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# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for May / June 2014

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

- **Planning Commission**  
May 6, June 3
- **City Council**  
May 13, June 10
- **Park Committee**  
May 20, June 17
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**  
No Meetings Scheduled
- **Historic Review Board**  
May 22, June 26

**Please confirm dates and  
times with City Hall**  
**503-678-1283**

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## Mayor's Corner

Summer is approaching along with the end of the school year. The Aurora Colony Days' logo has been published and we thank appreciate all the effort from our volunteers who 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.

The month of May brings another election ballot to our mail boxes. There are two ballot measures which affect our town: North Marion School District and Aurora Fire District. We encourage all registered voters to be involved and vote. Voting is important and understanding the measures and knowing the candidates allows one to make an informed decision. PLEASE VOTE!

Well #5 is up and running after a winter's long maintenance period. The city ran at capacity requirements with two of the three wells this winter. We continue to encourage all residents to use water with a thought that it is a limited resource. Although drought may not be in our region now, it is around us and severe in California.

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

## From the City Recorder's Desk,

**This year is an election year and there will be an open Mayor's seat along with two Council seats. I will have packets available June 1st, 2014. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the election process.**

**Thank you**

**Kelly Richardson, CMC**

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

***Water Bills are Due May 10th.***

The North Marion School District has proposed a Local Option Levy Measure (24-355) on the May ballot. This measure asks voters to consider a \$0.74/\$1000 levy to allow the district to improve curriculum, safety, and classroom environments in all buildings. The levy will add \$583,336 to the operating budget, as well as qualify the district for a state matching grant of \$309,168. For additional information, please go to <http://www.nmarion.k12.or.us> or call 503-678-1256.

**Please vote in the May election. Your vote counts!**



The Aurora Fire District has proposed a General Obligation Bond on the May 20 ballot not to exceed \$5,885,000. which would break down to the average tax payer \$0.4980 per thousand with an assessed value of \$150,000 the estimated cost would be \$6.13 per month. The funds would be used for the purchase of fire apparatus: two old fire engines, one of which is 29 yrs old and the other is 26 yrs. A small water tanker and various other needs of the district. **Construct and furnish one additional fire station.**

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## 2014 Aurora Colony Days Festival

Reminder that Aurora Colony Days is August 9th!

The Aurora **Summer Concert Series** kicks off **Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>** and continues Wednesday evenings through July 30. We'll conclude the series by celebrating as Neighbors in Paradise for Colony Days August 9th, with a Jimmy Buffett cover band, The Cheeseburgers (thecheeseburgers.com).

Stay tuned for a complete [concert](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us/) line-up in the next newsletter. Also, check out the City of Aurora website (<http://www.ci.aurora.or.us/>) soon for the Aurora Colony Days schedule, including parade entry registration forms.

You can also see the schedule and all other pertinent info on Facebook on the "Aurora Colony Days" page.





## On Patrol



With Deputy Pete Marcellais

Spring Is In The Air! I for one am getting pretty tired of all this rain, but that's Oregon for you. Speaking of spring, that was a great Easter Egg Hunt in the park. Big thanks to the Aurora Fire District 63 and our volunteer firefighters for putting it on. You should have seen them out there in the pouring down rain hiding the eggs. That's dedication.

Also as spring rolls around, lets again look at some spring cleaning. When I do my first spring cleaning I like to go out and turn my Air Conditioner on and make sure my fans are clean and ready to go. Don't wait until it gets hot enough to use them to find out they are broken.

As the temperature changes, so does the pressure in our tires. Take this time to check the tire pressure in your vehicles as well as the coolant/ fluid levels. A few minutes can save you a few hours of being broken down on the side of the road.

This is also a good time to get with me to do a security check on your home or business. I can walk around the location and point out security risks (lighting/ trimming bushes/ cameras, etc...) and give you options to make your place a little safer. Just give me a call and I will come out.

And last but not least. Make sure our kids check their bike helmets and ensure they still fit. We will be having another Bike rodeo coming up soon and we can help adjust helmets and bikes for our ever growing kids.

## The Aurora Fire District Spot

### BIKE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Did you know that in 2007 there were 236,000 reported bicycle-related injuries? Head injury is the leading cause of death in bicycle crashes. A collision with a motor vehicle causes nearly 90 percent of bicycle-related deaths. Nearly 27,500 children received emergency room treatment for pedestrian injuries in 2007.

### Safety basics

Children under 10 should ride on sidewalks of safe areas only like a bike path. Teens may ride in the street, riding with traffic, after they learn the rules of the road.

Require children (and adults) to wear a helmet every time you ride a bike, scooter, skateboard, in-line skate, ice skate, snow board or ski.

Make children ride in safe areas and never at night.

Teach children to always come to a complete stop before entering a driveway, path or sidewalk. Look left, right, and left again for other bikes, cars, or pedestrians.

**Never allow children to play in a driveway or parking lot** [WWW.nfpa.org/education](http://WWW.nfpa.org/education)

Safety Tips provided by NFPA \

**Dave Finch, Aurora Fire District**



## Aurora Colony News

### Remembering Emma and Strawberry Social Highlight June at the Old Aurora Colony Museum!

The Old Aurora Colony's annual "Remembering Emma and the Other Women of Jane Kirkpatrick's Novels" will take place on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The day's event begins with a book signing and book talk by famous novelist Jane Kirkpatrick. Then visitors can join Curator Patrick Harris for a historical walking tour of Old Aurora and the historic Aurora Cemetery. We'll then gather at the Aurora Colony Vineyards and Winery for wine, other refreshing beverages, and delicious appetizers. Just \$35.00 per person. Seating is limited so purchase your tickets at the Museum or through our website, [www.auroracolony.org](http://www.auroracolony.org) soon!

Join your neighbors at the Old Aurora Colony Museum on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> for its 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Social. Treat yourself to heaps of strawberries on home-made sweet biscuits topped by cold ice cream. Enjoy live music- including special appearances by some of the winners of the Aurora Music Scholarship Competition. Your kids will love the special craft activities too! Tour the new exhibit "A Summer Reunion: 1874-2014: the Aurora Colony and the Oregon Trail Pioneers". All this "Berry Merry" fun for just Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children under 10 years \$6, with tickets stating that the price includes admission to the Museum. Proceeds benefit the Old Aurora Colony Museum—"living history in your own backyard!"



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### City of Aurora Contact Information

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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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