Auburn Recreation Advisory Report for Meeting Monday 2015.10.15

TO:Residents of Auburn and the Auburn City CouncilFROM:Tizz E. H. Crowley- Auburn City Council Ward 1

The regular monthly meeting of the Recreation and Special Events Advisory Board was canceled for October as there would not have been a quorum of members in

attendance. This is third or fourth month there has not been a quorum. Work is being delayed. In past months, the Committee met, discussed and came to general consensus on a number of issues but could not take formal action. There were not enough members planning to attend this month to make productive use of the time.

Almost two years ago, the Council followed a temporary process, and the group was revitalized with a different membership makeup. We, the Council, have not gone back to evaluate the results. The Recreation Advisory Board has reviewed the current ordinance, but has not had a quorum to meet and vote the recommended changes.

At this time, I do not believe there are sufficient members on the ad-hoc structure to get a quorum and so I'm urging the City to post openings based on the current ordinance. The proposed changes will only increase membership, so the Council could fill all vacancies under the current ordinance and then open the additional seats when the changes are made.

Thank you for your attention.



Auburn Sewerage District Report for Meeting Monday 5015.10.19

TO:Residents of Auburn and the Auburn City CouncilFROM:Tizz E. H. Crowley- Auburn City Council Ward 1

The regular meeting of the Auburn Sewerage Board of Trustees was held at the office, 268 Court Street, on Tuesday September 15, 2015.



Cascades, our of the District's most substantial customers, has

experienced a decline in orders as well as in production. This results in lower sewerage service need. The District will not meet budget at year end. The District has been discussions about a future rate increase of as much as 10% beginning mid 2016.

The District raised 12 manholes on Valview Drive to accommodate the paving of the road. The Sewerage District will be investigating an apartment building located on the corner of Hampshire and Willow streets. It appears the sewer service may be attached to the storm water sewer. I expect an update at tomorrow's Sewerage District Meeting which will be at 4pm at the District offices. The public is always welcome.

Tentative 2016 sewer projects include South Main Street (Bolster to Cook), Highland Avenue (Court to Western Prom), Lake Street (Court to Davis), and finally Park Avenue (Gamage to Summer).

Just a reminder for water and sewer customers, the new delinquent account procedure is in effect. Be sure your payments are timely or face the loss of water services. One courtesy notice will be posted. There are a number of customers who routinely wait for the cut off notice before making payment. You will experience a loss of service if this practice continues.

The District is also working with Cascades to implement an odor control strategy that works and is cost efficient on a year round basis.

I would expect to see action on the hiring of a superintendent of Auburn Water and Sewerage to happen at tomorrow's Trustee meeting.

Sewer Tip of the Month (Source;Earth Gauge): Composting leaves this fall makes nice mulch for garden beds next spring and cuts down on the volume of leaves that must be hauled away. "Leaf-cycling" puts carbon back into the soil and avoids burning leaves, which releases carbon dioxide and other pollutants into the air. Leaf litter and grass clippings can clog storm sewers and contribute to combined sewer overflows and runoff pollution that taints our river. In Wisconsin, for example, runoff is a leading source of water quality problems, according to the state Department of Natural Resources. Every year, raw sewage mixed with stormwater is released into the Great Lakes from combined sewers. Don't let this happen in our community. Make sure your leaves are cleaned up and not blocking water flows.

As always, Mr. Mayor- Thank you for the opportunity to serve in your place.

Auburn Water District Report for Meeting Monday 2015.10.15TO:Residents of Auburn and the Auburn City CouncilFROM:Tizz E. H. Crowley- Auburn City Council Ward 1

The most important message I have to share is to invite all Auburn residents and the community to a presentation on Thursday, November 5th at 3:30pm here at Auburn H... Steve Norton from the University of Maine will be presenting the findings of the Lake Auburn Sediment Sampling Project. For those who can't attend



the presentation will be recorded and archived on the GFTV website. A copy should also be available at the Auburn Public Library.

The Auburn Water District Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, September 16th at the District office-268 Court Street.

The forecast is for a favorable budget variance of \$90,000 at year end. The District has begun discussion of a rate increase of possibly 8% in 2017.

As I trustee I continue to urge the Water District to maintain separate financial records from the LAWPC. It should not be necessary for all LAWPC expenses to go through the accounting of the Water District. It creates more work, brings more questions that are not Water District related and results in more FOAA requests that should go to the LAWPC and not the District.

The fire hydrant hit in early September that results in the water "explosions" along some mains was a hit and run accident. There were leaks on Pine, School, and Goff streets. After an exhaustive search of videos in the area, no one was able to locate the responsible party so the District will be out the costs of all repairs.

Water quality in the Lake remains in good shape. Turbidity is lower than it has been in the last five years- a good thing for the Lake and the consumers.

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