



Established in 1856

"National Historic District"

March & April 2013

# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings Mar/Apr 2013

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

- **Planning Commission**  
Mar 5 & Apr 2
- **City Council**  
Mar 12 & Apr 9
- **Park Committee**  
Mar 19 & Apr 16
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**  
Mar 27 & Apr 24
- **Historic Review Board**  
Mar 28 & Apr 25

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

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### New City Hall Entrance

The City would like to say thank you to the residents of Aurora for your patience during the transitions that have been going on at City Hall.

We have moved our offices into the former Police Department area of the building. We are no longer using the front entrance as public entry, it is for staff only.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. We tried to post as many signs as possible to direct you to our new entrance.

### Aurora Volunteer Firefighters Association

\*Invites all to attend its annual Easter Egg Hunt\*

**Date:** Saturday March 30, 2013

**Location:** Aurora City Park

**Time:** 1:00 pm

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

**Prizes:** Each Age group will be receiving a prize :)



### 39th Annual Bingo Night

At the Donald Fire Station                      Saturday – March 9, 2013  
Dinner will be served from 5:30p - 6:30p & Bingo will be from 7:00p - 10:00p.

**Sponsored by**  
the District 63 Firefighters Association & the Aurora Fire District

\*All proceeds will go to First Aid and Training equipment\*



**The Enclosed Utility bill is due on or before March 10th  
Late fees shall be assessed after the 10th as follows:**

- **Courtesy Notice—\$15.00**
- **Door Hanger/Shut off—\$45.00**

## Looking for Volunteers to help out at the Canby Adult Center

**Front Desk Support,** Tuesday afternoons and subs: Answer phones, book appointments and welcome new visitors to the center. Feel free to bring along your reading or knitting project and help the Center!

**Hostesses:** Prepare and serve coffee and tea for lunch guests, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm one day/week. An “on your feet” job, we provide lunch.

**Assistant Dishwasher:** One day/week, 10 am to 1:30 pm. We provide your lunch

**Food Prep & Serving Groups:** Volunteers needed 10 am to 1:30 pm once a week/month to help prepare and serve the noon meal. A great opportunity for church groups or other small groups. Lunch provided.

**Home Delivered Meals Program:** Substitute drivers needed for in-town and country routes, filling in when regular drivers are absent. You use your own car, mileage reimbursement available.

**TRP drivers:** Drivers needed to transport clients to medical appointments and critical personal errands. You use your own vehicle, mileage reimbursement available.

Stop in to complete an application or see Kathy if you have questions regarding these opportunities. 503.266.2970.

Provided by The Canby Adult Center Newsletter

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## ON PATROL

Well it's been one full month in the City of Aurora. I have been getting around to meeting all of the folks who work and live here. So if you see me in town, feel free to stop and talk. I can always make time.

This month I would like to send a warning out to everyone, and remind you to be cautious of scammers. It is a big problem these days and unfortunately there is not much that anyone can do about it. This is because most scammers are from out of the country. As you can imagine tracking someone down in East Asia is almost impossible.

So how do you recognize a scam? Well, first off, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is. You are probably not going to get a free cruise for just doing a survey. These folks want money and before you know it you have bought several thousand dollars worth of Time Share property in Southern Africa. Major Corporations will never contact you to try and sell you any services. These are multi- Billion dollar corporations and they do not need to solicit services. They run commercials. So if you didn't contact the company and request service, you probably don't need it.

Your loved one is most likely not in a Taiwan Prison needing bail money. If you receive a call like this, hang up and contact your family. First off you would not be getting a call from the police in Taiwan (or wherever), You would receive a call from the U.S. Consulate or a family member. Do not send them any money.

Never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, EVER! Give your credit card information to anyone over the phone, unless you know who the person is and have done business with them in the past. The ability to clone your card and obtain your personal information from this number can happen before you even get off the phone. By the time you realize your credit is ruined; you will be thousands of dollars in debt and spend the next 10-15 years trying to correct your credit.

If you have any questions on scams, or if you believe you were a victim of a scam, please give me a call and I will help you out the best I can.

Peter Marcellais, Deputy Sheriff

## Message from the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission and the Historic Review Board are updating the regulations for development within our National Historic District, in response to concerns expressed by citizens and businesses in recent years. Under the current code, all development within the District must comply with use restrictions and development standards in Title 16, other use restrictions and development standards in Title 17, and the Design Review Guidelines for Historic District Properties. This includes new construction, and remodeling or additions to homes and businesses that are not generally considered historic, even though they are located within the Historic District.

The current proposal recommends two key changes. First, the design standards and criteria in the Design Review Guidelines for Historic District Properties are being moved into Title 17 so they will all be in one place. The standards and criteria are also simplified, so that the total number of pages of regulations is reduced by two thirds. The Design Review Guidelines include a wealth of historic information that all residents of the District should be aware of, and the idea is to separate that historical and general information from the actual requirements for permits. As proposed, the Guidelines will become advisory only. There are no changes proposed regarding allowed uses.

Second, all buildings and properties within the District are currently subject to the Design Review Guidelines, even if the buildings are not historic. The proposal is to add new protections for our crucial Colony and Post-Colony structures, which are those built in 1920 or earlier. For buildings constructed in later years, and for new construction, simpler standards will apply, that are intended to respect and reflect the traditional form of the Historic District, while eliminating current restrictions that treat these newer buildings just like the genuinely historic ones. Watch future newsletters for information on public events and hearings, and let us know your thoughts.

Joseph Schaefer, Planning Commission Chair

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## Aurora Colony Historical Society

The Aurora Colony Historical Society is proud to have been chosen by the Oregon Humanities to host a DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ROLE OF INDIVIDUALISM AND VOLUNTEERISM IN A DEMOCRACY. The April 14 event is part of Oregon Humanities' statewide Conversation Project.

Individualism and volunteerism have special significance for Americans, and yet the two ideas are often topics of animated debate. According to the 19<sup>th</sup> century author Alexis de Tocqueville, individualism rightly understood and a healthy sense of volunteerism may be keys to democracy's success and to good citizenship.

This is the focus of "American Character: The Power of Individualism and Volunteerism," a free conversation with Southern Oregon University professors Prakash Chenjeri and Daniel Morris on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Old Aurora Colony Museum. This program is hosted by the Aurora Colony Historical Society and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Chenjeri is an associate professor of philosophy and director of the Honors Program at Southern Oregon University, where he has been teaching since 1995. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Association Philosophy Teachers, and serves on the Ethics Committee at Ashland Community Hospital.

Morris is professor of French and director of the Arts and Humanities Council at Southern Oregon University, where he has taught since 1982. A member of several professional organizations, he has a Ph.D. in Romance languages (French) from the University of Oregon.

For more information, please contact the Museum office:  
503-678-5754 or [kathleen@auroracolony.org](mailto:kathleen@auroracolony.org)

## Aurora Colony Upcoming Events

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



### 31st Annual Spinning Wheel Showcase

The Aurora Colony Historical Society kicks off its 50<sup>th</sup> year by co-hosting the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase presented by the Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild. Whether you are a spinner or just love antiques don't miss Aurora Colony Handspinners Guild's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase, Saturday & Sunday, March 9 & 10, 2013 at the Old Aurora Colony Museum in Aurora. A family friendly event, be sure to bring the kids for the live animal exhibit. Over 30 rare antique spinning wheels will be demonstrated by Guild members along with other skills and techniques of the ancient art & craft of spinning. The Museum's own unique, over-sized "Oscillating Spinning Wheel" will be among the featured wheels. The highlight of the event will be a visit by nationally-known "Spinning Wheel Sleuth" Florence Feldman-Wood: [www.spwhsl.com](http://www.spwhsl.com). The Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild will also have an antique spinning wheel raffle AND event go-ers have the opportunity to enjoy a special presentation by Ms. Feldman-Wood in the evening of March 9th. The presentation is free of charge for Guild and Museum members. Admission to the presentation admission is \$5.00 at the door.

**For reservations and information please call the Museum office: 503-678-5754 or email [info@auroracolony.org](mailto:info@auroracolony.org).**



The Museum is located at the corner of 2nd and Liberty Sts., Aurora, Oregon 97002. Admission for **this event (including access to the Museum)** is: \$6.00- adults; seniors & AAA- \$5.00; Students w/ ID-\$2.00. Children under 6- free with Adult Admission. The Museum will be open for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday & Noon to 4 pm, Sunday.

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### Aurora/Marion County Police Department

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Non Emergency 503.588.5032

### Emergency Dial 911

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