



March / April 2024

The Aurora Colony Times

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503-678-1283 www.ci.aurora.or.us

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

**Meetings in the City
Council Chambers at
7:00pm**

Planning Commission
Mar. 5
Apr. 2

City Council
Mar. 12
Apr. 9

Historic Review Board
Mar. 26
Apr. 23

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

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

MAYOR'S CORNER

Yes, somewhere out there spring is coming. The first blooms of spring are starting to show, especially the daffodils in the downtown area. We are very lucky to have Oregon Flowers and the many volunteers who planted them in the fall. Many thanks to them for such a kind and generous gift to our City!



Preliminary work has begun on the new 1.2 million gallon water tank site at the end of Cole Lane. We will be drilling a new well at the same location which will be done in the same time frame. Both projects are on track to be completed in 2025.

The older home next to city hall has been removed in anticipation of the new Community Center, Library and City Hall building.

As our weather conditions are changing it is very important for our city to communicate with our citizens. We used a survey to ask for the best way to communicate with you. Text, Website or Phone etc. Please send us one or all of this information so we can contact you in case of an emergency or an issue so we can serve you better. Call or email City Hall (assistant@ci.aurora.or.us) and let us know your information.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Enjoy every day,

Mayor Asher



**Update your
contact info!**

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

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

Aurora Emergency Preparedness (AEP) a 501(c)(3) organization Thank You Connie Odell!

As one of the founding board members of the organization, Connie Odell has been serving as the group's Medical Team Lead since the inception of the organization. However, the time has come for Connie to step down from both roles so we would like to highlight some of her many contributions. As the Medical Team lead Connie's medical background and ideas were significant in developing the volunteer medical team training needs including the medical supplies budget. Because of those efforts, we were able to secure funds from the City to purchase those medical supplies. Connie also coordinated a successful community sheet/blanket drive collecting over 35+ sheets and 40 blankets for the emergency cache and played a pivotal role in securing a CERT trailer from Marion County! Finally, in partnership with the Aurora Fire Department Connie initiated a mock emergency triage event for the group's medical team and neighborhood captains. The event was well received by all who participated, and the group looks forward to providing future training. Connie will remain involved as a Neighborhood Captain. **Connie, THANK YOU for all your contributions, passion, and commitment to the group and your community!!!**



With that, we are looking for volunteer(s) who would be interested in this role! Please contact us to learn more at aurorapreparedness@gmail.com.



Hello from the Sheriff's Office. I would like to bring your attention to a new fraud I have not seen before. A local resident had their credit card information stolen and used to make a high value purchase. The items were shipped

from the vendor, to the resident via U.P.S. Then, the thieves, who were out of state, used Door Dash to pick up the package, who was going to take it back to U.P.S., to be shipped to its final destination. This is a new service offered by Door Dash. The homeowner was able to get the package back before the Door Dash driver left the area. The unfortunate Door Dash driver was an unknowing participant in the theft.

These types of frauds are on the rise all over the nation. I would encourage you to keep your personal information to include credit and debit card numbers as confidential as possible. You should also check your credit report once a year, which is free to you.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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



COOKING FIRE SAFETY

Stay attentive:

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Turn off the stove if you need to leave the kitchen.

Clear the area:

- Keep flammable items away from heat sources.
- Ensure fabrics are at a safe distance from cooking areas.

Handle oils and grease carefully:

- Heat oils slowly and monitor closely.
- If grease ignites, smother flames with a lid, never with water.

Be prepared:

- Have a kitchen fire extinguisher and know how to use it.

Mind clothing and surroundings:

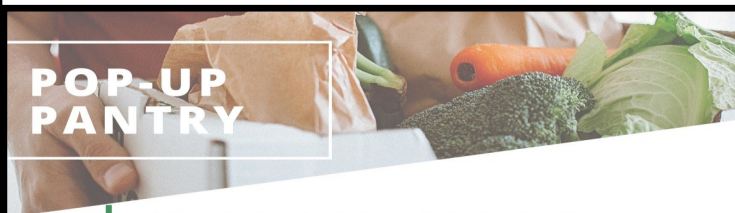
- Wear fitted clothing and tie back hair.
- Keep children and pets away from cooking areas.

In case of fire:

- Turn off the heat source if safe.
- Use a fire extinguisher or baking soda for small fires.
- Evacuate and call 9-1-1 for uncontrollable fires.

Plan your escape:

- Have a fire escape plan and practice it regularly.



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 rpeteron@marionpolkfoodshare.org



This institution is an equal-opportunity provider.

SERVING UP FIRE SAFETY COOKING SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- Have an oven mitt and a pan lid nearby when cooking.
- Turn pot and pan handles inward and use back burners when possible.
- Avoid wearing clothing that may catch on handles or burners.
- Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.



NOW REGISTERING FOR Preschool and Kindergarten For the 2024-2025 School Year North Marion Primary School

Kindergarten is offered to all **In-District** students who are 5 on or before September 1, 2024.

Tuition based Preschool is offered to students who are 3 on or before March 1, 2024.

PK Tuition is \$2925 per year, in payments of \$325 per month from September through May.

For more information please contact the office at 503.678.8500 or 503.678.8501 (Karla habla español)

A Registration Packet will be mailed out to you in March.

Please plan on joining us for Kindergarten and Preschool Open House Night 5/9 6-7 PM



Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild
40th Annual

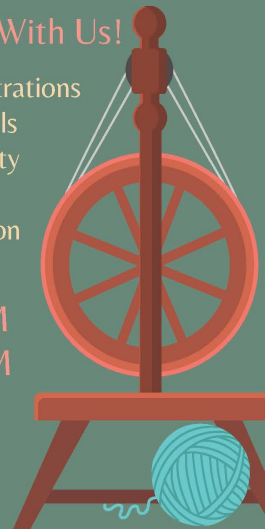
ANTIQU SPINNING WHEEL SHOWCASE



Celebrate 40 Years With Us!

- Antique Spinning Wheels Demonstrations
- Learn to Spin • Fiber Animals
- Make & Take Weaving Activity
- Raffle Spinning Wheel
- Fleece to Shawl Demonstration
- and More!

March 9th, 10AM-4PM
March 10th, 12PM-4PM



Old Aurora Colony Museum
15018 2nd St. NE, Aurora, OR
503-678-5754
AuroraColony.org



COMING IN MARCH:

THREE-DAY BOOK SALE EXTRAVAGANZA!

March 29-31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
There will be something for everyone: lots of \$1 books, children's

books, collectibles and vintage books, some newer individually priced hardcovers or paperbacks. It's a great place to browse and buy, and did we mention that all sales benefit your North Marion Community Library? 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. If you'd like to lend a hand with set up or have questions about donations, e-mail Nancy Trivitt at omanan4@gmail.com or call (503) 577-1856.

CALLING FOR MORE LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS:

For the good of the greater community (think Aurora, as well as Hubbard, Donald, Butteville, and all points in between), you're invited to help keep the library open on Saturdays; current hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We ask for a three-hour shift commitment, but you can choose either morning or afternoon. We provide orientation and hands-on training . . . and you can "shadow" an experienced volunteer until you feel comfortable on your own.

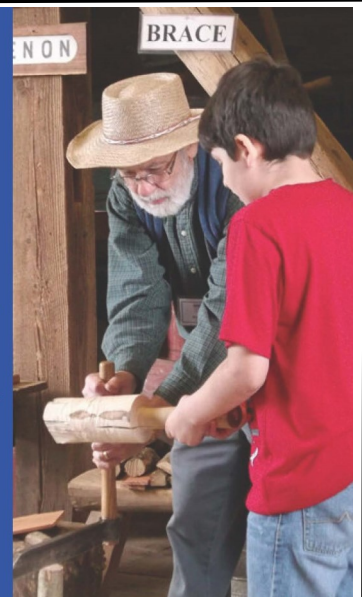
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LIBRARY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, July 13!

More details to come, but we anticipate celebrating this milestone with refreshments, story times and crafts for kids, and more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our Living History
Education Team & More

JOIN US!





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
www.ci.aurora.or.us

Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

Emergency: Dial 911