



September/ October 2023

The Aurora Colony Times

21420 Main St. NE · Aurora, OR 97002

**ALL WELCOME
City Meetings for
Sept. / Oct.**

Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm

Planning Commission

Sept. 5
Oct. 3

City Council

Sept 12
Oct. 10

Historic Review Board

Sept. 26
Oct. 24

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

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

Mayors Corner,

Wow, what a fun and exciting colony days celebration. Many people attended from near and far and were impressed with Aurora's special feel and the friendliness of our small historic town. Wasn't it a good time? Many thanks to all the volunteers that made each and every event happen. A big shout out to the committee chair Julie Sixkiller for putting it all together. I just love this place.

September is here and school will be starting and that means school buses and lots of children will be on the streets. We all need to drive a little slower and allow more time to get to our destinations. Let's do our part and drive defensively, saving lives.



Big changes are headed for the crosswalks on Highway 99. We are working on this project with ODOT. The crossings are painted white on the highway at the two new crosswalk locations in the downtown area. In the future there will be an ODOT public meeting with additional information. More to follow.



Halloween is just around the corner. Get your ideas together for the homes and business annual decorating contests. Get creative for this great event! There will be a children's costume contest at the American Legion Hall on the Saturday before Halloween.

Enjoy the fall weather, color change, cool nights.

Till next time,

Brian Asher
Mayor



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

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

51st Annual Aurora Colony Museum Quilt Show

Aurora's Flower Garden

October 13-22, 2023, 10AM - 4PM Daily

**Block Contest
Demonstrations
Featured Quilters
Raffle Quilt
Quilting Classes**



auroracolony.org

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





MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

I wanted to thank all the residents of Aurora for allowing the Sheriff's Office to participate in Colony days. It was wonderful to see everyone out enjoying the parade and other events over the summer.

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 Statue (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.

I also wanted to provide some Halloween safety tips as October is going to sneak up on us.

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- Plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home

Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

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
City of Aurora contract | Enforcement Division



Updated Emma Walk

The popular Emma Walk has been updated over the last year with grant funding through the National Park Service.

The Historic Review Board supported this project by applying for the grant, and the project includes updated Emma Walk brochures (enclosed in this newsletter mailing), as well as a professional promotional video and digital tour – find details at the link here: <https://www.auroracolony.org/walkwithemma>

You're invited to take the physical or digital tour and experience some of Aurora's history for yourself.

Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday September 4, 2023
Labor Day



Aurora Outdoor Antiques Market

August 12th
September 9th

Located in Downtown Aurora

9am-4pm

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

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Aurora

Electronics Recycling Collection Event



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Sustainability in Action



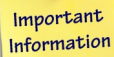
Date: September 28th, 2023

Location: Aurora City Hall

Time: 6:00AM to 5:00PM

Acceptable Items:

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| TVs | MP3 Players | Chargers |
| Monitors | VCRs/DVD Players | Phones |
| Computers/Laptops | Fax Machines | Musical Instruments |
| Small Servers | Video Game Consoles | Cameras |
| Printers/Scanners | Cable/Satellite Boxes | Drones |
| Tablets/E-Readers | Routers/Cables | Home Theatre System |



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.



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

www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com



**Old Aurora
-Colony-**

Colony Museum Hours

Thursday—Saturday
11:00 am—4:00 pm

The Museum is closed
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
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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 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
www.ci.aurora.or.us

Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

Emergency: Dial 911