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The Aurora Colony Times

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ALL WELCOME City Meetings May/June 2011

All Meetings at the City
Council Chambers at
7:00 pm
(unless otherwise noted)

- **Planning Commission**
May 3rd & June 7th
- **Budget Committee**
May 5th - **6:30 pm**
- **Park Committee**
May 17th & June 21st
- **City Council**
May 10th & June 14th
- **Historic Review Board**
May 26th & June 23rd
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**
May 25th & June 22nd

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

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Aurora Southern Gateway Workshop

The City of Aurora will hold a public workshop looking at alternatives to accommodate future growth at the south end of Highway 99E in the city limits and specifically, the intersection of Highway 99E and Ottaway Road.

The purpose of the workshop is to gain input from city residents and area property owners on needed improvements along the city's Southern Gateway, an important transportation corridor.

The workshop will address desired land uses, character of new development, pedestrian safety, and connectivity for all modes of transportation.

**The Public Workshop will be held on:
Thursday, May 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Aurora Fire Hall, 21390 Main St NE**

We look forward to hearing from the public on ways to help shape the future growth of 99E in the city limits. For more information, contact Jennifer Mannhard, Otak at 503-699-4511 or Jennifer.Mannhard@otak.com.

The Transportation and Growth Management Program is a co-sponsor of the workshop

Aurora Colony Days, 2011 Theme "Don't Stop Believin' "

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 13th!** This year's City-wide celebration will include the **Outdoor Antiques Faire (8-4 p.m.)** taking place in the historic downtown streets of Aurora. **The community parade begins at 11 a.m.** and will wind its way down Liberty St and back up Main St. before finishing at the Park. **The Celebration in the Park begins at 5 p.m.** with food and beverages. There will be blow-up entertainment for the kids (5-7 p.m.). Live music by Journey tribute band, *Wheels in the Sky* (sponsored by The Kennedy Team of Re/Max equity group), will begin at 7:30 with festivities coming to a close around 9 p.m. Food, Beer and Wine available for purchase during concerts. All events made possible by the City of Aurora and through generous community sponsors.

Now that the filtration project is complete, we hope water customers are enjoying clearer, cleaner water.

In order to help pay for the filtration system, customers may see a small increase on their water bills.

Water Bills are due by the 25th of the Month

Little Miss Pioneer

Saturday May 21, at 7 p.m. at the Aurora American Legion Hall.

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. Win great prizes and cheer on your friends and neighbors during the ceremony and raffle.

Aurora Summer Concert Series

We are excited to announce the Aurora Summer Concert Series taking place on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., starting July 13- Aug. 3rd.

Food, Beer and Wine will be available for purchase during concerts.

Here is the summer line-up:

- Wed. July 13th** **Kerosene Dream (sponsored by Corban Auto Repair)**
- Wed. July 20th** **William Jenks, with opening band Ignition (N. Marion student band)**
- Wed. July 27th** **Ty Philliapay**
- Wed. Aug. 3rd** **Michele VanKleef**
- Sat. Aug. 13th** **Wheels in the Sky**
(Journey Tribute Band, during Colony Days Celebration in the Park)

A Reminder from the Historic Review Board

If it's time to plan those warm-weather **exterior projects** and your property is within the city's **Historic District overlay zone**, be sure to check with the city to see what projects must have approval prior to beginning them. Generally, ANY EXTERIOR CHANGES to buildings or the site require approval according to the city's *Design Guidelines*. It does NOT include garden and planting changes unless it is a major landscaping change. For questions or to pick up an application, call or visit City Hall. Applications should be turned in two weeks prior to the monthly Historic Review Board meeting, which is on the fourth Thursday of each month. If you have a future project in mind and are not sure how it will be affected by the guidelines, you are welcome to attend an HRB meeting and have an informal discussion of your project prior to the application process.

Aurora Receives Good Notices

Recently two tour groups from Eugene visited Aurora, organized as a "Past, Present and Future" series of several Oregon towns. Comments on the town were very flattering, including the city's tidiness and obvious pride of ownership. Thanks to everyone!

The city's business community has also received some very favorable national attention. Last summer, MSNBC.com included Aurora in its list of the "ten best antiques towns". This spring, travelchannel.com has been running another list of 8 cities under the title "America's Best Antique Shopping" where Aurora appeared, along with Boston!

The visitor association's new brochure is now available at city hall or in the downtown kiosk, listing this year's events as well as ads for many new businesses. Come see what others from around the country are arriving for. In addition to antiques, Aurora's specialty shops offer some unique and exceptional products.

Electrical safety in the home

Is your home safe?

Please take the time to inspect your home for potential electrical hazards.

- * Replace or repair loose/frayed cords on all electrical devices.
- * Avoid running extension cords under carpets and across doorways.
- * In homes with small children, unused wall sockets and extension-cord receptacles should have plastic safety covers.
- * Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.
- * Avoid overloading outlets. If outlets or switches feel warm, shut off the circuit and have them checked by an electrician.
- * Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended wattage.

These Safety Tips furnished by NFPA
Thanks, Dave Fincher, ARFD

From the Aurora Police Department:

It's back, have you seen it?

The radar speed trailer has been repaired and is once again set up in the community. Thanks to our volunteer Jim Fisher, the trailer is being set up in different areas of the community. If anyone would like to have the trailer set up in their area, please let the Police Department know and we will put it on the schedule.

Both the Police Department and Fire District have signed up for a program to alert citizens of potential hazards and community information. The program is called Citizen Alert. Anyone in the area with a landline phone is on the program. If you would like to receive notifications via a cell phone, text message or email, please go to the NORCOM website at www.norcom911.org. Once on the site click on the Citizen Alert icon. This allows you to add phone numbers and email addresses, as well as which type of notifications you wish to receive. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Police Department or Fire District.

Information for Pet Owners

Please be aware of the following Marion County Code for dog owners.

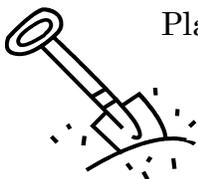
Marion County Code 6.05.050 states the keeper of a dog commits a civil infraction if the keeper's dog(s) commits any of the following acts:

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| * Runs at large. | * Chases vehicles on roadway. |
| * Disturbs a person by prolonged or frequent noise. | * Female in heat at large. |
| * Scatters garbage. | * Is a potentially dangerous dog. |
| * Trespasses on private property of others. | * Is a dangerous dog. |
| * Damages or destroys property of others. | |



Please visit www.mcdogs.net for more information pertaining to dog control and enforcement.

The Marion County Dog Control phone number is: 1-503-588-5366



Planning on doing some digging in your yard? Please be sure to call

Dig Safely Oregon at 1-800-332-2344

to have utilities located *Before* you start digging.

For more information, visit: www.digsafelyoregon.com

Aurora Colony Upcoming Events:

2nd Annual "Remembering Emma" with Jane Kirkpatrick May 7, 2011

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.



www.auroracolony.org

\$35.00 - Reservations required, limited to 100 guests

41st Annual Strawberry Social

June 26, 2011 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. A great summertime family outing. Avoid waiting in line - Advance ticket are now available at the museum.

Doors of Aurora

Community Art Project sponsored by the Aurora Colony Visitors' Association

Aurora is a unique town and destination, noted for both local history and antiques. It is also home to many creative people and working artisans. The goal is to combine the two to create some short-term public art that will attract attention as well as raise money for a good cause.

Participating businesses will paint an old door that will be auctioned off for a major charity. The doors will be displayed at each business during the summer. The event will kick off the weekend of June 24th/26th and end Saturday, August 13th during Colony Days. For more information, contact Carl at Pheasant Run Winery Tasting Room: info@pheasantrunwine.com or Karen Townsend.

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