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The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for May/June 2016

Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

- **Planning Commission**
May 3, June 7
- **City Council**
May 10, June 14
- **Historic Review Board**
May 26, June 23

Please confirm dates and times with City Hall

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Mayor's Corner

Summer is approaching along with the end of the school year. The Aurora Colony Days' 2016 planning is well underway and we want to thank all of our volunteers for their efforts. They are working hard to make the event a success. Our city has a wealth of excellent volunteerism that makes our community a great place to live.

Development in Aurora is increasing this year. Current construction and planning for new property improvements are gaining momentum. Please be safe when near the construction areas.

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. The meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Please attend and participate in these discussions.

Finally, our summer shopping season is just around the corner. There are many great businesses in town. Please support our local businesses. Aurora is a great place for family and friends to meet and enjoy all of the history, food and shopping available.

Mayor Bill Graupp



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

New Water Bill Payment Options

As this goes to print we are still working on providing the option of online access and bill pay for Utility bills. We are getting closer every day and will let you know when this option becomes available.

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

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



On Patrol With Deputy Dale Huitt



Crosswalk Safety

Be prepared. Pedestrians are required to obey traffic signals and walk safely. But, pedestrians are unprotected and vulnerable. You, as the driver, can prevent a life-changing crash by being prepared to stop and yield no matter who has the right of way.

Nearly 75% of accidents between motor vehicles and pedestrians are caused because the driver failed to yield the right of way to the pedestrian. What's more, 50% of all accidents between vehicles and pedestrians in Oregon occur while the pedestrian is in a crosswalk!

What's the law?

A crosswalk exists at any public street intersection, whether marked with or unmarked.

Oregon law (ORS 811.028) clearly states that if you see a person waiting to cross an intersection at a corner, and you're able to do so in time, you must stop and let them cross.

Crosswalks also exist between intersections (mid-block) only if they are marked with white painted lines. Under Oregon law, a pedestrian is crossing the roadway in a crosswalk when any part or extension of the pedestrian, including but not limited to any part of the pedestrian's body, wheelchair, cane, crutch or bicycle, moves into the roadway in a crosswalk with the intent to proceed.

A driver has specific duties to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

When turning at a traffic signal:

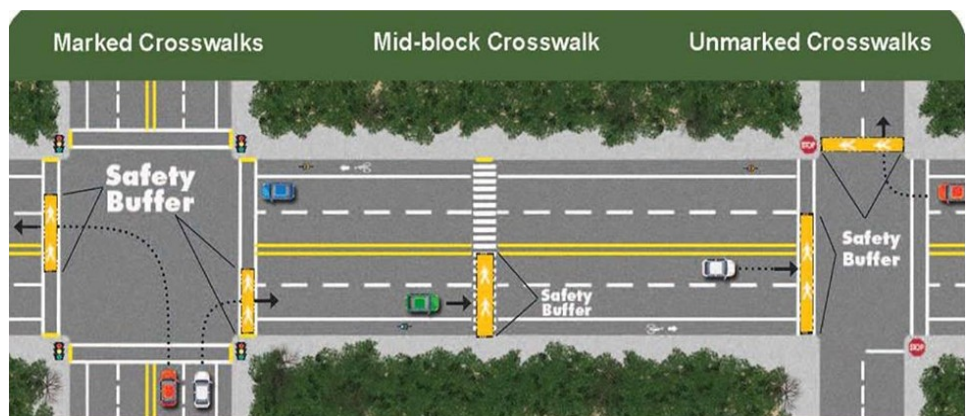
Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane into which your vehicle is turning and at least 6 feet of the next lane.

At any other crosswalks—whether marked with paint or unmarked:

Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane in which you are traveling (or into which you are turning) and the next lane.

Stop and remain stopped for students as you are directed by a crossing guard.

Stop and remain stopped for a blind pedestrian using a white cane or a guide dog until the pedestrian is completely across the roadway.



When turning at a signal, it's your lane plus six feet: Stop for the pedestrian, who must clear the lane into which the vehicle is turning and at least 6 feet of the next lane, before you proceed.

At any other crosswalk, it's your lane plus the next lane: Stop for the pedestrian, who must clear the lane in which the vehicle is traveling or turning and at least the next lane, before you proceed.

Upcoming Community Events

BROWSE, BUY, BENEFIT:

WHAT: A tremendous tent full of books for sale . . . both fiction and non-fiction and for all ages!

WHERE: Parking lot at 4th and Main, across from the Aurora City Hall

WHEN: May 6, 7, 8; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

WHY: All book sales benefit the **North Marion Community Library**, *your free library* serving the communities of North Marion County.

WHO: All are invited to come browse, buy a bagful of books, and benefit the library!

DOWNTOWN AURORA'S Mother's Day Wine & Jewelry Walk!

May 7 and 8, 11am-5pm

Treat Mom, Grandma and all the ladies in the family to a Mother's Day they will long remember- in Aurora! Easy walking between shops and wine tasting stations! Aurora is famous for its antiques and vintage shops. National Historic District downtown features galleries, the historic Old Aurora Colony Museum, cafes, fiber arts, garden art and candy factory. Single tickets may be purchased so you needn't limit your party to just couples. Children are welcome to accompany parents (no extra charge). Save by purchasing advance tickets for \$39 per couple / \$25 singles online at www.auroracolony.com OR at Timeless Antiques, Main St. Mercantile, or Time After Time Antiques. Ticket prices go up on May 7 and 8: \$49 couple/\$30 single. Buy your discount tickets today!

REMEMBERING EMMA: A TEA PARTY IN FOUR ACTS ON MAY 7.

You've seen the signs all over town — now you can find out “Who the heck was Emma Wagner Giesy?”

Join us on Saturday, May 7, from 1:00 to 5:00pm at the Old Aurora Colony Museum in Aurora to learn about this spunky pioneer woman, scout, mother, and businesswoman. Emma's “kin” will be featured in mini-plays at historic homes around the Old Aurora Colony Museum's neighborhood. Afterward, enjoy a book-signing with Jane Kirkpatrick and a high tea reception for “Emma” and Jane!

Following the event, visitors can join Museum Curator Patrick Harris at Emma's grave site in the Aurora cemetery, just up the road from the Museum.

The \$35.00 per person tickets are limited so make your reservations for this special Mother's Day Weekend event today! Click on the Buy Now button above or call the Museum office at 503-678-5754 to reserve your tickets to this popular event.

All proceeds benefit the Old Aurora Colony Museum.

Upcoming City Hall Closures
Monday May 30—Memorial Day

Is My House Historic?



You may have a building within the boundaries of Aurora's National Historic District and NOT have a house or commercial structure that is classified as CONTRIBUTING (1856-1920) but your location still helps to define where the original Aurora Colony was located. You'll be able to find out all about our district, the buildings and the property they sit on thanks to two new projects being completed this summer by the Historic Review Board and staff from a grant from the National Park Service, the governing body of US Historic Preservation.

The updated *Aurora Historic Inventory* includes all properties within the Historic Overlay zone with a recent photo, date built and often a short history of the property and structure, old photos and other relevant information. This was originally done in 1985 and has been painstakingly redone by Old Aurora Colony Museum curator Patrick Harris and his assistant Allison Ditmar. (Have you seen them out taking photos of your abode or working with laptops at the White Rabbit?) This is a mighty tome and you will be welcome to read through it or have city staff print out your property page. It will be placed on the city website later this year.

You will have your own personal copy of the new *Design Guide for Historic District Properties* which includes useful information on maintaining your historic resource, a history of the Aurora Colony and its architectural styles, lots of photos and how to go about making any exterior changes to your Contributing or Noncontributing property. Although there are no new standards offered in this guide, it is intended that the book will be helpful in understanding the whats and the whys of our historic district municipal code (whether your building is an old one or not) and for a fun way to appreciate the uniqueness that is Aurora. Expect this book to be delivered sometime this summer.

OLD FASHIONED FAMILY FUN AT MUSEUM'S STRAWBERRY SOCIAL ON JUNE 26.

If it's June it must be Strawberry Social time in Old Aurora Colony! Join your neighbors at the Old Aurora Colony Museum on Sunday, June 26th from 12 noon to 4 pm for its Annual Strawberry Social. Treat yourself to heaps of strawberries on home-made sweet biscuits topped by cold ice cream while listening to great foot-tapping music. Stroll through the historic Ox Barn Museum, the Kraus House and Steinbach Cabin. Your kids or grandkids can make a bird house! Tour the new exhibit "A Family Dynasty in Oregon: 1847-1902". The exhibit explores the impact of the Geer family on Oregon's political and agricultural history. All this great summer fun for just \$10.00 for Adults, \$9.00 for Seniors, and \$6.00 for Children under 10. All proceeds benefit the historical research, preservation and exhibits at the Old Aurora Colony Museum. Tickets available in advance at the Old Aurora Colony Museum or at the door day of the event. Everyone is welcome!

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