

From City Hall

Please help us keep our town a great place to walk. The early warm weather really kicked off the growing season in our yards. If you notice some of your trees or shrubs extending onto the sidewalk please trim them back.

Have you visited our website lately? You can find all sorts of information from utility billing to building permits and who is on your city council. You can also read last month's newsletter or last year's planning commission meeting minutes. We also have our complete municipal code online. Here you can find information for putting a shed in the back yard, painting your home in the historic district, or the definition of an abandoned vehicle. Check it out at www.ci.aurora.or.us



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.



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City of Aurora Website

www.ci.aurora.or.us



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"National Historic District"

March / April 2015

The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for Mar / Apr 2015

Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

- **Planning Commission**
Mar 3, Apr 7
- **City Council**
Mar 10, Apr 14
- **Park Committee**
Mar 17, Apr 21
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**
No Meetings Scheduled
- **Historic Review Board**
Mar 26, Apr 23

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

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Mayor's Corner

Spring is early as I am watching the early birds arrive in my yard. It is always a joy to be mowing the grass in February. Warm temperatures have left the mountains short of snowfall this year. The time for spring cleaning is near.

I had the pleasure of spending some time in southern China and Hong Kong this winter. It is amazing to see the growth and infrastructure in these large cities. Commerce is strong in both Oregon and eastern Asia. Let us hope the issues in getting our Oregon products to that region of the world will not disrupt our growing economy.

The Oregon 2015 legislative session has begun and already has delivered a change in leadership. There are many proposed ORS's dealing with everything from education to land use laws that may affect our town. Our city council and planning commission are watching the progress of the legislative session and bringing some of the bills up for public discussion in our meetings. Please watch the posted agendas for bills being discussed at our town meetings.

The volunteer committee for Aurora Colony Days has met and is looking for new members. If you are wanting to contribute to our summer activity schedule, please let us know.

There are a few new businesses in town. Please stop by and see what they have to offer. And don't forget to support all of our Aurora businesses. A warm welcome always awaits you.

Mayor Bill Graupp

The enclosed utility bill is due on or before March 10th

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



The North Marion Community Library has changed the hours open in an attempt to better serve the community. Our new hours are Monday 11-3, Thursday 1-5 and Saturday 11-3. We would appreciate feedback on these changes. We are also hoping to recruit more volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering please let us know. Come see us in the basement of the Presbyterian Church on Liberty in Aurora. You can also email us at nmarionlibrary@gmail.com.

Historic Review Board Opening

There is currently 1 opening on the Historic Review Board for anyone who would like to serve and has lived within the city limits at least 6 months. This is a 3 year term which will expire on January 1, 2018. For more information and/or to be considered, please contact the city recorder, Kelly, at City Hall.

Notice

Open Budget Committee Position

The City of Aurora currently has 1 open position for the Budget Committee. This is a 3 year term. Committee members must be registered voters within the city limits. If you are interested in serving, please email Mary Lambert at finance@ci.aurora.or.us or leave a letter of interest with contact information at City Hall. Budget meetings will begin in late April. There will be 3 or 4 meetings approximately 2 hours in length.



On Patrol



With Deputy Pete Marcellais

When seconds count, It takes us minutes to get there..... Its one of those funny phrases we always hear in the public safety community, however, there is some truth behind it. On a good day, I can make it across this town in about 3-4 minutes. It also takes about 3-4 minutes for the Fire Dept to get suited up and have the engine out the door.

That will seem like forever when you're in an emergency. Oh yeah, the ambulance just left the station in Woodburn. And, of course, people always get out of the way of emergency vehicles and no one ever pulls out in front of us.....

What does all this mean to you? Learn CPR and First Aid. Go to Rite Aid or High School Pharmacy and pick up some stuff for a first aid kit. Most importantly, HAVE A PLAN! Whether its a medical emergency or a suspicious person trying to get into your house. Have a plan.

In the public safety profession we always "what if"... Then we think of a plan to work through it. That way when, and if, that situation happens, a plan has already been thought through. Have a plan, get the right kit and then learn how to use it. If you have ANY questions, ask.

The Aurora Fire District Spot



41st Annual Bingo Night
at the Donald Fire Station

Saturday March 7th, 2015, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Bring your whole family.

Food served at 6:00 P.M.

Bingo will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Hosted by District 63 Firefighters.

For more information call 503-678-5966.

