



# AUMSVILLE

## APRIL 2021

### VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY

Like most of Marion County, the ice storm left us with lots of tree damage and lost power around town. We were blessed that no one was seriously hurt and that our services were back within a week.

During events like these, our goal is to make sure no one is in danger, but it is also an opportunity to learn our and the community's level of preparedness. One thing is certain—most of our residents are self-reliant. We have seen time and again neighbors step up to help neighbors; most residents know what to do and how to leverage resources to meet their needs.

Part of our learning experience from this event was how we can keep an eye on the most vulnerable members of our community. After the wildfires we'd instituted a Vulnerable Population Registry. This registry gives our first responders a heads up, in case of an emergency, that a resident may need additional assistance. Unfortunately, this registry was not widely used. We only have a handful of people signed up. When the ice storm hit, the police were getting several calls or personal contacts from people asking them to check on friends and family. Most of

these people were not on the registry.

The form is very simple, and it gives us knowledge to better help our community. While registering does not guarantee that you will be provided services or placed in a priority list for responders, it does help responders be better able to meet your needs in an emergency. This information is confidential and will only be shared with first responders in the case of an emergency situation.

The registry form is available at City Hall, the Aumsville Police Station, or online at [www.aumsville.us/police/webform/vulnerable-population-registry](http://www.aumsville.us/police/webform/vulnerable-population-registry)

In 2017, the city organized an emergency planning committee. The role was to identify weaknesses in the city's response capabilities and create a plan to combat these issues. This event confirmed much of the committee's findings, and we continue to address as many of these as possible. We also prepare ways to address different situations. This allowed us the ability to open our warming shelter within a few hours of the loss of power. A big thank you to the elected officials and staff that kept the shelter open 24 hours during this event. Also thank you to the residents and businesses who came by with food and supplies for anyone who needed the shelter.



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City of Aumsville



# Spring Cleanup

**APRIL 9, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM**  
**APRIL 10, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM**

Recology Organics and Republic Services have again teamed up with the city to provide, as a courtesy for the citizens, business owners, and city staff of Aumsville\*, free options for getting rid of your non-compostable outdoor yard junk and compostable yard debris. Non-compostable yard junk needs to be brought to the dumpster in the Public Works parking lot. Please deliver compostable yard debris directly to Recology Organics.

Non-Compostable Items Allowed in Dumpster in Public Works parking lot\*\*:  
Broken Lawn Furniture, Plastics, Outdoor Toys, and Cardboard.

**Not Allowed: Household Garbage, Tires, Appliances, Rocks**



**Dumpster located at Public Works Shop, Olney St, next to Blazer Ind (behind gate)**



Compostable materials can be dropped off at Recology Organics: 8712 Aumsville Hwy.

Yard Debris Allowed

Grass and bush clippings, wood waste, tree branches (4" diameter, 4' long max)

*\*to drop off junk and debris free of charge, residents will be required to show a valid driver's license with an Aumsville city limits address: Aumsville business owners, a business card.*

*\*\*Dumpster available until full.*

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**2021 SEASON**  
**June 26<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Calling all Food Truck lovers!**

Let your favorite mobile food operator know you would love to see them in Aumsville this summer! We are taking Food Vendor applications this year as well as crafters, artists, farm produce, gardeners, etc.

Vendor applications are available at [www.aumsville.us/events/page/aumsville-saturday-market](http://www.aumsville.us/events/page/aumsville-saturday-market)

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# Important Information

- ◇ Easter Bunny Visits 4/3/2021
- ◇ Cleanup Day 4/9/2021
- ◇ Cleanup Day 4/10/2021
- ◇ Council meeting 4/12/2021
- ◇ Tag day is 4/23/2021
- ◇ Meter read day is 4/23/2021
- ◇ Council Meeting 4/26/2021
- ◇ Shut off day is 4/26/2021
- ◇ Budget Q & A 5/3/2021 at 6:00 PM

Budget season is upon us. We'll be holding a public Q & A session on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM over Zoom. This session is a great time to ask questions about the budget and review the city financial outlook over the next few years. During the session we will explain the different funds operated by the city and how we approach budgeting for the next fiscal year. So, join us and learn more about how the city

allocates it's resources. You'll be able to find the Zoom link on the website the week prior to the meeting. <https://www.aumsville.us/finance/page/budget-q>

Fees will be reinstated for online payments starting May 1st. The fees are \$0.95 if you use your bank routing number/account, or \$2.95 for using a credit/debit card. We're also shutting water off again on shut off day. You still have the opportunity to call, go online, or come in and file an extension.



## CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES

This month kicked off hybrid learning at the Cascade School District. Students attend on an A-day or B-day schedule with teacher check-ins on their non-school day.

“I’m so proud of our district and the way staff has worked to make hybrid work district-wide,” said Cascade School District Superintendent, Darin Drill. “We are ahead of the curve as one of a handful of districts currently offering in-person instruction to all K-12 students. There is a different energy in all of our buildings, and it’s special to see students learning from in the classrooms.”

The Cascade School District is excited to announce a partnership with the Willamette Career Academy. This is the first career and technical education center in the state, and they have partnered with 11 school districts. Cascade is one of them.

Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, high school juniors and seniors can be a part of the Willamette Career Acade-

my. The first year’s programs are cosmetology, diesel mechanics, and health occupations. Students enrolled in the program will get hands-on experience five days a week.

“The Willamette Career Academy is an incredible opportunity for Cascade students to acquire authentic career skills to enable our kids to make a living for themselves and their families,” explained Lisa Iversen, Cascade School District’s Career and Technical Education Director. “We are so excited to offer this opportunity!”



Aumsville Elementary has partnered with Sparrow Clubs to support a local family in need. Sparrow Clubs provides financial and emotional support for children and their families in medical need while also

empowering kids to help others through charitable service in their communities. Students “unlock” funds for the family through community service, so there is no disparity between various socioeconomic situations. Business partners have already donated the funds.

“For every hour worked, \$10.00 is unlocked for our Sparrow,” explained Aumsville Principal, Cyndi Ganfield. “No greater time to build community than now!”

Three Applegate families came over the Oregon Trail in 1843. They had to raft down the Columbia River to reach the Willamette Valley and one Applegate son

drowned during this process. Because of his loss, Jesse Applegate felt strongly about finding a southern entrance into the valley. In 1846, Jesse and Lindsey Applegate, Levi Scott and twelve others (known as the South Road Expedition) blazed a trail through Umpqua Canyon, over the mountains, up to Fort Hall (now in Idaho).

Some Oregon-bound pioneers, who were passing there, decided to use this southern route. The trail was marked, but not cleared. This meant that a great deal of work had to be done by the weary people and animals. Heavy rains created high water and the wagons could not cross an unnamed river, but people and the oxen moved ahead. When the men returned later, they found that the wagons and their contents had been burned.



## AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

**Aumsville Museum & History Center**

599 Main St, Aumsville, OR

Open Saturdays 11:00am – 2:00pm

APRIL – OCTOBER

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Henry and Susan Smith and their three young children were among these pioneers. Their son Henry is remembered in Aumsville as the developer of the

Smith Addition, about eight city blocks of single family homes north of present-day Main Street from 7th to 11th Street.

Aumsville recently lost a noteworthy citizen. Ray Busby was born in Colorado in 1927. He had been an Aumsville resident for over 80 years. He was an army veteran and a fire department volunteer. He and his wife Janet supported the museum by donating a number of items, including a Native American mortar and pestle.

February 2021 will be remembered because of the heavy ice that damaged many trees and caused a week-long power outage. Because of the pandemic, no AHS events are scheduled at the present time. AHS President Ted Shepard can be reached at 503-749-2744.

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## STATE SENATOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbors,  
My name is Deb Patterson, I'm your State Senator for Senate District 10.

This month, the Senate has begun holding bi-weekly floor sessions to start voting on bills, most of which passed with bipartisan and some nearly unanimous support. We voted on legislation that would protect young people who are wards of the

court, passed a bill to allow electricians to install renewable energy sources, and another that would protect our environment from the dumping of radioactive waste. This work feels hopeful to me.

Recently, our state and country have taken several hopeful strides forward to recover from the health and economic challenges we are facing due to COVID-19. Salem Health has just given out its 100,000th COVID-19 vaccine, a huge achievement that should be celebrated. Our counterparts in Washington D.C. passed a \$1.9 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan which will put \$1,400 stimulus checks into most Americans pockets, and states will receive further funding for vaccines and testing, as well as for our local governments and schools. Here in Oregon, Marion County will be receiving \$67.46 million and Polk County will receive \$16.9 million.

Here in the Oregon Senate, the Housing and Development

Committee is considering several pieces of legislation that would help landlords and tenants who have been struggling through this pandemic. The legislature is also working on several bills to support small businesses and families who have been impacted by COVID-19, efforts that I will surely be supporting. In Senate Health Care, we are considering and passing several bills that would reduce the cost of pharmaceutical drugs, hold Big Tobacco accountable, expand the use of telehealth and much more.

Finally, it was my sincere privilege to sponsor SCR 18 which recognizes long-time Aumsville resident Alfreda Bales for her more than 60 years of service as a public employee for the State of Oregon – the longest service of anyone in State history. Currently, Mrs. Bales works with the Department of Revenue, and her dedicated service was recognized in the Senate Finance Committee on March 16th with Mrs. Bales and her son, Duane, in attendance for this on-line meeting. Congratulations and thanks to Alfreda!

My office sent out a paper newsletter recently which will provide more detail on the work that I am doing as your State Senator and so I hope you find that helpful. As always, please know that I would like to hear from you and look forward to meeting with you. My email is [sen.debpaterson@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:sen.debpaterson@oregonlegislature.gov) and my phone number is 503-984-1710, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all the best,

Deb Patterson—Senator, District 10



# ST. MARYS CHURCH—SHAW

*Fr. Paul Materu, ALCP, Pastor  
Fr. Richard Rossman, Priest  
in Residence*



## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm Mass  
Sunday 8:00 am Mass

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday thru Friday, 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation:

1st —3rd—& 5th Saturday  
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

**AUMSVILLE, OR**  
9168 Silver Falls Hwy SE  
P.O. Box 338  
Aumsville, Or 97325  
Phone 503-362-6159

**We invite you to** join us at mass. Our capacity to comply with the distancing guidelines is **70** Everyone is required to wear a mask, face shield or face covering when at the church, except:

1. Anyone under the age of 5.
2. You have a medical condition that makes it hard to breathe when wearing a mask, face shield, or face covering.
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## February 2021 Monthly Police Report

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED</u>
Burglary/Attempt Burgl	0/0	0/0
Criminal Mischief	1	1
Restraining Order Violation	0	0
Trespass	0	0
DUII	1	1
Theft/Fraud	1/0	1/0
Theft From Vehicles	2	0
Warrant Arrest/Probation Violation	3/0	3/0
Harassment/Telephonic	0/1	0/0
Weapon/Robbery	1/0	1/0
Child Neglect	0	0
Stolen Vehicle/Trailer	1/1	0/0
Sex Offense	1	0
DWS Criminal	3	3
Misc Crime	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>

### DEPARTMENT MESSAGE:

The reserves worked a total of 58 hours during the month of January: 58 volunteer hours and 0 paid hours.

With the recent ice storm we received numerous request to check on citizens. I would like to take this opportunity to remind our citizens that we have a vulnerable population registry on our City's Website where you can sign up a loved one or yourself to be checked on during an emergency. Please take the time to fill this out now. If you sign up a loved one, please make sure and let them know you signed them up.

I would also like to remind our citizens that with the weather changing, the days getting longer and children returning to school, pedestrian traffic is increasing. Please be aware of those crossing the street while you are out driving around.

We will be starting our Pedestrian Enforcement Program in the coming weeks. If you see someone attempting to cross the street at **any intersection**, you are required to stop if possible, and allow them the time and room to cross, whether it is a marked intersection or not. Failing to do so can result in a citation of \$265. Please drive safely.

I would also like to thank the many employees and volunteer who assisted during the recent ice storm. Thank You!

### CALLS FOR SERVICE NUMBER

Assist other Agency—Turner PD	0
Assist other Agency—Fire Dept	4
Assist other Agency—DHS	7
Assist other Agency—MCSO	7
Assist other Agency—City	2
Assist other Agency—Stayton PD	9
Assist other Agency—Other	6
Assist Person/Citizen Contact	0/7
Vehicle Repo	2
911 Hang-Up/Welfare Check/Civil Dispute	1/12/1
False Alarms	1
Noise/Traffic Complaint	2/0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance	8/1/5
Traffic Accidents/Hit and Run	0/0
Driving Impounds	3
Unattended Death/Notification	
Dogs—Barking/At Large/Bite	3/1/0
Ordinance Violation	4
Runaway Juvenile/missing person	2/0
Verbal Disturbance	2
Attempt Suicide/Mental Hold	0/2
Emotional Disturbed Persons	3
Found Property/Lost Property/Seized Property	1/1/2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>

Value of Property Stolen	\$9000
Value of Property Damaged	\$500
Value of Property Recovered	\$0
Value of Found Property	\$0
Dogs to Pound	0

### TRAFFIC VIOLATION City County

Speeding	5	1
Fail to Carry Proof /Driving Uninsured	0/5	0/0
Driving While Suspended	4	0
No Valid Op	0	0
No Seatbelt/Improper Wear Seatbelt	1	0
Expired Registration/Fail to Register	0/0	0/0
Switched Plates	1	0
Failure to Signal/Use Turn Signal	0	0
Use of Electronic Device/Cell Phone	0/1	0/0

**TOTAL** **17** **1**



## Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District

490 Church Street, P.O. Box 247, Aumsville, Oregon 97325-0247  
(503) 749-2894 – Fax (503) 749-2182 – Email [aumsville@aumsvillefire.org](mailto:aumsville@aumsvillefire.org)

Good Day, Neighbor!

There has been an extraordinary amount of brush burning throughout the District, and during the ice storm cleanup I waived the restriction on backyard burning in order to assist everyone in their cleanup efforts. Even though there was lots of smoke and fire in unusual places, understanding neighbors did not flood the Fire District with smoke calls. Thank you all for your collective efforts!

As we slowly creep out of this pandemic, the personnel of this Fire District are anxious to conduct the public events such as the annual breakfast, Turkey shoot bingo, and waterball. These events not only raise funds for the volunteers' causes, but they bring awareness of the Fire Dis-

trict to the public. It is often the only interaction our citizens have with us, and that's a good thing considering the only reason we show up at your house is because of a problem!

Backyard Burning is open, so please keep fire safety in your thoughts as you dispose of your yard debris. Always allow adequate clearance between your fire area and your house, deck, or outbuildings, and have a charged hose line handy while the fire is burning. What you do to keep your fire under control is far more effective than what we can do once it is out of control.

Stay Safe my friends.

Roy Hari, Fire Chief

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT



Hello –

The people's business in the COVID19 culture continues at your State House. One of the most urgent and long-lasting pieces of business

that will take place this session is redistricting. As former US Attorney General, Eric Holder stated:

“Our voices over the next few months will determine whether our votes count for the next 10 years.”

The Joint Committee on Redistricting is hosting virtual town halls within each congressional district. HD19 resides wholly in Congressional District 5. Redistricting is the once-a-decade process of redrawing US House of Representatives (Congressional) and Oregon State Senate and State House of Representatives (Legislative) district boundaries to account for changes in population.

Your input matters. There is one more virtual town hall in

which you may participate. It will take place Saturday, April 10 from 3-5 PM. You may testify or submit written testimony at <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/Redistricting>. The accompanying flyer has all the details. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Michael Lantz at 503.986.1736 or Patrick Brennan at 503.986.1674.

During this long session, and now that restaurants are again open for in-person dining, my family has made it a priority to gather for breakfast on Saturday mornings. We are happy to report that Neufeldt's and Turnaround Café welcome very small children with grace, coloring pages and crayons!

In the interim if we can be of help to you as you navigate your state government please call or email. My door is always open and my staff, Pam McClain, Lena Prine, and I welcome your participation. As your state representative, I am here to listen, respond, and lead.

Raquel Moore-Green  
Representative, HD19 South Salem, Turner, and Aumsville

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# AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following may not be complete minutes from these meetings. You can find the full approved minutes on our website at [www.aumsville.us/city-council](http://www.aumsville.us/city-council).

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney and Wick. Council absent: None. City Administrator Harding (CA Harding), Police Chief Schmitz (Chief Schmitz), and City Colleen Rogers were also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later. PRESENTATION: Shake Alert Video Presentation: Shake Alert app is an early warning system in the case of an earthquake. This app allows agencies to set up automatic actions to stop trains, shut down gas lines, and open fire station doors so they won't get stuck closed. There will be a test on March 11th. Citizens can download the app to receive the alert.

There were no online attendees. Login information was provided for members of the community to make public comment at this time and listen to the discussion.

Council unanimously approved the January 25, 2021 Council meeting minutes as presented.

CA Harding reported that the event planning committee is planning on a socially distanced Easter event with bunny delivery. This will be a fun event for the community even though is not the traditional easter egg hunt event. CA Harding also discussed the Corn Festival event, he ordered corn from the same grower as last year and we will wait until we get closer to the event to finalize plans.

Councilor Seney update from Mid-Willamette Valley Transportation Committee, Oregon Transportation Commission updated how they respond to input to make it more equitable, which could be good for our region. They will be working on plans for funds for 2024-2027.

Mayor Clevenger was on a call regarding COVID-19 with the governor's office. There will be a number of counties dropping from extreme to high risk. Approximately 110,000 doses of the vaccine have been administered in Oregon.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 7:23 PM

Work Session  
Minutes – February 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, and Wick. Council absent: None. City Administrator Harding (CA Harding) was also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

CA Harding began the session discussing the outline for this and future work sessions. He expressed to Council that, even though we have some challenges, and all cities have challenges, it's the nature of city government. He stated that our city is in a position to accomplish some unprecedented achievements. CA Harding told Council we are in a good place due to the hard work and planning efforts of the city during the past four years.

Council reviewed changes to the Council Protocol Manual to make it flow better. It included adding links to information sources so new Council members could easily access this information if they choose to conduct further research. Many of the

topics within the manual represent best practices and are not requirements of an ORS or city Charter. He explained that this manual is the Council's document to determine rules of conduct or establish general business conduct.

CA Harding explained each section briefly and took questions from Council as they were raised.

9.2 Membership and Selection for committees. Mayor Clevenger clarification of a quorum. CA Harding will research and come back with some final language suggestion.

10.1 Addressing the Council: CA Harding said this section lists organizations but the section is related to the public or individuals so he would like to suggest some edits in this section.

10.5 Written Communications: concerns were raised about the process when a councilmember receives a letter from the public related to city business. The councilmember should provide this to the entire council in advance of a council meeting. This is a courtesy to the other councilmembers and in the spirit of the no surprise rule under council conduct. The Council asked for a more detailed explanation of this process.

12. Communication Plan: The Council approved Resolution 11-19 allowing Council to appoint the public information officer. Mayor Clevenger would like to see this as a reoccurring action every two years and suggested we include this at the same time as when Council appoints a council president.

CA Harding will make some suggested language changes to address these concerns and bring back for approval at the next council meeting.

CA Harding reviewed the Vision Plan with the City Council. There were some grammatical edits suggested and consensus was to correct these, then bring it back to Council for approval at the next meeting.

CA Harding went over the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. This plan was approved in 2017 and is part of the Marion County hazard mitigation plan completed in cooperation with FEMA. CA Harding discussed a project list approved under the hazard mitigation plan and explained which projects were completed and which projects were ongoing. The purpose of the discussion was to inform Council of the types of hazard mitigation requirements the city must complete and our performance of meeting these requirements. There was general discussion on how some of these mitigation projects align with Council goals.

CA Harding reviewed the five Council approved goals with a subset of objectives. Then discussed each goal and the ideas that will be suggested to meet each goal as we move forward. The goals are:

- Goal 1:** Provide and maintain municipal facilities and infrastructure to support current operations and growth.
- Goal 2:** Support and encourage community involvement to create a sense of community and enhance livability.

**Goal 3:** Create an environment to attract, retain, and grow businesses.

**Goal 4:** Ensure a safe and prepared environment for citizens and businesses.

**Goal 5:** Provide City services that are responsive to citizens and demonstrate good stewardship.

The purpose of the presentation is to keep these goals fresh in our minds as we work through the planning session.

Mayor Clevenger discussed his desire to build a strong business economy and suggested the city join local chambers of commerce as a forum to attract additional business to our area. CA Harding noted that when he provides the presentation of economic development it will include some recommendations, many specific to the interchange development zone. CA Harding then discussed with Council some emerging development projects. He stated that we are currently seeing a lot of development and may have our largest growth year in 2021-2022 to date. We are seeing this growth in both residential and commercial type activities.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 8:54 PM

Minutes – February 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Wick, and Seney. Council absent: None. City Administrator Harding (CA Harding), and City Clerk Rogers were also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

Budget Committee Appointments: Council re-appointed Kim Ferguson and Amy Evans to the Budget Committee and discussed that there is still one position left to fill.

There were no online attendees. Login information was provided for members of the community to make public comment at this time and listen to the discussion. There were no public comments.

Council unanimously approved the February 8, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the February 9, 2021 Work Session minutes.

Old Business: CA Harding presented Council with estimates for a small dog park in Mill Creek Park and an ADA swing for Porter-Boone Park. We could do both projects with a budget of \$20,000. He stated that Council could approve these projects now or wait until warmer weather is closer.

Dog Park: The area would be approximately 9000 sf. with a two-gate entry system. A water fountain for both dogs and their humans was discussed. CA Harding stated that the work could start soon and be complete for the warmer weather.

ADA Playground Equipment: This would be a swinging platform designed for a wheelchair to roll on to and be secured. There would also need to be some hardscape improvement to make the swing accessible. After some discussion Council unanimously approved the dog park and wheelchair swing project with a budget not to exceed \$20,000.

Council reviewed and unanimously approved the updated Council Protocol Manual and the Aumsville Vision Plan 2040

as presented.

New Business: Ice Storm 2021 – Porter-Boone Park Cleanup CA Harding reported a total loss of 256 trees were uprooted or damaged beyond repair. The city had an arborist give an assessment and plan for Porter-Boone Park. They stated that we should remove an estimated 80% of the current trees. CA Harding offered another option for Council to consider, we could remove only trees that sustained more than 50% damage, then try to save the rest. CA Harding explained that this option could be quite costly due difficult access to the trees and more labor intense. The arborist does not recommend this option. Council acknowledged Public Works staff for all their hard work to get our parks and streets cleaned up, as well as the setting up the warming shelter and manning it. Council voiced concern about debris that is building up in Mill Creek and water backing up. Staff has contacted the waterway people and hopefully they will address it soon.

Council unanimously approved the arborist plan to remove damaged trees in Porter-Boone Park consisting of an estimated 80% of the current trees.

CA Harding presented a request to authorize expenditures from the city's emergency reserve for clean up after the recent ice storm. Council has budgeted over \$15,000 in the City Reserve Fund (022) for emergencies. This requires Council approval before any funds can be spent. Staff requested that expenditures for cleanup of fallen trees and branches at city parks be authorized from the City Reserve Fund (022). Council unanimously approved expenditures of up to \$15,000 from the Emergency expense line of the City Reserve Fund, for the costs related to clean-up of fallen trees, repairs and debris at city parks caused by the ice storm.

CA Harding thanked Mayor Clevenger and councilors Ecclestone, Casarez and anyone else who helped with the warming center during the ice storm event. They coordinated getting snacks there and a food truck. Mayor Clevenger wanted to give special thanks to Kyle Gulstrom with the Foodology food truck and Tonya from Lucky You who showed up with food and beverages for the warming center.

City Administrator's Report: CA Harding gave the Historical Society 2020. Considering the restrictions of COVID and natural disasters the museum did pretty good in 2020. They currently have 54 members and are hoping to open the museum for the 2021 season April – October.

Budget Season: CA Harding stated that he will organize a pre-budget Zoom meeting that will be open to the public so they can ask questions. He did this last year and it was successful.

Ordinance Updates: Since we approved the Development Ordinance we have found some inconsistencies; mostly formatting and scrivener errors. There will be discussion about some changes to the ID Zone at the work session on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will also look at fence regulations.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 8:15 PM

Work Session—Minutes – February 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, and Wick. Council absent: None. City Administrator Harding (CA Harding) was also present via

Continued from page 10 Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

**Crosswalk Safety:** The meeting started with a Pedestrian Safety Enforcement video. Aumsville PD participated in a grant that was provided by Oregon Impact and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Footage of actual crosswalk enforcement from our police department along with two other nearby Police departments were included. Staff continues to work with Marion County on crosswalks for 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Marion County is working on a new design standard to be completed before they will approve any crosswalks. Council discussed the possibility of new developments coming in that area and how crosswalks are going to be necessary for the safety of children walking to school. CA Harding stated he will continue to stay in contact with Marion County regarding this.

**Water Rate Billing Options:** Council reviewed an in-house water rate analysis. The spreadsheet showed different scenarios, showing how customers who use less water would pay less and those who use more will pay more. About 39% of our customers would see a decrease in their bill according to the analysis. By lowering the base to a 4000 gallon allowance, it gives everyone a discount. Those who use more have the option to adjust their usage to keep their bill lower.

Council discussed ways to move forward. Communication and public input are extremely important and will need to take place well in advance of any changes. Staff will do some more research and get some of Council's questions answered, then bring it back for more discussion at a future meeting or work session.

**Economic Development – ID Zone:** The Interchange Development Zone is roughly 54 acres located off 1<sup>st</sup> Street near the Hwy 22 interchange. The idea for this zone is to attract retail and service type businesses that would serve our residents but also be used as a service corridor for Hwy 22 travelers. Staff has been researching ways to eliminate some of the barriers for new development in this zone and that would, at the same time, not put additional cost onto the rest of the community.

CA Harding explained how the city can lessen some of these barriers by doing some projects that will save the developers time and money, making the property more attractive. Street upgrades that are required by ODOT to accommodate the additional traffic will require complete redesigning of intersections. If the city does the design in advance it will save the developer time and the city will be in control of the design. Funds are available in the Traffic Fund to cover the cost of this project.

Allowable business is another area that the city could look at that would make the property more desirable. One idea is to allow apartments above businesses. This could give them an additional source of income. DLCDC would have to approve this type of use before we could move forward.

One parcel in the zone will need a right-of-way (ROW) secured through it to be able to punch E Del Mar through to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The city can pursue this ROW so that the developer is all set to develop the street, saving them time.

ODOT Rail is requiring that the three crossing within the City be upgraded when the railroad becomes active. Staff is working with the city attorney to see if we can put a clause in the development agreement that states if this portion of the railway is ever activated again, the developer would then be responsible for a percentage of the cost for the crossing improvements according to the size of their parcel.

CA Harding stated that if the city could address these four barriers, this property will have less barriers than properties in other cities. He concluded that this plan can be implemented within existing dollars. It provides benefit for the development as well as the rest of the community.

**UGB Expansion:** A few years ago, the city had a Buildable Lands Survey done. CA Harding explained how the survey works with the application for Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion for the city. The city is looking at this expansion for two reasons: additional housing property and to bring our new park property into the UGB. Staff is looking at a company that would compile a buildable lands inventory and anything that is required for submitting a UGB expansion application to DLCDC.

CA Harding reached out to Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) and they would do the analysis for around \$40,000. This is the lowest cost we found. Council consensus was to move forward with attaining a contract with MWVCOG. CA Harding will contact MWVCOG and have them draft a contract that he will bring to Council at a future meeting.

**Public Works Standards Update:** CA Harding informed Council that staff is working on updating the Public Works Standards and will be presenting it for Council approval in the near future.

**Arts Program:** CA Harding gave a presentation about developing an art program for the city. Community art could be murals, statuary, 3D art, etc. Some ideas moving forward to create an art program are to:



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- Develop an Art Commission that would lead a community art project. (this could even be Council)
- Implement an Art Design guideline for new development or implement a small art impact fee.
- Art competitions with a theme.
- Look for opportunities to dress up city facilities with art.

Council consensus was to try to incorporate these ideas as much

as possible moving forward. They like the idea of involving the community, utilizing local artists, and reaching out to schools and their art departments.

CA Harding suggested that we start with an informal committee made up of local artists and interested residents. This group could help advise and create an art program. He will begin with asking for volunteers through the newsletter and social media.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 8:41 PM

## IN YOUR YARD, ON YOUR STREET

As the weather warms up and we are all getting anxious about getting out into our great outdoors, some of you are going to be getting out that RV, camper, and basketball hoops. Just know that city ordinance does not allow the following:

Campers, RVs, utility trailers, and boats are not allowed to be parked in the street for more than 5 days in any 30-day period.

Basketball stands cannot be left in the street or sidewalk. Although the city is not opposed to you using them there, they must be removed when they are not in use. This includes dead-end streets and culdesacs. Sidewalks must remain clear for pedestrians and those with mobility challenges.

Some of you may be feeling the need to fix up the place. If your project involves a fence, shed, sidewalk, or driveway improvement, you will need a Type A permit. I really do

not like contacting you to replace or move your handiwork. A couple of things to remind you of:

- Six-foot fences are not allowed anywhere in the front of a house. If you have a 6-foot fence currently built there, wood or chain link, it is a violation.
- Don't build a fence on top of the property line. Neighbors change, attitudes change.
- It's always nice to share in the expense of a fence with the neighbor, but keep your expectations in check.
- Know where your property lines are. Sometimes they are difficult to find. If we have time, we can see if we can find a corner or two.

Sheds, accessory structures, barn, garage, or whatever you want to call them. If you are building a shed, there are setback requirements from property lines. Feel free to call me about your plans, 503-749-1185.

-Steve Oslie, Public Works Director

## SUMMER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The occasional sunny days we've had lately have us thinking about Summer! We're planning our 2021 Summer Program.

We'll kick off with the Day Camp on Friday, June 25th. Children must be pre-registered. The program is open to kids from 1st through 5th grade. The Day Camp lasts from noon to 2:00 pm and kids get lunch, a snack, books, and activities. This is weekly, every Friday except July 2 and August 20, through August 27th.

On Saturdays we're planning our Movies in the Park. We're still working on the schedule of movies but plan on attending at dusk every week, except July 3 and August 21, through August 28th.

We can always use volunteers for these programs. In or-

der to volunteer you must pass a background check, so stop in at City Hall to pick up a volunteer application if you would like to help out! You can also email Elaina at [eturpin@aumsville.us](mailto:eturpin@aumsville.us) to receive an application.

Can we get a big round of applause for our tireless champions: Dianne Lucas and Kendal Berning. They have organized this program for the past few years. Their flexibility last year with the constant changes due to updating COVID restrictions was amazing. We couldn't put on these programs without them. Thank you!

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- **Two Marionberry Pancakes** with side of ham. **\$10.99**
- **Two Blueberry Pancakes** with side of ham. **\$10.99**
- **Homemade Oatmeal and Toast** with brown sugar and raisins. **\$8.39**
- **Lite #1 Omelette** (half portion): Egg Beaters, onion, green peppers, tomatoes, and mushrooms. Served with fresh fruit and bran muffin. **\$8.99**
- **Hot Cinnamon Roll**, two eggs, one bacon, and one sausage link. **\$8.39**
- **One Biscuit and Country Gravy**, two eggs, one bacon, and one sausage link. **\$8.99**
- **Chicken Fried Steak**, two eggs, one biscuit and gravy. **\$9.39**
- **French Toast** (half order), two eggs, one bacon, and one sausage link. **\$8.99**
- **Two Pancakes**, two eggs, one bacon, and one sausage link. **\$8.99**
- **Fried Potatoes**, two eggs, toast, biscuit or muffin, and juice. (add country gravy for \$1.65) **\$7.99**

## Great Lunch Deals Monday thru Saturday 11:00 am-2:00 pm

- **Soup, Salad, and Bread:** Dinner salad, bread, and a cup of soup. **\$10.39**
- **Crispy Chicken Sandwich with Potato Skins or Fries:** Chicken strips served on a burger bun with mayo, lettuce, and tomato. **\$10.39**
- **Grilled Meatloaf Sandwich:** Meatloaf, cheddar cheese, mayo, lettuce, and tomato on a grilled sourdough bread with bbq sauce on the side **\$12.99**
- **Taco Salad:** Seasoned taco meat, cheese, onions, olives, green peppers, and tomatoes on a bed of fresh lettuce. Served with chips and salsa. **\$10.39**
- **Grilled Tuna with Potato Skins or Fries & Soft Drink:** Grilled tuna on sourdough bread with melted cheddar cheese, mayo, lettuce and tomato. **\$12.99**
- **Hot Roast Turkey Sandwich:** Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes on a slice of bread covered with gravy. Served with cranberry sauce. **\$10.39**
- **Fried Chicken Salad:** Fried chicken strips on fresh salad with tomato, cheddar cheese, bacon, hard boiled egg, and olives. **\$10.39**
- **Neufeldt Burger with Potato Skins or Fries & Soft Drink:** Our cheeseburger with crispy bacon and sauteed mushrooms. Onions & tomato on request. **\$12.99**
- **Corned Beef Reuben with Potato Skins or Fries & Soft Drink:** sauerkraut, swiss cheese, thousand island served on grilled rye bread. **\$12.99**

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# Reducing Tree Damage In Future Storms

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When a major storm strikes, some landscape trees seem to be able to come through with only minor damage, while others suffer the loss of large limbs or sizable parts of their branching structure. In the worst cases, trees may be completely split in two or may have nothing left standing but a trunk. If a tree has been weakened by disease, there may be little that can be done to prevent major breakage or loss when the stresses of a storm occur. However, there are preventive measures that home and property owners can take to help their trees be stronger and more resistant to storm damage.

The Oregon Department of Forestry and the National Arbor Day Foundation offer these five suggestions for pruning a tree to promote the growth of strong branches:

**1. Encourage good branch angles.** For most deciduous or hardwood trees, narrow angles between branches signal a point of future weakness, whether in the trunk or in the crown of the tree. This happens because as two branches grow closely together, neither has sufficient space to add the wood needed for strength. Instead, they grow against each other, creating a weak joint. To prevent this, remove one of the two branches when the tree is young. (see Illustration 1). The strongest branching angle in many deciduous tree species approximates 10 o'clock or 2 o'clock (see Illustration 2). Branches at those angles should be encouraged by removing other competing branches.

**2. Encourage strong branch/trunk size relationships.** The relative size of lateral (side) branches is also important in determining branch strength. Ideally, lateral branches should be no more than 1/2 to 3/4 the diameter of the trunk. Branches larger than that are often heavier than the trunk can support, and are candidates to break when wind, ice, or snow come along. Trees grow by adding new layers of wood on the trunk and branches each year. As the trunk grows, it will strengthen the joints with branches by adding wood around it, like a dowel in a chair leg.

**3. Maintain a stable center of gravity.** Wind, winter snow loads, or previous loss of a major limb can create situations where the tree's center of gravity is not positioned over the trunk. Then when a severe storm hits, a slight bit of extra weight or wind pressure can break limbs, snap the trunk off, or even topple the tree, roots and all. You can help reposition a tree's center of gravity by selectively removing branches on the leaning side and encouraging branches on the opposite side. (see Illustration 3)

**4. Remove rubbing branches, suckers, watersprouts, and temporary branches.** Branches that rub against each other can produce wounds and decay, so one of the offending branches should be removed. Watersprouts and suckers are abnormal growth that can occur at the base of the tree or inside the crown. They are rapidly growing, weakly attached, and upright branches that do not follow the tree's normal growth pattern (see Illustration 4). Temporary branches grow low on the tree when it is young and protect young bark from injury by the sun. After a tree is three to four years old, these temporary branches should be gradually removed. Because leaves are vital in providing the tree with nourishment, never remove more than one-third of a tree's leafy crown when pruning.

**5. Don't cut branches back to stubs.** Often people have the mistaken idea that long natural limbs on a tree will break more easily in a storm, and should be cut back to make them stronger. Just the opposite is the case. When a branch is cut back to a stub, new branches will grow from the edges of the stub. Because they cannot form a strong union with the stubbed branch, these new branches are even more likely to be broken in a future storm. If a branch needs to be removed, cut it back to a main branch or to the tree's trunk. Never leave a stub (see Illustration 5) on a branch or at the top of the tree. Trees that are topped are more likely to break in future storms.

If care is taken to keep landscape trees healthy, storm damage can be reduced. Trees are an important part of any home landscape, providing shade, beauty, clean air, and increased property value. Keeping your trees healthy is a wise investment.

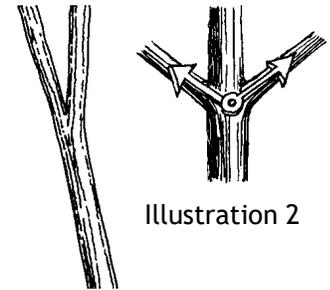


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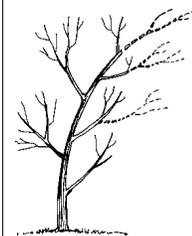


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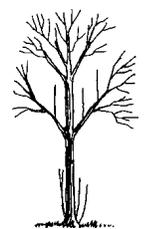


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Illustration 5

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESERVE OFFICERS

The City of Aumsville swore in two new reserve officers at the end of February. Meet Reserve Officer David Kosel and Reserve Officer Nicholas Muñoz. Kosel grew up in Mill City and is a current resident of Aumsville. Muñoz grew up in Salem where he still resides. Muñoz is bilingual in Spanish and English, although he doesn't consider himself fluent in Spanish.



Reserve Officer Kosel

Reserve Officer Muñoz

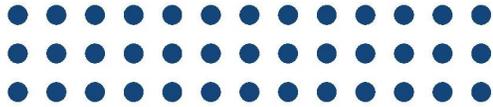
## ARBOR DAY 2021

The State of Oregon celebrates Arbor Day the entire month of April. In Aumsville, we aligned with the national celebration and went with April 30th.

Aumsville celebrates its 4th year as a Tree City. In 2020 the city planted over 450 trees throughout town. As you can guess based on the ice storm damage, we're going to be planting a lot more trees this year. We encourage you to plant your own trees on your property.

On April 30th, our Public Works Director, Steve Oslie, will share a short video on proper tree planting on the city's Facebook page.

We'll also celebrate with our sister Tree City Gervais with an exchange of trees. We've been sister cities with Gervais for 4 years now and have exchanged trees with them every year.



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