accepted for book sales; call for details.



**AURORA COLONY HANDSPINNERS' GUILD  
39TH ANNUAL**

**Antique Spinning Wheel  
Showcase**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH  
10AM-4PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH  
12PM-4PM**

- Antique Spinning Wheels
- Fleece to Shawl Demonstration
- Waulking Demonstration
- Alpacas
- Raffle Wheel & Yarn Winder
- Hands-On Activities



For More Information:  
[AuroraColonyHandspinners.com](http://AuroraColonyHandspinners.com)  
[AuroraColony.org](http://AuroraColony.org)



Old Aurora Colony Museum  
15018 2nd St. NE, Aurora, OR  
503-678-5754  
[AuroraColony.org](http://AuroraColony.org)

**Admission:**  
Adults: \$6  
Students & Seniors: \$5  
Children 5 & Under: Free

YOU ARE INVITED TO A



**CRAB FEED**

CRACKIN' BEGINS AT 5:30PM

**KNIGHTS  
PYTHIAS HALL**  
14979 2ND ST. NE,  
AURORA, OR 97002



TICKETS ARE \$40



**BINGO NIGHT**

Every 3RD.  
SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH

6:30PM  
-  
8:30PM |

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS



**Hop on over to  
Aurora**

**Saturday, April 8th**

Bring the family for a fun filled day!

Bunny Trail from 12-3,  
participating shops  
will have special treats  
for the kids.

Over 20 unique shops,  
including antiques,  
vintage, boutiques &  
restaurants.

Meet  
**Daisy Bunny**

At  
Three Daisies Vintage



**District 63 Firefighters Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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



**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.

If you have a device installed on your property you will be receiving a letter in the mail providing details of this program.

If you think you have a device and do not receive a letter, please contact City Hall.



**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](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**  
[www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us)

**Aurora/Marion County Police Department**

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

**Emergency: Dial 911**