



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. 2
Feb. 6

City Council
Jan. 9
Feb. 13

Historic Review Board
Jan. 23
Feb. 27

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!**

A Year in Review

As we take time to sit down and reflect on this past year and remember seeing our residents work, live, play and participate in all the special events that took place in Aurora, I feel very moved inside to be a part of this community. Our town is built on hard working individuals with common goals to just live life to the fullest.

Our Council and all the committees are working hard for our future to keep our city thriving. A big hug and handshake to each and every one of the dedicated special people that make this city a great place to live.

The North Marion giving tree was a great success again this year thanks to all of you! Good feelings come from helping others!

“Welcome to 2024”.

It’s time to move our city projects into construction.

Brian Asher,
Mayor



Aurora Brightens Holidays for North Marion Families with Generous Gift Donations

In a heartwarming display of community spirit, the town of Aurora has once again come together to make the holiday season brighter for North Marion School children. Together, we raised over too many gifts to count, and I am certain we brought some holiday cheer to many!

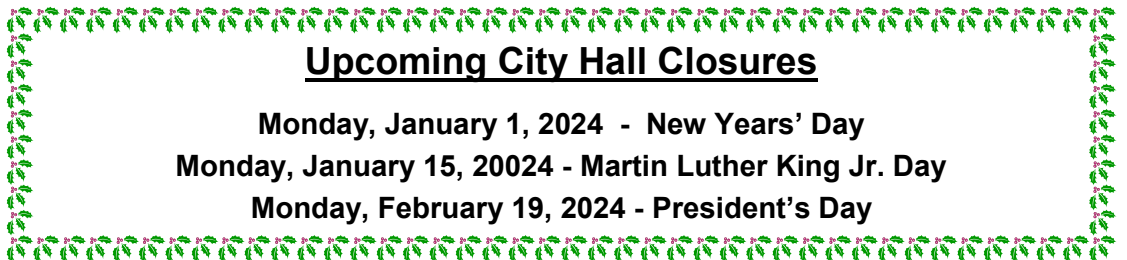
As we reflect on the kindness that has illuminated our community, we extend our sincere thanks to the residents of Aurora for their unwavering generosity. In the spirit of giving, Aurora has proven that when a community comes together, the holiday season becomes a time of shared joy, warmth, and togetherness. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Tara Weidman



Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday, January 1, 2024 - New Years' Day
Monday, January 15, 2024 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 19, 2024 - President's Day





MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOE KAST, SHERIFF

The Sheriff's Office hopes everyone had a safe and joyful holiday.

As I'm sure you have seen, the Sheriff's Office radar trailer was deployed around the City for several weeks. I have completed the project and wanted to give you a summary of what was noted. The trailer was in five different locations listed below.

Using this trailer was a first for me and I learned quite a bit. For instance, at Hwy 99E/ Orchard Ave NE, the trailer was also reading vehicles in the 50 MPH Zone which is why 81.29% were over the speed limit. While the vehicle count is correct, the speeds are higher than expected due to the 50 MPH zone. I also wanted to clarify what "Pace Speed" is. The program calculated what an acceptable speed is in each zone. Then the program calculated who was within the "pace."

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. pwalker@co.marion.or.us

Ehlen Rd NE @ Airport Rd NE (35 MPH zone)

11/02-11/08: six total days

Total vehicles: 19,977

Average speed: 34.99 MPH

Over the speed limit: 49.29%

Pace speed 32-41 MPH: 38.95%

Hwy 99E NE @ Orchard Ave NE (35 MPH Zone)

11/08-11/14: six total days

Total vehicles: 19,092

Average speed: 42.34 MPH

Over the speed limit: 81.29%

Pace speed 39-48 MPH: 43.65%

Liberty Rd NE @ Bobs Ave NE (25 MPH zone)

11/15-11/27: twelve total days

Total vehicles: 3,546

Average speed: 19.31 MPH

Over the speed limit: 8.31%

Pace speed 16-25 MPH: 69.23%

Airport Rd NE @ Albers Way NE (35 MPH zone)

11/29-12/06: seven total days

Total vehicles: 7,898

Average speed: 39.64 MPH

Over the speed limit: 73.62%

Pace speed 32-41 MPH: 53.98%

Hwy 99E NE @ 4th St. NE (25 MPH zone)

12/07-12/14: seven total days

Total vehicles: 22,404

Average speed: 30.12 MPH

Over the speed limit: 83.12%

Pace speed 25-34 MPH: 70.54%

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



Your Aurora Fire District Firefighters would like to remind you to keep fire safety in mind when heating your home this winter!

- Keep combustible items at least 3 feet away from portable heaters and fireplaces.
- Be sure to keep your chimneys clear and have a professional inspect and clean them regularly.
- If the power goes out, consider using alternative battery operated light sources such as battery candles or battery lanterns.

Never use your oven or range to heat your home, and never use gas or propane heaters or BBQ's indoors.

Stay warm, and stay safe!





POP-UP PANTRY

WE'RE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Come visit our Mobile Food Pantry, featuring a variety of fresh produce and shelf-stable food, on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of the month!

RIVENES PARK, HUBBARD
2nd Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm

PYTHIAN HALL, AURORA
14979 2ND ST NE
3rd Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Contact Rachel at (503) 576-3448 or rpeterson@marionpolkfoodshare.org



This institution is an equal-opportunity provider.



A heartfelt thank you to all who supported the North Marion Community Library's holiday greens fundraiser!

Besides generating funds for your local community library—think new books and paying for the library to keep functioning in its present space at the Aurora Presbyterian Church—we also connected with neighbors and perhaps introduced some of them to the library. Last but not least, some of the funds will go towards outfitting a library presence in the new Aurora city hall.


Make it a New Year's resolution to do a little community service: we need folks to help keep the library open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's only a three-hour commitment—you choose either the morning or afternoon shift—and we provide a hands-on orientation. Come by the library when we're open or email ncommunitylibrary@gmail.com or ahaid@uoregon.edu.

Looking ahead: The next book sale will be March 29–31, 2024—three days of a book extravaganza! Due to storage constraints, hang on to your book donations until March 28 when we set up for the sale in the Aurora American Legion Veterans Hall at 21510 Main St. NE. Questions? Email Nancy Trivitt at omanan4@gmail.com or call (503) 577-1856.

Open Thu.-Sat. in January!
BEST IN SHOW:
Aurora's Flower Garden




Opening in February
JOURNEY STORIES



COME JOIN US:
Volunteer Open House

We Need Help With


- Living History
- Welcomer
- Tech Team
- Events & Programs
- Behind the Scenes

Benefits:

- Gain Professional Experience
- Mentor Students
- Make New Friends
- Connect with Community Leaders

4:00 PM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
RSVP 503-678-5754
info@auroracolony.org

Shape Tomorrow, Volunteer Today!



Old Aurora Colony Museum
15018 2nd St. NE, Aurora, OR
AURORACOLONY.ORG/VOLUNTEER



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



Colony Museum Hours

Thursday—Saturday

11:00 am—4:00 pm

The Museum is closed
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 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