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ALL WELCOME City Meetings for September/October 2016

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

**Planning Commission
Sept. 6, Oct. 4**

**City Council
Sept. 13, Oct. 11**

**Historic Review Board
Sept. 22, Oct. 27**

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

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MAYOR'S CORNER

It is mid-August once again. Back to school planning is underway. The Olympic Games are in our conversations. Harvest yields a time of plenty.

I hope everyone enjoyed the 2016 Aurora Colony Days, celebrating our 160th anniversary. The Wednesday night concerts enjoyed great weather and excellent local music. The big events last Saturday, although hot, had a great turnout to enjoy the festivities. The music, parade, food, arts and retail booths were excellent. I want to thank all the volunteers, plus the city staff and Marion County Sheriff's staff that made this year's event so successful. Also, I want to thank all the community members that enjoy our events, especially noting the fact that the park is as clean at the end of each event as the first day of summer.

Please remember that although this summer is not as hot and dry as the last, there always exists the danger of fire in the surrounding area. Please be cautious when recreating outdoors. Being safe and protecting our environment are community values that make our region a great place to live.

I attended the Oregon Mayors Conference three weeks ago in Lincoln City. It was very interesting to see how a coastal town is preparing for a natural disaster such as a large earthquake. The workshops and small business tours provided a learning experience for all mayors. Legislative issues and new taxation measures are complicated. Social issues are dominating the discussions. In the State of Oregon, there exists a great camaraderie amongst the mayors, especially in the mid-Willamette region.

I want to thank again all of the people who worked long hours to make the 2016 Aurora Colony Days such a success for our city.

Mayor Bill Graupp

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City of Aurora Candidates for the November 2016 Election

Mayor:	Bill Graupp
	Gregory Taylor
Councilman Position Number 3:	Bob Southard
	Mercedes W. Rhoden-Feely
Councilman Position Number 4:	Tom Heitmanek
	John W. Sager

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



The Aurora Fire District Spot



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER

With school starting before we know it, I would like to remind everyone about the increased school bus traffic, children walking to school, and busy school zones with drop-off and pick-up areas becoming congested and busy. It's very important for drivers to slow down and be aware for the presence of children – especially during times when school is beginning or ending.



If dropping off children, please remember to utilize the school's drop-off and pick-up procedures. Each year more children are struck in school zones than any other area. Do not double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles. Never load or unload children across the street from a school and carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

Please be courteous to school busses and never pass a school bus with flashing red lights. School busses utilize these red lights to warn motorists to stop and watch for children. Not only is it illegal to pass a bus with flashing red lights, it's dangerous to the children and other motorists.

Please visit <https://www.safekids.org/blog/back-school-safety-tips-how-walk-safely> for more back to school safety tips and other safety information.

* * * * ELECTRONIC WATER BILL PAYMENTS * * * *

It is finally here! You can now make payments online for your water/sewer bills at the following website <https://cityofaurora.merchantransact.com/>. Please register your account even if you don't plan to use the payment portal because you will be able to see your account, look at your balance, track your usage and a lot more. If you decide you want to use it for payments there will be a small convenience charge of \$3.50 for each transaction. You will also be able to sign up for electronic bills or both paper and electronic which ever suits your needs.

You will need to have your full 9 digit account number located in the upper right hand corner of your bill (in account information) . Example: 001234-000.

If you need assistance, please call City Hall at 503-678-1283 for help getting set up.

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

Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday September 5 — Labor Day

* * * * **ATTENTION CITY RESIDENTS** * * * *

This is a reminder that with the growing season upon us, each property maintains the sidewalk area abutting the street at their property. This includes residences throughout the city as well as business properties.

At the present time, many trees are currently overhanging the street, not allowing the street cleaner to effectively clean the street. In order to keep our streets clean these trees need to be trimmed to a clearance height of 11 feet.

Also, as it is now fire season, please be sure to keep your grass and bushes trimmed away from any structures so as not to pose any fire danger. Dry grass above a height of 10 inches is considered to be a fire risk.

If you have any questions about the area in front of your home or business, please call city hall. The city's appearance encourages commerce as well as fostering civic pride.

READ LOCAL, READ FREE AT YOUR NORTH MARION COMMUNITY LIBRARY

It's true: Your **North Marion Community Library**, located on the lower level of the Aurora Presbyterian Church at 21553 Liberty St. NE, Aurora, enables you to **read local** and to **read free** of charge. All you need is a library card! Library hours are Mondays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Or see our catalog at <http://northmarionlibrary.wordpress.com>.

DO MORE LIBRARY HOURS SOUND GOOD? Because the library is staffed solely by VOLUNTEERS, if you can give us just a few hours each month, we may be able to offer more library hours. Don't worry: you'll be trained and will work in pairs, so call Josie Hyde at 541-749-8088 to volunteer.

And here's a simple, relatively painless way you can help raise funds for the North Marion Community Library: Sign up for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program, and designate the library as your non-profit of choice. Go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards to enroll; our account number is 92985, but you can also search using North Marion Community Library.



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.



AURORA COLONY MUSEUM EVENTS

DON'T MISS 'PARTY AT THE FARM' SEPTEMBER 10TH

Get ready to party! Join us at our upcoming Party at the Farm, Old Aurora Colony Museum's great summer get-together. Get your tickets now, at the Old Aurora Colony Museum or online at aurora-colony.org and join us Saturday, Sept. 10 in the hops fields surrounding the 1870s Stauffer-Will Farm in Hubbard. We'll be serving up a feast of farm-sourced food including Dayton Natural Meats chicken grilled on-site, regional wines, fresh salads and corn, and a great dessert. You'll be treated to entertaining music performed by Robbie Law. Proceeds from Party at the Farm help support Stauffer-Will Farm preservation and the Old Aurora Colony Museum's efforts to preserve the past for the future through educational programs and exhibits. Come and join us neighbors!

44TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW CELEBRATES AURORA'S 160TH BIRTHDAY

Mark your calendars for one of Oregon's BEST quilt shows- the Old Aurora Colony Museum's Quilt Show, October 14 through 23rd, 10 am to 4 pm daily. Our quilt show is known for its eclectic mix of antique quilts, contemporary, and art quilts. Themed "Home at Last: an Aurora Sampler", the quilt show this year is part of the 160th anniversary celebration of the founding of Aurora in 1856 AND the 50th anniversary of the Old Aurora Colony Museum. Featured this year is a "Quilts of Valor" exhibit, a quilt from the national AIDS Quilt Project, an "art quilts" show, and much, much more! Go to the Museum's website for more information, www.auroracolony.org or call the Old Aurora Colony Museum office at 503-678-5754. Admission is just \$7.50 per person. Groups of 10 or more: \$5.00 per person.

City of Aurora Contact Information

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Closed Friday

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