

ELECTRONIC WATER BILL PAYMENTS



You can make payments and view your water/sewer account online at the following website <https://cityofaurora.merchantransact.com/>. If you choose to pay your bill with a credit or debit card, there is a small convenience charge of \$3.50 for each transaction. This site also provides the option to sign up for electronic bill delivery.

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.

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.



City of Aurora Contact Information

Office: 503-678-1283 Fax: 503-678-2758

Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday

Closed Friday

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Darrel Lockard, Public Works Superintendent
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City Council Contact/Information

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Councilor Asher—basher@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



Established in 1856

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Mayor's Corner



Summer is approaching along with the end of the school year. Our city has a wealth of excellent volunteerism that makes our community a great place to live. Let's all make this summer safe and enjoyable. Recreational activities are best enjoyed safely.

I would like to welcome Brian Asher to the Aurora City Council. He joins our team replacing Jason Sahlin who moved on to serving the community as a North Marion School Board member. Jason served our city for many years and continues to be an active member of the community. Brian also serves on the Aurora Historic Society team. Please join me in welcoming Brian to his new role in city council.

Great discussions are still happening every month at the Aurora Planning Commission. Many issues are being discussed with respect to the planning of our city's future. A current topic is the regulation of BnB's (including AirBnB type of businesses) in the city. The meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Please attend and participate in these discussions.

If you own a home in the Aurora Historical District overlay of the city, you should have received a copy of the building rules and guidelines from the city. This information is important as it will guide you in any building projects inside the historic zone. If you have an idea about expanding or building new structures in the historic zone, you should discuss your application for permits with the Historic Review Board prior to applying. They will help guide you through the rules. The HRB meets every 4th Thursday of the month except when holidays prohibit.

Mayor Bill Graupp

ALL WELCOME City Meetings for May / June 2017

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

**Planning Commission
May 2, June 6**

**City Council
May 9, June 13**

**Historic Review Board
May 25, June 22**

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

503-678-1283

**City of Aurora
Website**

www.ci.aurora.or.us

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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. If, however, you do not get a response, please mail a copy to or come by City Hall.

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



The Aurora Fire District Spot



Window Fall Prevention

Keeping your kids safe!

Did you know the leading cause of injury for children are window falls. It accounts for 38% of all fall related injuries in children four and under. The rate of fall related injuries increases during the spring and summer as people open up their windows to get that fresh spring air in their home. But many don't realize that children can easily push out the bug screen that they feel will protect them from a fall. Children play, they may jump or climb on furniture near windows, or windows might be low enough that a child could easily fall out. Screens may keep bugs out, but they won't keep children in. Many kids may think that leaning or pushing on screens is ok as they seem secure, but as soon as they push hard enough, out they go.



Prevent window falls by removing furniture such as chairs or couches away from open windows so children cannot reach them. Teach older children to stay clear of windows and to prevent younger children from playing near windows. And the best way to prevent falls is to never open windows more than four inches, and install a window stop to prevent it from being opened more than four inches. Be sure that the window stop can be removed by an adult in the event of a fire, and the window being needed for escape.

If you would like more information you can visit www.safekids.org/fall-prevention or feel free to ask the Aurora Fire District for advice.



Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

Are you a property owner that is economically disadvantaged*? If so, you may qualify for a loan of up to \$25,000 for home improvements and repairs. City of Aurora has funding available through Valley Development Initiatives for property owners who seek financial assistance to make necessary improvements, repairs and upgrades to their homes. The program offers a low interest, deferred payment loan to assist with repair or replacement of heating systems, upgrades or repairs to plumbing or electrical systems, roof and gutter replacement, siding, painting, weatherization and general upgrades and repairs to interior living spaces. The four-percent (4%) APR simple interest loan accrues for the first five (5) years only, and then zero (0%) interest accrues thereafter. There are no monthly payments, and the loan does not need to be repaid until sale or transfer of home. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000.

For more information about the program, please contact Garrett Jensen, 503.540.1640, at Valley Development Initiatives or visit the website, www.mwvcog.org to download a brochure and program qualification form.

*Economically disadvantaged – Gross household income is 80% or less of the median family income for Marion County (\$56,500.00 in 2015)



Aurora Colony Historical Society's



47th Annual Strawberry Social

Sunday June 25, 2017

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Adults \$10.00 / Seniors \$9.00 / Under 10 \$6.00

Includes Museum Admission

Strawberry Short Cake

Ice Cream & Beverages

Activities for the Entire Family

Demonstrations / Live Music

Old Aurora Colony Museum

15018 2nd Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002

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