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The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME

City Meetings for March/April 2011

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

- **Planning Commission**
March 1st & April 5th
- **Park Committee**
March 16th & April 20th
- **City Council**
March 8th & April 12th
- **Historic Review Board**
March 24th & April 28th
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**
March 23rd & April 27th

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

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Aurora Volunteer Firefighters Association



Invites all to attend its annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday April 23, 2011

Location: Aurora City Park

Time: 1:00 pm

Age groups: 1-3 years, 4 years-kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4

Prizes: Two eggs in each age group will contain a winning ticket for special prize.

You're invited.....

To officially re-open the city park, a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned just before the 1:00 start time of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23, 2011. Many thanks to Aurora Fire for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Upcoming Aurora Airport Public Workshop and PAC Meeting

The Oregon Department of Aviation has developed four possible alternatives for various improvements at the Aurora Airport, including a no-build option. Come learn about these options and provide your feedback at a Public Workshop. At this workshop, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and the project team will present and discuss the various alternatives.

The Public Workshop will be held on:
Thursday, March 10 – 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.
North Marion Intermediate School
20237 Grim Road NE, Aurora, OR 97002

We look forward to hearing from the public on ways to help shape the future of the Aurora Airport. For more information, please visit the project website at www.AuroraStateAirport.org

Water Bills are due by the 25th of the Month

Late fees will be assessed after the 25th as follows:

Courtesy Notice: \$15.00 Door Hanger: \$25.00

Shut-off: \$50.00 Turn Back On: \$50.00

2011 Little Miss Pioneer

It is that time of year again! Little Miss Pioneer sign-ups will begin in March and April with the ceremony taking place in May. Little Miss Pioneer is a program aimed at Aurora area girls ages 9-12, providing them with an opportunity to represent the City of Aurora in local parades, fairs and community functions. One queen and two princesses are selected based on manners, effort and attitude, NOT on talent or appearances.



Aurora Colony Days/Concerts in the Park

Mark your calendars for the **2011 Aurora Colony Days celebration** taking place on **August 12-14**. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact Betsy at betsy@timeandspaceconsulting.com or Danielle at kinderfamily@wbcable.net, 503-776-9009.

Also, watch for more information on the **Aurora Concerts in the Park** series running Wednesday nights during the month of July. Musicians will include Kerosene Dream, William Jenks, Ty Phillippay, and Michele Van Kleef. We are working on a lively band for Saturday evening August 13 during the celebration in the park.

North Marion Auction April 9, 2011

Wellspring in Woodburn

Please donate, volunteer or participate in a fun evening while supporting our students!



Information available at www.nmauction.org

Facebook: North Marion Auction

Twitter: North Marion Auction

Email: nmauction@gmail.com

Pudding River Watershed Council Quarterly Meeting

Interested in learning more about the Pudding River Watershed Council, or have an idea for a restoration project along Mill Creek or the Pudding, want to become a Creekshed Steward Team member? Then join us for the quarterly meeting of the PRWC and the Lower Mill Creek/Pudding River Stewardship team on Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 P.M. in the Hubbard City Hall. For more information contact: Jan at j.rlafalot@yahoo.com.

A Message from your Fire Department: Volunteers Needed

Thanks to the dedication of a great group of volunteer firefighters and support personnel, we have been able to provide excellent protection to the area we serve for many years. Many of these volunteers have been serving 10 to 20 years, and some over 40 years. However, we now have a real need for more volunteers who will continue to serve and protect our Fire District. If you are interested in a rewarding experience, helping your neighbors when they need you most, call us at 503-678-5966 and we will give you all the information needed to apply. The minimum age required to be a volunteer is 18 years of age. We will provide any training that is necessary, and normal training is accomplished on Monday nights.

Chief Rod Yoder

Aurora Fire District

From the Aurora Police Department:

With spring fast approaching, the Aurora Police Department would like to remind drivers to pay extra attention while driving. With the nicer weather comes more pedestrian and bicycle traffic on City streets. Our hope is that everyone is safely able to enjoy this wonderful community, whether visitor or resident. Homeowners are asked to please trim back any shrubs or trees that obstruct views at intersections. If in doubt, please contact the Police Department and we can help you make an assessment.

The new crosswalk has been installed at Hwy 99E and Ottaway. Officers will be monitoring the crosswalk to insure compliance. We are asking for your help by using the crosswalk when crossing the highway. As always, please feel free to contact the Police Department if you have any questions or concerns.

Phone: 503-678-1284

As you begin your spring yard maintenance, please help out our public works department by trimming bushes which are growing around your water meter.

Thank you!

Before burning yard debris, be sure to call the burning information line at:

503-982-0011



Aurora Colony Upcoming Events:



Saturday, March 12, 2011 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Sunday, March 13, 2011 Noon - 4:00PM

29th Annual Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase

You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to see working antique spinning wheels throughout the museum complex. This annual event is sponsored by the Aurora Colony Handspinners Guild. Live animals will be on display in the Museum's tie shed. Coffee and cookies will be served in the 1876 Steinbach Log Cabin.

The Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild will raffle an antique spinning wheel.

April 9, 2011

Senior Spelling Bee - State of Oregon

(Ages 50 and over)

1:00PM - 4:00PM at the Pythian Hall

Entry Fee \$10.00

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

National Finals are in June in Cheyenne, Wyoming

For information and registration form contact:

Roberta Hutton 503-678-5465 or email: Roberta.Hutton313@gmail.com

May 7, 2011

2nd Annual "Remembering Emma" with Jane Kirkpatrick

Emma Wagner Giesy, an Aurora Colony member, died on May 17, 1916. Jane Kirkpatrick's Change and Cherish Historical Series was written about the extraordinary life of Emma whose memory will be honored at this event.

Additional information available at www.auroracolony.org

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