



May / June 2023

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 2
June 6

City Council

May 9
June 13

Historic Review Board

May 23
June 27

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

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Website
www.ci.aurora.or.us

MAYOR'S CORNER

Welcome to the May/June issue of the Aurora Oregon Bi-Monthly Newsletter!

In this issue, we will be highlighting some of the exciting events happening in our city this spring, as well as providing updates on some of our city's ongoing projects.

Planning for our 34th annual Aurora Colony Days is in full swing. Your favorite events are back and we have some new, exciting bands added to the lineup this year. Dust off your moves and get ready to dance! Concerts start Wednesday, July 12th. Of course, events like this would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors. All sponsorships are greatly appreciated and available at many levels. Contact Julie Sixkiller (event coordinator) at julied64@yahoo.com, if you would like more information. We are always looking for fun people to help with small parts, it takes a village to raise a great event. Come be a part of it.

July 8th is the all-city picnic with fun and emergency management drills, something for everyone. Save the date and come and meet your neighbors. Fun for all!!! More details in the next newsletter.

All of the upcoming sewer and water projects are in the engineering stages and out for EPA approval. Moving forward however, groundbreaking will be at least one plus years out.

Three new lighted crosswalk projects are headed for starting late this summer. YES, they are well needed.

As I write this April Showers new record for the month will bring warmer temperatures and May flowers. Happy Mothers' Day.

Mayor Asher



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

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

BUDGET TIME



The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget meetings began with the budget message and proposed budget introduced at 7 pm April 26, 2023, at City Hall. The second meeting, scheduled on May 17th, 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 \$14,000. The proposed budget includes a transfer of \$6,000 of those funds to the Aurora Colony Days Fund with the balance of \$8,000 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 17th 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

Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday, May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day
Monday, June 19, 2023 - Juneteenth





MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

Hello from the Sheriff's Office. I am excited to announce the Sheriff's Office will be holding a bicycle rodeo in early July at the Aurora City park. Our Community Service Unit will be out to help teach children bicycle safety. We will also be handing out Sheriff Office swag. Kids will need a bicycle and if they have a helmet bring it. More detail to come...

I will also have my patrol vehicle at the Father's day car show in June. I hope to see other Sheriff's Office vehicles there as well. I look forward to see you this summer!!

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



AURORA FIRE DISTRICT 63 BINGO NIGHT

The District 63 Firefighters are hosting the 48th Annual Bingo Night at the Donald Fire Station Saturday June 24th, 2023. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:30pm, unless sold out earlier. BINGO Games start at 6:30pm. There will be raffle prizes, door prizes and prizes for BINGO game winners. Dinner is a hamburger or hotdogs, bag of chips, and a drink for \$7. Soft serve Ice Cream for \$2. BINGO costs \$1 per BINGO card per game. There will be a total of 20 games played. Bring your family to this fun community event. Not only are there a lot of BINGO games and prizes, but the best part is the proceeds go to the Wayne Yoder Memorial Scholarship Fund and community events. For more information call 503-678-5966.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join the team and have some fun planning this year's **Aurora Colony Days**, scheduled on August 12th. 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.**



LIBRARY NEWS



The North Marion Community Library's second annual spring book sale, held March 17-19, was another great success, but organizers hope that doing it during the Easter week-end next year (March 29-31, 2024) will bring more foot traffic from locals as well as out-of-town visitors. A heartfelt thank you to all who helped set up or take down, as well as to those who donated, browsed, or bought books. In the meantime, the library will have books for sale at the May Aurora Colony Flea Market and the White Rabbit Bakery, and all sales benefit the library.

Bring your toddler or preschooler to a 30-minute interactive story time with Jessy Lindley at the library, 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11 a.m. Come join the fun!

Next up during May: A Read and Ride Raffle—again sponsored by the library, North Marion Primary and Intermediate Schools, and Aurora's Knights of Pythias—encourages kids to read and to ride safely. For each 20 minutes they spend reading, they earn one raffle ticket. The drawing for the biggest prizes—new bicycles and bike helmets—will be at the end of the school year. Blank raffle tickets will soon be available at the schools as well as the library, which is open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE.

Looking ahead to the summer: Plans are underway for a reading bingo challenge (with prizes) for both kids and adults during the summer; details will be forthcoming or see the library's website, northmarionlibrary.wordpress.com or Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Strawberry Social

Saturday, June 17, 2023



- ◆ Strawberry Shortcake
- ◆ Live Music
- ◆ Activities for all Ages

For more information:
www.auroracolony.org
 503-678-5754



Tickets on Sale Now!

In the Garden with Emma

Featuring a Presentation & Book Signing by Jane Kirkpatrick



Schuele Family

Saturday, May 13, 2023



For more information
 Old Aurora 503-678-5754
 -Colony- www.auroracolony.org

Father's Day Car Show



Saturday June 17th
 9am-1pm
 Located on Main Street in
 Downtown Aurora

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

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


STAUFFER-WILL FARM FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

JOIN US!

Paid & Volunteer Positions

- No experience required
- Training Provided
- Work as little as 1 day a month
- Make a difference in a young person's life!

To sign up or for more information:

 www.AuroraColony.org
 info@auroracolony.org
 503-678-5754



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

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City Council Contact/Information

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Councilor Berard – jberard@ci.aurora.or.us

Councilor Feely – mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us

Councilor Veliz – wveliz@ci.aurora.or.us

Councilor Roper – 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