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May & June 2013

# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for May/June 2013

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

- **Planning Commission**  
May 7 & June 4
- **City Council**  
May 14 & June 11
- **Park Committee**  
May 21 & June 18
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**  
May 22 & June 26
- **Historic Review Board**  
May 23 & June 27
- **Budget Committee**  
May 1 & 8 at 6:30pm

Please confirm dates and  
times with City Hall

503-678-1283

## ATTENTION AURORA RESIDENTS!

**Due to budget cuts, the City  
of Aurora will be closed on  
Fridays, starting on Friday,  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

City of Aurora – Business hours (effective May 6<sup>th</sup> 2013)

Monday thru Thursday - 9am to 5pm daily

We also have a drop-box near the staff entrance, if you are  
not able to stop by during normal business hours.

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**The enclosed Utility bill is due on or before May 10th  
Late fees shall be assessed after the 10th as follows:**

- **Courtesy Notice—\$15.00**
- **Door Hanger/Shut off—\$45.00**

### City Hall Holiday Closures

**May 27th 2013—Memorial Day**

### NORCOM 9-1-1 Emergency Alert Program

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This emergency notification system enables the 9-1-1 Center to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where, you pick how.

Sign Up for Alerts - [www.norcom911.org](http://www.norcom911.org)

Click on:



And follow the prompts to set up your citizen's alert account.

- FYI – If you have listed a cordless home phone as your primary contact to receive alerts, in the event of a power outage, Norcom 911 will not be able to send out an alert to that phone. Be sure to list a cell phone or email address as a secondary contact so that you would be able to receive the emergency alerts in a power outage.

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### Little Miss Pioneer

**Saturday May 18, at 7 p.m. at the Aurora Presbyterian Church**

Please join us for this great community event. The ceremony gives participants an opportunity to display their best manners and etiquette, while answering questions for the panel of judges. Festivities include raffle, snacks, local youth music performance and coronation of this year's court.



### ON PATROL



There were several things I was going to mention in this issue, (Exploding cannons, spring cleaning etc)..... but then something happened that really made me pause and decide to talk about something else. One of our neighbors decided it was a good idea to cheat the system and take a Prize Basket from the Aurora Fire Dept. They decided to re use a prize egg and get two baskets. So in actuality, they stole a basket of candy from a small child. It is amazing that someone would do this to one of their own neighbors kids.

When did we stop caring? When did we stop being neighbors? When did saving 30 seconds of time warrant us to speed past our neighbor's houses and businesses? When did we stop caring about our community so much that we stopped picking up after ourselves and our pets? (Yes that's a plug about the amount of dog poop that is all over the park and sidewalks around town. It's not like there aren't any bags and garbage cans provided by the city for that. I guess its just pure laziness.)

I can't tell you how many times people tell me how wonderful Aurora is as a community and how everyone is so caring for the other person. And then I see folks doing 35 down Main Street past everyone's houses and kids just to pull into their driveway. (What's funny is as I was typing that last sentence, someone sped past me on Main Street doing 35) Did you really save that much time? What was the big hurry? Sometimes it's the same ones that complain that I see doing 45 mph down 99E past the White Rabbit, just to see them pull into their driveway. I just have to shake my head. This is YOUR neighborhood and this is how YOU want to treat it?

With that being said, The Traffic Safety Committee is meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month to discuss traffic safety in the communities. If you have something to share, or just want to come and listen, please do. We are always looking for neighbors to be involved with what is going on in the city.

**Deputy Peter Marcellais**



## **Aurora Colony Days**

*Preserving the Past for the Future (2013 Theme)*

**August 9-11, 2013**

**Aurora Colony Days (ACD) Summer Concert Series** will kick-off in July. Mark your calendar for July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 10th! For band announcements and more details, follow us on the I Love Aurora, Facebook page. Concerts will take place rain or shine.

### **1k/5k Run**

Our second annual run for kids and adults will take place the morning of August 10th. Mark your calendars and start registering soon at [www.nspirelive.com](http://www.nspirelive.com). For more information, please contact Shari Doubrava at [sharidou@msn.com](mailto:sharidou@msn.com)

### **ACD Parade**

Design your own float to march through the streets of Aurora. Dust off that hot rod, tractor or roller-skates for a fun-filled family event. If you or your group would like to participate in this year's parade please contact Bethany Davis ([davissbethany@gmail.com](mailto:davissbethany@gmail.com))

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Looking to promote your business or service to the community of Aurora? Sponsor a concert, the 1k/5k run sponsor with your name on the race t-shirts or sponsor a dignitary in the parade. Interested or want more details? Please contact either Betsy Imholt ([betsyimholt503@gmail.com](mailto:betsyimholt503@gmail.com)) or Shari Doubrava ([sharidou@msn.com](mailto:sharidou@msn.com)) for more information on these great community events.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

While these events are free to the community it takes many volunteers to make them possible. There are many ways you contribute set-up and take down for race, concert clean-up, parade registration and many more. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events please contact Betsy Imholt ([betsyimholt503@gmail.com](mailto:betsyimholt503@gmail.com)).

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## **BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS — PART 1**



**OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS** – Bicycles must drive like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists.

**NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC** - Motorists aren't looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law and common sense require that bicyclists drive like other vehicles.

**DON'T WEAVE BETWEEN PARKED CARS** - Don't ride out to the curb between parked cars unless they are far apart. Motorists may not see you when you try to move back into traffic.

**FOLLOW LANE MARKINGS** - Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't go straight in a lane marked "right-turn only."

**DON'T PASS ON THE RIGHT** - Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right. Learn to scan the road behind you while riding.

**SCAN THE ROAD BEHIND** - Learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving. Some riders use rear-view mirrors.

**KEEP BOTH HANDS READY TO BRAKE** - You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since brakes are less efficient when wet.

**DRESS APPROPRIATELY** - In rain wear a poncho or waterproof suit. Dress in layers so you can adjust to temperature changes. Wear a sturdy helmet to protect your head. Wear bright colored clothing.

**Dave Fincher, Aurora Fire Department**

## Aurora Colony Upcoming Events

### May 11-12 Ladies Weekend!



[www.auroracolony.or](http://www.auroracolony.or)

- **4th Annual "Remembering Emma" Saturday, May 11, 2013**

Time: 1pm-4pm Location: Old Aurora Colony Museum. Price: \$35 reservation limited to 100.

Author **Jane Kirkpatrick** will be the featured speaker on this day remembering Colony member Emma Giesy, which includes a new Emma Walk, touring places Emma knew in her lifetime in (her own words) as well as a walk to her grave, followed by a reception and visiting with Jane (4-5:30) at the Frederick Keil house. Morning book signing 10:30-noon with Jane is open without reservation with museum admission. Call (503) 678-5754 for more info.

- **Mothers Day Weekend Wine & Jewelry Walk. Saturday and Sunday 11-5.**

Tickets on sale at (503) 678-6987—\$55 for 2 people

Get your wives, moms, grandmoms, daughters and yourselves to Aurora for a day of sampling local wines and drooling and shopping for jewelry. Antique jewelry, vintage jewelry, contemporary and artist jewelry – all are featured at selected shops. Your \$55 **passport for two** includes wine tastings, souvenir wine glasses, Aurora Bucks to spend, and a pair of artisan sterling/freshwater pearl earrings for Mom.

- **Aurora Colony Historical Society's annual event "Notable Music" – Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**

Tickets are just \$25.00 per person - includes dessert. Seating is limited.

This year's concert will be honoring the memory of Gail Robinson, the Society's music patron and past president. The concert venue will be at the Charbonneau Golf and Country Club 32020 SW Charbonneau Dr. Wilsonville, OR 97070. The musical gala will begin at 7pm. For more information & to make reservations, go to the website: [www.auroracolony.org](http://www.auroracolony.org) or call the Aurora Colony Museum office: 503-678-5754.

- **43th Annual Strawberry Social. June 23, 2013 Noon - 4:00PM**

Adults \$6.50, Seniors \$5.50, Child \$3.00 (under 12) Price includes museum admission

Over forty years of tradition establishes the Aurora Colony Historical Society Strawberry Social as the best in the area. Join us in celebrating this longstanding tradition. Tour the new exhibit Gifts from the Colony - "Celebrating 50 Years 1963 - 2013". Aurora's own Little Miss Pioneer Court will be our special guests. Come and enjoy a true community experience in the National Historic District of Aurora. Call (503) 678-5754 for more info.

### City of Aurora Contact Information



#### City Hall Administration

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Office Hours: 9am-5pm M-Th

Closed Fridays (starting May 10th 2013)

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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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**Mayor Greg Taylor**  
[mayor@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:mayor@ci.aurora.or.us)

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