



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM OUR FAMILIES TO YOURS

This time of year is filled with celebrations meant to bring us closer together with our families, and as a community.. 2020 has been hard and, as a community, we want to find ways to bring a little more joy to your winter.

We've have two new events that you can participate in from the comfort of your home. We're writing letters from Santa to any child who requests one. See page 2 for more information. We're also holding a holiday decorating contest. Are you going all out on lights this year? Enter to win the \$500 grand prize! Our anonymous elves will be judging this month, with the winner picked on December 21st. Enter on our website at <https://www.aumsville.us/events/webform/holiday-decorations-form> or at City Hall. See a map of the current participants on pages 8-9.

We're gearing up for our big day on December 12th. We've got a tree picked, lights untangled, and routes

mapped. Even though we'll miss seeing all the smiling faces in person, we're sure that there will be plenty of holiday cheer to spare for our home and virtual events. See pages 8-9 for maps.

Starting at 9:30 AM Santa will be driving through town. He won't be able to give hugs but he'll wave from his perch in the firetruck.

Starting at 5:00 PM lighted, horse-drawn carolers will be singing their way through town.

The grand finale of the night will be the virtual tree lighting. This event is pre-recorded but our broadcast will start at 6:30 PM and include music, Santa story time, announcement of the stocking of toys winner, and the tree lighting! This event will be hosted on our social media. Check out our Facebook page for more information.



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Aumsville, OR 97325

595 Main St.

City of Aumsville



## HOLIDAY GIVING TREE & FOOD DRIVE

### SPONSORED BY AUMSVILLE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM

Team up with ARFD as we work together as a community to help our neediest this holiday season! From December 1<sup>st</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> we'll be hosting a **"Giving Tree" which you / your family will have the opportunity to purchase a gift (up to \$40 limit)** for a child in need!

Additionally, **we'll be accepting non-perishable / unexpired canned food donations benefitting the Aumsville Food Bank.** Donations via cash/check towards this amazing cause are welcome as well! Stop by our station located at 490 Church Street, Aumsville, OR 97325 to make your donation today! Questions? Please call 503-749-2894 – **THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO TRULY MAKE THIS A SEASON OF GIVING!**



### LETTERS FROM SANTA

Santa has assigned a special task to Aumsville City Hall. He's extra busy this year at the North Pole and has given us the task of his correspondence.

This year City Hall will be returning letters to children from Santa. We are excited to provide this special treat to the children of Aumsville who are sure to be excited to receive the letters.

Your child can send a letter to Santa a few ways: fill out the form online or write a letter and send it to City Hall. You can also drop these in the drop box outside of City Hall. This information needs to include: Child's name, age or grade, and mailing address. Also include an adult contact should staff need to clarify anything. The online form is here: <https://www.aumsville.us/events/webform/letters-santa-form>



This is free and open to children who live in Aumsville. **The deadline for your letter to Santa is December 3rd.** If you send it in after December 3rd Santa will not have enough time to write a reply.

All replies will be handwritten to the child and physically mailed by December 11th. While we cannot guarantee delivery by Christmas, by sticking to this timeline we are doing our best to have it arrive in time.

We cannot wait to see what Aumsville kids write to

Santa. If you have any questions, call City Hall at 503-749-2030.

## CITY COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY

There is one vacant position on the Aumsville City Council. This is a four-year term position that begins January 1st, 2021. The council meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00 PM. They also meet as members of the budget committee in the spring for about five weeks.

The council is composed of a mayor and six councilors. The council approves laws and sets policies, which are carried out by city staff.

◇ To qualify, you must reside within the city limits for at least one year prior to the appointment, and be a registered voter.

**To apply for a seat, fill out the form online or pick up a form at City Hall. The deadline for submitting your form is December 30, 2020.**

<https://www.aumsville.us/citycouncil/webform/city-council-member-application>

Administrator Harding will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Contact him at 503 749-2030.

## AUMSVILLE POLICE TOY DRIVE

Christmas will be here soon, and the Aumsville Police Department is once again having a toy drive for children in need in Aumsville.

We are gathering new, unopened gifts for children. (Cash works too!) The gifts will be wrapped and delivered to children within Aumsville city limits. Your contribution is essential to the continued success of this worthwhile program.

Each year, with the help of Aumsville residents and businesses, the Police Department has gathered cash and toys to provide many children with a merrier Christmas than they might have had. They could use some wrapping paper and scotch tape too.

Deadline for toy drop off is December 15th. If you have questions, contact Police Support Specialist Brenda Campbell at (503) 749-2188.



Toy collection barrels will be placed at the following locations:

- Police Department
- Neufeldt's Restaurant
- Riverview Community Bank
- Pizza Peddler
- Tornado Fitness



Special Offer from

The **Pizza Peddler**

325 Main Street

503-749-1004

Bring in a new, unwrapped toy for the toy barrel and receive \$4 off a large or \$5 off a giant pizza.

*Not valid with any other coupon or offer.*

# Fill-A-Bag



# FOOD DRIVE

Fill-A-Bag & drop off your non-perishable food at Riverview Community Bank.

112 MAIN STREET  
503-749-1200

**Riverview**  
COMMUNITY BANK





MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM  
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - SHAW



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Reconciliation: 1st—3rd— 5th Saturday's 3:30-4:30 pm

WEEK DAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday Thru Friday 8:30 am

**Christmas Mass Schedule will be posted closer to Christmas**

Fr. Paul Materu ALCP  
Administer  
Fr. Richard Rossman  
Priest in Residence  
Deacon Steve Tabor  
St. Mary's Parish—Shaw  
9168 Silver Falls Highway SE.  
Aumsville, OR. 97325  
Phone: 503-362-6159

We invite you to join us at mass our capacity to comply with the distancing guidelines is **25 until Dec. 2nd** you will need to call 503-362-6159 and leave your name and phone number. (We will call back if you get a recording to assure you, you are signed up.) 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 disability that prevents the individual from wearing a mask, face shield or covering.

Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect, so no one is required or expected to attend Mass on the weekends with this reopening. We continue to pray for our community and world.

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190 MAIN STREET - AUMSVILLE 503-749-4095

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SERVING BREAKFAST UNTIL 11:30AM EVERY DAY  
FRENCH DIPS, BURGERS, CLUBHOUSE SANDWICHES  
PRIME RIB, CHICKEN FRIED STEAKS, MEATLOAF, FISH & CHIPS  
PIES, AND MUCH MORE!

## HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY

6:30 AM 'TIL 9:00 PM

SUNDAYS

7:00 AM 'TIL 4:00 PM

Neufeldt's Restaurant  
Christmas Vacation

We will be closed  
December 24, 25, 26

&

January 1, 2021



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# City of Aumsville



## October 2020 Monthly Police Report

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED</u>
Burglary/Attempt Burgl	0/0	0/0
Criminal Mischief	2	0
Restraining Order Violation	1	1
Trespass	1	1
DUII	0	0
Theft/Fraud	4/0	0/0
Theft From Vehicles	8	0
Warrant Arrest/Probation Violation	1/1	1/1
Harassment/Telephonic	2/0	2/0
Assault IV	1	1
Stalking Complaint	0	0
Weapon/Robbery	0/0	0/0
Child Neglect	1	1
MIP (Alcohol)/Drug Offense	0/1	0/1
Stolen Vehicle/Trailer	0/0	0/0
Recovered Vehicle	1	0
Curfew/Runaway Juvenile	1/0	1/0
Sex Offense	2	0
Hit and Run	0	0
Misc Crime	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>

Value of Property Stolen	\$140
Value of Property Damaged	\$1025
Value of Property Recovered	\$4000
Value of Found Property	\$870
Dogs to Pound	2

### DEPARTMENT MESSAGE:

The reserves worked a total of 66 hours during the month of October: 66 volunteer hours and 0 paid hours.

October passed without much fanfare. We have had a few isolated reports of "car prowls" in the early morning hours and are asking our citizens to make sure and lock your vehicles and remove valuables as we head into the Holiday Season.

We also ask for the public's assistance in reporting any suspicious persons or vehicles you might see in your neighborhoods. While we try to be vigilant, we can't be everywhere, and rely on the community's eyes and ears.

### CALLS FOR SERVICE

<u>CALLS FOR SERVICE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Assist other Agency—Turner PD	2
Assist other Agency—Fire Dept	1
Assist other Agency—DHS	2
Assist other Agency—MCSO	3
Assist other Agency—City	0
Assist other Agency—Stayton PD	7
Assist other Agency—Other	4
Assist Person/Citizen Contact	3/18
Vehicle Repo	1
911 Hang-Up/Welfare Check/Civil Dispute	2/7/5
False Alarms	2
Noise/Traffic Complaint	4/1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance	2/5/5
Traffic Accidents/Hit and Run	0/0
Driving Impounds	1
Unattended Death/Notification	0/0
Dogs—Barking/At Large/Bite	5/3/0
Ordinance Violation	10
Runaway Juvenile/missing person	1/0
Verbal Disturbance	3
Attempt Suicide/Mental Hold	0/0
Suicide	1
Open Door	1
Misc Call for Service	3
Found Property/Lost Property/Seized Property	6/0/0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108</b>

We had a safe and uneventful Halloween; thank you to all who helped keep our children safe.

Last, you might notice some of the officers getting scruffy yes, it is "No Shave November." This year we are asking our citizens to join in our fundraising event. With every \$5 donation to "No Shave," you will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing for prizes at the end of November. Help us make this a great success. All proceeds will be donated to Santiam Hospital's Can Cancer program.

Chief Richard Schmitz

### TRAFFIC VIOLATION

<u>TRAFFIC VIOLATION</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Speeding	4	5
Fail to Carry Proof /Driving Uninsured	0/2	0/0
Driving While Suspended	3	0
No Valid Op	1	0
No Seatbelt/Improper Wear Seatbelt	0	0
Expired Registration/Fail to Register	0/0	0/0
Failure to Change Address	0	0
Failure to Carry Registration	0	0
Switched Plates	1	0
Failure to Yield to Ped in Crosswalk	0	0
Failure to Yield to Emerg Vehicle	0	0
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	0	0
Reckless Driving/Speed Racing	0	0
Careless Driving	0	0
Failure to Signal/Use Turn Signal	0	0
Use of Electronic Device/Cell Phone	0/0	0/0
Defective Lighting	1	0
Open Container	1	0
Miscellaneous Violations	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



**Blood Drive**  
**Aumsville Rural Fire District**

Training Room  
490 Church St., Aumsville, OR 97325

**Friday, December 18, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
(sponsor code: AumsvilleFire), or contact Trish Lutgen at 503-749-2894 or  
[tlutgen@aumsvillefire.org](mailto:tlutgen@aumsvillefire.org).



**Come to give Dec. 18-Jan. 4 for a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt,  
while supplies last!**

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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# HOLIDAY DÉCOR CONTEST

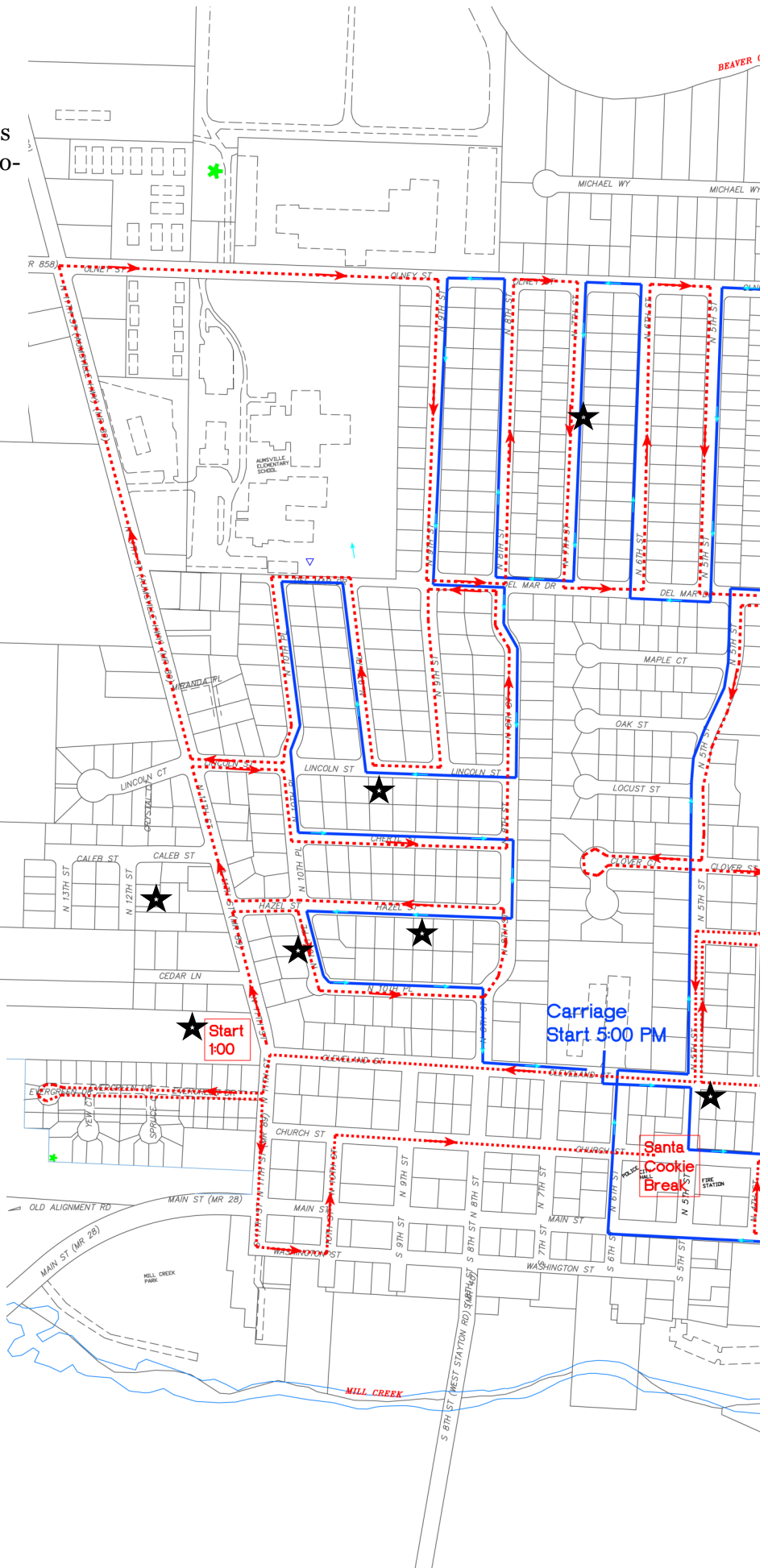
Entries on the map may not be the only entries in the contest. We accepted entries through November 30th, and the print deadline was November 15th. You can see a complete map of entries on the website at [www.aumsville.us/events/page/holiday-lights-and-decor-map](http://www.aumsville.us/events/page/holiday-lights-and-decor-map)

Be sure to show some love for the people who went all out with the décor this season!

## SANTA VISITS

Santa Visits will be a little different this year. Santa is not going to be walking, he'll wave from his ride. We'd encourage anyone coming out to meet the elves and receive a goodie bag to don a mask or face covering to protect yourself and our elves.

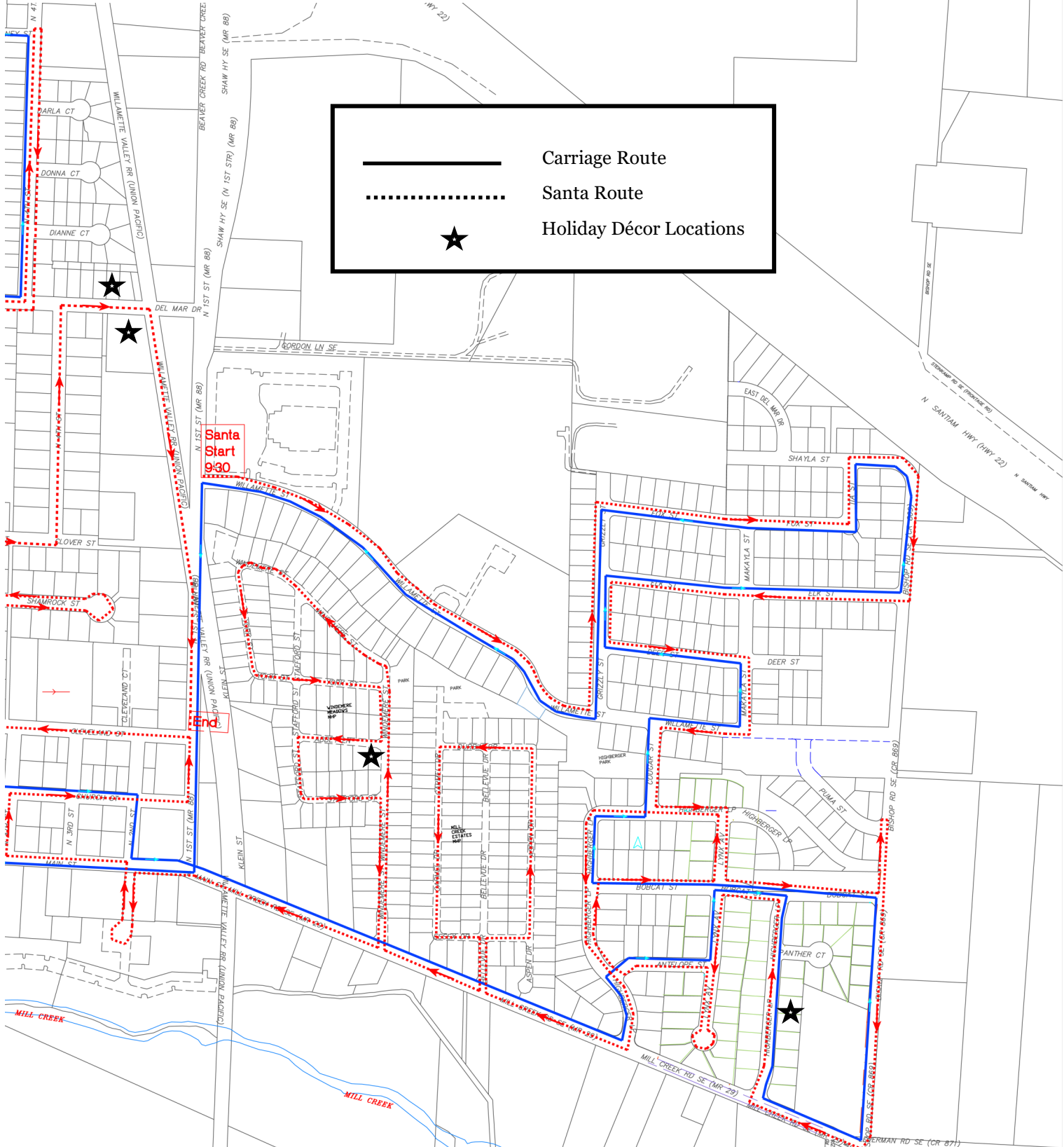
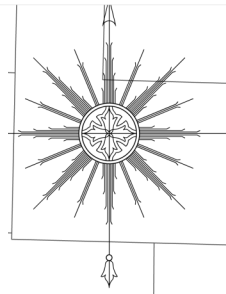
Santa starts at 9:30 AM and you can follow his path on Aumsville Community Connections. He'll take a break for lunch and start again at 1:00 PM.





# CR# HORSE DRAWN CAROLERS

The lighted, horse drawn carolers will start at 5:00 PM and travel through neighborhoods for about 2 hours. Please do not approach the carriage but you can wave from the sidewalk. They'll be moving very slow, about 5 MPH so you should be able to see them coming. Unlike Santa, we will not have someone announcing their location as they head throughout town.





## 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,

It's been an incredibly taxing fire year for the Aumsville Fire District. As part of our Mutual Aid Agreements with surrounding Fire Districts and the State Fire Marshal's Office, we've spent a record number of personnel and apparatus hours involved in fires statewide and in California. ARFD personnel and equipment have engaged in the Beachie Creek, Green Ridge, Clackamas, Riverside, Slater, Santiam, Holiday Farm, Glass, and August complex fires. These fires have provided our personnel with an opportunity for experience and training they would never get on a local basis. We participate in the State Mobilization Plan with the anticipation that if Aumsville ever needed the assistance from other departments, they would reciprocate and be here to assist us.

Well, winter is almost here. It seems like we've just returned from an exhausting wildfire season and the weather immediately turns cold, which leads us into "chimney fire season". You've heard this all before, but please review the manner in which you operate your heating devices. For wood stoves and fireplaces, be sure you are burn-

ing seasoned wood only and that your chimney is intact and free of creosote. Wall heaters and free-standing heaters should be vacuumed and kept free of dust and lint, and combustibles such as blankets, window coverings and boxes/packing material must be well away. If you didn't test your

smoke alarm when you set your clock back, stop reading right now and go press that test button.

Something most homeowners never consider is to provide a logical access point for your chimney. If firefighters have to access your chimney from the roof, how will they do so? If you have vehicles, woodpiles, shrubbery and other items totally surrounding your house with no opening for firefighters to place a ladder, there could be a significant delay in accessing your chimney. On the interior of your house, is your attic access available and clear of clutter?

As freezing weather approaches be cautious when taking that first step off the porch in the morning. Slips and falls cause a significant number of injuries every year, and prevention is the best defense!

Finally, DO NOT forget to water that Christmas tree!

Happy holiday everyone!

Chief Hari

West Stayton School was established in 1861. A series of buildings were used, but there are no records of the early ones. There was a dispute about the name of the community. When a post office was established, it was named Ale. In 1911 a West Stayton Post Office was opened.

In 1994, West Stayton and North Santiam Schools were consolidated into the Cascade Unified District. In 2002, it was decided to close those two small schools. Many tears were shed as students and staff said goodbye to each other and the building. In the fall, the students were enrolled in other elementary schools, primarily Aumsville and Turner. The West Stayton School site became Cascade's alternative school for students with certain types of special-needs.

A few years ago, AHS received a call about some class pictures, which were stored at the school. These are fine, commercial photos, but the students were not identified by name. Former teacher Mary Ann Damerell re-



### AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

#### Aumsville Museum & History Center

599 Main St, Aumsville, OR

Open Saturdays 11:00am – 2:00pm

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sponded to the request for assistance. She came to the museum and patiently printed in the names of all the students that she could recognize.

AHS has recently become aware of an interesting bit of local history. This part of Marion County suffered considerable damage from the Columbus Day storm on October 12, 1962. A large pine tree on the West Stayton School grounds was blown down. The trunk was at least 6 feet in diameter. A segment of it was used to make a table, which is still at the school.

Because of the Covid 19 crisis, AHS will not meet until further notice. Volunteers continue to provide information to people who contact AHS by phone or through AHS website. President Ted Shepard can be reached at 503-749-2744. AHS wishes everyone happy holidays and good health.

[www.aumsvillehs.com](http://www.aumsvillehs.com)

# 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).

## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – October 12, 2020

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

**VISITORS:** There were 13 online attendees. Login information was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Steve Sugg, owner of Snake River Solutions, aka Visor, explained that he was having difficulty getting a franchise application from city hall and asked Council for help. CA Harding offered Council insight and stated that he has been emailing with Mr. Sugg about other concerns with his current franchise agreement. In one of his replies to CA Harding, Mr. Sugg asked to convert his current fiber application to a cable franchise. CA Harding then sent the request to our franchise attorney for guidance on the request. This was a couple of weeks ago and was waiting to hear back from the attorney before responding to Mr. Sugg. He apologized that he didn't know it was a time sensitive matter. He will follow up with the attorney and let Mr. Sugg know what the next step will be.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Draft Vision Plan: CA Harding gave a brief overview of the document, stating that it is the product of several years of public meetings and community input. The goals and objectives were taken directly from the information from those meetings. CC Rogers displayed the document in a flip page format to show Council how it will look on our website. CA Harding said he included all the brainstorm developed issues on the last two pages for transparency and his plan will be to get the plan on the website and develop feedback from the community using the flip software and a survey form.

**Ordinance/Code Updates:** CA Harding gave a brief history of the updating process. Going forward, staff will work with the attorney on the changes that are needed to ensure the updates comply with current case law. The drafts will be brought to Council for review. Then once completed bring them to Council for the first reading, then two weeks later bring it back for the second reading and adoption. This will give more time for the public to review changes online and give feedback. Council received and reviewed Code Chapters 1, 2, and 3 updates. CA Harding explained that there are several old ordinances that staff suggests repealing as they are no longer relevant to City operations.

He stated that there are several significant changes needing to be discussed regarding the water rates regulation ordinance. He commented that the focus of these changes is equalization of the utility for all customers but also there are a number of changes that create a benefit to our customers. Some of the changes proposed:

- no longer require account deposits
- eliminate the lien process on delinquent bills
- have the owner of the property sign a contract to be responsible for the water bills
- changes to the discount program

CA Harding asked how Council would like to address the senior rate program. After a lengthy discussion, Council consensus was to leave the discount program status quo and come back to the discussion after the water rate analysis is completed. Council consensus was to eliminate the lien process and remove deposits and have owners sign contract to be responsible. CA Harding stated that he will get the discussed changes made to these first three chapters and bring it back to Council for the first readings and review. Staff will work on the best plan for implementation of these changes should Council approve the final ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Contract service agreement with Arete Advisors, LLC., anti-virus spyware software provider. CA Harding explained that with all the ransom ware attacks happening in other cities, our IT provider suggested that we hire a cyber security monitoring service. Council moved to authorize CA Harding to move forward with the Arete Advisors, LLC as presented with edits and it was seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0:

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: COVID-19:** CA Harding reported that the Aumsville zip code area had a rise in COVID-19 cases and we are now at 48 positive cases since the beginning of the outbreak.

CA Harding reported that the Event Planning Committee has begun working on some fun ideas to create COVID friendly Christmas events. We won't be able to have our traditional Christmas in the Park event but will still do the Tree Lighting in some format. During the Santa Visit, Santa will stay in the firetruck and goodie bags will be distributed. New ideas include Mill Creek Carriage touring through town with carolers singing favorite Christmas songs. The horse drawn carriage will be decked out with lights and decorations. We are also looking at doing a residential and commercial decorating contest.

CA Harding reported that he had someone contact him with a question about Manufactured Home Parks (MHP) having different rules than the rest of the city. He stated that the MHPs do have some different rules regarding streets and infrastructure. These are privately owned by the park, so we can't enforce traffic or parking issues.

Most other city ordinances do apply to park residents. It is always best to contact the city with any questions regarding ordinances.

ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 8:51 PM

Minutes – October 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Purdy, and Seney. Council absent: Bambrick. City Administrator (CA) Harding, City Clerk (CC) Rogers were also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

VISITORS: There were five online attendees. Login information was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion. There were no public comments at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING: Municipal Code Ordinance Update Chapters 1 & 3

Mayor Clevenger opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 PM. CA Harding presented the staff report. There was no Public Comment regarding the Public Hearing.

Mayor Clevenger closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 PM

There was no Council deliberation or discussion. The first readings of the following ordinances were read by title only and unanimously passed by Council:

- Ordinance No. 671 regarding the Aumsville Planning Commission (APC): Repeals and replaces Ordinance No. 354.
- Ordinance No. 672 Repeals Ordinance No. 362. Regarding the Aumsville Park and Recreation Commission (PARC).
- Ordinance No. 673 Repeals Ordinance No. 476 regarding the Aumsville Traffic and Safety Commission.
- Ordinance No. 674 regarding Municipal Sewer and Water Liens: Repeals Ordinance No. 365.
- Ordinance No. 675 Repeals Ordinance No. 543 regarding the Aumsville Skate Park Committee.
- Ordinance No. 676 Repeals Ordinance No. 544 regarding Property Owner Land Claims (Measure 37 Claims).
- Ordinance No. 677 regarding Public Contracting Regulations: Repeals and replaces Ordinance No. 559.
- Ordinance No. 678 regarding System Development Charges: Repeals and Replaces Ordinance No. 387.
- Ordinance No. 679 regarding Water Rates and Regulations: Repeals and Replaces Ordinance No. 401.
- Ordinance No. 680 regarding Sewer Use Charges: Repeals and Replaces Ordinance No. 402.

- Ordinance No. 681 regarding Sewer Regulations: Repeals and Replaces Ordinance No. 570.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: COVID-19: CA Harding updated Council on the COVID-19 epidemic. The Aumsville zip code area had a rise and we are now at 52 positive cases since the beginning of the outbreak.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Councilor Casarez gave a shout out to the many volunteers and sponsors that helped to make the recent fundraiser for the victims of the Santiam Canyon Fires a success. They were able to raise over \$5000 in relief funds.

Scott Lee asked about the stop sign on Del Mar Dr. and if it would ever be removed. CA Harding explained that there are several agencies involved in making that decision. It has been a very contentious issue regarding whether to abandon the railway or reactivate the line. Unless the line is officially abandoned, the stop sign will most likely stay in place.

Dayadevi Heart reported some bad dips in the road near the Del Mar Dr. and 1st St. intersection and asked if someone could check it. CA Harding stated that our engineer and Public Works staff just completed an extensive review of this area. We will be looking at partial redesign of several intersections and this is one of those. He will bring the report to Council once it is completed.

Councilor Casarez asked for an example of the cost of the railroad crossing upgrades that would have to be done if the railroad line is reactivated. CA Harding explained that ODOT Rail Division is requiring crossing arms at three locations in the city; Mill Cr. Rd, 1st St., and Del Mar Dr. He stated that it could be in excess of \$1.5 million to do all three crossings and a total project cost with the intersection improvement could be as high as \$7 million but developing a preliminary design will help us determine a good estimated cost.

ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 8:02 PM

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

City of Aumsville Mayor Derek Clevenger  
City of Aumsville Council Scott Lee and Doug Ecclestone.

Hello ~

It is an honor to have received the vote of the citizens of House District 19 to continue to represent you in the state legislature. In addition to meeting the needs of constituents as they access state resources, I look forward to my ongoing work in health care, public safety, mental health, and education policy.



As you are reading this newsletter we are nearing the end of the “freeze” called by the Governor in mid-November to once again stem the tide of the spread of COVID19, as not to overwhelm our hospitals. It is yet to be determined if we are successful. We do know that some businesses were unable to stay afloat for a second, albeit shorter, shutdown. While not the outcome any of us desire it has become an all too common reality.

The wildfire recovery in the Santiam Canyon is ongoing. If FEMA and the state are on task they should be entering the ash and trash phase of clean-up. There is a weekly meeting of the Regional Solutions Team, specifically focused on the canyon which I attend. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance the SIT Team, a part of the Santiam Hospital is reliable resource. They can be reached at <https://www.facebook.com/SCWRfund> Weekly updates on the recovery of all the wildfires throughout Oregon can be found at: [www.Wildfire.Oregon.Gov](http://www.Wildfire.Oregon.Gov)

The stress and strains of the last 9 months have taken its toll on our children, our personal relationships, our workplaces, our friends and neighbors. If you or a loved one would like to speak with someone about your situation this information <https://www.co.marion.or.us/CS/Documents/Santiam-Canyon-Resource-Guide.pdf> is a good place to start. The holidays can either lift us up and propel us on or cause us to sink further. Please know your mental health is just as important as your blood pressure.

December brings with it our final set of legislative days. These days are set aside for committee meetings where we receive reports and updates, as well as hear firsthand some of the potential legislation for the 2021 session. House committees will meet virtually the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. You may watch the proceedings via OLIS: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/201911>

At this time the arrangements for the 2021 session are being designed with the health and safety of all participants in the forefront. I do know that the session needs to be open and accessible for all Oregonians. We must have a legislative session that is transparent. This means that the Capitol building is open for business, committee meetings are held in person and testimony can be given in person. We must ensure the public is part of the process in crafting legislation and that legislators have access

to one another. The average number of bills in a regular session has grown over the years as well as the complexity of the proposed legislation. The ability to truly understand bills, examine the merits and build consensus or not is essential. It cannot and should not be done virtually. I am hopeful that the leadership will keep these ideals in place as they finalize plans, and that I will be able to report to you in next month’s publication.

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. Please be safe.**

Wishing you and your families a very joyous Holiday Season,

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A cartoon illustration of a man with a large afro hairstyle holding a sign. The sign lists services for Mr. Fixet Appliance Repair, including large and small appliances, electric lawn and garden equipment, power tools, toys, and electric boat motors. The man is identified as Terry Lindemann, Owner/Technician, with a phone number (503) 749-2031. The advertisement is labeled as a paid advertisement and includes a note about used appliances for sale.

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		1	2	3 Deadline for Santa Letters, Planning Commission Seat Applications	4	5
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13	14 City Council Meeting via Zoom 7 PM	15 Deadline for Toy Drop Off for Toy Drive, Apply to receive Toys	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Shut Off Day	24 City Hall and Po-lice Lobby Closed	25 City Hall and Po-lice Lobby Closed 	26
27	28 Meter Read Day	29	30 Deadline for Coun-cil Seat Applica-tions	31		

## HOLIDAY CHEER WINNER ANNOUNCED

By Deanna Cox



Hello Aumsville. The below entry was drawn as the winner of this year's Holiday Cheer Award.

"I want to nominate my husband Geronimo for this year's award. He LOVES Christmas more than anything. He spends a month decorating inside and especially outside to bring people joy. He has contributed to our community for many years. He painted Aumsville's 1st and only mural. He taught art to Aumsville's children through the summer reading program for 7 years and at the elementary schools after school program for 4 years. All as a volunteer. Two years ago, he became very ill and was diagnosed with stage 4 renal failure and he hasn't been able to do his outside display like he wants to and that makes him really sad. This award would bring him a great deal of joy and maybe it will help him not be so sad any more."

Mark your calendar for Sunday Dec 13th. This is the day we will be honoring our winner of the 2nd Aumsville Holiday Cheer: Geronimo Clark. This year because of COVID we are doing a drive by parade. We are going to be giving away a prize to the best decorated vehicle so start planning now. Geronimo would like to bless the Aumsville Food Bank so we would like everyone to bring some nonperishable food and we will be collecting it as you drive by his home. We also would like for you to bring a card with some encouraging words for Geronimo as he battles his illness, we will also be collecting those at the drive by. There will be more info as we get close to the date. Thank you for helping us celebrate our winner and bringing him some Holiday Cheer.

You can find more information on the Aumsville Community Connections Facebook Group.

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