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# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for July / August 2014

### Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

- **Planning Commission**  
July 1, August 5
- **City Council**  
July 8, August 12
- **Park Committee**  
July 15, August 19
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**  
No Meetings Scheduled
- **Historic Review Board**  
July 24, August 28

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

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### Mayor's Corner

Summer brings the aroma of bloom. I am enjoying seeing the various food gardens in yards around our town. Our city has a diversity of talents and home agriculture is very evident. Please remember when it's time for watering the yard, overwatering can be damaging to your sod. A firm deep-rooted turf is more weed and fungus resistant, requires less fertilizer, and saves our natural resources. It is more sustainable and best of all, saves you money.

Soon the concerts in the park will begin, and Colony Days will be upon us. Let us all hope for a great summer with family and friends. As fire season begins, drought remains strong in our rural sections of southern and eastern Oregon. I hope that all will remain safe as we work to protect our lands and resources.

Mayor Bill Graupp

### From the City Recorder's Desk,

**First, let me say, have a wonderful summer. It is certainly the time of year that we all have our summer to-do list of projects. Many projects require a permit which you can now apply for and obtain at City Hall.**

**If you receive a blue water bill you live in the Historic District. If your to-do list is for any outside project including, but not limited to, painting, landscaping worth \$2500 or more, fencing, windows, or roofing, you must get approval to do so prior to beginning your project. Please plan ahead. Come by City Hall or go on our web-site to obtain an application for your project approval. We have made it easier to get your painting project approved. Just come by City Hall with your paint samples and staff can approve your painting projects.**

**Also, especially at this time of year, Public Works is requesting an 18 inch buffer around each water meter for access. Your trim job will be nicer than ours.**

**Kelly Richardson, CMC**

### Library Opens it's Doors!

The North Marion Community Library is open as of June 23rd in the basement of Aurora Presbyterian Church. A grand opening will be scheduled at a later date. Hours are Monday 1-5, Thursday 1-5, and Saturday 10-2. Please stop in and check us out.

It's walking season — please keep vegetation and debris off your sidewalk

**The enclosed utility bill is due on or before July 10th**

## Aurora Colony Days



### 3RD ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN & 1K FUN RUN FOR KIDS

Saturday, August 9 • 7:30 a.m., 5k walk /run & 8:30 a.m. FUN RUN FOR KIDS at the Old Aurora Colony Museum (15018 2nd St., Aurora, OR)

Register early to secure your spot!

Fee: \$10 for 1k | \$20 for 5k | T-Shirt included

Register at <http://bit.ly/SKw4bC>.

Same Day Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. - T-Shirt not guaranteed.

Proceeds benefit our Summer Concert Series and Backpack Buddies program.

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Shari - [sharidou@msn.com](mailto:sharidou@msn.com).

### PARADE Saturday, August 9 - 11 a.m. (Main & Liberty)

The 2014 Parade Theme, "Neighbors in Paradise," will be celebrated with floats, classic cars, bands, horses, equestrian courts, and numerous residents and children. Parade participants, including late entries, must be registered by 10 a.m. on the Main Street side of the park. To download the Parade Entry Form, visit [www.auroracolony.com/colonydays/parade/](http://www.auroracolony.com/colonydays/parade/).

### Grand Marshal

Dennis Keister

Dennis has donated countless hours and professional land surveying services to Aurora as President of DK & Associates. He's the one to thank for the surveying and tree tagging of the forest trees in Aurora City Park, enabling better management and care for this community asset. An OSU grad in forest engineering, Dennis runs his service-disabled Veteran-owned business in Canby. Please wave "thanks" to Dennis as he and his 3½-year-old granddaughter, Naomi (the "smartest little girl he's ever met"), ride by.

### King and Queen

Byron & Dorothy Schriever

Byron & Dorothy, a retired military family, hail from Aurora/Donald/Yoder area settlers and have worked as tour guides for the Museum and Stauffer-Will Living History program. Byron served in numerous volunteer roles for the Hubbard Cemetery Board and the Aurora Colony Historical Society. Dorothy was Quilt Show chairwoman for 15+ years and also served on the Hubbard Cemetery Board. The Schrievers make their retirement home here in Keil Park, with active participation in City meetings for water filtration quality.

### 2014 Volunteer of Year

Guy ("Spud") Sperb

Committed to giving of time and energy behind the scenes unbeknownst to most, Guy "Spud" Sperb spearheaded donations and planting of thousands of daffodils to brighten up our streets (and days!). We have Spud to thank for years of self-initiated, solo Park and green space clean-ups and a diverse volunteer tenure: Museum Board, Planning Commission (8+ years), and Parks Committee. He's one of the best neighbors Aurora could have (and a darn good fisherman, too!).

### OLD AURORA COLONY MUSEUM

Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, August 10, 12 – 4 p.m.

Free admission to the Museum Complex for all ages on Saturday ONLY.

The Complex includes Ox Barn Museum, Kraus House, Steinbach Cabin, and Emma Wakefield Garden. Take the new historical walking tour, experience the living history demonstrations, buy something at the "Old Is New" rummage sale to benefit the Old Aurora Colony Museum, and enjoy the special new exhibit about the Aurora Colony and the Oregon Pioneers. For more info, visit [www.auroracolony.org](http://www.auroracolony.org).

### ART SHOW & SALE

Friday, August 8 - Sunday, Aug 10 • Pythian Hall

The Aurora Arts Association's Annual Show and Sale showcases artwork of local artists (professional, amateur, and youth) on Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Artists' Reception on Friday, 6 - 8 p.m., featuring hors d'oeuvres, provided by Aurora Arts Association, and a no-host wine bar.

### OUTDOOR ANTIQUES + VINTAGE FAIRE

Saturday, August 9, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. • Downtown Aurora

This year, the Outdoor Antiques + Vintage Faire is again sponsored by the City of Aurora. The Faire has been incredibly successful and the shopping crowd has increased over the years. Although this event has been happening for more than 25 years, this will be its 12th year as a single day show. The City and its volunteer team look forward to another successful show. Antique appraisals will be offered by Gary McLaren of McLaren Auction Services from 10 AM–2 PM. Cost: \$5 per item. Proceeds benefit the Backpack Buddies program. Get your "antique" appraised and support this great program!

### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Wednesdays in July! Aurora City Park Amphitheater • Bring your blanket & chairs • All shows take place rain or shine  
Food, beer, and wine available for purchase

Wednesday, July 9 - 7 p.m.

*Mexican Gunfight* While definitely a rock band, Mexican Gunfight's stylistic influences abound: blues grit, country lyricism, the soulfulness of gospel, a rare jam thrown in...even tinges of Latin and jazz. Learn more at [www.mexicangunfight.com](http://www.mexicangunfight.com).

Wednesday, July 16 - 7 p.m.

*The Oregon Trailers* The Oregon Trailers approach 50s/60s classic country with an appreciation for its roots and a nod to the present. The combination of danceable and energetic material is fun for everyone. Learn more at [www.reverbnation.com/theoregontrailers](http://www.reverbnation.com/theoregontrailers).

Wednesday, July 23 - 7 p.m.

*Ian McFeron* Ian McFeron's writing has been compared to Bob Dylan, John Lennon, and Ryan Adams. Over the course of a decade-long independent music career, he has gained a loyal following and attracted media attention stretching across the Atlantic. Learn more at [www.ianmcferon.com](http://www.ianmcferon.com).

Wednesday, July 30 - 7 p.m.

*Copper & Coal* This is vintage country from Portland, OR. With duo female harmony vocals, fiddle, pedal steel, and a very danceable rhythm section, Copper & Coal's original music blends with classic honky-tonk tunes from Loretta Lynn, Hank Williams, and many others. Learn more at [www.copperandcoalmusic.com](http://www.copperandcoalmusic.com).

### CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

Saturday, August 9

Opening band Rob Rainwater & Friends begins at 5:30 p.m.

The Cheeseburgers begin at 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun and music in the park. The night begins at 5:30 with Rob Rainwater & Friends and ends with The Cheeseburgers. Named for the iconic Jimmy Buffett tune "Cheeseburger In Paradise," this band's songs tell stories of boats, bars, beaches, and bad behavior. With six vocalists, keyboard, guitar, groovin' bass, and a driving beat, you'll be up to dance and sing along!

THE CHEESEBURGERS [www.thecheeseburgers.com](http://www.thecheeseburgers.com).

ROB RAINWATER & FRIENDS [www.facebook.com/robrainwatermusic](http://www.facebook.com/robrainwatermusic).

Bring your blanket and chairs • Food, beer, and wine available for purchase.

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS! OUR EVENTS ARE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND COUNTLESS VOLUNTEER HOURS.

#### CONCERT SPONSORS

**Premier concert sponsor** The Kennedy Team of RE/MAX Equity Group.

**Member of the Band Sponsor** Old Aurora Colony Museum, Pearson Financial Group, Wibur Marmalade Studios

**Music Lover Sponsor** Asher Traditional Homes, Heirloom Revival Co, Pheasant Run Winery, The Colony Pub, White Rabbit Bakery.

#### RUN/WALK SPONSOR

Mayor Bill Graupp, Old Aurora Colony Museum, Touch Less Drive In Car Wash

#### PARADE SPONSOR

The Colony Pub

#### The Aurora Fire District Spot - Window Safety

Windows play a vital role in home safety, serving as a secondary escape route in the event of a fire or other emergency, but they can also pose a risk for a fall if safety measures are not followed. Follow these guidelines to prevent window-related injuries in the home:

- Keep windows closed and locked when children are around;
- When opening windows for ventilation, open windows that children cannot reach;
- Don't rely on insect screens to prevent a fall, as they are designed to provide ventilation and not to prevent a child's fall from a window;
- Keep furniture, or anything children can climb, away from windows;
- Determine your family's emergency escape plan and practice it regularly;
- Make sure nothing is blocking or preventing a window from being opened in case of an emergency.

This information provided by: **National Safety Council**  
**Dave Finch, Aurora Fire District**



## Aurora Colony News

“Alive in 1865” July 26th and August 2nd, and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Emma Wakefield Garden on July 20<sup>th</sup> will be the featured events at the Old Aurora Colony Museum in July. Hands-on activities for kids of all ages including candle-dipping, spinning and weaving demonstrations, vintage toys, and wood-working are scheduled for “Alive in 1865.” The Willamette Valley Herb Society will be on hand Sunday, July 20, to commemorate Emma Wakefield and her famous herb garden in the Museum’s courtyard with herb talks and herb crafts for sale. Both events are included with Museum admission.

How about donating your good, usable “stuff” to the Aurora Colony Historical Society (ACHS) for its annual yard sale on August 9<sup>th</sup> during Aurora Colony Days? Yard sale profits go to ACHS for general operating purposes including the upkeep the Ox Barn Museum complex as well as our other historical Colony properties. Contact Cheryl Burks at 503-656-4616 or [ocburks@comcast.net](mailto:ocburks@comcast.net) for more information.

Festive food, brews, and live bands will entertain you at the Old Aurora Colony Museum’s “Party at the Farm,” August 22nd at the historic Stauffer-Will Farm in Hubbard. A great summer evening event for adults who want to have a good time in the hops fields. For information on this and other Old Aurora Colony Museum events, call the Museum office at 503-678-5754 or visit the website: [www.auroracolony.org](http://www.auroracolony.org)

**Please go to the City of Aurora website at [www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://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.**

### **Aurora American Legion's Rummage Sale**

Donations accepted July 28th - August 2nd  
Call Seth @ 503-939-6237 for donation times.  
Sale August 8-9 and August 15-16

Aurora American Legion Auxiliary Pancake  
Breakfast August 9th 7-11 a.m.



### City of Aurora Contact Information

**503-678-1283 office 503-678-2758 fax**

Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday

**Closed Fridays**

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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

**City of Aurora Website:**  
**[www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us)**