

Aurora Colony Handspinners Guild presents

35th Annual Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase

March 11, 2017 10 am until 4 pm

March 12, 2017 Noon until 4 pm

Old Aurora Colony Museum \$6.00 admission

15018 2nd Street NE, Aurora, Oregon 97002



Come, Play and Learn with Us! Family-friendly!
Drop Spindle & Spinning Wheel demonstrations
Antique Spinning Wheels - Shearing - Felting
Wool carding - Weaving - Japanese Braiding

\$1.00 off admission with this coupon.



Old Aurora Colony Museum 503-678-5754
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Aurora Colony Handspinners Guild
www.auroracolonyhandspinners.com

City of Aurora Contact Information

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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



Established in 1856

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Mayor's Corner



This winter has brought more cold weather events than usual. All schools in our region have experienced lost school days and have struggled transporting students on other days. I'm sure I am not the only one looking forward to the spring soon to come.

The council and commissions of our city have gone through membership transition. There are openings for volunteers to participate. Please consider getting involved in volunteering to make our community the best it can be.

As we transition to spring, planning for annuals and vegetables puts a smile on one's face. Soon fresh berries will make the ice storms a memory. Spring break is just around the corner. My hope is for everyone to have a spectacular spring this year.

Mayor Bill Graupp

Notice of City Council Vacancy

There is a position open on the Aurora City Council. This is for Council Seat #2 which has 2 years remaining on the term. Eligible candidates must be a registered voter who has been a resident of the City of Aurora for at least 6 months with an interest in helping to guide the community forward in a positive direction.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest to city hall or email Kelly Richardson, City Recorder at recorder@ci.aurora.or.us

If you do not receive a response please drop a copy off at City Hall

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 MARCH 10th.**

ALL WELCOME City Meetings for March / April 2017

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

**Planning Commission
Mar. 7, Apr. 4**

**City Council
Mar. 14, Apr. 11**

**Historic Review Board
Mar. 23, Apr. 27**

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

503-678-1283

**City of Aurora
Website**

www.ci.aurora.or.us

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The Aurora Fire District Spot



Change your Clock, Check your Smoke Detector!

Daylight Savings time begins March 12th and marks that time of the year to check your smoke detector. How old is your smoke detector? Did you know that a smoke detector older than 10 years old may no longer properly detect smoke? Like most things, smoke detectors also have an expiration date. You can find the date of manufacture on the back side of the smoke detector, and if it doesn't have one, it's most likely much older than 10 years and needs to be replaced. And lets not forget, you also need to check your Carbon monoxide detectors. They should be tested and batteries should be changed.

Aurora Firefighters would be happy to visit you in your home to assist you with checking your detector or even installing smoke detectors to ensure you and your family remain protected. If you need assistance, you can contact us by calling (503) 678-5966 or by going to www.aurorafire.org and scheduling a time for us to come out.

Thoughts for spring...

- Backyard burning reopens on March 1st per DEQ regulations. Please remember to check the burn information before you burn, as each day can be restricted. Burning information for the Aurora Fire District can be found on our website at www.aurorafire.org or by calling (877) 982-0011. Burn information is updated daily by 9am.
- Check to be sure your address is clearly visible from the street. If you don't have address numbers on your home, get them up and be sure they contrast with the color of your home so they are easily visible.
- During your spring cleaning, be sure to keep your cleaning supplies in a secure location so children or pets cannot get into them. If you have chemicals you need to dispose of, check with your local recycling center for proper disposal and drop-off areas.



Notice of Historic Review Board Open Positions

There are currently 2 open positions on the Historic Review Board. Here is your chance to make a difference in your community. If you are interested in serving your community this is a great board to get started with and have a great time doing so.

Please email Kelly Richardson, City Recorder at recorder@ci.aurora.or.us . This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. If, however, you do not get a response, please send a copy to or come by City Hall.



Please go to the City of Aurora website at www.ci.aurora.or.us and sign up for Aurora Notifications and Alerts. This is our way of getting you the most up to date information as quickly as we can.

North Marion Community



Thanks to the community for your great support of our open houses. We are considering changing the hours and days we are open to better serve the community. We are in need of more volunteers, and it would be wonderful if more people could commit to help one day a month. Please check out our website for additional information (<http://northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com/>)

If you are interested call Josie 541-749-8088.

Emergency and Nonemergency 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 503-444-0670 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, not in yards.

We understand water leaks can be concerning for various reasons. Once reported, Public Works will respond accordingly. The repairs will be prioritized according to need and scheduled for repair as soon as possible. We thank you for reporting any issues.



*** 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!