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# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for July / August 2015

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

- **Planning Commission**  
July 7, August 4
- **City Council**  
No July Meeting Scheduled  
August 11
- **Park Committee**  
July 21, August 18
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**  
No Meetings Scheduled
- **Historic Review Board**  
July 23, August 27

Please confirm dates and  
times with City Hall

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## Mayor's Corner

Summer has arrived, delivering our first string of 90+ degree days. The city has brought our third well online. Usage peaked at the same summer daily rate as last summer for similar temperature days. I want to encourage everyone to use water wisely as it is a natural resource that is limited. Even though our part of Oregon is not in a severe drought region, 19 counties (more than half) are. This month, Governor Brown stated, "Although this year's drought has drawn attention to Oregon's water needs, it is important to recognize that even in normal water years, Oregon faces water challenges." Oregon communities need to not look only at the current season's water situation, but the long term solutions as well.

Residents can help our local water conservation efforts by remembering to water in the late evenings or early morning, watering lawns every other day and watering only as much as needed. Many cities in the Willamette Valley are doing their part in investing in modern water storage and usage technology. Our city can make a contribution to this effort by using this limited resource wisely and with foresight to the future of our region.

Once again I had the honor of being on stage for this year's North Marion High School graduation ceremonies. This year's class of 136 has 22% going to a 4-Year college, 38% going to a 2-Year college or Professional /Technical school, and 6% going to the military. The Oregonian reports that the State of Oregon had a 72% graduation rate in 2014. This year's North Marion rate is 87%, with more than half of the graduates going on to higher education. We congratulate the North Marion class of 2015 for achieving this milestone in their life.

A team of volunteers are working hard on this year's Aurora Colony Days. Concerts in the Park will begin in July with the big day on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Street Faire and parade volunteer help is still needed. This year will also feature a fund raising event from the Aurora Historical Society at the end of the Street Faire. Please come and enjoy the events and support our local businesses.

Mayor Bill Graupp

## The enclosed utility bill is due on or before July 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 must be trimmed back to  
allow pedestrians to access safely.**



### North Marion Community Library

Located in the basement of the Presbyterian Church on Liberty St in Aurora  
www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation email: nmarionlibrary@gmail.com.

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

Children ages 5 to 11 are invited to participate in our Summer Reading Program. Each book read will earn you a ticket for a prize drawing.

For six Mondays beginning June 22nd from 1 to 2 pm, the library is hosting a slate of activities including crafts, music, games, Legos and more. Sign up at the library or online at www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com.

A special treat for Intermediate School students - all the books from the 2016 Oregon Battle of the Books list are in our catalog. Challenge yourself to read them all.

### On Patrol



With Deputy Pete Marcellais



Deputy Huitt will officially take over the contract on July 1st. Dale has been with the Sheriff's Office for about 10 years and has been working very closely with the surrounding communities of Donald and Butteville so he has a good understanding of community. He will be a good fit for us. I have already been working with him so he is familiar with the city and the projects/ issues we are facing. When you see him out and about introduce yourself and welcome him to the neighborhood.



### The Aurora Fire District Spot

All backyard burning is closed until the end of the summer.

Please do not throw any type of hot/lit material such as cigarettes from your vehicles. This is the cause of many wildfires.

### Concerts in the Park

Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Saturday, August 8.

Aurora City Park Amphitheater - 7 pm - Food, beer and wine available for purchase - Rain or shine

July 8 - **Ashleigh Flynn & the Porch Climbers**

July 15 - **The Rob Rainwater Band**

July 22 - **Bart Ferguson & the Edward Stanley Band**

July 29 - **Michele Van Kleef**

August 8 - **Dance Machine** with opening act at 6 pm.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY BEER GARDEN**

Fri, Aug 7 · 5-11 pm & Sat, Aug 8 · 12-5 pm

Bring the whole family for music, food, & fun! On Friday, August 7, Rob Rainwater plays from 7–10 pm. On Saturday, August 8, Robbie Laws performs from 2–5 pm. Brats & curly fries from Ebner's Custom Meats in Canby will be available for purchase. Kids can enjoy root beer floats, while adults sip beer from Seven Brides in Silverton. All proceeds from this family friendly event go to the Old Aurora Colony Museum.

**ART SHOW & SALE**

Fri, Aug 7 - Sun, Aug 9 · Fellowship Hall at Christ Lutheran Church

The Aurora Arts Association's Annual Show & Sale showcases artwork of local artists (adult & high school) on Saturday, 10 am–5 pm, & Sunday, 12

–5 pm. Reception on Friday, 5–8 pm, with hors d'oeuvres & a no-host wine bar. New this year will be watercolorists painting on location Saturday morning near the Museum, with a separate show & sale of that work on Saturday, as well as a hands-on event for family/youth on Sunday. Interested in submitting art? Download the entry form at [auroracolonydays.com](http://auroracolonydays.com).

**5K WALK/RUN 7 1 K FUN RUN FOR KIDS**

Sat, Aug 8 · 7:30 am / 8:30 am - Starts at the Aurora Colony Museum. Kids will have a blast running the 1k, & others will enjoy a chip timed 5k run, or a brisk walk winding through the historic streets of Aurora. The race begins bright & early! 7:30 am 5k walk/run & 8:30 am FUN RUN FOR KIDS at the Old Aurora Colony Museum (15018 2nd St) Register early to secure your spot at [auroracolonydays.com](http://auroracolonydays.com)! Fee: \$10 for 1k | \$20 for 5k | T-Shirt included (Same Day Registration begins at 6:45 am · T-Shirt not guaranteed)

**OUTDOOR ANTIQUE + VINTAGE FAIRE**

Sat, Aug 8 · 8 am–4 pm · Downtown Aurora

We've closed the street and set up shop with antique vendors from near and far selling you their latest finds. Over 25 years strong, you'll find antiques, vintage, repurposed goods, as well as garden plants and décor. Have a mystery to solve? Antique appraisals offered by Gary McLaren of McLaren Auction Services · 10 am–2 pm. Cost: \$5 per item. Proceeds benefit the Backpack Buddies program.

**PARADE**

Sat, Aug 8 · 11 am Starts at Aurora City Park on Liberty to 3rd & back to the park along Main. The 2015 parade will be a celebration of life in Aurora. The floats, classic cars, bands, horses, community groups, local merchants, honored citizens, veterans & public service vehicles will stimulate all the senses for those lined along the more than mile-long parade route. All those who want to participate—there is no fee to join in! Download the entry form at [auroracolonydays.com](http://auroracolonydays.com)

**OLD AURORA COLONY MUSEUM**

Sat, Aug 8 · 11 am–4 pm & Sun, Aug 9 · 12–4 pm

Enjoy the new exhibit "How Do You Like Those Apples?" in the Ox Barn Museum. The exhibit chronicles the chance encounter between German immigrants and Oregon pioneers who had just arrived a decade before that resulted in the founding of the town of Aurora; imagine 1870's life in the historic Kraus House & Steinbach log cabin, and take in the delights of the 41 year -old Emma Wakefield Herb Garden. Experience the living history demonstrations in the Museum Courtyard! Free admission for all ages on Saturday ONLY. For more info, visit [www.auroracolony.org](http://www.auroracolony.org)



AUGUST 7 · 8 · 9

INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TO A WEEKEND OF FUN!  
**5K RUN/WALK & 1K FUN RUN FOR KIDS!**  
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST · ARTIST RECEPTION · LIVE MUSIC  
**OUTDOOR ANTIQUES VINTAGE FAIRE**  
**ART SHOW & SALE · PARADE**  
**OLD AURORA COLONY MUSEUM**  
 WINE · BEER · FOOD  
**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

### Aurora Colony Days Schedule of Events

Learn more at [auroracolonydays.com](http://auroracolonydays.com)  
"Like" us on Facebook at  
[facebook.com/AuroraColonyDays](https://facebook.com/AuroraColonyDays)

#### Friday, August 7

5 -11 pm · Family friendly beer garden near the Octagon Building  
6 - 8 pm Artists' Reception in the Fellowship Hall at Christ Lutheran Church

#### Saturday, August 8

7 - 11 am · Pancake Feed at the American Legion Hall  
7:30 am · 5k Run / Walk starts at the Old Aurora Colony Museum  
8 am - 4 pm · Outdoor Antiques & Vintage Faire Downtown Aurora  
8:30 am · 1k Fun Run for Kids starts at the Old Aurora Colony Museum  
10 am - 2 pm · Antique Appraisals at McLaren Auction Services (\$5 per item)  
10 am - 5 pm · Art Show & Sale (FREE Entry) in the Fellowship Hall at Christ Lutheran Church  
11 am · Aurora Colony Days Parade starts at Aurora Park on Main Street  
11 am - 4 pm · Old Aurora Colony Museum Exhibits (FREE Saturday Entry)  
12 - 5 pm · Family friendly beer garden near the Octagon Building  
3 - 4 pm · AUrora the Gold Standard: 100 Strong (location TBA)  
7-10 pm · Celebration in the Park at the Aurora City Park Amphitheater  
(Short opening act begins at 6 PM)

#### Sunday, August 9

10 am - 5 pm · Art Show & Sale (FREE Entry) in the Fellowship Hall at Christ Lutheran Church  
12 - 4 pm · Old Aurora Colony Museum

### MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

Aurora Airport Owners Association \* Asher Traditional Homes \* Big Dawg Construction, LLC  
\* Mayor Bill Graupp \* McLaren Auction Services \* North Marion Schools \* Old Aurora Colony  
Museum \* Pearson Financial Group \* Pheasant Run Winery \* Spring Chickens Art & Handi-  
craft \* Stauffer Farms \* The Aurora Artisan \* The Colony Pub \* The Kennedy Team of RE/  
MAX Equity Group \* The Woodburn Art Center \* Touch Less Drive In Car Wash \* Wallflow-  
ers Framing Gallery \*White Rabbit Bakery \* Wilbur Marmalade



City Hall is closed on Monday, July 6th  
for Independence Day

#### City of Aurora Contact Information

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Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday

#### Closed Friday

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#### Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line 503-540-8079

Non Emergency 503-588-5032

#### Emergency Dial 911

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503-932-2973

**City of Aurora Website**

[www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us)