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The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME City Meetings Sept/Oct 2011

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

- **Planning Commission**
Sept 6th & Oct 4th
- **City Council**
Sept 13th & Oct 11th
- **Park Committee**
Sept 20th & Oct 18th
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**
Sept 28th & Oct 26th
- **Historic Review Board**
Sept 22nd & Oct 27th

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

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Mayor Meirow Announces Resignation; Position Open to Aurora Citizens.

The current City of Aurora Mayor, Jim Meirow has announced his intent to resign his office effective with the election of his replacement at the September 13, 2011 City Council meeting. A letter from the mayor to the citizens of Aurora is included with this mailing. The City Council would like to announce the vacancy so interested citizens may apply and be considered candidates for the position.

The City Council shall consider filling the position of the Mayor at its regular monthly meeting scheduled for September 13, 2011. Qualified citizens wishing to be considered by the City Council should notify the City Recorder in writing or by email (recorder@ci.aurora.or.us) of their interest no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, September 9, 2011. Candidates must be residents of Aurora (at least 6 months), and may include a resume if they so desire, but are not required to do so. The City Council may elect a Mayor from those citizens who have expressed interest or the Council may choose another citizen. The Council may also decide to delay the election to another specific date.

If you have any questions about this process, you may contact City Hall at 503-678-1283.

Please Remember:

It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain the planting strips and sidewalks in front of their home or business. This includes keeping sidewalks clear of over-grown plants.

Thank you!

Water/Sewer Rate Increases

The following rate increases took effect July 1, 2011:

New Water Rate: \$.05 per cubic foot

New Sewer Rate: \$51.00 per month

Please see the enclosed copy of Resolutions No. 632 and 633 adopting these new rates.

Water Bills are due by the 25th of the Month

Thank You for Making Aurora Colony Days a Success

Finally, after many years of planning, we finally pulled off a fun, family-friendly Aurora Colony Days evening event in the park. This was a vision shared among many in Aurora and has taken the efforts of so many volunteers to achieve. So let's thank our wonderful neighbors who have baked, organized, led, donated, designed, rallied, cleaned up, and built in order to make the vision a reality.

Aurora Colony Days Committee: Betsy Imholt, Danielle Kinder, Lori Sahlin, Shae Marquez, Jan Peel

Parade: Annie Kirk, Steve Heer, Mary and Laura Harris (judges), Alex Schwarz and Canby Ford (use of convertible and driver), Lynn Kraxberger and Jack Gault (use of convertible and driver), Terri Roberts (city councilor and driver), Ron Roberts and grandson Joe (use of convertible and driver), Chief Brent Earhart and officers (specific to parade: Chief, Officers Maxwell and Simmons) Sgt Gill and Officer Lueke from Hubbard PD also assisted, Erik Berkey at Hubbard Chevrolet, Canby Builders Supply and all of the parade entrants.

Little Miss Pioneer: Amy Gianella, Shari Doubrava, Dana Sahlin and Jessica Gibson

Outdoor Antiques Faire: Special thanks to the 5:00 am "Street Crew", Gary McLaren of McLaren Auction Services and brother Mark, Laurie Rittson, Tracy Schaefer of Hwy 99 Antiques and Dick Peel of Home Again Antiques. The Breakfast Crew, who handled delivering breakfast orders to dealers, Pete & Darla Petrillo and Paul & Tina Zech. Thank you to Bill Nootenboom at South End Antiques for help with putting up signs. A big thanks to Les Lingscheit of Aurora Lampworks for the new A-frames and helping put up and take down all the signage. Thank you to Larry & Karen Townsend for all their efforts with advertising and promoting the show. Last, but not least, thank you to OVS in Aurora for the use of the Kubota RTV which helped in the effort to set up and clean up. Again, thanks to all. Jan Peel, Chairman.

Bake Sale: Jessica Gibson, Jonathan Gibson, Carol Schultz, Sheri Sanford, Diana Ash and all of the volunteers who donated baked goods for a good cause.

Celebration in the Park: Carol Read and the NM Players Drama Club, Cheech and Peg Wolfgang (bounce house donation), Sara DuBuc, Bethany Davis, Heather Kirk, Jim Meirrow, Matt Kennedy and Jason Kennedy at ReMax Equity Group, Herb and Shawna at Corban Auto Repair Plus!, Hot Chicks Bento, Tara and Carl at Pheasant Run Winery, Lupita's, Dancehall Days and Wheels in the Sky. Aurora Officers Marshall, Austin and Tolley along with Officer Boykin from the Hubbard Police Dept.

These events would not have been possible without help from the City of Aurora, the Aurora Parks Committee, Aurora Artists Association, Aurora Colony Museum, American Legion Auxiliary and the Aurora Colony Visitors Association.

And a HUGE thanks to everyone for attending the events. Hope to see you all back next year, August 11, 2012...same time, same place.

From The Aurora Police Department

It is the time of year once again when parents breathe a sigh of relief; school is starting again. The Aurora Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind drivers that children will once again be walking to and waiting for busses. Please take extra care during this time. It is also a good time for parents to remind their children of the rules of the road, such as listening to the bus driver and paying attention when entering and exiting the bus. Also with the season come the frosty mornings. Please make certain your car windows are clear before starting out in the mornings. Working together, we can make this a very enjoyable time of year. Please feel free to contact the Police Department with any questions and concerns.

Traffic Safety Commission Positions Open

There are two positions open on the Traffic Safety Commission. Applicants must be a resident of, or own a business in Aurora (for at least 6 months). Please submit a letter of interest to City Hall by September 30th, 2011 if you would like to serve on this commission.

ATTENTION AURORA RESIDENTS . . .

Do you know that some of the City's "income" is based on population? WELL, according to the 2010 Census, Aurora's population count DROPPED by **60** residents, which is a net loss of about \$8,000! We are seeking volunteers to appeal the census count by going door-to-door for a re-count. We need about 20 volunteers.

If you are interested, please contact City Hall at 503-678-1283.

**Do you have a street light outage? Contact PGE at:
503-736-5710 or e-mail: LightOut@pgn.com
Web site: <http://www.portlandgeneral.com>**

LEARN TO DANCE

Redeem this COUPON for three (3) FREE

Introductory Lessons September 11, 18, and 25, 2011

Sunday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Chaps and Petticoats Square Dance Club

Aurora American Legion Hall

21510 Main Street - Aurora, OR 97002



Singles, couples and families all welcome

Questions? Call Betty 503-806-5654 or www.chapsandpetticoats.com

Aurora Colony Upcoming Events

Celebrate Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow...

is the theme for the 23rd Annual Fundraising Auction to be held at Charbonneau Country Club on September 17, 2011 - beginning at 5:00 P.M. Cost for the evening is \$35.00 and includes Dinner, No Host Bar, Silent and Live Auctions, Wall of Wine Ring Toss and Party Boards. There will be something for everyone, so come and support your local history. This major fundraising event will support museum operations; allowing us to enhance our educational programs, continue to produce quality exhibits throughout the year, and interpret the story of the Aurora Colony through our collections and documents.

Tickets are available at the museum or by calling 503-678-5754.

"Bountiful Oregon" 39th Annual Quilt Show

Old Aurora Colony Museum

October 14-23, 2011 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Daily

New, Vintage & Antique Quilts, Demonstrations, Featured Quilter, Country Store, Coffee Shop, Block Contest



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