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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for Sep / Oct 2015

Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

- **Planning Commission**
Sep 1, Oct 6
- **City Council**
Sep 8, Oct 13
- **Park Committee**
Sep 15, Oct 20
- **Traffic/Safety Comm.**
No Meetings Scheduled
- **Historic Review Board**
Sep 24, Oct 22

Please confirm dates and times with City Hall

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Mayor's Corner

I hope everyone enjoyed the many events of 2015 Aurora Colony Days. From the Wednesday night concerts to the big events on Saturday, there was a great turnout to enjoy the festivities. The music, food, arts and retail booths were excellent. All of the vendors and organizations deserve our support. This year we had many new volunteers. I want to thank all the volunteers, plus the city staff and Marion County Sherriff's staff that made this year's event so successful. We always need more help. Let's make next year's ACD even better.

This summer is proving to be one of the hottest on record. I know that makes for a long summer. Back to school planning is already underway. Harvest season is here and it is interesting to hear about the changes in reaping times compared to previous years. Fire season has created some danger in areas all around our state. Please make sure to stay safe and check in on those neighbors who might need additional assistance due to the heat.

Changes in Oregon laws are tasking our Planning Commission to consider updates to our city's code. Please come to Planning Commission meetings (first Tuesday of the month) and participate in the discussion on how these changes should affect our city. Your input is very important.

I attended the Oregon Mayors Conference a few weeks ago in Cottage Grove. There were 68 mayors in attendance. The workshops and round table discussions provided great insight into how cities in our state are dealing with the economic status in their areas as well as growing issues with new state and federal laws. There are many cities in the population and budget range of Aurora in rural Oregon. Each of them bring a range of ideas and solutions to how to be successful in city operations.

I want to thank again all of the people who helped to make the 2015 Aurora Colony Days such a success for our city.

Bill Graupp

The enclosed utility bill is due on or before September 10th

Please remember to keep grass, rocks, vehicles, leaves, etc. off water meters!



I want to personally thank the members that made up this year's Aurora Colony Days board. Hundreds of hours are donated to create this event for us all to sit back and enjoy. This was a first year working on the event for many of us. The teamwork and sharing of resources made the learning curve manageable and a joy to work with all those involved. A huge thank you to Kathleen Mason, Gina Hutchinson, Shatrine Krake, Mercedes Rhoden, Heather Kirk Connan, Susan Black, John Berard, Patty Jones, and Bill Graupp. Also, thanks to all our extra volunteers who helped us through the event, and those that mentored in the passing of the baton from years past. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Mary Lambert, Kelly Richardson, Darrel Lockard, Officer Huitt and the cadets for all the support and help on last minute details. And, of course, we couldn't do this without our wonderful sponsors: Kennedy Realty; Pheasant Run; Pearson Financial; Wilbur Studios; The Colony Pub; White Rabbit Bakery; Corban Auto Repair; Stauffer Farms; Old Aurora Colony Museum; Aurora Airport Owners Association; Big Dawg Construction; Bill Graupp and Jackie Valentine.

Next year's planning will soon be underway. We'd love to welcome anyone interested in being a part of this great group of townspeople. We celebrate a big 160th anniversary as Aurora Mills next year. Join in and help us make it the best faire we've done yet! Drop by City Hall or let one of your friends and neighbors on our board know how to get in touch with you.

Noelle Brooks
Antique Faire co-chair

	<p style="text-align: center;">On Patrol With Deputy Dale Huitt</p>	
<p>As summer draws to a close, the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the City of Aurora would like to remind residents that North Marion Schools will be back in session beginning September 9th. The first few days of school are generally the most hectic for parents, students, teachers and the motoring public. There will certainly be children walking to school for the first time, children riding their bicycles to school for the first time, and new drivers passing through school zones for the first time. We want children and parents to feel at ease as they embark on a new school year. We remind drivers to always be aware of their surroundings and watch out for little ones as they enter and exit the bus.</p> <p>We are aiming to ensure all members of the community remain safe and healthy as they head to elementary, middle or high school and would like to provide a brief list of safety tips:</p> <p>Drivers/Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All "School Zones" have a 20 MPH speed limit. Please pay attention to the signs and lights identifying school zones. Flashing lights designate when a school zone is in effect. If there are no flashing lights, school zones are from 7:00am to 5:00pm. And as always, watch out for children in the areas outside of schools at all times. ◆ When dropping off children at school, remember to stop in a safe location for you, your children and the other motorists traveling in the area. It is always best to park in a parking lot or on the shoulder of the roadway where it is legal to park. Whenever possible have the passengers exit the vehicle on the right (curb) side of the roadway. Never stop in a roadway or red curb area to allow people to exit a vehicle. This could cause an accident or other traffic congestion issues. ◆ Look out for the unexpected. With all the excitement of the first days of class, some children may leave an area of safety (sidewalks) and dart into the roadway. This is true of bicyclists as well. Young children are impulsive and they will cross the roadway in midblock, sometimes without looking for on-coming vehicles. ◆ Avoid distractions in the vehicle (cell phones, texting, eating, drinking, etc). ◆ Yield to all pedestrians in crosswalks or at intersections. ◆ Watch for school buses with flashing red lights/stop signs. The base fine for illegally passing a school bus is \$435. School zones are designated as a special zone and the base fine is enhanced. <p>Pedestrians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ For young children who are walking to school, accompany them and show them the safest route to their school. 		

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- ◆ When crossing a street, wait until all vehicles have stopped before leaving the sidewalk. Just because one driver sees a pedestrian and stops, doesn't mean all drivers see them.
- ◆ Don't run in the crosswalk.
- ◆ Consider starting a "walking school bus." This is a group of children from a neighborhood walking to school as a group with a parent or adult guardian.
- ◆ Carefully consider your child's pedestrian skills to determine whether or not they are ready to walk to school on their own.
- ◆ Teach your children about strangers and not accepting rides from anyone they don't know.
- ◆ Remember to have a secret password that only you and your children know. In addition, show your children safe spots along their route where they can go in case of an emergency such as stores, restaurants, library, post office, police department, fire department or a close friend's house.

Bicycles:

- ◆ Always ride a bicycle in the same direction as cars travel.
- ◆ Always wear an approved bicycle helmet, regardless of how close you live to the school.
- ◆ Obey all signs that apply (stop signs or lights). Bicycles are required to obey the rules of the road just the same as a vehicle.
- ◆ At busy intersections, walk your bicycle across the street.
- ◆ Never ride with earphones in each ear playing music (such as an I-pod).
- ◆ Ensure your children's bicycles have the required equipment such as brakes, reflectors, and lights (during darkness). Also, make sure the bicycle is the appropriate size for the child. The child should be able to reach the ground flat-footed while sitting on the seat.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office will be actively patrolling the schools throughout the school year.

The Aurora Fire District Spot

Aurora Fire has 3 new firefighters, you can be one too!



On a Monday evening at the end of July the Aurora, Monitor and Woodburn Fire Districts welcomed six new Volunteer Firefighters to the Fire Service, three of which will volunteer for the Aurora and Donald Fire Stations. These firefighters come from many different backgrounds and came together to learn the skills necessary to further serve our communities.

Please welcome Firefighter Brandon Royal, Firefighter Jon Kloor of Donald and Firefighter Brett Kruger of Aurora as you may see them at community events, out training, or responding to assist their neighbors in need. Each of these new firefighters work or attend school full time in addition to volunteering with our Fire District and look forward to giving back to the community they live in.

Since the beginning of April 2015 these recruits have accomplished more than 160 hours of online, classroom and practical skills training to complete their State Certified Firefighter 1 requirements. These new firefighters will go on to continue their training in fire, rescue and emergency medical aid at their assigned stations. With our Fire District relying on volunteers, it is very important for family and community members to support their Firefighters and to encourage other community members to join our team.



Aurora Fire will be hosting another joint firefighter academy to begin this September. We are currently accepting applications for in-district and out-of-district volunteers and encourage anyone interested to please fill out an interest card online at www.aurorafire.org. There you will also find additional information on the volunteer opportunities we offer. September is just around the corner so contact us today! You can also contact Lt. Bill Hansen at bhansen@aurorafire.org or by calling (503) 678-5966.

Aurora Colony News

Hey Neighbors! Enjoy the art and artistry of contemporary, vintage, and antique quilts. Come on down to the Old Aurora Colony Museum's 43rd annual quilt show "Aurora, New Beginnings", October 9 - October 18, 10 am to 4 pm daily. The quilt show this year is part of the 160th anniversary celebration of the Oregon Trail journey of the future Aurora Colonists from Bethel, Missouri into the Oregon Territory (1855-2015). Our beautiful, hand-quilted quilt made from last year's quilt block contest will be raffled off, too!

Speaking of the quilt block contest— enter YOUR quilt block to win prizes (and maybe community fame and glory) by October 16. Go to the Museum's website for more information, www.auroracolony.org or call the Old Aurora Colony Museum office. Other highlights of the quilt show include quilting demonstrations, live music and the popular Colony Store filled with quilting fabric, patterns, vintage textiles and more. All event proceeds benefit the Old Aurora Colony Museum exhibits and ongoing historical research. Admission is just \$7.50 per person. Groups of 10 or more: \$5.00 per person. For more information, contact Old Aurora Colony Museum Office: 503-678-5754 or info@auroracolony.org



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Upcoming City Hall Closures September 7 - Labor Day

City of Aurora Contact Information

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Closed Friday

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Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line 503-540-8079

Non Emergency 503-588-5032

Emergency Dial 911

Deputy Sheriff Dale Huitt

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