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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for May / June 2015

Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

- **Planning Commission**
May 5, June 2
- **City Council**
May 12, June 9
- **Park Committee**
May 19, June 16
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**
No Meetings Scheduled
- **Historic Review Board**
May 28, June 25

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

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Mayor's Corner

The cherry blossoms have come and are falling. Spring is progressing quickly. It was a warm winter and even though we had a good amount of precipitation, little of it fell as snow in the mountains. North Marion schools are in their final trimester. Plans for the summer vacation are blooming.

The Planning Commission and Historic Review Board each have an opening. The city thrives on volunteerism. Becoming a member of either of these boards contributes to the value of our city. The planning commission is determining how the upcoming changes to state law shall be handled within our boundaries.

The North Marion Huskies boys' basketball team played for the 4A State championship and sadly lost to Scappoose by 3 points. This follows the victory of the boys' soccer team, winning the 4A state championship in the fall. The North Marion teams are having a great year and our support of all the kids' activities is deserved.

Once again I had the honor of being a judge at this year's Oregon Future Business Leaders of America's (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. This is where over 1,000 of our state's best students come to the Portland Doubletree Convention center and compete in leadership skills events and learn from regional business experts. Top winners have the opportunity to go to the National Leadership Conference and compete for scholarships and prizes. As always, the students are amazing and judging is most difficult to choose a winner.

Mayor Bill Graupp

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

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

***Also, your sidewalk area is your responsibility.
It must be free of debris and trees, shrubs and
bushes trimmed back to allow pedestrians to
access safely.***



North Marion Community Library

Hours: Monday 11-3; Thursday 1-5; Saturday 11-3.

A special event is planned for Saturday, May 9th. Civil war re-enactors will be setting up "Walk Through Time" on the front lawn of the Presbyterian Church. Stop by and see history come to life.

We are also planning a summer reading program.

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.

Aurora Planning Commission Opening

There is currently 1 opening on the Aurora Planning Commission for anyone who would like to serve your community and has lived within the city limits at least 6 months. This is a 1 year term, expiring on January 1, 2016. For more information contact Kelly at City Hall.

City Recorders Office

I have been asked by many citizens for better communication with the public regarding current events. I hope to accommodate this request by utilizing our Aurora Alerts email system and the city newsletter to accomplish this request. If you have not already signed up for the Aurora Alerts email please go to our website and click on the letter or simply send an email to auroraalerts@ci.aurora.or.us.

Other Current Events,

City Council will be conducting a Public Hearing on Legislative Amendment 15-01. This is a code text amendment regarding Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the Commercial zone.

City Council will have a second reading on Ordinance 478 regarding a text amendment of the code in the Commercial Overlay. (LEG 14-02)

Budget Meetings begin April 29th and continue in May.

We have a problem at the park with the picnic tables. They are being stacked up 4 and 5 high in the Amphitheater located on the Liberty Street side of the park. For obvious reasons, this is dangerous. Please let us know if you see anyone stacking the picnic tables or disturbing any park property.

On Patrol



With Deputy Pete Marcellais



In December of 2012, I was asked to undergo a task. This task was described as “Provide contracted law enforcement services to the City of Aurora.” Working in the area for the last 10 years, I understood that my number one problem was the lack of trust and mostly a dislike of the police that had been providing service for the last several years. (Now this isn’t a bash on the old police force, it’s just a fact). I understood that first and foremost on my list was to rebuild the trust of the community in its law enforcement. This would then lead me to number two on the list, integrate the law enforcement into the community.

This had never been done in Aurora before, and if it had, it was done poorly. My first few weeks here, I heard all the complaints about law enforcement and how “we” interact with the community. It took a while to win you over, but I believe we are there. I envisioned a Deputy that YOU, the citizens of Aurora, would claim and feel is YOURS. After all YOU are the one I work for.

40 hours a week was the “contracted” hours I was to provide. My wife would disagree. Many nights working on projects for (as she called you all) my mistress Aurora, required patience and understanding. I have to throw a thank you out to her for allowing me to take up this assignment.

I have to also send a BIG thank you to the folks in the community, whom allowed me to be a part of the community. The fire guys for providing more support than expected. A lot of the stuff I did, I was able to do because of these brave men and women of our Fire Department. They do not get enough thanks for all they do for this community.

Thank you to the City for allowing me the opportunity and understanding. I know it was strange to have a police force that wasn’t there to suck the budget dry. I can wash my own dang car and don’t need a bill from a car wash in Canby. My favorite cost has always been free.

So what’s the point of all of this? Well. If you haven’t heard, my time has come. I am moving on to bigger (not sure better) things. I am also tasked with being the Field Training coordinator for the enforcement division. Unfortunately, this had taken a lot of my time and I have not been able to give the time needed in both tasks. So this is a farewell to a wonderful community in a wonderful city. I will still be around and my number is the same. As always, I am here to help out whenever. Text, e-mail, call, I will get back to you. See you all out in the community!

The Aurora Fire District Spot

Bicycle Safety Tips



With the upcoming sunny weather, the Aurora Fire District would like to remind you to have your children follow these safety tips when riding their bicycles this summer.

- ◆ We have a simple saying: “Use your head, wear a helmet.” It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes.
- ◆ Tell your kids to ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights.
- ◆ Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.
- ◆ When riding at dusk, dawn or evening, be bright and use lights – and make sure your bike has reflectors. It’s also smart to wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve biker visibility to motorists.
- ◆ Actively supervise children until you’re comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own.

Safety tips brought to you by Safe Kids Worldwide. For more information please visit www.safekids.org/safetytips. You can also contact the Aurora Fire District by visiting our website at www.aurorafire.org.



Old Aurora
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www.auroracolony.org

Remember Emma on Mother's Day Weekend & support your Old Aurora Colony Museum!

Join nationally acclaimed author Jane Kirkpatrick on Saturday, May 9, 2015 for "*Remembering Emma*": a celebration of the life and times of Emma Wagner Giesy who lived in the first communal society in the West: Aurora Colony. In her "Emma of Aurora" historical novel trilogy, Kirkpatrick has captured the essence of a spirited young woman who matures into the matriarch of her family: Emma Wagner Giesy. Book signing and talk by Jane Kirkpatrick at Old Aurora Colony Museum & 100 year old Presbyterian church. "Walk with Emma" historical walking tour of Aurora led by Museum Curator Patrick Harris. Gather at Emma's grave site in the pioneer cemetery. Reception for Jane at 1870's Zimmerman house- complete with light refreshments and maybe you will see "Mrs. Zimmerman"! All proceeds benefit the Old Aurora Colony Museum. The \$35.00 per person tickets are limited so make your reservations for this special Mother's Day Weekend event today! Make your reservations online at www.auroracolony.org or call the Museum office 503-678-5754

"Berry Merry" Fun on June 28th!

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 28th for its 45rd Annual Strawberry Social. Treat yourself to heaps of strawberries on sweet biscuits topped by cold ice cream while listening to local bands. Kids can build bird houses. Tour the new Old Aurora Colony Museum exhibit "How Do You Like Those Apples?" that explains how a chance meeting between German immigrant Dr. Wilhelm Keil and Oregon pioneer John Walker Grimm paved the way for the future Aurora Colonists into the French Prairie. Herb garden demonstrations, hands-on spinning and quilting activities too! All this "Berry Merry" fun for just \$6.00 for children under 10, Seniors \$9.00; and Adults, \$10.00. Proceeds benefit Old Aurora Colony Museum programs and preservation efforts. Purchase tickets at Old Aurora Museum or day of event.



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Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line 503-540-8079

Non Emergency 503-588-5032

Emergency Dial 911

Deputy Sheriff Pete Marcellais

503-932-3369

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