



ADMINISTERED BY A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUBURN AND THE WHITE RIVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORIC FARM CARETAKER NEEDED LEASE AND UTILITIES IN TRADE FOR WORK

OVERVIEW: The City of Auburn is seeking applications for Caretaker, Mary Olson Farm. The Mary Olson Farm dates from 1879 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. This 67 acre property includes seven historic buildings, a stream, 100+ year old orchard, gardens, pastures and dense forests. It is managed as a limited use City of Auburn Park by the White River Valley Museum. The caretaker reports directly to the Museum Director.

LEASE IN TRADE FOR WORK: The Caretaker is responsible for the following tasks which will vary with the seasons and with the uses of the Farm. The lease calls for approximately 45 to 90 hours a month (the higher number in the summer) of labor by the caretaker performing these tasks:

1. Trim grass around buildings monthly during growing season, mow farmhouse yard and around mobile using City equipment.
2. Care for chickens and set out water and food for feral cat colony on daily basis.
3. Feed, water and generally care for livestock, consisting of at least two cows and two horses, move to pasture and to barn as needed, remove manure to compost bins, all daily.
4. Meet with Museum staff at least monthly.
5. Work as a tour guide or greeter for 3 of 4 summer weekends a month, mid-June to late August, Hops and Crops Event mid September and Outlaw Days last weekend in September and first weekend in October.
6. Weed, water and care for farmhouse garden and hops demonstration garden as needed during dry season.
7. Odd jobs as requested such as setting up tables and chairs for meetings at farm.
8. Be available to perform these when necessary, follow instructions from supervisor and posted policies.

The City of Auburn provides the following in trade for performing the caretaker's duties.

1. Mobile home, 12 x 60 feet located at the Mary Olson Farm.
2. Utilities to include water, septic, electric and garbage (at the nearby golf course).
3. If desired, use of one-half acre of valley land to farm.

QUALIFICATIONS: Additionally Caretaker will be able to perform the following: speak appropriately to individuals of different ages and backgrounds; physically able to walk or hike on uneven outdoor surfaces around the farm and carry up to 50 pounds for short distances; bend and use hands to perform and complete above tasks in a timely manner; meet commitments of both time and effort; and has a devotion to history, historic preservation, farming or the environment. The caretaker must maintain his/her own tax records, and no cash is exchanged as part of this lease.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Fill out a City of Auburn employment application, available on line at www.auburnwa.gov or at Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main St. Auburn, WA 98002, Human Resources office, first floor, or request an application by mail by calling 253-931-3040. For additional information, call Patricia Cosgrove, Farm Manager at 253-288-7437, or pcosgrove@auburnwa.gov. The lease is open and applications are accepted until it is filled.

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