



# The Aurora Colony Times

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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for July/August 2016

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

- **Planning Commission**  
July 5, August 2
- **City Council**  
July 12, August 9
- **Historic Review Board**  
July 28, August 25

Please confirm dates and times with City Hall

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## Mayor's Corner

Summer has arrived delivering our first string on 90+ degree days and cold days as well. Aurora Colony Days will begin with Concerts in the Park in July, and continue thru Saturday 8/13. Once again on 8/13, we will have our Street Faire, Parade, and evening concert. Added this year is a Famers' Market. Please be advised that on 8/13, there will be no parking zones in downtown and restricted street access during the parade. A great team of volunteers are working hard on this year's ACD. Please come and enjoy the events and support our local businesses.

Residents can help our local water conservation efforts by remembering to water lawns in the late evenings or early morning, watering every other day and only as much as needed. Our city can make a contribution to this effort by using this limited resource wisely and with foresight to the future of our region.

Once again I had the honor of being on stage for this year's North Marion High School graduation ceremonies. This year's class of 144 has 31% going to a 4-Year college, 51% going to a 2-Year college or Professional /Technical school, and 7% going to the military. We congratulate the North Marion class of 2016 for achieving this milestone in their life.

Mayor Bill Graupp

### The City of Aurora announces City Council position vacancies January, 2017.

2 Council position seats #3 & #4 – 4 year term

Mayor position – 2 year term

Candidacy may be declared by any qualified voter who is a city resident (6 month residency minimum).

If you are interested, please pick up an elections filing packet between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. after June 01, 2016 at:

Elections Packets also available online @ [www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us)

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**THE ENCLOSED UTILITY BILL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE  
July 10th.**

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

## The Aurora Fire District Spot



### New Fire Engines to be in service soon



A little more than a year ago, firefighters and Aurora Fire Board of Directors worked to obtain funding and design two new fire engines to replace units that are 30 years old. Although the units have been received and have been stored in our Aurora Station, it takes time to get equipment properly placed, get firefighters trained to utilize the equipment and hose lines, and get the operators used to driving and operating an entirely new fire unit. Not only does it drive different than the previous fire engines, it has newer technology and controls to operate the fire and foam pumps. Firefighters have been working hard to get this training completed. Once we have enough firefighters trained, the fire engines will be put to work in mid to late July responding to many different types of emergencies. Each Fire Engine is assigned to its own station with one assigned to the Aurora Fire Station and the other assigned to the Donald Fire Station. For more information, updates and photos, visit [www.aurorafire.org](http://www.aurorafire.org) and click on "New Fire Engines" under the "About Us" tab.

**BURN  
RESTRICTIONS  
IN EFFECT**

### Backyard Burning Closed as of June 15<sup>th</sup>

Reminder to residents of Marion County. **Backyard burning will not be allowed from June 15<sup>th</sup> to as late as October 1<sup>st</sup>.** Burning closures may be extended by the Fire Chief if fire danger levels remain increased beyond October 1<sup>st</sup>. Agricultural burning is for active farms and nurseries and regulated under the Department of Agriculture, so you may see some burning from farms and nurseries in the area beyond the backyard burn closure. Please see our website for more open burning information, including recreational burning, at [www.aurorafire.org](http://www.aurorafire.org). The open burning information line is (877) 982-0011 and updated daily during the burn season.

### Summer Reading Program

Children ages 5—12 are invited to participate in the North Marion Community Library Summer Reading Program. For each book read, participants will receive a ticket to enter a prize drawing.

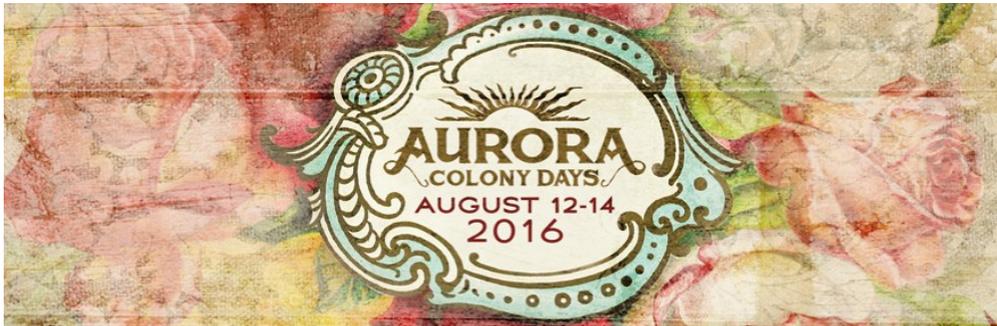
The four Mondays beginning June 27th from 1—3 pm, the Library is hosting a slate of activities including crafts, music, games, Legos and more. Sign up at the Library or online at [www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com](http://www.northmarioncommunitylibraryassociation.com).

June 27—Visit Aurora Fire Station, craft activity

July 11—Susan Black Watercolor painting

July 18—Going to the Dogs, a chance to meet several breeds

July 25—Wendy—make a mandala



Hey there Neighbors: Mark your calendars for the City of Aurora's **Aurora Colony Days** on August 12, 13 and 14, 2016.

We are very excited about this year's events, especially celebrating Aurora's 160th birthday!

### **Friday, August 12**

5 to 11 PM · Family Friendly Beer Garden · Near the Octagon Building  
5 to 7 PM · Artists' Reception · *Fellowship Hall @ Christ Lutheran Church*

### **Saturday, August 13**

7 AM to 11 AM Pancake Feed · *American Legion Hall*  
7:30 AM 5k Run/Walk · *Run starts at Old Aurora Colony Museum*  
8 AM to 4 PM Vintage Street Faire · *Downtown Aurora*  
8:30 AM 1k Fun Run for Kids · *Run starts at Old Aurora Colony Museum*  
9 AM to 1 PM Artisan Farmers Market · *Downtown Aurora*  
10 AM to 2 PM Antique Appraisals · *McLaren Auction Services (\$5 per item)*  
12 PM to 5 PM Art Show & Sale · *Fellowship Hall @ Christ Lutheran Church (FREE Entry)*  
11 AM Aurora Colony Days Parade · *Parade starts at Aurora Park on Main Street*  
11 AM to 4 PM Old Aurora Colony Museum Exhibits *(FREE Saturday Entry)*  
12 PM to 5 PM Family-Friendly Beer Garden · *Near the Octagon Building*  
5:30 PM to 10 PM Celebration in the Park · *Aurora City Park Amphitheater*

For more information, visit and like us on Facebook@Aurora Colony Days.

### **ROOT BEER IN THE BEER GARDEN?**

Back by popular demand, the Old Aurora Colony Beer Garden will open its doors on Friday, August 12, from 5 to 11 PM and on Saturday, August 13, from 12 to 5 PM in the historic Octagon Courtyard in back of Aurora Antiques on Main Street. Enjoy Aurora Colony Days with cool and tasty root beer floats. Eat up delicious brats and other delights that will be grilled on site by Ebner's Meats. Enjoy an artisan beer brewed by Seven Brides Brewing of Silverton. View the art mural created by local artists, including local kids. Lots of shade and seating will be available. Be sure to walk through the exhibit on the hops industry in the Octagon Building!

### **Upcoming City Hall Closures**

Monday July 4—Independence Day

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

July 13	John Nilsen & Swimfish—7-9 pm	August 3	TBA 7-9 pm
July 20	The Whiskey Darlings 7-9 pm	August 13	Dance Machine 7-10 pm
July 27	Bootleg Ridge 7-9 pm		

## Aurora Colony Museum Events

### SPIN & DYE EVENT JULY 16 TO FEATURE KIDS ACTIVITIES!



Old Aurora  
—Colony—

Your neighbors, the Aurora Colony Handspinners Guild, is hosting its annual “Spin & Dye” event at the Old Aurora Colony Museum on July 16 from 10 am to 4 pm. Watch as Guild members turn wool into colors of the rainbow. Bring the kids to learn hands-on how the wool gets from the sheep to the spinning wheel—bet you’ve never handled raw wool! Children will also learn how to make a spindle. A real family experience for just the cost of Museum admission: \$6.00 for adults; \$5.00 with AAA card and Seniors; \$4.00 for college students with I.D.; \$3.00 for children 6 to 18; children under 5 are free.

### THE “OTHER EMMA” AND HER GARDEN—July 24

Another Emma left her mark on the Old Aurora Colony Museum many years ago. Join us for a festive “garden party” on Sunday, July 24, celebrating the 42<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Emma Wakefield Garden at the Old Aurora Colony Museum in Aurora, OR. Since 1974, the Willamette Valley Herb Society has continuously maintained the garden to honor Emma Wakefield, the famous “Canby Herb Lady”, and to educate the public about the historical uses of herbs. Willamette Valley Herb Society will have demonstrations on the use of herbs, making lavender wands, leaf rubbings, flower pressing, potpourri and several herb-based items for sale. Cookies and ice tea will be served. Admission to this event is included in Museum admission.

### OUR GIFT TO YOU: OLD AURORA COLONY MUSEUM FREE ADMISSION AUG.13

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Old Aurora Colony Museum and the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Aurora Mills, Museum admission will be free on August 13—the date of Aurora Colony Days! Your children can enjoy a true blast from the past while building cabins using those retro Lincoln Logs and enjoy instructive living history activities too.

#### City of Aurora Contact Information

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Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday

**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

**City of Aurora Website**

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