



# Aurora Colony News

## “A FACE IN THE CROWD” AND MORE HISTORY IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

The Old Aurora Colony Museum’s current exhibit “Face in the Crowd- the Aurora Colony and the Oregon Trail Pioneers” at the Old Aurora Colony Museum will be up on display through September 28 so hurry on down! This exhibit celebrates the historic 1874 reunion in Aurora of the French Prairie and other Oregon pioneers. A large photograph of many of those 1,500 reunion attendees is on display. The Museum staff and volunteers have been able to identify less than a dozen people — maybe you can pick out a face in the crowd?

The selection of Aurora as the site for the June 1874 Oregon Pioneer Association reunion was the culmination of years of relationship building between Dr. Wilhelm Keil and several other key pioneer leaders. Following the establishment of Aurora Mills in 1856, Dr. Keil set to work negotiating land and business deals that served not only the needs of the Colony but contributed also to the well-being of his non-Colony neighbors. By 1868 the Aurora Colonists had completed their new park. The grounds were beautifully laid out with orchards, a bandstand, and a kitchen for preparing food. By 1870 Aurora was a regular train stop on the California – Oregon railway and the three story Pioneer Hotel was a welcomed destination for weary travelers. So, by the time 1,500 souls descended on Aurora in June of 1874, the Colonists were more than ready to welcome these guests—and the rest, as they say, is history!

Museum admission is always free to members. Adults - \$6.00; Seniors & AAA members - \$5.00; Students - \$2.00. The Old Aurora Colony Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm and open Sundays 12 noon to 4 pm. Closed major holidays.

**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.**



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### Mayor’s Corner

The summer is preparing to close and the days are getting shorter. Our city volunteers have given us a great experience with the Concert in the Park series and Aurora Colony Days. A special thanks to our sponsors who make our celebrations possible. Now we shift gears to preparing for the fall harvest and back to school for our children. North Marion schools will reopen after Labor Day and I encourage all residents to get involved and learn about how our schools are improving.

The month of October will bring 7 ballot measures to our mailboxes. These include proposed changes on the primary election process, recreational marijuana, GMO food labeling, and changes in driver license requirements. Please take the time to learn about all of the measures and their affects and VOTE!

Aurora will begin our participation in the Oregon Main Street program run by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). On September 2, there will be a presentation on the Main Street Program from 6-7PM, just prior to our monthly Planning Commission Meeting. You can learn more about the program by visiting: [http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/SHPO/docs/2013\\_Main\\_Street\\_Annual\\_Report.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/SHPO/docs/2013_Main_Street_Annual_Report.pdf)

Aurora’s core value comes from the strength of its volunteers. From the city’s governance to its celebrations, it is our volunteers that make our city a great place to live. Our ACD team, Safety committee, and Parks team are always looking for community members to take a small part of their time and help make our city the best it can be. Participating in city meetings helps make all of our needs be heard. For those who are currently or have in the past participated in volunteering for our city, THANK YOU. Please help make our town a place of excellence and prosperity.

Mayor Bill Graupp

### ALL WELCOME City Meetings for September/October 2014

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

- **Planning Commission**  
September 2, October 7
- **City Council**  
September 9, October 14
- **Park Committee**  
September 16, October 21
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**  
No Meetings Scheduled
- **Historic Review Board**  
September 25, October 23

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

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### From the City Recorder’s Desk,

Citizens,  
It looks like Aurora will be put on the map once again. Our very own local merchant, Toby J’s, will be constructing a totem pole that will make the Guinness Book of World Records. The event will be widely publicized and the public is welcome to attend various events that will be taking place during construction. Please contact the business for details.

It has come to our attention that various homeowners either do not have a water shut off installed or they do not know where it is located. Our Public Works Department has offered to install one for you at the meter if you prep the area. Please call City Hall for details if you are interested in doing this.

Please remember to keep your water meter area clear. Public Works will be trimming if it is not maintained.

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

### Aurora Colony Days, Aurora Concerts in the Park THANKS



Thanks to everyone for the great concert attendance this summer. We received many compliments from the bands on our town and our audience! Of course, this is all due to our generous sponsors and volunteers who make these events possible. Big thanks to The Kennedy Team- RE/MAX Equity Group, Wilbur Marmalade Studios, Pearson Financial Group, The Old Aurora Colony Museum, Pheasant Run Winery, White Rabbit Bakery, Asher Homes, The Colony Pub, and Heirloom Revival Co. and the City of Aurora for support and coordination.

Heather Stauffer Kirk – ACitP Coordinator

It takes ample efforts and time of many to organize a terrific community event like Aurora Colony Days. Thank you to our coordinators, Jan Peel, Shari Lund Doubrava, Diana Ash, Kathleen Mason, Gina Hutchinson, Heather Stauffer Kirk, Bill Graupp and Larry Townsend, who dedicated MONTHS of volunteer time to put together Aurora Colony Days.

Thank you to our City employees for supporting the volunteer efforts, particularly Deputy Pete & his fleet of Reservists!

A special dose of gratitude to our neighbors who worked together to bring you our annual parade: Jackie Ensign Snodderly, Holly & Aaron Ensign, Diana Ash, Sally & Spud Sperb, Mary van Kleef, Tara Weidman, Hugo & Andres Leah, Mary Berge Harris & kids, Patrick McArthur, Rick Vlcek, Alex Schwarz, Lori Sahlin, Jason Sahlin, Austin McArthur, Cherie Rainwater, Rob Rainwater, Tara & Carl Mcknight, Dana Sahlin, Steve Heer, Annie Kirk and North Marion Key Club. Please share your thanks when you see these folks next around the neighborhood.

Big thanks to our parade sponsors Canby Ford, Hubbard Chevrolet, Living Color Landscape & Nursery, The Colony Pub, Aurora Colony Visitors Association, Old Aurora Colony Museum, Heirloom Revival Co., White Rabbit Bakery and Canby Ace Hardware.

And we'd have no parade without entrants. Thank you to our community of parade entries - deep appreciation from all of us who enjoyed from the sidelines the creative and dedicated spirit to share in expressing this year's theme "Neighbors in Paradise" - 'cause Aurora is just that!

... now for next year... parade coordination starts at the beginning of the year. Who among you will be our next and new Parade Coordinator? Your community needs you and your special talents! (And do not fear, you'll have a great group of volunteers to help, at the ready!)

Annie Kirk – ACD Parade Coordinator

Thank you to all of the 1k/5k run and walk sponsors and volunteers that made it a great year for our event.

Our very generous sponsors were Aurora Colony Museum, The Drive In Car Wash, Mayor Bill Graupp and Cutsforth's Thriftway. Our incredible, hard-working volunteers were Shari Doubrava, Ken Doubrava, Apryl Heron, Sherry Meyers, Elisha Wettstein, John and Valerie Pendergrass, Carol Schultz, Brian Asher, Nancy Nishamura, Jana Gregory, Kathy Lund, Diana Ash and Tabatha Goundie. And a special thanks to all of the ACD committee, Mayor Bill Graupp, Mary Lambert and Kelly Richardson at City Hall, Huber Timing and Frontier Screenprinting.

Shari Doubrava – ACD Chair/Fun Run Coordinator

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped make the Outdoor Antiques & Vintage Faire a huge success again this year. To the "Street Crew" who shows up at the crack of dawn to place the dealers on the street: Gary McLaren of McLaren Auction Services and his brother, Mark; Laurie Rittson; and Tracy Schaefer of Hwy 99 Antiques. Another huge thank you to Tracy for always being there for any and everything I needed help with during the week of the event which is a massive amount of work. A big thanks to Les Lingscheit for all his help with all the signage and anything I may have needed help with. Thanks go to Karen & Larry Townsend for all their efforts with advertising and promoting the show and to OVS who so graciously loan us the Kubota RTV each year. Last, but not least, my husband, Dick Peel, for all his help and support and for putting up with me.

Jan Peel - Antique Faire Coordinator

### On Patrol



With Deputy Pete Marcellais



Solicitors. The very mention brings a strange feeling inside. Sure you would love to have a \$6000.00 set of encyclopedias that will be outdated by the time you get the last one. And the magical mixture of whatever they are putting on my carpet does make it so "clean". I think. (Of course the fact they just removed some spilt paint off my concrete with it makes me second guess letting them put it on my floors).

So how do we deal with them to be safe? Yes, there are scams and people that pretend to be solicitors just to case the neighborhood and your house. So what do you need to know?

First, by law and City Ordinance, all solicitors must be licensed and have a permit from the city or county that they are soliciting. ALWAYS ask for the license and permit. If they don't have a license or permit then don't buy anything and call City Hall or me. Get a description and direction of travel. And when I say call, I mean right after you close the door in his face, dial the phone. 40 minutes later does no one any good.

Second, there is NO REASON for them to come into your house. If they become pushy, stop talking to them, close the door and call immediately. Same rules apply as above; description, direction. Third, Most of the items they are "selling" you can pick up from a reliable source - Home Depot, Lowes or a local store. Most major businesses WILL NOT solicit you because their product speaks for itself. Go there instead.

If by chance you decide to hear what they have to say and let them come in for a cup of coffee to sell you over priced bleach, remember, you have the right at any time to tell them NO and to leave. If they refuse they are trespassing. It is always a good idea to grab your phone when you allow them in. In fact, it's a good idea to grab your phone ANYTIME you have someone over to work on your cable, air conditioning, fridge or yard. In a pinch you can at least call 9-1-1 AND HANG UP. Police will respond immediately to 9-1-1 hang up calls to check it out.

### Upcoming Events



Scarecrow Contest - Put your creative energies toward a fall display in your front yard. Which neighborhood will reign this year? Judging takes place on October 5th. Entry forms are available at City Hall or online at [auroracolony.com](http://auroracolony.com). Sponsored by the Aurora Colony Visitors Association.

Hazelween - October 11th, 10 am to 4 pm.

Find our squirrels, Fil and Bert, who have hidden hazelnut recipes in Aurora's shops. Drawings for prizes. Free - a fun family day. Pick up your map at local shops and eateries.



The North Marion Library is now open in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church. We have a great selection of books, and over 1000 children's books. Come check us out.

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