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January/February 2011

# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME

### City Meetings for Jan/Feb 2011

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

- **Planning Commission**  
Jan 4th & Feb 1st
- **Park Committee**  
Jan 19th & Feb 16th
- **City Council**  
Jan 11th & Feb 8th
- **Historic Review Board**  
Jan 27th & Feb 24th
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**  
Jan 26th & Feb 23rd

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

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## Water Filtration System

The water filtration system for Aurora is nearly complete. It went online in December. As with any new system, there have been a few bugs to work out. There will still be a final flushing of all water mains in the city. Once this is complete, residents should see clearer, cleaner water.



## Newly Elected Council Members to be Sworn In

At the January 11, 2011 City Council meeting, Jim Meirov will be sworn in for his second term as Mayor of Aurora. Scott Brotherton will be sworn in for his second term as Councilman and Jason Sahlin will be sworn in for his first term as Councilman.

The City would also like to thank Bill Sahlin for his years of dedication and hard work serving the City of Aurora as a Councilman.



## 2011 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!

## Water Bills are due by the 25th of the Month

*Late fees will be assessed after the 25th*

## Planning Commission & Historic Review Board Vacancies

The City of Aurora has the following vacancies:

- 1 Planning Commission seat—4 year term

Applicants must be residents of Aurora (6 months residency minimum)

- 1 Historic Review Board seat—3 year term

Applicants must own, rent or lease property in the Aurora Historic District (6 month minimum)

If you are interested in serving on one of these boards, please submit a letter of interest along with your qualifications for the position to Aurora City Hall, Attn: Kelly Richardson, City Recorder.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, January 17, 2011.

## 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.

Also have the opportunity to sign up to receive alert messages about public safety and community events—”Opt-In” for your specific areas of interest.

### Sign Up for Alerts

Visit

[www.norcom911.org](http://www.norcom911.org)

Click on:



## **A Message from your Fire Department:**

# **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

Thanks, Dave Fincher

## **From the Aurora Police Department:**



503-678-1284

[apdchief@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:apdchief@ci.aurora.or.us)

Let me take a few minutes to introduce myself and tell you a little about me. My name is Brent Earhart and I am your new Police Chief. I am truly happy to be working in such a fine city as Aurora. I am married to a lovely lady named Sheila. We have three children, Bill, Adam and Brianna. We also have a wonderful grandson named Brock. I began my career in 1982 in Westminster Colorado as a Patrol Officer. In 1990 I was promoted to Sergeant and worked in Patrol, the Traffic Unit, the Gang Enforcement Unit and ended my time with Westminster as a Detective Sergeant in charge of the Crimes against Person Unit. In 2002 I took the job as Police Chief in Mt Angel Oregon. In December I was honored to be selected to serve you. I look forward to working with the community and businesses to take the City and Police Department to greater heights. Please feel free to contact me, or better yet stop by if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting each of you.

## **Attention Homeowners!**

**Do you need financial help to make repairs to your home?**

**Please read the enclosed flyer for information about the Aurora Housing Rehabilitation Program.**



**SAVE THE DATE: 2011 Schedule of Events**

- February 15 - Annual Meeting
- March 12-13 - Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase
- April 9 - Senior Spelling Bee
- May 7 - 2nd Annual "Remembering Emma"
- June 26 - 41st Annual Strawberry Social
- July 23 - Handspinners' Guild Spin-In / Dye Day
- July 30 & August 6 - Living History Saturdays
- August 13 - Aurora Colony Day

**2011 Schedule of Exhibits**

- February 1 - June 5 - "With Faith and Dedication" - The Zimmerman Family
- June 6 - October 2 - "We Were All One Family" - The Giesy Family
- October 15 - 24 - "Bountiful Oregon" - 39th Annual Quilt Show
- November 8 - December 31 - Gifts to the Colony 2011"

Website: [www.auroracolony.org](http://www.auroracolony.org) Phone: 503-678-5754

**City of Aurora Contact Information**



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**Police Department**

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For vehicle release, call for appt: 503-678-1284

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Non Emergency 503-982-2340  
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