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"National Historic District"

The Aurora Colony Times

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Mayor's Corner

Autumn brings the changing of the leaves. For me, it brought a new member to our family as my daughter was married in Colorado last weekend.

We had a major mid-October storm causing a lengthy power outage. These events will happen from time to time and we encourage all residents to have a backup plan. Flashlights, battery backups for cell phone charging, hard line phones, battery radios, and spare batteries are all good things to have on hand. Quantities of food that doesn't require opening the refrigerator is also a great idea. Please stay safely in your home as the storm passes, but remember to check on your neighbors afterwards, especially the elderly.

This year we have a major election. Please remember to participate in the election. This is the foundation of our system of government. Although the process of getting to the election may seem tedious and draining, we still have the best form of governance that I have witnessed. I get to travel around the world for my work and I believe there is no better place to live than the USA.

Preparation for the cold weather is important. Please make sure your heaters and water systems are ready. Please contact city hall if you have questions or concerns.

Mayor Bill Graupp

ALL WELCOME City Meetings for November/December 2016

Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

**Planning Commission
Nov. 1, Dec. 6**

**City Council
Nov. 8, Dec 13**

**Historic Review Board
Nov. 17*, Dec. 22
*change from usual day**

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

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**Please be sure to cast your ballots by
November 8th for your choice of the
following local Candidates.**

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 NOVEMBER 10th.**



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



Fire Department Volunteers Needed!

Have you ever considered becoming a volunteer Firefighter, EMT or Support Member with Aurora Fire? If so now is the time! Academy beginning in the winter of 2017. See www.aurorafire.org/join for more information.

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



Upcoming City Hall Closures

Wed. & Thurs., November 23 & 24 — Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, December 26—Christmas Holiday



2016 Holiday Wine & Chocolate Walk December 3rd & 4th

Make THIS the year you walk the walk and enjoy local wines and artisan Oregon chocolates while supporting a good cause! **Advance tickets for anyone (and their guests) with a greater Aurora address are just \$35/couple** or \$25 single (days of event \$50/\$35), and includes souvenir I LOVE AURORA wine glasses as well as AURORA BUCKS coupons to spend in town.

Your passport takes you to 8-10 wine and chocolate tastings where you'll see our famous antiques, local and antique art, giftware and historic buildings (including the log cabin). Do a little Christmas shopping and enjoy a memorable holiday experience. Bring your friends!

Purchase your specially priced advance tickets online at www.auroracolony.com (go to the menu bar for ACVA Members) or stop in at Time After Time or Timeless Antiques.



* * * * 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 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.



It's Fall- Still Lots to Do at the Old Aurora Colony Museum

What do you know about the origins of your hometown? Did you know Aurora is celebrating its 160th birthday? Come and enjoy the artifacts and documents, family heirlooms and unique Oregon history at the Old Aurora Colony Museum during our annual end-of-the-year exhibit: "Gifts To The Colony". Admission is only \$6.00 per adult, \$5.00 for seniors or AAA members, and \$3.00 for students, ages 6-18. The Old Aurora Colony Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 11 am to 4 pm and on Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm. Take your family out for a leisurely historic walking tour of Old Aurora- Oregon's first National Historic District. Pick up your map at the Museum or at your friendly specialty shops, vintage and antique shops in Aurora. Lucky you—so much history in your own backyard!



Pictures with Santa

Friends and Neighbors! Come down to the Octagon Building on Saturday, December 10 from 3-5 for pictures with Santa, hot cocoa, cookies, and Christmas music! The historic building will be all decked out for the holidays and ready for your sweet photos with Santa! Please contact Tara @ 608-575-8694 if you have any questions or would like to help!

City of Aurora Contact Information

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