



EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO TOWN

We are hippity, hoppity excited! On April 3rd, starting at 9:30 AM, the Easter Bunny will be driving through town delivering treats. We will start on the east side of town; see the map on pages 10-11. The Bunny will have a police escort, so as soon as you see the Aumsville Police driving down your street hop outside. The Bunny will be waving from his special float. His helpers will hand out special goodie bags with toys and candy. Parents should check to make sure the treats in



the bag are age appropriate for your little ones as there may be small pieces. Bunny helpers will be masked and we ask that you maintain proper social distancing whenever possible and wear masks where it's not possible.

Let's keep each other healthy and safe.

There will be a Bunny minder for this special event. They will be live posting on Aumsville Community Connections on Facebook as the Bunny heads through town. The Bunny and helpers will take a short lunch break and kick off the west side of town after lunch.

Put April 3rd on your calendar and plan on waving to our special Bunny.



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Spring Cleanup

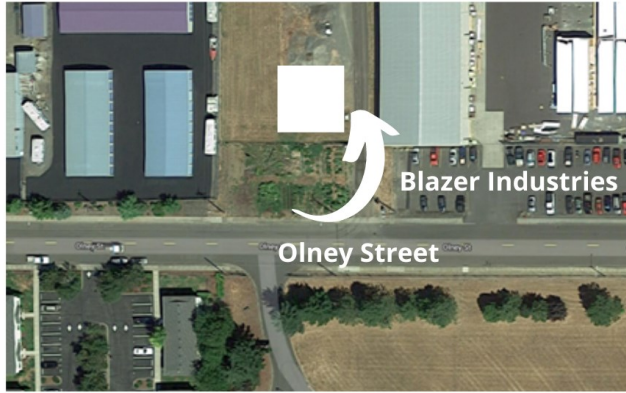
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Recology Organics and Republic Services have again teamed up with the city to provide, as a courtesy for the citizens, business owners, and city staff of Aumsville*, free options for getting rid of your non-compostable outdoor yard junk and compostable 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.*

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 9th and 10th only!



8712 Aumsville Hwy.
 503-749-3117

Police Department Employee of the Year is:

Officer Jesse Greene. Officer Greene began his career in police work as a Reserve Officer with the City in July 2011. He left us in July of 2016 to take a full-time position with Lincoln City PD and we were able to hire him back as a full-time officer in June of 2018.

Since then, Officer Greene has become a dedicated member offering his leadership, knowledge, and mentoring skills to the younger officers. Officer Greene is a valued member of our department and we are very fortunate that he has chosen Aumsville as his home.



Police Department Reserve Officer of the Year is:

Reserve Officer Carl Gabba. Reserve Officer Gabba started his career with Aumsville Police in August 2004.

In 2012, he took leave while he was deployed overseas with his National Guard Unit. He returned to Aumsville in 2013 and has continued to serve this com-



munity since that time. Reserve Officer Gabba is always volunteering for community projects. Whether it's cooking hamburgers and hotdogs at our National Night Out or helping out with the annual Santa Visit and Christmas Toy Program, he can always be counted on.

City Staff Employee of the Year is:

Matt Winans. Though he doesn't look for recognition, Matt Winans will take on his own tasks and then check to see if anyone needs help with theirs. When planning our projects, he makes himself available, stays consistent with the plan, and sees them through. He has taken it upon himself to go above and beyond the standard procedures to make sure the city's water system is running properly. Matt is self-motivated in taking care of our water, wastewater, and parks systems. He has also taken on the responsibility of operating the vector truck with safety in mind and keeping up the required maintenance. It has been mentioned to him that it is hard to supervise him because he does so well on his own.



Sylvia and Leonard Forrest have given the AHS museum a large, framed flour sack from Swank's flour mill. The sack's embossing proclaims that this mill in Aumsville produced flour that won the top award at the 1893



AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Aumsville Museum & History Center

599 Main St, Aumsville, OR

Open Saturdays 11:00am – 2:00pm

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World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Several years ago, the museum was given the blue ribbon. It was a donation from a descendant of Sherman Swank's half-brother.

During the years that followed, Swank's mill had various owners. In 1966 the mill was destroyed in a fire. Several years later, Leonard Forrest and a partner, Herbert Jones, bought the property and established J&F Feed and Seed, which operated there until 1994. It was directly across South 8th Street from the historic Swank house. This is the large white home, just south of Main.

Leonard Forrest was born in Tahlequah, OK. Eventually his family came to Oregon. They lived in several locations, including the old Baptist Church at 2nd and Cleve-

land in Aumsville. It was remodeled to accommodate the large family. Leonard graduated from Cascade High School in 1962. In 1963 he married Sylvia Sawyer, also a '62 graduate. They now live in Corval-

lis. AHS wishes to thank them for their gift to the museum.

AHS member Mary Morgan Atchinson has passed away. She was a professional forester and is remembered for her volunteer work at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shaw. AHS sends its sympathy to her husband Bill and to Mary's brothers.

The newest AHS members are Madisyn and Kaylah Fagin, who are local residents, and Virginia Zuelow of Tucson, Arizona. AHS has no scheduled meetings due to the pandemic. Everyone is looking forward to the end of the crisis. For information about AHS or the museum, President Ted Shepard can be reached at 503-749-2744.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT



Hello – There seems to be so much to share and yet it is difficult to articulate all that is currently transpiring. Between the ongoing pandemic and the Winter Storm of 2021 our isolation and stress are compounded. As I write this letter we are amid this natural disaster. Tens of thousands

of Marion County residents remain without power, water, cell and/or internet service. Our state and beloved communities continue to endure hardships. This picture was taken on Sunday the 14th of February. An uprooted oak on the southwest corner of the Capitol grounds.

In an effort for you to have greater access to your legislature we are in the process of creating virtual "office hours for all." They will begin Wednesday the 3rd of March, details will be on my legislative website: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/moore-green> Remember you are always welcome to contact us via phone at 503.986.1419, your call will be returned. I look forward to the day when we once again meet and work in person at the Capitol.

One of the emerging themes from my Health Care committee work is that of cost. How do we expand access and contain cost? Cost containment is the component that is most difficult as we have come to want more and more procedures, drugs, and treatments. While we

weather this pandemic, I believe it is important to keep our health care system stable and the doors to our hospitals and doctor clinics open.

Behavioral Health Committee Update – The work has focused on some of the foundational pieces to establishing a mental health system that will better address mental health, addictions and substance abuse. Our committee is also tasked with looking at and guiding the implementation of M110.

COVID-19 Committee Update - We have been focused on vaccine distribution, vaccine hesitancy and allocation to various segments of the population such as BIPOC communities, senior citizens and individuals currently incarcerated.

Energy and Environment Committee Update – This is a new assignment for me, and I have been immersed in learning about the various issues we will be hearing in committee. There are several bills that focus on revamping Oregon's bottle bill, the Governor has a major recycling bill, there are energy efficient standards for appliances and new construction to name a few. We are also looking at our state's energy resilience, which will undoubtedly move to the forefront of our conversations as we recover from the Winter Storm of 2021.

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 stay safe and take care of one another.**

All my best,
Raquel Moore-Green, Representative, HD19 South Salem, Turner, and Aumsville, Phone: 503.986.1419



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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:

All Saturdays of March
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Fridays of Lent
Stations of the Cross
at 6 pm

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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.
3. 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.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday Service
April 1st, 7:00 pm Mass
Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday: April 2nd
Noon Stations of the Cross
7 pm Passion &
Communion Service

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 3rd, 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday
April 4th, 8:00 am

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ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2020

Monitoring period January 1, 2020, to December 31,
2020

City of Aumsville
PWS ID # 4100065

The 2020 Water Quality Report is a requirement of the FEDERAL SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT and provides the results of the latest tests of the quality of the City's drinking water. This report provides information on the quality of water the City delivers to you every day. Our goal is to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want all our citizens to understand the efforts we take to continually improve the water treatment process, ensure our water is safe to drink, and protect groundwater resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

LAST YEAR, AUMSVILLE WATER SYSTEM AND DRINKING WATER MET ALL U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND STATE DRINKING WATER HEALTH STANDARDS. THE CITY VIGILANTLY SAFEGUARDS ITS WATER SUPPLIES AND WE ARE PROUD TO REPORT THAT OUR SYSTEM HAS NOT VIOLATED A MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL OR ANY OTHER WATER QUALITY STANDARD.

Violations

The Oregon Health Authority oversees our water system. The City provides regular water quality test results to the state. The testing of our water is performed by an independent lab. If you would like to see all the water testing performed, you can look it up online. Go to: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/Pages/index.aspx>. Click on Drinking Water Data Online, Click on WS ID Lookup, and enter ID number 41-00065. Check it out!

WHERE OUR WATER COMES FROM

Aumsville's water comes from five groundwater wells located within city limits. Boone Well #1, Tower Well #2, and Reservoir Well draw from the Eugene formation, which is a deep marine sedimentary rock aquifer. Boone Well #2 and the Church Well draw from the Columbia River Basalt formation, one of the most productive aquifers in the region. Groundwater is drawn from all wells and pumped through a water filter, treated with chlorine, then into the one-million-gallon reservoir, then sent directly into the water distribution system. Please note that Boone Well #2 and the Church Well water are from Basalt formations and our biggest water producers. Basalt rock has a high sulfur content and causes taste and odor problems.

If you noticed that Tower Well has become Tower Well #2, you're paying attention. The original Tower Well was

losing the amount of water it was producing, so we had to drill another to replace it. The Tower Well has been abandoned and we are now using Tower Well #2. Because this is a new well, many extra water quality tests had to be done.

In 2004, the State Health Division prepared a Source Water Assessment of the city wells. This tells us where our water comes from and identifies potential contaminant sources. This Source Water Assessment has been recently updated and is also available to view at city hall or copies are available for purchase.

Groundwater Protection

Groundwater recharge provides water to our streams, lakes, ponds, rivers, and wetlands. Our city uses groundwater for drinking water and the groundwater beneath the homes in our community may travel great distances, eventually surfacing at springs or wells being used as ours or someone else's drinking water source. Animal waste, septic systems, pesticides, fertilizers, motor vehicle fluids, and many other substances all can make it into our drinking water if it is not maintained, used, or disposed of properly. Please do your part to make the effort to make sure our groundwater does not get contaminated. Once groundwater is polluted, it is very difficult and expensive to clean up. It is best to **prevent** groundwater pollution in the first place. The future quality of our groundwater and environment will depend upon well-informed and caring citizens.

Sometimes we get complaints that there is so much chlorine in the water that it smells like a swimming pool. It may smell like a swimming pool, but we are not adding additional chlorine. That strong chlorine smell is usually because there is not enough chlorine. What you smell is called Chloramines. This is caused by the reaction of chlorine, organics, and minerals in the water. I know it doesn't seem right, but that's usually it. This problem is usually found on dead-end lines and at the farthest reaches of the distribution system. If you have water quality problems, call us and we'll come out and see what we can do to make the water better. Our water does have a fair amount of iron and manganese. These minerals can settle to the bottoms of our water lines. When this happens because of high water demand, such as a fire hydrant being opened, this sediment can get stirred up in the lines and you see dirty water. Again, call us so we can get that cleared up as soon as possible.

It is recommended to flush your water heater once a year. This should extend the life and flush minerals that have accumulated at the bottom of the tank. Follow safety procedures when doing this, like turning the breaker off for electricity. For gas, turn the gas valve to the pilot light. There have been times I've flushed some older, rarely-flushed of-ten water heaters, that will have leaks after flushing. Flushing may loosen rust and corrosion in weak parts of the tank that may then leak.

We, at the City of Aumsville, are working very hard to provide top-quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please email me at soslie@aumsville.us with ideas, suggestions, and comments (good or bad). Also, talk to your city council members; they are the governing body that represents you.

IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND BACKFLOW ASSEMBLIES

As a water user in Oregon, you are required to follow the laws about irrigation systems and the installation of backflow assemblies. **If you have an irrigation system, you are required to have a backflow assembly correctly installed and tested every year to protect the public water system from contamination.** Failure to obtain a plumbing permit, install, and test these assemblies can result in having your water service turned off. The City does not charge for the inspection, but a Marion County plumbing permit is required, and the owner is required to pay for the annual testing costs. For further information on backflow assembly requirements, contact Public Works Director Oslie at 503-749-1185.

Helpful Tips for Reducing Outdoor Water Use:

- A lawn only needs approximately one inch of water during the week to stay healthy and green.
- Like the color brown? Let your lawn go to sleep (dormant) for the summer. There are certain cases where you should water your lawn. If you have new sod or grass, excessive thatch buildup, poor soil conditions, or if it has been damaged by insects or disease, your lawn may not survive a period of dormancy.
- Water your lawn efficiently by properly maintaining and adjusting your irrigation system regularly.
 - Look for broken sprinkler heads and misdirected spray.
 - Be sure to check how much water you are applying weekly by adjusting your watering schedule. Some controllers will run irrigation water more than once a day.
 - Set your watering schedule for early in the morning or late in the evening to avoid water loss from evaporation.
 - Add a weather sensor to your irrigation system that shuts off your system when it is raining outside to help conserve water.
- Water outside pots and planters using a hose nozzle or watering can.
- Plant native plants that use less water once established.
- Encourage healthy root growth by watering deeply and infrequently. It is better to give your lawn a healthy dose of water a few times a week rather than a little bit of water every day.

Conserving Aumsville's drinking water is easy to do and can save you money on your water bill. You can help conserve water in two ways. You can make behavioral changes to your everyday activities or you can replace older, inefficient fixtures in your home with newer, low-flow fixtures. Behavioral changes include things like taking shorter showers, using a hose nozzle to wash your car,

sweeping off patios and decks instead of washing them off, running full loads in your dishwasher or clothes washer. Behavioral changes can save water without any additional costs. Retrofitting or replacing your older fixtures can cost you money upfront, but should immediately help you save water and see savings on your next water bill.

What EPA Wants You to Know

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

LEAD TAINTED WATER IN THE NEWS

Still in the news, Flint, Michigan lead-tainted water continues to go on and so with many other cities in the US that have lead water service lines. Flint is still in the news and is slowly addressing the failures in its water system. We want you to know that Aumsville's water system does not have lead service lines and the chemistry of the water does not corrode and leach lead out of the pipes as easily. Every 3 years, the City samples water from some homes that have copper water lines with lead soldered joints built during the years of lead-based solder. When replacing home fixtures, buy quality lead-free brands. Federal Legislation has brought about the Reduction of Lead in the Safe Drinking Water Act. (SDWA) This amended SDWA requires the reduction of the allowable lead content in brass products from 8.0% to 0.25% (weighted average). It requires water systems to use lead-free water meters and fittings, to reduce the chances of lead in our water. With these changes, water fittings cost the city more for meters, valves, and other various parts. This is partially the reason for the increase in water rates.

The City and EPA want you to know the following:

"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Aumsville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you

can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.”

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protections for public health.

Water Quality Data Table

Do I need to take special precautions?
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. If this applies to you, seek advice about drinking water from your health care provider. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other

Test Results

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	ND		0	No more than 1 positive monthly sample	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal coliform and <i>E.coli</i>	N	ND		0	a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive	Human and animal fecal waste

Total coliform testing was also performed at each of the 5 wells that the city operates; the results came back with no coliforms detected.

microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

FLUORIDE - There is no fluoride being added to your water. There are no requirements to add fluoride to our water and at this time and there are no plans to do so.

Aumsville Water System Test Results

The City tests its drinking water as required by EPA and the Oregon Health Division’s Drinking Water Program. Here are the results of some of the testing completed during the past year.

Unit Descriptions:

Term	Definition
ppm (mg/L)	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter
ppb (ug/L)	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter
NA	NA: Not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended

Important Drinking Water Definitions

Term	Definition
MCLG:	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL:	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Extra Note: MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.
TT:	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL:	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
MRDL:	Maximum residual disinfection level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG:	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.
MNR:	Monitored Not Regulated
MPL:	State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
Variances & Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.	

Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL/MRDL Violation Y/N	Highest average (AVG)	Range Low-High	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM (ppb) [Total Trihalomethanes]	N	8.09	na	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb) [Total Haloacetic Acids]	N	ND	na	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (ppm)	N	0.65	0.5 to 0.70	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

Lead and Copper Contaminants: 40 samples taken at home site that was built in the years that lead solder was used for connecting copper pipes

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Site Sample Results	Unit Measurement	# of sites found above the AL	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm) (90 th percentile)	6/20	ND	ppm	0	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb) (90 th percentile)	6/20	0.9	ppb	0	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	ND	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic	N	3.6	ppb		10	

Radioactive Contaminants

Combined radium	N	0.4	pCi/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
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Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

There were many other water tests performed this year and tested below the detection limits. These are not included in this report. If you would like to see how our and other water systems are doing, visit the DHS Drinking water program web site at <http://www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/dwp>. Our water system (ws) name is the City of Aumsville; our PWS ID number is OR4100065. Click on the latest chemical results.

The toilet is the least noticeable water waster you have in your home. Coming in close behind is your teenager with 45-minute showers. If you still have the old 5 or 3.5-gallon flush toilets, consider replacing them with a new 1.5-gallon flush toilet. They are much better than they used to be. We try to let you know when we think you are using more water than you normally use. The biggest culprit by far is a leaking toilet. Check to see that the water in the tank is ¾ to an inch lower than the overflow. Chlorine tablets in the tank can deteriorate the rubber parts and cause leaks. Oddly, over the past year, some leaks

have been found at shower valves. Leaking solder joints that have broken loose and dripping in the wall, straight to the ground under the house.

Congratulations, if you've read everything up to this point, thank you for being interested in your drinking water. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Steve Oslie, Public Works Director, at (503) 749-1185, or soslie@aumsville.us. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. Please attend any of our regularly scheduled City Council meetings. They are held on the second Monday of every month, 7 pm, in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center located at 555 Main Street, Aumsville. Currently, due to Covid-19, City Council meetings are being held via Zoom meetings. If you are interested in this, please contact city hall to set you up. 503-749-2030



Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District

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Good Day, Neighbor!

What a month! The weather event on the weekend of Valentine's Day set new records for your Fire District, with those records only being set a few months earlier during the 2020 wildfires. The District is fortunate to have a dedicated mix of volunteer and career staff that organize to keep our apparatus on the road hour after hour.

Backyard burning season begins March 1st. This year we anticipate many brush piles burning throughout the District. As always, make sure your fires are safely away from buildings or combustibles such as cedar decks, fences or dry trees and brush. Keep a charged hose nearby in

the event the fire spreads. One thing we never hear on an out-of-control burn pile is: "I thought this was going to happen".

We have two blood drives this month. One is on the 5th and the other is on the 31st. Thank you to everyone who participates, we sure enjoy seeing you.

Stay Safe my friends.

Chief Hari



STATE SENATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

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

I know many folks have recently faced power outages and a lot of damage to trees, vehicles, and

homes. I'm grateful for the public works employees in each of our communities who have been working around the clock to address this latest challenge. From my end, as soon as my power came back on, I have been delivering firewood to neighbors, trying to share helpful information on social media, and making calls around our community to check in with families to make sure everyone is safe.

This month in the Legislature, the work has really started to pick up with committee hearings beginning and over 4,000 bills being introduced. As Chair of the Committee on Health Care, I have asked for updates from the Oregon Health Authority on the vaccine rollout as well as from local health-related business owners and how their livelihoods have been affected by COVID-19. These are recorded and can be accessed on the Oregon Legislative Information System here - <https://olis.leg.state.or.us>

In the last month, I have also introduced and am spon-

soring several key pieces of legislation that I would like to share with you. SB 703 would help provide more financial transparency and accountability on staffing ratios for assisted living and memory care facilities. Oregonians deserve to know where that money is being spent and deserve transparency when looking for care for their loved ones. I am also championing several other pieces of legislation revolving around affordable housing, supporting homeless youth, expanding access to mental health services, and supporting COVID-19 recovery and wildfire recovery for families and small businesses.

As a final note, I want to invite you all to attend my first (virtual) Legislative Townhall with Rep. Paul Evans on Tuesday, the 23rd, at 6pm. If you would like to attend, please email me at Sen.DebPatterson@oregonlegislature.gov and we can get you the link to RSVP.

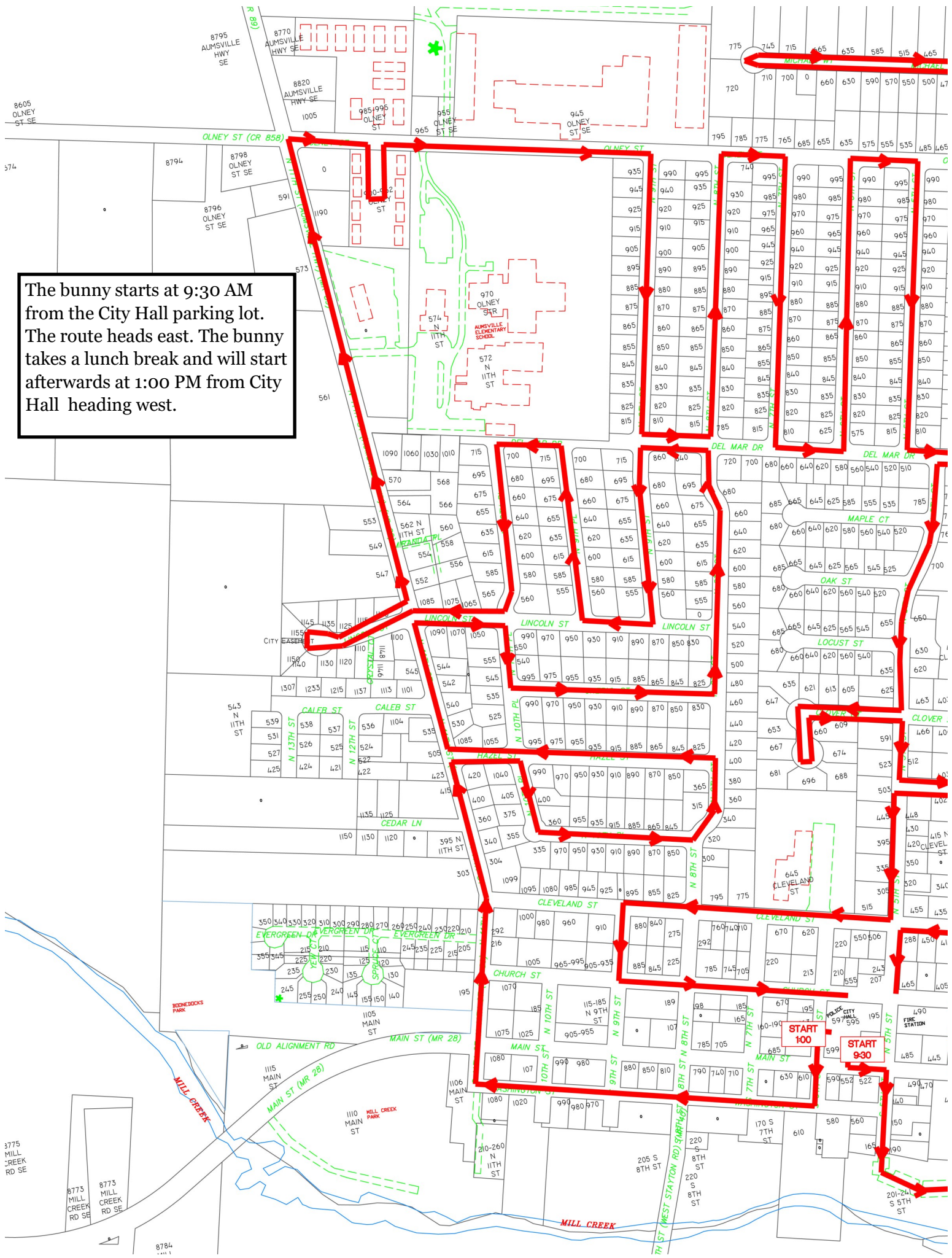
Please know that I would like to hear from you and look forward to meeting you. My e-mail is Sen.DebPatterson@oregonlegislature.gov and my phone number is 503-984-1710.

Wishing you all the best,

Deb Patterson

Senator, District 10

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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.

AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – January 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, and Seney. Council absent: None. City Administrator Harding (CA Harding), Police Chief Schmitz (APD Chief Schmitz), Public Works Director Oslie (PWD Oslie), City Clerk Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

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

Oaths of Office:

Mayor Clevenger congratulated re-elected Councilor Doug Ecclestone and welcomed newly elected Councilor Scott Lee. He stated that their Oaths of Office were administered earlier to enable them to vote at this meeting and save time. Councilor Bambrick was also elected but resigned shortly after the election, leaving a vacancy on the council.

Mayor Clevenger recommended that Council appoint Walter Wick. He stated that Walter is currently serving on the Aumsville Planning Commission (APC) and has been an active volunteer in the community. He feels Walt's experience and knowledge of the City make him a good fit. Council unanimously voted to appoint Walter Wick to the vacant Council position and was sworn by oath into office.

Council President: Mayor Clevenger explained that it is time for Council to decide on a Council President and asked for nominations. Council unanimously voted to appoint Councilor Angelica Ceja to the Council president position.

APC Appointments: Council reviewed the four qualified applications received for the APC vacancies. Mayor Clevenger explained that we originally had two seats open on the APC, but with Walter Wick moving to Council, it leaves three vacancies to fill. He stated that there are three applicants he would recommend for appointment. His first recommendation was Chris Chytka

because of his previous experience with the APC and his involvement in the community. Councilor Casarez moved to appoint Chris Chytka to the vacant APC position. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-1: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: Seney.)

The second recommendation was Matthew Curran. Matt is a local Boy Scout leader and has been in the community for quite some time. Councilor Seney moved to appoint Matthew Curran to the second vacant Council position. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-1: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: Casarez.)

The final recommendation was Jennifer Molan. Jennifer's work experience and history in the education field would be an excellent resource. Council unanimously voted to appoint Jennifer Molan to the third vacant Council position.

Employee Awards:

Officer Jesse Greene was awarded the Aumsville Police Department (APD) Employee of the Year award. He started with APD as a Reserve Officer and was hired full time in June 2018. He is a dedicated member, offering mentoring skills to other younger officers and is a valued member of the team.

Reserve Officer Carl Gabba was awarded Reserve Officer of the Year, second year running. Officer Gabba has been a dedicated member of the APD team since 1998. Besides his reserve service, he and his wife have volunteered for many of our community events over the years.

City Staff Employee of the Year Award

Public Works Utility Worker II Matthew Winans was awarded the City Staff Employee of the Year. Matt has shown his dedication to his job by always going the extra mile to make sure that our water and wastewater systems are running properly. He is self-motivated and when his duties are done; he seeks to help out anywhere he is needed.

Longevity Awards:

Police Support Specialist Brenda Campbell received her

5-year recognition. Brenda brings a positive energy to the Police Department every day and the city is fortunate to have her on the team.

Public Works Director Steve Oslie received his 30-year recognition. Steve started with the city in 1990 and became Public Works Director in 1996. He has led the city's Public Works Department through many projects and changes over the years. His great sense of humor and dedication to the city is deeply appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 01-21 A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE. This resolution is a housekeeping item that is done annually to give Mayor and City Administrator signature authorization on contracts.

Council unanimously voted to replace former Councilman Wilmer J. Case with Councilor Angelica Ceja as an authorized signer for the City of Aumsville's Riverview Community Bank account *****0967, effective January 11, 2021. The city needs to update the authorized signer list for the City's various bank accounts through Riverview Bank.

Council unanimously voted to approve Westech Engineering Contract with GSI Solutions, Inc. The City is working with Westech Engineering, tidying up the current city water rights certificates and laying the groundwork for pursuing the acquisition of new water rights that are needed to keep up with the city's growing needs. Westech is proposing sub-consultant services with GSI Solutions, Inc., who specializes in municipal water systems, to assist them in the groundwork.

Council unanimously voted to approve the Participation Agreement in Support of Community Development Block Grant as presented. Aumsville has partnered with surrounding cities on Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) applications and have been very successful. This particular application is for the Stayton, Sublimity, Aumsville, and Turner COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and the City of Stayton will be the lead agency.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

CA Harding updated Council on the COVID-19 epidemic. The Aumsville zip code area had a rise and we are now at 182 positive cases since the beginning of the outbreak. This accumulative over the last 10 months and doesn't

reflect those who have recovered.

Downtown project development: The landscaping at Main and 1st Streets is almost complete and several Main Street businesses have been doing updates to their buildings.

System Development Charge (SDC) Report: This annual report is required by law to be updated by December 30th and sent out as a report to the building industry who sign up to receive it. The report provides Council an update to any expenditures related to SDC funds and to make sure those expenditures are allowable under the limited allowances related to SDC funds. These funds are dedicated and, under the law, can only be spent on growth related projects within our capital facilities plan.

CA Harding stated that last month we changed utility format default to the property owner as the responsible party if a tenant moves out and doesn't pay. During the COVID-19 epidemic we have not turned service off for nonpayment. Staff has worked with those who have been unable to pay their bill by setting up payment plans and giving them other resource information where they can get assistance. He reported that there are only a small number left with large carryover amounts. He suggested that we extend the no-fee credit card use through March or April. He does think it is time to reimplement our shut off policy. As long as the customer is setting up a payment plan and communicating with City staff they would not experience a disruption of service. Council consensus was to go ahead as presented.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilor Ecclestone stated that another round of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) loans will be coming available; he asked Council to keep awareness of those in need. Mayor urged staff to advise people to apply at Marion County as well as the state level funds. CA Harding stated that staff has been reaching out to local businesses offering resource information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council met under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. The meeting was informational only and no decisions were made during or after the Executive Session, therefore, Council did not return to regular session afterwards.

ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 8:08 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, and Wick. Council absent: None. Planning Commission present: Chair Murphy and Commissioners Chytka, Curran, Molan, and Youmans. 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 AND PUBLIC COMMENT: There were two online attendees. Madeline Sattler from Cascade School District announced that they will be reopening schools for hybrid learning starting February 17th, 2021 on an A-day/B-day schedule. They are excited to have the energy of the children back in the school.

NEW BUSINESS: State of the City Presentation

CA Harding presented a slide presentation and gave an overview of 2020 Council Goal accomplishments. He reviewed the five Council Goals that were established during previous work sessions and the progress in each during 2020.

Goal #1 – Provide and maintain municipal facilities and infrastructure to support current operations and growth.

The following are some of these accomplishments: Installed protective wall in lobby of City Hall, in Progress for Wastewater Master Plan, purchased Ventrac Hillside Mower, and upgraded Audio/Video Equipment at Community Center.

Goal #2 – Support and encourage community involvement to create a sense of community and enhance livability.

The following are some of these accomplishments: Draft Vision 2040 plan published on website, Main Street and 1st Street landscaping project, and successfully converted the Corn Festival and Christmas in the Park to distanced and virtual events.

Goal #3 – Create an environment to attract, retain, and grow businesses:

Business grants, updated ordinances, and updated Planning Commission and Council procedures manuals, pending approval.

Goal #4 – Ensure a safe and prepared environment for citizens and businesses:

Vulnerable Population Registry, completed and approved Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Coronavirus Community Health Response and Education.

Goal #5 – Provide city services that are responsive to citizens and demonstrate good stewardship:

Remove the water deposit/create owner responsibility, New website/ Logo, YouTube channel for meetings and other educational videos, and billing and newsletter direct mailing.

CA Harding cited some easily attainable projects for 2021. He stated that there are enough funds budgeted to do most of these fairly quickly. He asked Council to consider

the following projects: Eastside Park Master Plan \$30-40K, Dog Park \$10-15k, and Accessible Park Equipment Upgrades \$8-10k.

Council consensus was to move forward with the Eastside Park Master plan, ADA park equipment, and the dog park project. CA Harding will get an estimate of costs for the dog park and ADA equipment and bring to Council for approval. We will have to go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the Eastside Park Master Plan.

CA Harding went on to talk about “What is the State of our Community?”

We are facing some major water and wastewater infrastructure improvement needs;

Financials are stable based on our current operations as we move forward;

New development is occurring, but we need to continue to maintain our service levels;

Main Street is improving to meet our downtown vision;

We have accomplished a lot in 2020, despite a worldwide pandemic. We were able to continue to provide critical services to the community.

In planning for the upcoming year, Council will participate in several work sessions. The sessions will be every Tuesday in February at 6:00 PM. These are some of the topics that will be covered:

Administrative Review: Council handbook, Vision Plan approval, Council initiatives, Review of Council Goals, City’s debt policy

Economic Development: downtown commercial, ID zone, industrial, UGB expansion, barriers to development

Vision: community art projects, new entry sign, new park development

CA Harding briefly described some of the projects they will be discussing at the work sessions. He stressed how important and necessary the following projects are to the health and wellbeing of our community:

Water—Capital facility plan (2015) priority projects:

- Emergency generator for 1M gallon reservoir (#1 priority)
- Water rights work
- Ongoing maintenance issues
- New well
- New reservoir

Sewer—Facility plan (1999):

- Treatment facility
- Rates

Stormwater—Capital facility plan (2000)

- Utility formation and implementation

- Public works standards
- Equipment (sweeper)

Streets—Capital facility plan (2010)

- Extending Del Mar Dr. through to 11th Street

Public Works infrastructure:

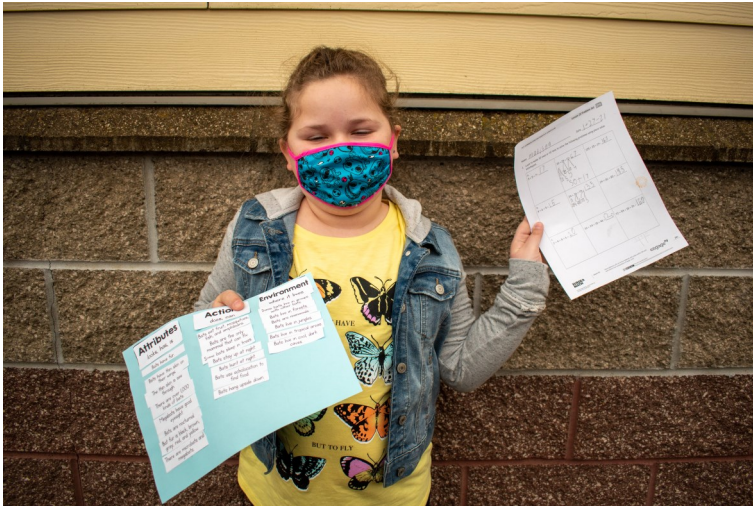
- New public works building
- Operations upgrades needed.

Staff is seeking and will continue to seek ways get these projects planned, funded, and completed. There were no questions or discussion from Council or Planning Commission.

The full “State of the City” presentation, without narration, will be posted to the city’s website for review by the public.

ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 8:54 PM

CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES



The February ice storms have created some new unforeseen challenges and as a result, Cascade School District has had to cancel four days of school. Like many in our community, some Cascade School District school buildings have been without power for several days, and students and families have not had internet access to log in for school.

The loss of days also set the district back a couple of days in terms of opening the doors to hybrid learning.

“To prepare for hybrid learning, there are several safety protocols required by the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education,” said Cascade School District Superintendent Darin Drill. “We want nothing more than to see our students back in the classroom, but due to the challenges the weather has presented us, our district will delay our start date to begin hybrid



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learning on March 1, 2021, to be better equipped to serve our students while doing our best to keep everyone safe.”

In preparation for the return of our students, the district has implemented new safety protocols to comply with state guidelines and keep students and staff as safe as possible at school. The Cascade maintenance staff spent time in February installing new AirPHX systems to assist in air filtration to improve ventilation in our schools. Hand sanitizer stations have also been installed at each entrance and in every classroom.

“Our district team cannot wait to greet our students and families in March,” added Drill. “Everyone has worked so hard this school year, and we look forward to a safe transition to hybrid learning.”

For more information on hybrid learning or safety, visit cascade.k12.or.us or like the Cascade School District on Facebook.



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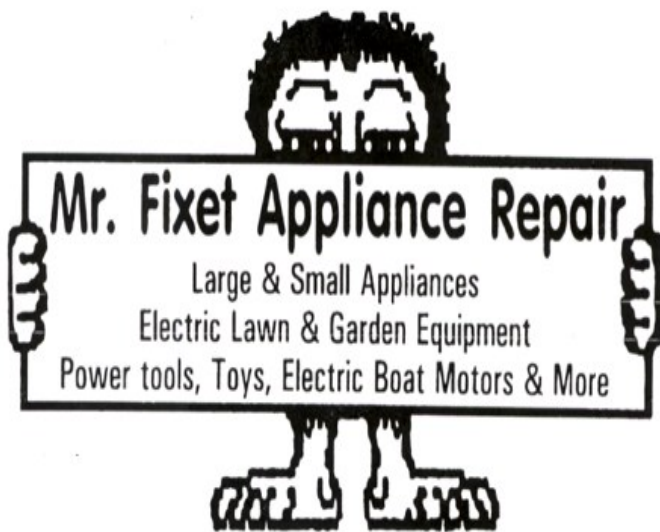
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Important Dates

- ◇ Council meeting 3/8/2021
- ◇ St. Patrick's Day 3/17/2021
- ◇ Tag day is 3/22/2021
- ◇ Council Meeting 3/22/2021
- ◇ Shut off day is 3/24/2021
- ◇ Meter read day is 3/25/2021



City of Aumsville



January 2021 Monthly Police Report

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED</u>
Burglary/Attempt Burgl	1/0	1/0
Criminal Mischief	2	1
Restraining Order Violation	1	1
Trespass	0	0
DUII	1	1
Theft/Fraud	4/1	0/1
Theft From Vehicles	3	0
Warrant Arrest/Probation Violation	6/0	6/0
Harassment/Telephonic	0/1	0/0
Menacing	1	1
Assault IV	3	3
Stalking Complaint	1	1
Weapon/Robbery	1/0	1/0
Child Neglect	0	0
Stolen Vehicle/Trailer	1/0	0/0
Recovered Vehicle	1	1
Poss. Controlled Substance	0	0
Reckless Endanger/Drive	0/0	0/0
Disorderly Conduct	2	2
Curfew/Runaway Juvenile	1/0	1/0
Sex Offense	2	0
Hit and Run	1	0
Misc Crime	1	1
TOTAL	35	22

Value of Property Stolen	\$1300
Value of Property Damaged	\$50
Value of Property Recovered	\$1000
Value of Found Property	\$1900
Dogs to Pound	0

DEPARTMENT MESSAGE:

The reserves worked a total of 68 hours during the month of January: 68 volunteer hours and 0 paid hours.

I would like to congratulate Officer Jesse Greene who was selected as the Police Department Employee of the Year for 2020 and Reserve Officer Carl Gabba who was selected as Reserve Officer of the Year for 2020. In addition, Brenda Campbell received her 5 year award. The Aumsville Police Department is blessed to have such dedicated and talented employees.

As we move into 2021, we ask that everyone be respectful of each other, maintain your social distance, wash your hands frequently, and follow OHA Recommendations regarding COVID-19. Together we can beat this pandemic.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

NUMBER

Assist other Agency—Turner PD	4
Assist other Agency—Fire Dept	4
Assist other Agency—DHS	6
Assist other Agency—MCSO	3
Assist other Agency—City	0
Assist other Agency—Stayton PD	14
Assist other Agency—Other	4
Assist Person/Citizen Contact	1/5
Vehicle Repo	0
911 Hang-Up/Welfare Check/Civil Dispute	0/4/3
False Alarms	1
Noise/Traffic Complaint	2/3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance	3/4/7
Traffic Accidents/Hit and Run	2/1
Driving Impounds	0
Unattended Death/Notification	0/0
Dogs—Barking/At Large/Bite	2/2/0
Ordinance Violation	3
Runaway Juvenile/missing person	0/2
Verbal Disturbance	3
Attempt Suicide/Mental Hold	0/0
Suicide	0
Open Door	0
Misc Call for Service	0
Emotional Disturbed Persons	1
Found Property/Lost Property/Seized Property	7/1/1

TOTAL

93



TRAFFIC VIOLATION

City County

Speeding	2	3
Fail to Carry Proof /Driving Uninsured	0/4	0/1
Driving While Suspended	3	0
No Valid Op	0	1
No Seatbelt/Improper Wear Seatbelt	0	0
Expired Registration/Fail to Register	0/0	0/0
Switched Plates	1	0
Careless Driving	1	0
Failure to Signal/Use Turn Signal	0	0
Use of Electronic Device/Cell Phone	0/0	0/0
Defective Lighting	0	0
Open Container	0	0

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STORM DAMAGE AND TREE REPLANTING

Aumsville, like much of the Willamette Valley, took a beating during the early February ice storm. City parks lost a couple hundred trees. If you were one of the unlucky residents who lost a tree, or several, you might be wondering about replanting and tree rules. Aumsville has a Tree Care ordinance which provides guidance on planting and landscaping within the city.

If you need to do major front yard landscaping changes, you will need to file a Type A permit. There is no cost for this permit and it's a simple one sheet form. You can find it on the website or stop in to City Hall.

The city's approved list of Street Trees is:

- Parkway Norway Maple
- Raywood Ash
- Columnar Norway Maple

- Pyramidal European Hornbeam
- Autumn Purple Ash
- Patmore Ash
- Chanticleer Pear
- October Glory
- Red Sunset Maple



Street trees shall be a minimum caliper of 2 inches. Trees need to be able to be trimmed to 8 feet above the sidewalk.

If you are replacing trees in your front yard or backyard, there are no specifications for types of trees. You may want to consider tree height and power lines, also root infiltration and sidewalks/driveways. However, front yard work may need a permit.

Don't forget that all digging requires a locate prior to starting work! You can go online to digsafelyoregon.com or call 811. You need to give two business days prior to starting work for a locate.

Chanticleer Pear shown in all seasons.

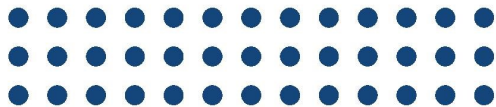
Aumsville Rural Fire is excited to announce the addition of a second blood drive! We have been very fortunate to have a community that has embraced the blood drive and made it a success. Since we were filling up quickly during the pandemic and turning folks away, we thought it was time to add the second drive. You will want to pick either the orange (formerly blue) group or the green group. The dates in each group are spaced to allow for regular donations.

Blood donations are not only used for large scale emergencies, but are actually used for a variety of circumstances such as serious injuries (like a car crash), surgeries, child birth, anemia, blood disorders, cancer treatments, and many others.

Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District's American Red Cross Blood Drive	
Friday, December 18, 2020	9 am—3 pm
Friday, February 12, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Wed, March 31, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Wed, May 26, 2021	10 am—4 pm
Wed, July 21, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Wed, September 15, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Wed, November 17, 2021	11 am—5 pm



Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District's American Red Cross Blood Drive	
Tues, January 5, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Friday, March 5, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, April 30, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, June 25, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, August 20, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, October 15, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, December 17, 2021	9 am—3 pm



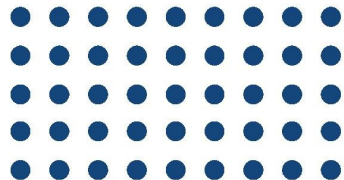
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