

AUMSVILLE

MARCH 2022



**MAUDE'S AT PORTER-BOONE
PARK**

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City of Aumsville
595 Main St.
Aumsville, OR 97325

A Great Place to Live!

Welcome One of our Newest Businesses

Aumsville is excited to welcome the new G3 restaurant to our downtown district. Formerly known as the Pizza Peddler, G3 is capitalizing on the historical presence of the restaurant with a unique flair that keeps the Gamberetti's brand thriving in downtown Salem and Albany.

You probably noticed some changes to the building located at 325 Main Street. The newly remodeled restaurant features a bar, tv, pizza, burgers & more! G3 believes a meal should feed you and your soul. They have additional improvements planned for the location; they are working on upgrading the exterior appearance, adding some new awnings and signs, and some additional parking for patrons. They are also looking to complete an outdoor seating area. The plans are still in the works!

The atmosphere is warm and inviting, and the staff friendly and helpful. They will greet you with a smile, and their goal is to make sure everyone enjoys their experience at G3.

has three children and two grandchildren. Recently, her mom moved to her neighborhood. She wanted to expand and bring the Gamberetti brand closer to home.



Saving the best for last, Treva is excited to bring her latest addition to the Gamberetti brand to Aumsville! Try the BLT sandwich, which has been a favorite of customers in Aumsville, but there are many good choices. Treva loves that the menu is different at G3; she can eat the pizza with cauliflower crust, which is healthier if you are trying to lower carbs and sugar. You can also get some traditional local dishes and new recipes.



Mikey, Lindsey, and Nathan

Treva Gambs is the driving force behind G3 and all the Gamberetti locations. I asked Treva why she chose Aumsville as a location. She currently lives in the Stayton and Sublimity area and enjoys small-town events and community love. She

The proudest moment Treva has to share is when the fires hit the Canyon area; she and her staff volunteered to help feed the communities. No questions asked. The team just jumped in. They also cooked at the fairgrounds and donated what they could. They also reached out to vendors for items they did not have to help those in need. So far G3 has been a great community partner; they have helped with the Corn Festival and Christmas in the Park.

Treva's hope is that the new G3 location will become a place where people will feel at home, visit and socialize, and share some good food. G3 invites you to bring your family, a date, or watch a game.

"I want a great space for the community that loves us how we will love them."



Saturday Market at Maude's

June 25th thru Sept. 10th
Every Saturday 9am-3pm

Porter-Boone Park
1105 Main St

Vendor Apps available at City Hall or
www.aumsville.us/events/page/aumsville-saturday-market



On January 24th, City Administrator Ron Harding delivered the State of the City presentation to the Aumsville City Council. The annual presentation is intended to provide a yearly report showing the city's accomplishments and highlighting future challenges that the city needs to plan to best address when they become more critical.

Since beginning the process, the city has made some remarkable accomplishments on behalf of the community. Said CA Harding, "we have completed many milestone projects, and significantly improved our ability to maintain stability in yearly financials, to weather emergency events like the ice storm in February 2021."

CA Harding outlined over 100 accomplishments that make the city operate more efficiently, or projects that bring real value to the community. During these five years, we completed a Safe Routes to School project to improve pedestrian safety, and resurfaced Michael Way to stop the degradation of that road. We also purchased 23 acres as a future park on the east side of the city, paid off the city hall and water fund debt, purchased two police vehicles, and updated the city's IT system to allow for effective operation, to name a few.

In 2021 significant projects included recovering some expenditures from the ice storm from FEMA, the construction of Maude's to build a better Saturday market, the new dog park and fountain in



Mill Creek Park, and upgrading equipment at Wildwood Park to include a new wheelchair swing. City staff also led the effort to plan and manage the Party in the Park and Corn Festival event last summer. With the help of generous businesses, we raised almost \$18,000 in revenue donated to area service



Wastewater

- A treatment plant will cost us between \$18-23 million to build
- Escalating O&M for additional treatment
- Seasonal discharge to beaver creek means the city will need to grow its summer irrigation
- Increased requirements from DEQ

providers. We also remodeled the new kitchen in the community center and acquired nearly 4 million dollars in grants to lower the community's cost of much-needed water and sewer projects.

Hopefully, residents will see some positive changes along the commercial corridor. The city has been working with property owners to improve the look and feel of the downtown district.

City staff works diligently, always mindful that every dollar we get or save provides more projects or lower costs to our community. We keep busy planning and working toward future projects grants and addressing challenges, while maintaining daily services. "It's not easy, but it is rewarding," said CA Harding.

Challenges:

CA Harding also discussed some significant challenges with the council. The city needs about 4 million dollars in new water system upgrades immediately, with another several million in future upgrades. Fortunately, the city has saved up a little money in our water improvement fund and received \$2.8 million in grants, so most of this project should be paid for without impacting rates.

The sewer treatment plant is the most significant project to date. The Department of Environmental Quality requires the new facility to meet the current standards for discharge of waste

into any tributary. The city is currently facing stiff penalties and fines and has been granted a stay in those fines if we move toward compliance. What does that mean for residents? Well, it means at some point, sewer rates will increase to pay for loans to fund the improvement and increased cost to operate a new facility. How much will be determined by how successful the city is in acquiring new grants to help pay for these improvements.



This is a 23 million dollar project that the city has little choice in constructing. It has a huge potential to impact rates in town and has a relatively short window to be completed. Still, staff works every day with agencies and representatives from both state and federal agencies to acquire any assistance we can get to reduce any

pass-through cost. The city has almost \$3 million in grants and savings to help begin the project. We should know more about what this may look like next year.

These challenges need to be part of the community conversation so residents know about them and there are no surprises later.

Although we face these challenges, our community is doing well. We are planning for the future and looking for ways to improve our community to better it for all our current and future residents.



Hello Aumsville!

As this letter to you is being written we are literally nine days into the 35 day 2022 Legislative Session. The bills that I introduced - a fix to the health care mergers and acquisitions HB 4023 and the k-12 curriculum transparency bill HB 4022 will not make it to the finish line. We are working hard to keep the CAT Tax fix alive, HB 4094 - this bill allows for pharmacies to be exempt from the CAT tax and will hopefully keep pharmacies like Bi-Mart from closing especially in our rural areas.

Also, in the mix of items I am championing are capital construction fund requests. These include projects specifically within HD19, and I hope to report securing of these projects in next month's newsletter.

Earlier this week we learned that the Oregon Health Authority has taken action to set goals that would remove the current indoor mask mandates in Oregon. The new rules make it so that either by March 31st or when the state

has fewer than 400 people hospitalized with COVID-19, whichever comes first, that the Governor's mask mandate will be repealed.

The Governor is realizing that mandates are not an effective way to govern. Transparency, accountability, and checks and balances preserve faith in our public health system. As we have seen, the Governor can reverse course at any time. Oregonians are demanding accountability.

One item of note during this 2022 session thus far is the sudden removal of HB 4079 (a sales tax) from committee making it effectively dead. Oregonians have repeatedly voted down a sales tax, and this push back was no different. Your engagement with state government made the difference. Your voice truly matters.

On February 9th we heard a revenue forecast from Oregon's State Economist Josh Lehner. The good news is that Oregon's economy is continuing to recover and beginning to thrive. The caveats are we still find businesses facing a work force shortage. We continue to see pressure on the supply of goods, and we are in what was called an "inflationary economy". Housing shortages continue, it is estimated Oregon has underbuilt by 111,000 units in recent decades. With revenues continuing to grow we should be mindful of the tax burden we have placed on our businesses especially our small businesses. We should use prudence and balance the current needs of Oregonians without increasing tax

burdens.

In closing I would like to address a question that has come up many times since the first of the year. What does redistricting mean to our area? Aumsville, Turner and South Salem currently constitute House District 19 until January 2023. At that time all of Aumsville, Turner and a portion of South Salem will be in the newly formed House District 17. HD 17 ends up being an open seat, meaning you will have new representation as a house district. This will become apparent this spring as you will see new people interested in seeking that seat. Your Senator will be Fred Girod and you will be part of Senate District 9 - www.oregonlegislature.gov/girod.

In the interim please know my commitment to serve all who live in the current HD19 Aumsville, Turner and South Salem is steadfast. As always, my staff - Pam McClain, Lena Prine - and I stand ready to help to you as you navigate your state government. Please know I am here to listen, respond, and lead. Thank you.

All my best, rmg

Raquel Moore-Green

State Rep. HD19, south Salem, Turner, and Aumsville

CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT

February was Vocational or Career and Technical Education (CTE) month. The district's goals are to prepare students for the future, and CTE is a large part of that.



Cascade High School offers manufacturing, woods, trades math, small engine mechanics, culinary arts, health services, agriculture, drones and flight technology, trade skills, veterinary science, computer-aided design and sports media and broadcasting. Cascade Junior High has a career lab which is a class all eighth-grade students take. Junior high students can also take woods, culinary arts and agriculture. Elementary students also take field trips to the secondary campus to take a CTE

class with older students. CTE is a district-wide experience.

"The main goal with CTE is to encourage different learning opportunities and to encourage people to explore different careers," explained Toni Wallisa, Cascade High School's CTE Director and Assistant Principal. "[Students] benefit from the hands-on learning and working with the wonderful teachers here at Cascade."

On February 17, Cascade High School hosted a Career Wheel for juniors and seniors. Representatives from 53 different career fields participated, and students got to rotate through seven or eight occupations. They got to ask questions and learn more about the possibilities for life after high school.

Recently, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) released the

graduation rates for the Class of 2021. Cascade High School's four-year graduation rate held steady at 93.13%.

The statewide graduation rate for the Class of 2021 was 80.6%. Cascade High School has been consistently above the state average and is in the top 20 for graduation rates this year.

The graduation rate for homeless students, students with disabilities and students of underserved races or ethnicities improved this year.

"Our graduation rate is a testament to the hard work of all the students and staff in the district," said Superintendent Darin Drill. "Our district mission is for students to graduate on time and ready to enter the next phase of their lives whether that's college, trade school, career-field, military or something else."



creating a better Oregon for everyone - keeping families in their homes by offering monthly subsidies to people living in affordable housing units that are moving to market rate, developing a home care worker certification registry for workforce development and consumer protection, helping Oregonians start their families with more affordable access to IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) and supporting Oregonians with traumatic brain injuries through resource facilitation. I am hopeful that these bills will help Oregonians from all walks of life and am looking forward to seeing them get passed the finish line this month.

mandate will be lifted on March 31st, at the latest. The press release added: "By late March, health scientists expect that about 400 or fewer Oregonians would be hospitalized with COVID-19, the level of hospitalizations the state experienced before the Omicron variant began to spread. Mask requirements for schools will be lifted on March 31." We have come a long way since the first case of COVID-19 in Oregon and I want to continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted and to stay home if they are feeling under the weather.

Greetings from the Capitol, where we are currently halfway through our legislative short session. I have introduced bills during this short session aimed at

In case you haven't heard, the Oregon Health Authority and Governor Brown have announced that the indoor mask

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office any time at

sen.debpatterson@oregonlegislature.gov.

Aumsville Ponds (Day Use Only)

9888 Bates Rd SE



Dates & Hours Open

Open Year-Round
8:00 a.m. until Sunset
No dogs or motorized boats allowed in park.
Smoking and alcohol are prohibited at all county parks

<https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Parks/descriptions/Pages/aumsvilleponds.aspx>

Contact ODFW for fishing information 503-378-6925

Spring Cleanup

APRIL 8, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
APRIL 9, 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, or Concrete



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.*

This coupon entitles an Aumsville resident, business owner, or staff* to pick up for FREE, a load of compost

FREE Yard of Organic Compost
April 8th and 9th only!



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9168 Silver Falls Hwy, Aumsville OR

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 5:00 pm Mass
Sundays: 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Lent at St. Mary's



Vicariate Lenten Mission:

**The Untold Graces
of the Last Words**
March 13 — 7 pm

@Immaculate Conception, Stayton

March 14th — 7 pm

@ St. Boniface, Sublimity

March 15th — 7 pm

@ St. Mary's Shaw

Fridays of Lent, March 4th—April 8:

Adoration—1 hour on Fridays,
4:30-5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm,
Followed by Soup Supper

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

Mailing address:
P.O. Box 338
Aumsville, OR 97325
Phone: 503-362-6159

Shaw Knights of Columbus Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast

March 6, 2022 – 7:30 am to 10 am

Biscuits & Gravy, eggs, hash browns, coffee & juice.

\$8 adults, \$3 under 12 years. Please join us!



Neufeldt's Restaurant

BREAKFAST SERVED UNTIL 11:30 AM

FRENCH DIPS, BURGERS, CLUBHOUSE SANDWICHES, PRIME RIB, MEATLOAF,
CHICKEN FRIED STEAKS, FISH & CHIPS, PIES, AND MUCH MORE!

TUESDAY -SATURDAY
6:30 AM - 9 PM

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SUNDAY & MONDAY



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up to 40 PEOPLE



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Good day, Neighbor!
If you have not participated in our survey yet, please take the time to do so! Your input is valued as a taxpayer in the district. The survey can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7QDTCV>.

As we grind toward the end of the current pandemic, the Fire District continues to provide all necessary training and education for new and existing personnel. Our current academy students are doing very well and are participating in the regional training academy that allows seamless interoperability between departments when working larger events. The District remains critically short of local, home-based volunteer responders that make up the foundation of our response. There is no “open enrollment” period here, any time you walk in the door and fill out an application with the Aumsville Fire District you are more than welcome.

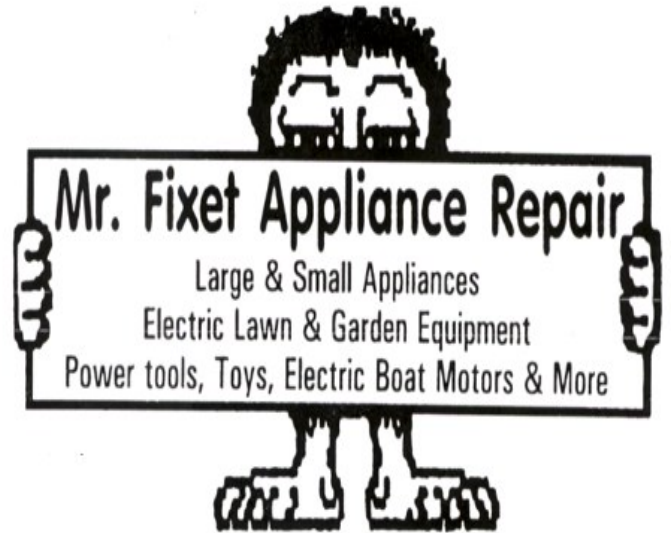
The February work session with potential architects was postponed due to illness of multiple board members. That work session will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

The District welcomes new Budget Committee member Matt Dryden. He will serve a two-year term to assure our budget needs are met.

Stay safe,

Roy Hari, Fire Chief

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**New
Date!**



**OSU EXTENSION —
LAND STEWARD
PROGRAM
PRESENTATION**

Date:
Wed., Mar. 9, 2022

Time:
6:00-7:30 PM

Location:
Online via Zoom; a
link will be provided.

To Register:
Sign up online at
<https://beav.es/UcY>
or call OSU Extension
at (541) 776-7371.
Registrants will receive a
link to the recording
after the class.

Cost:
\$15 per person or
sliding scale. Fees help
support the Land
Steward Program.

For more information,
email Rachel.Werling
@oregonstate.edu

Learn techniques for protecting your home and community from damage associated with wildfire.

We will look at the construction of the home itself and compare the safety of various building materials. The home is split into several zones regarding fire resistance, and we will go over do's and don'ts within each zone. The area right around the home where it interacts with the landscaping and surrounding forest is also broken into zones, and we will discuss how to make these areas more fire-adapted.

Herb Johnson has been a wildland firefighter for 24 years, and for 19 years he worked for the Oregon Department of Forestry in Southwest Oregon. For 11 years, he has been the coordinator for Firewise USA and for the Fuels Reduction Grant.

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**Oregon State
University**



Two Albany Residents Face Robbery Charge in Aumsville Bank Heist

FBI Working with Aumsville, Newport, and Eugene Police Departments in Continuing Investigation

Dustin Michael Halvorsen, age 37, and Noelle Monique Lerma, age 23, face federal charges for their alleged roles in the robbery of the Riverview Community Bank in Aumsville on February 8, 2022.

According to the criminal complaint filed in this case, bank employees observed the male robber approach a teller station and hand over a note. The note threatened the teller that "you will be the first one shot" if the teller did not comply. The robber kept his right hand inside his coat pocket, and the victim teller believed the robber was holding a gun.

The robber received cash, left the bank on foot, and traveled a short distance before a witness saw the robber get into the passenger side of a black sedan.

The swift and calm action by bank employees was instrumental in the apprehension of the suspects. The bank manager noticed the suspect enter the bank and hand the Teller a note. She could see the change in body language and grabbed the alarm. After the suspect received the money and exited the bank the staff were able to provide a description of the vehicle they were driving.

Fewer than ten minutes after the robbery began, Marion County Sheriff's Office deputies spotted the sedan. Once they ran the license plate, they realized it belonged to a different vehicle, and they stopped the sedan. Marion County deputies and Stayton Police Officers, working with Aumsville Police, took Halvorsen and Lerma into custody.

Investigators believe Halvorsen and Lerma may be connected to other recent criminal activity in Newport and Eugene. Anyone with

information about potential other criminal activity is asked to contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or online at tips.fbi.gov.

Halvorsen and Lerma made their initial appearances before a federal magistrate judge on February 10, 2022, and the judge ordered them held pending further court proceedings.

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon is prosecuting this case.

A criminal complaint is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

(The above press release is from the FBI Communication Department.)



It's a traumatic experience for staff to have their business robbed. Had it not been for all those involved thinking calmly and reacting quickly, the suspects would have gotten away. It's not often we have a crime like this committed here in Aumsville, and it's hoped this example serves as a deterrent for future events.

"The advantage to living and working in a small town is the police officers, business owners, and citizens know each other, making it harder for someone from outside the community to commit crimes without being noticed. Additionally, police have a much shorter response time to crimes as there isn't the traffic and congestion that one finds in larger areas and cities. The Aumsville Police Department prides itself on this community

policing approach." Said Chief Schmitz.

"We sincerely appreciate the quick response from the Aumsville Police Department in our time of need! Not only did they help to protect and serve the team here at Riverview Community Bank, but also to protect and serve our community in the swift apprehension of our bank robbery suspect," said a Riverview bank representative.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mill Creek Park

Saturday, April 16th, 2022

Join us at Mill Creek Park this as we return to our traditional Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Watch the April Newsletter for all the *bunny* details.



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive Aumsville Rural Fire District

Training Room
490 Church Street
Aumsville, OR 97325

Wednesday, March 16, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: AumsvilleFire), or contact Trish Lutgen (503-749-2894, tlutgen@aumsvillefire.org).



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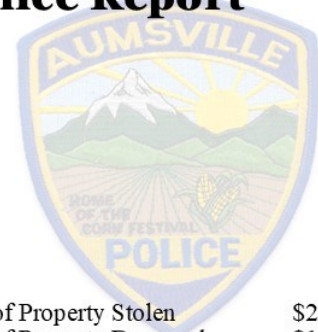
City of Aumsville January 2022 Monthly Police Report

DEPARTMENT MESSAGE:

The reserves worked a total of 104 hours during the month of January: 104 volunteer hours and 0 paid hours.

I would like to remind our citizens of our city ordinances regarding nuisances and parking. We are seeing an increase of vehicles, travel trailers, motorhomes, and utility trailers being parked or stored on the streets. City Ordinances 697 (Parking) and 686 (Nuisances) prohibit parking of an unlicensed vehicle on city streets. They also prohibit parking of any trailers for more than 5 days in any 30 day period. Last, they prohibit storing of vehicles on city streets, which means vehicles need to be driving or move every 72 hours.

The purpose of these ordinances is to make our city livable and keep property values up. In addition, vehicles left on the street for long periods of time allow fungus to grow on the street, damaging them. And vehicles and trailers left on the street for extended periods make it difficult for city crews to keep our streets clear of debris. Please be responsible and do your part to keep our streets clean and safe. (For a full listing of ordinances 697 and 686, please see the city page under development.)



Value of Property Stolen	\$250
Value of Property Damaged	\$100
Value of Property Recovered	\$0
Value of Found Property	\$10
Dogs to Pound	0

Crime	#	Arrested	Traffic Violation	City	County	Calls for Service	#
Burglary/ Attempt Burg			Speeding	1	0	Assist Other-Turner PD	6
Criminal Mischief	4	2	Fail to Carry Proof/ Driving Uninsured	0/2	0/3	Assist Other-Fire	2
Restraining Order Violation						Assist Other-DHS	10
Trespass			Driving While Suspended	4	2	Assist Other-MCSO	10
DUII	1	1	No Valid OP	1	1	Assist Other-City	2
Theft/Fraud	1/1	1/0	Fail to Carry DL			Assist Other-Stayton PD	16
Theft from Vehicles	1	0	Providing Vehicle to Unqual. Driver			Assist Other-Other	7
Receiving Stolen Property			No Seatbelt/Improper Wear			Assist Person/Citizen Contact	0/14
Warrant Arrest/ Probation Violation	3/0	3/0	Expired Registration/Fail to Register			Vehicle Repo	0
Harassment/Telephonic			Failure to Change Address			911 Hang-up/Welfare Check/Civil Dispute	2/5/1
Menacing			Failure to Carry Registration			False Alarm	5
Assault IV	1	1	Switched Plates	1	0	Noise/Traffic Complaint	1/5
Stalking Complaint			Fail to Yield to Ped. In Crosswalk			Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance	6/4/6
Weapon/Robbery			Fail to Yield to Emerg Vehicle			Traffic Accidents	1
Child Neglect			Fail Safe Distance Emerg Vehicle			Diving Impounds	2
Furnish Alcohol			Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device			Unattended Death/Notification	0
MIP: Alcohol/Drug Offense	1/1	1/1	Reckless Driving/Speed Racing			Dogs—Barking/At Large/Bite	0/8/0
Arson			Careless Driving	1		Ordinance Violation	9
Stolen Vehicle/Trailer			Fail to Drive Within Lane			Runaway Juvenile/Missing Person	1/0
Recovered Vehicle			Following Too Close			Verbal Disturbance	6
Poss. Controlled Substance	1	1	Failure to Signal/Use Turn Signal			Attempt Suicide/Mental Hold	1/3
Reckless Endanger/Drive	1/1	1/1	Use of Electronic Device/Cell Phone			Suicide	1
Giving False Info			Defective Lighting			Open Door	0
Disorderly Conduct			Open Container	1		Misc Call for Service	2
Curfew/Runaway Juvenile			Unreasonable Noise			Emotionally Disturbed Persons	4
Animal Abuse			Refuse Intox Test			Property: Found, Lost, Seized	2/1/1
Sex Offense			Misc. Violations		1		
Driving While Suspended Criminal	1	1					
Criminal Mistreatment							
Dogs as a nuisance							
Hit and Run	4	2					
Misc Crime	1	1					
Total	23	17	Total	11	7	Total	144

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.

January 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Present in person were Councilor Casarez, City Administrator (CA) Harding, and City Clerk Rogers. Mayor Clevenger and Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Seney, and Wick joined via Zoom Conference call. Council absent: Scott Lee. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

Appoint Council President: Council unanimously voted for Councilor Ceja to continue as Council President.

Sewer Treatment Facility Planning

Presentation: City Engineer Chris Brugato of Westech Engineering explained that the city's current facility plan is more than 10 years old. He stated that it is appropriate at this time to update the plan to determine current and future needs of the city's wastewater utility. He gave an overview of the existing system and how the city is going to be required to make some major improvements to comply with regulations set forth by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Mr. Brugato explained three systems Westech is proposing and the costs for each. Each proposal has its own advantages and disadvantages. The option to connect to the Salem system is the lowest risk but carries a higher cost. Council discussed the proposed systems, concluding that the Sequencing Batch Reactor system (SBR) would be most appropriate for Aumsville, and it allows us control over future operations and near the lowest cost. CA Harding stated that based on that discussion, staff is recommending the SBR system. If the plan is approved by DEQ the city would still have an opportunity to reevaluate this option later. CA Harding is currently applying for grant funds to help with the costs. Mayor Clevenger asked if there were any questions or comments from Council, followed by a brief discussion. Council concurred that the city should move forward with the SBR system proposal and submit it to DEQ for review.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no online attendees and no in-person attendees, therefore no public

comment.

PUBLIC HEARING: Aumsville Development Code Update opened at 8:00 PM

Staff Report: CA Harding gave a staff report explaining the proposed changes to the Development Code. He stated that most of the changes are wordsmithing for clarification and consistency. The changes won't alter the intent of the code. Changes are intended to help provide clearer details of the city intent. CA Harding also said that the development code may come back to Council semi-regularly as the city identifies areas that may require further clarification.

Note: A complete summary of the changes can be found on the city's website www.aumsville.us

There was no testimony or questions.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:09 PM and Council reconvened the regular meeting session.

Council unanimously voted to approve the **First Reading by title only of ORD No. 705 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, OREGON, ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS CHAPTER 227. REPEALING ORDINANCE 703 AND AMENDMENTS IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND STATING PENALTIES. IT IS FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE TO COORDINATE THE CITY REGULATIONS CONTROLLING THE DIVISION, DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF LAND AND TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

With a unanimous vote of the first reading, Council proceeded to the **Second Reading by title only of ORD No. 705** and with a unanimous vote to

approve the second reading by title only and ADOPT Ordinance No. 705 repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 703 as presented, adopting findings contained in the staff report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parkson Influent Screen Repairs: Matt Etzel reported to Council that a large number of rags collected on the shaft of the Parkson influent screen and caused a failure of the spiral assembly near the gearbox. Parkson has quoted \$49,967 for the necessary repairs. This includes a cost for service technicians from Parkson to install the new spiral assembly and gearbox. It could increase slightly if the installation takes longer than normal. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve a contract with Parkson Screens for \$49,967.00 from fund 019-601, to make repairs to influent screen as presented by staff.

Aumsville Police Department Body Cams: CA Harding explained that the Police Department has been using body worn cameras for the past 12 years. The purpose of utilizing body worn cameras is to improve transparency within the community and to hold officers accountable for their conduct. Since that time, body worn cameras have improved and evolved. After researching several providers, Watch Guard is not only the most cost-effective but is also a local program through Day Wireless in Salem and it was discussed. Council unanimously voted to authorize the city to enter into contract/lease agreement with Watch Guard Body Cameras through Day Wireless for up to 10 cameras. Funding for this project to come out of IT Services 011-650.

City Administrator Report: State of the City

CA Harding presented the State of the City to Council. He told them that there were a lot of accomplishments in 2021 and he mentioned a few of the major projects completed.

Infrastructure: Draft Wastewater Plan, new community center kitchen,

construction of Maude's at Porter-Boone Park, land acquisition for new reservoir and expansion of Porter-Boone Park. The city received \$3,850,000 in grants and federal funds this year, which will be applied to infrastructure projects within the city. Most of them will go toward a new 1,000,000-gallon reservoir.

Community Involvement: Increased social media presence, video City Council meetings and post to city website, maintain traditional events and add new events to enhance the livability of Aumsville.

Retain and Grow Businesses: Approved the Vision Plan, offered resources for businesses, improvements along Main Street and COVID assistance programs.

Safe Environment: Debris and tree cleanup from February ice storm, emergency warming station at the community center during power outage from storm, working with FEMA to

recover 75% of the cost for tree and damage recovery.

City Services: Police services, downtown improvements, directional signs in partnership with Cascade school district shop, new dog park, wheelchair swing, 24-hour ballot box.

CA Harding announced that, compared to our position a year ago, the city is looking good. However, there are still a lot of infrastructure projects that need to be done. We are working on solutions to our wells diminishing output. Construction of a new million-gallon reservoir is necessary to enable us to do the needed repairs to the current water storage facilities. With DEQ's requirement we are facing major wastewater system improvements that will have to be implemented in the next few years. CA Harding stated that staff has had some success at receiving grant dollars to go toward these major projects and will

continue to seek grant funds. CA Harding ended the presentation with these words:

- Our financials are strong and city policies have allowed us to address needs and events as they occur.
- The city has positioned itself to gain assistance using ARPA funds, grants, and low interest loans.
- We have a plan for improvement. Our vision, code development, and financial policies are making a difference.
- COVID-19 response in all areas have been measured and effective.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 9:40 PM

Aumsville City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7pm.

For more information visit:

<https://www.aumsville.us/citycouncil>



AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Aumsville Historical Society was established in 1975. The first seven members were Joel Mathias, Karlene Santibanez, Lorene Mathews, Walt Nichol, Doris Hutchins, Stephanie Peters and Phil Santibanez. The group functioned until 1985, then lost its momentum. Joel believed that a

new day would come. Every year

for the next ten years, he paid Oregon the annual fee of \$10 to maintain the club's corporate status. That new day came and Joel was elected AHS president in 1996. The society's scope became more well-rounded. Members became researchers. Speakers and visitors at the meetings often provided family history and donated artifacts. AHS participated in community events, staged displays, made field trips to places of historical interest and developed working relationships with other historical societies.

AHS received many donated items, which had to be stored because there was no permanent place to display them. By 2004 the city of Aumsville was making plans to build a new city hall and police department, since the old, brick building on the corner of

Main and 6th and the small building north of it were not adequate to serve the growing community. In June 2009 the city moved into its new building and AHS set up in the brick building just in time for the Corn Festival. The most historical building in town was the perfect place to preserve Aumsville's past for the future. Many people helped accomplish this move, local businesses such as the painters, and volunteers who transported the articles that had been in storage. The help was greatly appreciated.

Of course, AHS would like to resume its activities, as soon as circumstances permit. No events are scheduled at this time.

For information or to make an appointment to visit the museum, please contact Ted Shepard at 503-749-2744.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Mama's Community Market (formerly Aumsville Food Pantry): Thursdays 1-6 PM, Aumsville Pentecostal Church, 10153 Mill Creek Rd. 971-719-5665

Bethel Baptist Church Clothing Closet: Clothing from newborn through 2X, open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM through Noon at Bethel Baptist Church.

Awana Club: Preschool-6th grade. Meets every Wednesday 6:30 PM at Bethel Baptist Church, 645 Cleveland St.

Blood Drives: March 16th, 11am—5pm & April 8th, 9am-3pm at Aumsville Rural Fire District, 490 Church St.

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

City of Aumsville Events

<https://www.aumsville.us/community/page/be-volunteer>

Aumsville Exchange Club

<https://www.facebook.com/AumsvilleExchangeClub/aumsvilleexchange@gmail.com>

Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District

<https://www.aumsvillefire.org/volunteering>
503-749-2894

Mama's Community Market

<https://www.facebook.com/MamasCommunityMarket>
971-719-5665

Aumsville CERT aumsvillect@gmail.com

A RANOME ACT OF KINDNESS

With all the things that are going on in the world today, it seems like we miss so many of the small acts of kindness happening around us. We forget how a few kind words or a bouquet of flowers can bring joy to someone.

We received a phone call from a woman who wanted to tell of an experience she had on Saturday, February 12th. She was sitting on a bench enjoying a beautiful day and taking in the sunshine, when a young man sat down and visited with her for a short time. When he left, she was impressed by his open willingness to spend time with an old woman such as herself. She decided to stay and soak in a little more sunshine before going on her way. To her surprise, the young man returned, this time bearing a gift of flowers.

The woman was so moved by his kindness that she called our city hall to ask if we would print a thank you in our newsletter to this wonderfully kind 17-

year-old boy that she had met named Rogue. She didn't know his last name, but she knew he attended Cascade High School.

We did some sleuthing and found Rogue Newton had been the young man that so impressed ,91-years-young, Mrs. Wright that it prompted her to call us. With Rogue's parents' permission we decided to bring this sweet story to our readers.

Mrs. Wright expressed her thanks and stated that, "it would mean a lot to me to have Rogue's parents know what a nice young man they raised."

Moral of the story: Never underestimate the power of a few kind words to a stranger sitting on a bench in the sunshine, or anywhere else.



Have you experienced an act of kindness or a feel good story you would like to share? We would love to consider it for our newsletter.

Contact Colleen Rogers at crogers@aumsville.us or call 503-749-2030.

*No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.*
- Aesop

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Council Meeting 7 PM	15	16  Blood Drive @Fire Hall 11am-5pm	17 	18	19 Bethel Clothing Closet 10-12
20	21	22 Tag Day	23	24 Delinquent Water Shut off Water Meter Read Day	25	26
27	28 Council Meeting 7 PM		<p>April Blood Drive </p> <p>@Aumsville Rural Fire District</p> <p>Friday, April 8, 2022 9am to 3pm</p>			



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Awana Clubs – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church:

645 Cleveland St., Aumsville, OR 97325

Email: office@bethelaumsville.org, Phone: 503-749-2128

Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

www.bethelaumsville.org



Budget Committee Needs You!

We have *one* opening on the Budget Committee.



No previous experience is necessary.

Have you always wanted to serve your community but not for an entire year? Well, here's your chance! The budget committee meets only a few times between April and June.

We invite adult members of the city to serve a three-year term for 2022-2024. To qualify, you must reside within the city and not already be a city official or employee.

Budget committee members are appointed by the Aumsville City Council. The budget process begins in April and consists of weekly as-needed meetings beginning at 7:00 PM. These meetings may span approximately five weeks, until the budget is

approved.

If you are interested, please submit an application to the Aumsville City Council at 595 Main Street, 97325 or online at <https://www.aumsville.us/finance/webform/budget-committee-application-webform>. Please join our budget committee team!

If you have any questions, please contact city hall at 503 749-2030.

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