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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for Nov / Dec 2015

Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

- **Planning Commission**
Nov 3, Dec 1
 - **City Council**
Nov 10, Dec 8
 - **Park Committee**
Nov 17, Dec 15
 - **Traffic/Safety Comm.**
No Meetings Scheduled
 - **Historic Review Board**
Nov 19, Dec 17*
- * Date moved due to holiday.

Please confirm dates and
times with City Hall

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HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM CITY OF AURORA



EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

Attention Homeowners! Maintaining a home is a challenge. If you are in need of home repairs and are seeking financial assistance, the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments administers a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program on behalf of City of Aurora that can help. The program provides financing to low and moderate income residents for necessary repairs to homes.

Who qualifies for the program? Applicants who own and occupy a single-family home and whose household income is at a below eighty percent of median income for Marion County may qualify for the program.

What kind of work is eligible in the program? The program provides financing to assist with common repairs and replacement of the following:

- Install or repair roofing
- Plumbing and electrical
- Carpet and linoleum
- Painting
- Dry rot and structural repairs
- Accessibility improvements
- Insulation or new windows
- Repair or replace heating systems
- and other eligible repairs

Does the money have to be paid back? Homeowners may qualify for loans of up to \$25,000. These low-interest, deferred payment loans require no monthly payments as long as the property remains your primary residence. Therefore, a homeowner makes no monthly payments, and the loan does not need to be repaid until his or her sells the house. Please inquire about specific terms and conditions.

How do I take advantage of such a program? If you would like more information about the program or are interested in applying for the financing through the program, please contact Kelly Richardson with City of Aurora or contact Garrett Jensen with Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments at 503.588.1640.

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

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

DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY WINE & CHOCOLATE WALK RETURNS!

Hey Neighbors! You don't have to drive to enjoy a romantic holiday weekend. Just walk down to town and enjoy your Aurora Colony Visitor Association's **Holiday Wine and Chocolate Walk** December 5th and 6th. Buy early bird tickets for just \$29.00 for two at www.auroracolony.com until November 16. Your tickets for this annual holiday happening presented by Aurora merchants and the Old Aurora Colony Museum, will buy you a pair of wine glasses, "Aurora Bucks" good toward the purchase of antiques, art, vintage finds and more, and exclusive access to wine-tasting and chocolate tasting at participating shops along Main St., at the Museum, and down 99E. Part of the proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity and to finish the Old Aurora Colony Museum's historic Emma Walk. More event and ticket information is available at www.auroracolony.com.

For more information, contact Old Aurora Colony Museum Office: 503-678-5754 or info@auroracolony.org

On Patrol

With

Deputy Dale Huitt



Don't Leave Your Car Warming Up Unattended

The changing weather and shorter days bring several challenges with our vehicles.

Turning a vehicle on and then leaving it unattended to "warm it up" is not a good idea on many levels - it's unsafe, it's against the law and, on most vehicles, it could actually cause damage. With the cold weather upon us, it is very tempting to start your vehicle prior to departing and then leave the vehicle unattended while it warms up. Although it's convenient to get into a warm vehicle, this is not a safe practice as it makes an easy target for car thieves.

Each year, usually in winter, area residents turn over their vehicles and then leave them running on the street and in their driveways. And each year, some of those vehicles are then taken by enterprising thieves who simply slide into the driver's seat and put the vehicle in drive. They take advantage of the darkness in the mornings due to the shorter days and the running vehicle with a key in the ignition.

Not only is the practice an invitation to thievery, if parked on a public street, it violates the Oregon Revised Statute Vehicle Code and could result in a \$110.00 fine.

If you must leave your vehicle running and unattended, a remote starter is an excellent option. This leaves the vehicle locked, secured and no key or fob in the ignition. Stealing a vehicle with a remote starter function requires the vehicle's key fob and is very difficult without.

In addition to the possible theft of your vehicle, experts say that warming up cars in cold weather doesn't help the car's performance, while it does waste gas and generate unnecessary pollution.

Also, do not drive your vehicle until your windows are defrosted and defogged. And turn on your headlights thirty minutes before sunset and keep them on until thirty minutes after sunrise. Anytime there is limited visibility or inclement weather, please ensure your head lights are on. Be aware that if you use automatic headlights, the sensor may not detect heavy, dense fog and activate your head lights. Get in the habit of double checking that your head lights are on..

Arrive safe and alive.

Upcoming City Hall Closures

Wednesday, November 25th

Thursday, November 26-Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 24-Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 31-New Years Eve

The Aurora Fire District Spot



Don't forget to keep fire safety in mind when heating your home!

Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

- ◆ Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, portable space heaters and wall heaters.
- ◆ Have a three foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters to prevent burns.
- ◆ Never use your oven to heat your home.
- ◆ Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- ◆ Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- ◆ Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ◆ Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- ◆ Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- ◆ Test your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors monthly.

For additional information on fire safety and more, visit our website at www.aurorafire.org.



Aurora Colony News

GIFTS TO THE COLONY: TREASURERS FROM THE TRUNK



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Ever wonder where your old family trunk has been? When you view our final exhibit of 2015, "Gifts to the Colony: Treasurers from the Trunk", now through December 31 at the Old Aurora Colony Museum, you will see well-traveled trunks that made the Oregon Trail trek with their owners. They were filled with necessities, some with heirlooms and mementos of other places: Bethel, Missouri; Ohio; Pennsylvania; Europe. Even after their owners arrived in Oregon and settled in Aurora, the trunks served as storage for clothes, blankets, and eventually treasured photos and trinkets. You will also enjoy a special exhibit of our antique log cabin-pattern quilts! Don't miss this final Old Aurora Colony Museum exhibit of 2015. Admission is only \$5.00 for AAA members and Seniors; \$6.00 for adults; and \$2.00 for students. For more information, visit www.auroracolony.org.



Please go to the City of Aurora website at www.ci.aurora.or.us and sign up for Aurora Notifications and Alerts. This is our way of getting you the most up to date information as quickly as we can.

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Anonymous Tip Line 503-540-8079

Non Emergency 503-588-5032

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Deputy Sheriff Dale Huitt

503-576-7252

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