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# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for Jan / Feb 2016

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

- **Planning Commission**  
Jan 5, Feb 2
- **City Council**  
Jan 12, Feb 9
- **Park Committee**  
Jan 19, Feb 16
- **Historic Review Board**  
Jan 28, Feb 25

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

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### Mayor's Corner

Winter is upon us and the rains have arrived. Although rain is helpful in a drought region, for us it is a large snow pack that is needed. Let's hope for a great ski season for our mountains. As the days get shorter, please make sure your homes are prepared for the cold weather. 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 Colony Days committee is beginning work on the 2016 ACD event. If you want to participate in the coordination of the event, please contact me for information. 2016 is the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aurora Mills (1856).

This year we have witnessed a few of our major buildings being remodeled. We also have several housing starts. As our town grows, the Aurora Planning Commission works to improve our regulations. Your input at these meetings is always welcome. Please attend on the first Tuesday of each month and add your opinions and knowledge to the process.

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. And to our friends in the mountains, I say, "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!"

Mayor Bill Graupp

### Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday, January 18-MLK

Monday, February 15-Presidents Day

**The enclosed utility bill is due on or before January 10th**

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

**On Patrol**

With  
Deputy Dale Huitt

**Don't Leave Your Car Unattended**

The changing weather and shorter days bring several challenges with our vehicles.

Turning a vehicle on and then leaving it unattended to "warm it up" is not a good idea on many levels - it's unsafe, it's against the law and, on most vehicles, it could actually cause damage. With the cold weather upon us, it is very tempting to start your vehicle prior to departing and then leave the vehicle unattended while it warms up. Although it's convenient to get into a warm vehicle, this is not a safe practice as it makes an easy target for car thieves.

Each year, usually in winter, area residents turn over their vehicles and then leave them running on the street and in their driveways. And each year, some of those vehicles are then taken by enterprising thieves who simply slide into the driver's seat and put the vehicle in drive. They take advantage of the darkness in the mornings due to the shorter days and the running vehicle with a key in the ignition.

Not only is the practice an invitation to thievery, if parked on a public street, it violates the Oregon Revised Statute Vehicle Code and could result in a \$110.00 fine.

If you must leave your vehicle running and unattended, a remote starter is an excellent option. This leaves the vehicle locked, secured and no key or fob in the ignition. Stealing a vehicle with a remote starter function requires the vehicle's key fob and is very difficult without.

In addition to the possible theft of your vehicle, experts say that warming up cars in cold weather doesn't help the car's performance, while it does waste gas and generate unnecessary pollution.

Also, do not drive your vehicle until your windows are defrosted and defogged. And turn on your headlights thirty minutes before sunset and keep them on until thirty minutes after sunrise. Anytime there is limited visibility or inclement weather, please ensure your head lights are on. Be aware that if you use automatic headlights, the sensor may not detect heavy, dense fog and activate your head lights. Get in the habit of double checking that your head lights are on..



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**City of Aurora Contact Information**

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Police Department**

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