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ALL WELCOME City Meetings Jan/Feb 2013

*All Meetings at the City
Council Chambers at 7:00
pm*

- **Planning Commission**
Jan 3 & Feb 5
- **City Council**
Jan 8 & Feb 12
- **Park Committee**
Jan 15 & Feb 19
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**
Jan TBA & Feb TBA
- **Historic Review Board**
Jan 24 & Feb 28

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

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Happy New Year!!

Elected Mayor & Council Members to be Sworn In

At the January 8, 2013 City Council meeting, Greg Taylor will be sworn in for his second term as Mayor of Aurora. Rick Vlcek will be sworn in for his second term as Councilman and Scott Brotherton (Served on Aurora City Council 2009-2011) will be sworn again in for his first term as Councilman.

The City would also like to thank Terri Lee Roberts for her years of dedication and hard work serving the City of Aurora as a Councilman.

Your Current City Council Members are:

Greg Taylor	Mayor
Scott Brotherton	Councilor
Jason Sahlin	Councilor
Rick Vlcek	Councilor
Bill Graupp	Councilor

City Council Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

All are welcome to attend.

2013 City of Aurora Business Licenses

Renewal notices for business licenses will be sent out in January. Please be aware that all businesses must submit a **completed business license application** every year, so that we may update our records, along with the renewal fee.

When writing checks for business licenses renewals, please write a separate check from your water payment.

Business licenses are now handled through City Hall.

Please call if you have any questions. Thank you!

City Hall Holiday Closures

December 31, 2012 for New Years Eve

January 1, 2013 for the New Year's Day

January 21, 2013 for Martin Luther King Jr.

February 18, 2013 for Presidents Day



Is Your Business Prepared If The Power Goes Out?

Information provide by Portland General Electric

*Put together a business outage kit

- Flashlights
- Battery powered radio & clock
- Car adaptors/chargers for cell phones and laptops
- Emergency numbers, including PGE outage numbers
- Extra batteries



*Plan For Equipment

- Know how to shut off power to equipment.
- If you use cash registers, have a non electric alternative.
- Protect computer systems with surge protectors & automatic backup programs.
- If you have an emergency lighting system, make sure it's in good working order.
- If you are using a portable generator, read the instruction manual and follow all safety rules. Avoid Deadly Mistakes!

*Talk with Employees

- Train your team so they know what to do if business loses power. If it's critical for your business to remain open during a storm, encourage your employees to have an outage plan for home and options to get to work in bad weather.

*Know how to report an outage

- Call 503.464.7777 or 800.544.1795 to use our automated system to report an outage
- Online – go to portlandgeneral.com/outage

- *Be prepared & informed by visiting www.portlandgeneral.com/outage for more important tips.

Streetlight Outages

Report outages by contacting 503.736.5710 or emailing lightout@pgn.com



Aurora/Marion County Police Department

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Marion County Sheriff's Office to our small community and to inform the citizens of Aurora the best way to communicate with the contracted Aurora/Marion County deputy.

You may call City Hall and the staff can forward any messages to the deputy, as well as answer any questions you may have at 503-678-1283.

Dial 911 for all Police & Fire Emergencies

For non-emergencies or to have an officer contact you after hours please call the non-emergency dispatch line at **503-588-5032** or call City Hall Staff at 503-678-1283.

We simply ask the citizens of Aurora for some patience, since this is a new situation.

We will try to make every effort to help and expedite all requests.

Home Address Signs — *Can We Find You?*

Every second counts when Firefighters, Police, and medical personnel are responding to an emergency 911 call. The Aurora Fire District is concerned about locating people during their time of need. Please take a moment to check your address sign for proper identification of your residence. This could be the difference in saving or losing lives and property.

The address sign should be clearly visible from the street. Numbers should be 3-4" in height. When placing numbers on your mailbox, please be sure that there are numbers on both sides. When placing numbers on your house please be sure that they are a contrasting color from your house, and easily seen from the street.

If you have questions or need additional information please call the Aurora Fire District 503-678-5966

Dave Fincher - Aurora Rural Fire District

HAPPY 2013, CITY OF AURORA AND HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE AURORA COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A few years ago, I volunteered to be the president of the Aurora Colony Historical Society. I liked its historic mission, I liked the people, I liked Aurora. But, going into my third year at the helm, I'm feeling more like the humble heir to a great enterprise than "just" a volunteer spending his free time and expertise with a wonderful organization.

I am proud to serve as the nineteenth president of your Aurora Colony Historical Society and heir to a vision: preserving and promoting the unique heritage of the Aurora Colony right here in your town. Since 1963, sixteen women and men have served as presidents of the Aurora Colony Historical Society. Some of them you have known as Aurora friends, neighbors and business owners: Wayne Yoder, F.M. Ferguson, Percy Will, Allen Yost, Robert Hurst, Gary Ihle, Byron Schreiber, Allen Epp, Gladys Epp, Luana Hill, Larry Townsend, Laurel Cookman, Diane Kocher Down, Mike Byrnes, Brian Asher, and Gail Robinson. Thanks to their hard work and commitment, and that of hundreds of dedicated volunteers, you and I will be able to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Aurora Colony Historical Society in 2013. Over the last 50 years, the Society can boast of many achievements: founding and managing the Aurora Colony Museum— helping to make Aurora a destination for thousands of visitors every year; saving historic buildings; creating educational and exciting volunteer opportunities; preserving valuable Aurora documents and artifacts; and re-introducing generations of Oregonians to their unique history up here in the North Willamette Valley.

A few years ago, I had no idea what my 2013 New Year's resolution would be—but I do now. I want to celebrate 50 golden years of Aurora Colony Historical Society history with my Aurora neighbors and all of Oregon. And although the Museum will be closed during January, it will reopen in February with fresh exhibits and great events. So neighbors—get ready – 2013 is going to be BIG! Aurora Colony Historical Society events for neighbors of all ages like "Remembering Emma", "Spinning Wheel Showcase", "Strawberry Social", Aurora Colony Day and the Quilt Show are going to keep Aurora lively! Keep visiting our website for updates: www.auroracolony.org or call the Museum office: 503-678-5754.

—Reg Keddie, President, Aurora Colony Historical Society

Aurora Colony Upcoming Events



Winter Schedule

Museum Winter Hours

The museum is Closed the Month of January, except by appointment.

Call 503-678-5754 for information.

The office will be open Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Museum Will Reopen February 1st 2013

www.auroracolony.org

2013 "Fiftieth Anniversary"

Schedule of Exhibits

February 1 - June 2 Gifts From The Colony - Part I

"Celebrating 50 Years 1963-2013"

June 23 - October 6 Gifts From The Colony - Part II

"Celebrating 50 Years 1963-2013"

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Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line 503.540.8079

Non Emergency 503.588.5032

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