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November/December 2011

# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings Nov/Dec 2011

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

- **Planning Commission**  
Nov 1st & Dec 6th
- **City Council**  
Nov 8th & Dec 13th
- **Park Committee**  
Nov 15th & Dec 20th
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**  
Nov 23rd & Dec 28th
- **Historic Review Board**  
Nov TBD & Dec TBD

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

## Newly Appointed Mayor and Councilor

Greg Taylor was appointed Mayor of Aurora at the September 13th City Council Meeting. Rick Vlcek was appointed as Councilor at the October 11th City Council Meeting.

## City Council Position Available

The Aurora City Council currently has one open position.  
This position is for a 3-year term.

The requirements for the position are as follows:

- \*Candidates must reside in the Aurora City Limits (6 months).
- \*Candidates must be registered voters.

All interested applicants must submit a letter of interest to City Hall no later than **Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, by 5:00pm** and should attend the Aurora City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

## City of Aurora Website

The City of Aurora website is in the process of being updated. Please be patient as we work on adding more content.



Check it out at: [www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us)

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## City Hall Holiday Closures

Aurora City Hall will be closed on the following dates:

November 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving

December 26th for Christmas

January 2nd for the New Year



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

## Community Wide Thanksgiving Service

Thanksgiving is coming! All are invited to prepare for the season and give thanks at a community-wide worship service in the North Marion High School gymnasium at **11 am, Sunday, November 20th**. Sponsored by Aurora Presbyterian, Calvary Mennonite and North Marion Fellowship and open to all, the worship service will feature prayers for the community, praise music, hymns and a message by Dr. Roger Trautmann of Multnomah Seminary. Signs and parking lot attendants available to get you to the right place at **20167 Grim Rd NE in Aurora**.

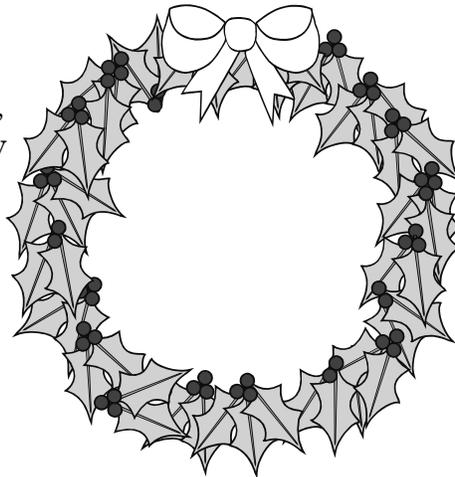
For more information contact Paul Templeman (503) 678-5701.

## Aurora Celebrates the Holidays

*Watch for posters for the following activities:*

**November 12**  
Santa's Christmas Bazaar,  
American Legion Auxiliary

**November 25-27**  
Merchant Open House  
Weekend



“Wine & Chocolate Walk”

Santa Claus at the  
Octagon Building

**December 3**  
Historic Home Tour

*For more information: Aurora Colony Visitors Association*  
[www.auroracolony.com](http://www.auroracolony.com) (503)939-0312



## Spooky Visitors

It's worth a quick drive around town to view the many fall displays including our “Homefront” and “Storefront” Scarecrows. There were fourteen terrific entries in the competition. Results of the judging are posted at City Hall, but all are “winners”!

### **From The Aurora Police Department**

With the upcoming holidays, the Aurora Police Department wants to remind everyone to be safe and enjoy the holiday season. When parking your vehicle, either at home or in a parking lot, make certain your vehicle is locked and any valuable items are removed or hidden from view. Thieves love this time of year because people are excited and tend to rush, leaving themselves open to becoming victims. Anyone noticing any suspicious behavior is asked to call the police to report it.

**Have a safe and happy holiday season.**

### **A Message from ARFD**

Winter is fast approaching along with the Holiday season. Here are some useful home safety tips to help prevent accidents and keep your home and family safe.

**Holiday decorations** -- If you're planning on having a live Christmas tree, be sure you water it daily, and place in a stand that's designed not to tip over. If you're using an artificial tree be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.

**Holiday lighting** -- Always use lights listed by a testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use the lights. Never use lit candles to decorate a tree. Also maintain at least three feet clearance from heat sources, such as fireplaces and radiators.

**Smoke Alarms** -- When properly installed and working "SMOKE ALARMS" are the single most important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal. Please test your smoke alarms monthly. Your home should have a working smoke alarm on every level including the basement. These safety tips and information provided by the **National Fire Protection Association**.

**Thanks, Dave Fincher ARFD**

### **ATTENTION AURORA RESIDENTS . . .**

Do you know that some of the City's "income" is based on population? 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. If you are interested, please contact City Hall.

### **A Friendly Reminder from Public Works:**

To help eliminate the need for costly repairs to the collection system at the treatment plant, please do not flush any foreign objects down your toilet...only toilet paper. Also, limiting the amount of food waste which is run through your garbage disposal helps maintain the chemical balance at the treatment plant. Thank you!

## Aurora Colony Upcoming Events

### 2011 - 2012 Schedule of Exhibits

November 8 - December 31  
 “Gifts to the Colony 2011”  
 Artifact donations received during 2011

February 1 - June 2  
 “Many Lives - Many Ties”  
 The Ehlen Family

June 24 - October 7  
 “Colony and Community”  
 The Other Aurora Families



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

### City of Aurora Contact Information



#### City Hall Administration

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#### Police Department

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

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