



Volunteer Your Way to Health and Happiness in 2017

Is 2017 the year you get out of the house, make new friends and have FUN to boot? About 45 percent of Americans make a New Year's resolution, but only 8 percent are successful in achieving them. Beat the odds! Come and be a part of living history—become a volunteer at the Old Aurora Colony Museum. Anyone who volunteers can tell you, we usually get back so much more than we give when we volunteer. It will be the best resolution you've ever made and kept, and you'll make others happy, too.

You don't have to have a "background" in teaching or history or even special skills—although we welcome people with special talents, too. You just need to want to "come out and play" in one of the best volunteering centers—and the Museum is just a few steps from your door! You could, with a bit of training, make Oregon pioneer history come alive for elementary school kids at our Stauffer-Will Farm or in the "Aurora Village" on the Museum's grounds. You'd be showing students the fun of dipping candles, woodworking, baking in an old stove and more. Love the excitement of special events? We host 9 events from March through December including music and wine tasting events. Like working in a gift shop? We have opportunities with flexible hours in the Old Aurora Colony Museum selling unique gift items including the latest Jane Kirkpatrick books. Want to be on the ground floor of a new project? Work with us to launch our new museum docent program. As a docent you will meet and greet the many group tours we are expecting this year. You will lead walking tours, introducing these special guests to the history of the first Christian communal society on the West Coast, Aurora Colony, that thrived for a brief 25 years in the heart of the French Prairie.

So many possibilities—and you DO have the time, don't you? For more information, contact the Old Aurora Colony Museum at 503-678-5754 OR info@auroracolony.org. Thank you!

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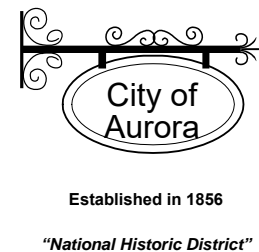
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City of Aurora Website
www.ci.aurora.or.us

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Emergency Dial 911



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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for January/February 2017

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

**Planning Commission
Jan. 3, Feb. 7**

**City Council
Jan. 10, Feb. 14**

**Historic Review Board
Jan. 26, Feb. 23**

**Please confirm dates and
times with City Hall**

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Mayor's Corner

I write this note as a snow event is planned for the afternoon. It appears that we will have plenty of precipitation this winter. The ski season is already in full swing. I get the pleasure of escaping this storm by heading to Orlando for a few days. Please help in making sure all of our residents are safe, especially those who may have difficulty getting out in these cold months.

The Aurora City Council has a new member. Please welcome Mercedes Rhoden-Feely to the team. Mercedes has been on planning commission for a couple years and participates on the budget and ACD committees as well. This also means that we have openings on planning commission and budget committee. If you are interested in serving our community, please contact city hall.

The holiday season is proving to be a prosperous one for businesses in the Portland area. Let's support our local businesses. We have some great shops and restaurants in our town. And don't forget to take visitors to the museum to learn about our region's history.

Again, I want to express our hope that everyone be safe this winter and to help those in need of assistance. Spring planting is not far off.

Mayor Bill Graupp

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Notice of Budget Committee Vacancy

The city has one vacancy on the Budget Committee. It is the 3rd year of a 3 year term. We usually have 2 to 4 meetings between late April and early June to examine and approve the projected revenues and expenses of the city for the fiscal year beginning July 1st. It is a great way to be involved in your local government. You must be registered to vote in the City of Aurora and cannot be an officer, agent or employee of the city. Please send a letter of interest to city hall or email Mary at finance@ci.aurora.or.us

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



The Aurora Fire District Spot



Start the New Year by serving your community through Aurora Fire!

The Aurora Fire District is seeking applications for Volunteer Firefighters, Emergency Medical Personnel, and Support Personnel.

Volunteers needed in the communities of Aurora and Donald and surrounding areas. If you are at least 18 years old, in good physical condition, and have a desire to serve your community, you are encouraged to apply today.

To become a volunteer you must:

- Fill out an application:
You can come in to the Aurora Station or get the application on our website at www.aurorafire.org
- Participate in an Officer's Interview.
- Pass a pre-employment physical and background check.

No previous experience or training necessary. We will provide the training and equipment at no cost to you. There are flexible training hours available, including weekly Monday evening drills that begin at 7pm.

If you think this isn't for you. You can still help us by spreading the word. Someone you know might want to join and help others in their time of need.

For more information you can contact the Aurora Fire Station at (503) 678-5966 or visit us at 21390 Main St. NE in Aurora. You can also fill out an interest card at www.aurorafire.org.

We look forward to meeting you!

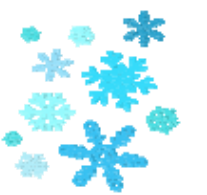
Notice of Planning Commission Vacancies

City of Aurora has two vacancies on the Planning Commission. These positions are each for a four year term. Planning Commission meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Members of the commission vote on all questions brought before the planning commission and carry out the rules of the planning commission as laid out in the Aurora Municipal Code. Eligible candidates cannot be an officer, agent or employee of the city and must be a registered voter living within the limits of City of Aurora.

To apply, please send a letter of interest to City Hall or email Kelly Richardson at Recorder@ci.aurora.or.us



Upcoming City Hall Closures
 Monday, January 2 - New Year's Holiday
 Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King Day
 Monday, February 20 - President's Day



Watch for your New Historic Guide!



Our federally sponsored grant projects were completed and are ready to use! Those having property inside the Historic Overlay zones will receive a bound copy of the updated City of Aurora Design Guide for Historic District Properties delivered to your property some time after the new year. You should find it interesting reading on those winter days as it has photographs, illustrations and interesting history about the visual appearance of old Aurora. Another grant project, the full color historic district inventory, Aurora Colony Historic Resources Inventory, is available at the

city's website and includes a listing for each property in the overlay zones. The board was also able to purchase several helpful books including fencing, exterior elements, landscape choices and other titles to aid in questions and ideas you may have about maintaining a historic property. The books can be viewed at city hall.



* * * * ELECTRONIC WATER BILL PAYMENTS * * * *

It is finally here! You can now make payments online for your water/sewer bills at the following website <https://cityofaurora.merchantransact.com/>. Please register your account even if you don't plan to use the payment portal because you will be able to see your account, look at your balance, track your usage and a lot more. If you decide you want to use it for payments there will be a small convenience charge of \$3.50 for each transaction. You will also be able to sign up for electronic bills or both paper and electronic, which ever suits your needs.

You will need to have your full 9 digit account number located in the upper right hand corner of your bill (in account information) . Example: 001234-000.

If you need assistance, please call City Hall at 503-678-1283 for help getting set up.

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



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