

READ LOCAL!

The **North Marion Community Library (NMCL)** is the area's best-kept secret. We don't want to be, so here are some fun facts:

WHAT: We're the nearest **FREE** library serving the communities of Hubbard, Aurora, Donald, Butteville, Broadacres, and the surrounding areas. We welcome library users from other nearby communities, too. The library has more than 6,000 titles, DVDs, and even a public computer for patron use. Come check us out!

WHERE: The library is located in the basement of Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE. But we're also outgrowing this space, so help us find a larger place!

WHEN: Hours are Mondays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 to 5 p.m.

WHY: We want to **read local** and hope you do too. And did we mention we're a **FREE** library?

HOW: We are staffed by volunteers, so if you can give us a few hours of your time, we may be able to offer other library hours. Contact us at nmarionlibrary@gmail.com or see our website www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com.

A **heartfelt thank you** to the businesses in Hubbard, Aurora, and Donald for displaying our "Have a Heart for the Library!" donation jars during the month of February, as well as to those who contributed. We appreciate the support!



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.

City of Aurora Contact Information

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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

503-576-7252

City of Aurora Website

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Mayor's Corner

Great communities are built on their schools. Schools represent the future of the region they serve. They are core to the values and pride of the people. It was stated in a town hall last year that the generation of my parents invested in an education system that was built on values, creating things like vocational education (CTE) and community colleges.

The founding fathers of our country recognized the need for an education system, creating school land grants in the early Congress. In 1803, Ohio was the first state to be granted federal land for the purpose of funding schools. In 1859, the Federal Government granted the State of Oregon 3.4 million acres to be placed in the school land trust to fund public education. Today, Oregon Land Trust owns about 780,000 acres, controlled by the State Land Board, creating revenue for the Common School Fund. This land is predominantly range and forest area such as the Elliot State Forest; however the land really should be called the School Forest as it was originally marked for the future of our children.

In 1862, congress passed a bill to form land grant universities for higher education. In 1868, Corvallis College was designated as the agricultural school for the state and the recipient of the Morrill Land Grant of up to 30,000 acres. We now know this as Oregon State University and its regional education centers.

From the start of our nation, as well as our state, our leaders understood that the future was founded in education. From the Federal to the local level, investment in educational infrastructure was a priority. Each community was required to provide the educational needs for the population. Although the priority remains the same, the education investment is lagging, both in our state and in our country. The State of Oregon, for the first time, has created a matching capital investment fund for this biennium. It is a small attempt to begin catching up.

Whether you have children in the school system or not, the value to the community that the school district contributes is an asset to you. People as well as businesses desire to be in an area that values education as a community priority.

Please attend the Aurora City Council and North Marion School District public meetings to contribute to the dialogue.

Mayor Bill Graupp

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

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

**ALL WELCOME
City Meetings for
Mar/Apr 2016**

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

- **Planning Commission**
Mar 1, April 5
- **City Council**
Mar 8, April 12
- **Historic Review Board**
Mar 24, April 28

Please confirm dates and times with City Hall

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**City of Aurora
Website**

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On Patrol With Deputy Dale Huitt



Using 911 Appropriately

Since 911 was introduced in 1968 as a universal number for reaching emergency assistance, efforts to raise public awareness about 911 have been effective. Because most people face emergency situations only rarely, they lack firsthand experience with 911. Generally speaking, people are aware that they should call 911 in an emergency, but they are less aware of the circumstances in which they should not call 911.

Calling 911 can save valuable time in an emergency. Dial 911 only for an emergency. An emergency is any serious medical problem (chest pain, seizure, bleeding), any type of fire (business, car, building), or any life-threatening situation (fights, person with weapons, etc.). You can also use 911 to report crimes in progress, whether or not a life is threatened.

When you call for help, what you say is important.

- Stay calm and speak clearly.
- Say what is wrong and what kind of help you need.
- Tell the 911 Operator where the emergency is.
- Give your name and telephone number, or you may remain anonymous.
- Follow the 911 Operator's instructions – stay on the line until you are told to hang up.

Do not dial 911 for a non-emergency. Instead, dial the non-emergency telephone number. The non-emergency number for the Marion County Sheriff's Office is (503) 588-5032. For the Aurora Fire District, call (503) 678-5966.

A non-emergency incident is a property damage, an accident, a break-in to a vehicle (when suspect is gone), theft of property (when suspect is gone), vandalism (when suspect is gone), cars blocking the street or alleys, neighbor complaints, noise or nuisance complaints, complaints about barking dogs, asking directions, reporting the power is out, checking on road conditions, and such.

If you dialed 911 in error, do not hang up the telephone. Instead, stay on the line and explain to the dispatcher that you dialed by mistake and that you do not have an emergency. If you hang up, a dispatcher will call back to confirm that there is no emergency. If you don't answer, a police officer must be dispatched to confirm that you are okay. This will needlessly take resources away from genuine emergencies.

Water Bill New Look

As part of our continuing efforts to provide accurate and efficient service to the community the City has recently upgraded our utility software. Because of this upgrade, you will notice that your Utility bill has a new look this month. If you should have any problems understanding your bill, please feel free to call City Hall at 503-678-1283 with any questions.

As part of this upgrade we hope to soon have the ability to accept online payments for utility bills as well as provide online access to your account balance and activity. For this billing cycle you will still need to make your payment in the usual manner. We will keep you updated as we continue to move toward providing you additional payment options.

Upcoming City Hall Closures No Closures Expected for March & April



The Aurora Fire District Spot Change your Clock, Check your Smoke Detector!

Do you have a smoke detector in your home? Is it mounted in a proper location? Does it work? Does it need a new battery? Daylight Savings time begins March 13th and marks that time of the year to check your smoke detector. Since the newer smoke detectors have changed to a 10 year lithium battery, we now ask that you check your smoke detector, instead of changing your battery. Below are some tips as to what you should do to ensure your smoke detector is ready to save your life in the event of a fire.

- Be sure to use a step ladder to reach your smoke detector safely. We discourage using chairs or other objects to try to reach your smoke detector, since they are not stable and increase your risk of falling.
- Push and hold the TEST button on your smoke detector. Be prepared, because when you test your detector it will go into full alarm and will be loud.
- If your detector does not alert in a loud and noticeable beep. You can remove your smoke detector and check to see if the battery is installed properly. If it is, you may have a dead battery. Please refer to your detector's manufacturer recommendations before changing the battery. Some detectors use 10 year lithium batteries, and some don't.
- If you replaced your battery according to manufacturer recommendations, be sure to test your detector again to ensure proper placement and connection with the battery, and to ensure your detector is in fact operating.
- It is now recommended that you replace your smoke detector every 10 years. This is due to the sensors deteriorating and failing to activate your alarm in the presence of smoke. To determine how old your detector is, you can remove it from its bracket and look for the manufacture date on the back of the detector. If it was manufactured more than 10 years ago, replace it as soon as possible.

As always, Aurora Firefighters would be happy to visit you in your home to assist you with checking, replacing batteries, or even installing smoke detectors to ensure you and your family remain protected. If you need assistance, you can contact us by calling (503) 678-5966 or by going to www.aurorafire.org and scheduling a time for us to come out.

