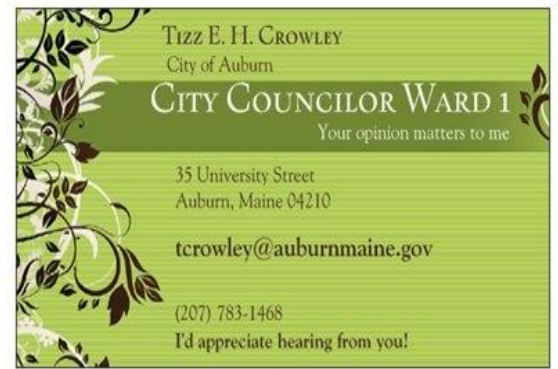


**Auburn Recreation Advisory Report for Meeting Monday  
2015.08.03**

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



A pleasant but unexpected surprise speaker, Mr. Phil Savignano, a member of the Recreation Advisory Board, stepped up when the speaker canceled for the presentation on Sports Tourism last month. Phil gave a most informative talk on opportunities in Maine related to sports which generate great economic and community development impact. Phil works for the Maine Tourism Bureau. There is a great deal of potential for Auburn in Sports Tourism. Norway Savings Bank Arena, the Ingersoll Turf Facility, the new softball field and the continuation of improvements at our recreation and athletic fields positions our City for great things in the future- but we have to keep the momentum moving forward.

Movies in the Parks series kicked off this past Friday evening. There were about 80 people present to see Ratatouille in Festival Plaza. Thank you to the parks crew that got the park in tip-top shape- even the trees had fresh mulch. Thank you to United New Auburn Association for the free popcorn and for displaying the Marshall Popcorn Truck. Thank you to the Woman's Literary Union and Walton's PTO for providing refreshments to the crowd. By the way, I didn't know Walton's PTO has a cookbook for sale. I plan to get one the next event.

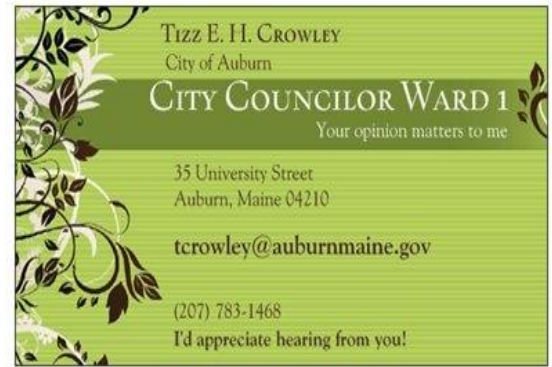
Mark your calendar and come out to the Box Car Movie Night to be held on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in Pettengill Park- rain or shine. You do not want to miss this fun car show- such talent and creative energies on display.

Due to a lack of a quorum, the Recreation Advisory Board could not take action at their meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> but did discuss a number of items including Winter Fest 2016 which is scheduled for January 29-31, 2016. Auburn's staff is looking for volunteers to work on the winter celebration. In keeping with the plans to hold Winter Fest the weekend before Superbowl weekend, Auburn's Winter Fest is tentatively scheduled for January 27-29<sup>th</sup> in 2017 and January 26-28<sup>th</sup> in 2018. If your organization would like to host an event on Winter Fest Weekend, please contact the Recreation Dept.

The Recreation Advisory Board meets the second Wednesday of every month, so will be meeting Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm here at Auburn City Hall. The public is most welcome to attend.

**Auburn Water District Report for Meeting Monday 2015.08.03**

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



The Auburn Water District Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at the District office.

The financial position of the District remains strong.

Although water sales continue to be down, we will meet our budget expectations.

One of my favorite subjects- fire hydrants is receiving attention. Asst. Superintendent Mike Broadband informed the Trustees of the work plan to inspect, repair and recondition all the fire hydrants in our system. This is a large undertaking and will take months to complete, but work started in June.

The Broad Street water main installation was completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. While tying in Sixth Street, the crew discovered a main in very poor shape. This will be repaired/replaced later in the construction season.

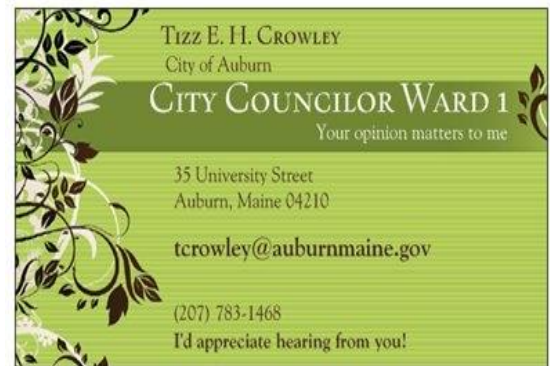
Lake Auburn continues to have good water quality numbers. The turbidity numbers remain low and the clarity remains high.

Lead and copper testing was completed as required. 4 of the 30 homes sampled were above the allowable limit and that put the District below the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. In most cases of this type of result the lead is from the home plumbing. Since AWD fell below the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile, we'll now test 60 home s every year for three consecutive years. The City of Auburn does participate in a lead screening and abatement program. If you have a concern about your home and would like more information please contact our community development department.

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

**Auburn Sewerage District Report for Meeting Monday 2015.08.03**

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



The Auburn Sewerage District Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 21st, 2015 at the District office.

The Trustees approved recommendation by Acting Supt Sid Hazelton to enter into a long term contract for power. This agreement will provide fixed price electricity for four years and will continue the power curtailment program.

Layne Inliner continues to provide exceptional work. This company completed the Davis Avenue work in only three days.

Staff and management at Cascades have been working on the odor problem. Studies have shown that oxidants are effective in combating odor, but the results can be short lived. Nitrates have been found to be effective, and the results last longer than oxidants. The LAWPCA compost facility on Penley Corner Road produces a leachate from their biofilter that is rich in nitrates. ASD has installed a 2500 gallon tank at the Lewiston Junction Road pump station, and LAWPCA will deliver will this leachate with their pumper truck and fill the tank three days /week. ASD will meter the leachate into the effluent and gather data on its effectiveness. Cascades will test their effluent for sulfates; this number will help us target the right nitrate dose. Hopefully this will be the solution we're looking for to combat the problem.

As I complete this report, I realize I haven't included a sewer tip this month. I'll remind you about two of the past. Please keep F.O.G out of your kitchen this summer. Fats, Oil, and Grease should not go down your kitchen sink. So wipe your summer grill pans and pans instead of running your hot water in the kitchen sink. Also, be sure to toss the hair from your bathtub drain into the trash and not in the toilet. It will contribute to clogs.

As always, Mr. Mayor, thank-you for the opportunity to serve in your place. It's always a pleasure.

**PRELUDE- Auburn Ward 1 Report for Monday 2015.008.03**

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

**Dates to watch-**

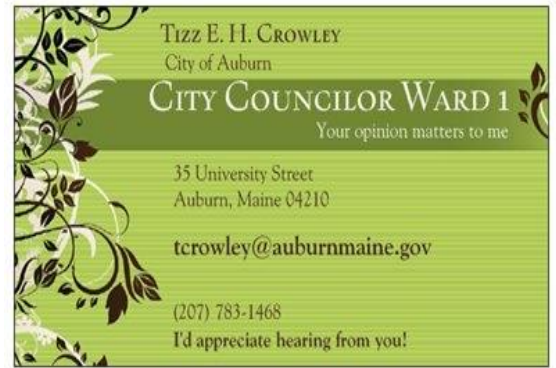
Tomorrow night, **Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>**, is National Night Out here in downtown Auburn. The fun starts at 5:30pm and please note, the Mayor is hoping to raise a lot of money for the PAL Center by sitting on the dunk tank. Come and enjoy the fun and free refreshments and games.

**Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>** there is an important meeting for Auburn residents. The City of Auburn is developing an updated downtown and neighborhood revitalization strategy for the areas that encompass the Downtown, New Auburn and Union Street areas. Much of the strategy will be drawn from work the community has already completed and been adopted by the City Council, but resident feedback on priorities, areas of interest, and even new ideas are being sought. To do this, the City will be hosting a community meeting, facilitated by a consultant from Planning Decisions, at Auburn Hall on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM “The City has adopted a number of different plans to support bringing new life back to these historic neighborhoods. We are now seeking to pull these plans into one document, to help us maintain focus on our efforts, and this presents a great opportunity to hear from the community and those living in and investing in these neighborhoods about how we prioritize, or even if they have new suggestions for us to consider,” said Howard Kroll, City Manager.

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** United New Auburn Association will be hosting a yard sale and Pig Roast to benefit the restoration of the Marshall Popcorn Truck. Check out posters around town for specific times.

**Visiting Hours-** Thursday evening visiting hours during the summer are only from 5-6pm as the library closes early. August visiting hours are Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm at the Auburn Public Library.

**Volunteers Needed:** Auburn needs your interest, input and time to serve on one of our many agencies, boards, and commissions. I know a few subscribe to e-alerts on the City website, but I’m appealing to the public in person. It is important residents be involved, especially if you want to be heard. Everyone’s lives are busy, there are a variety of openings and the time needed varies from as little as only when called upon (hasn’t happened in more than 5 years in



some cases) to twice a month meetings with prep time needed. In most positions, you only need common sense, the ability to read and ask questions.

I'm going to particularly challenge the women in our City. As I look around the leadership on our various agencies, boards and committees, I feel I've returned to the past of the 1970's when few women held leadership posts. There is a great deal of talent and skill, as well as a different prospective- so ladies, please step forward.

The weekly report from IT will be of interest to community members. The staff has formed a Communication Team to review and inventory the City's various methods of external and internal communications. As shortcomings are identified policies will developed to mitigate them and an overall strategy will be put in place. If you have comments or positive suggestions on this topic, please use the request it feature on the City website. If you are a viewer that does not have internet access, please call the City Manager's office and offer your thoughts on how we might the needs of residents without computer connections... maybe a newsletter like UNAA produces?

As an Auburn resident and as a member of the newly formed Conservation Commission, I have to tell you I'm excited about the work ahead. The members have diverse interest and are committed to an open process, so come and see for yourself. The Conservation Commission meets the third Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup> and the Community Forest Board will be in attendance as well.

**From another vantage point:**

Since I serve as the Mayor's representative on both Water and Sewer Districts Boards of Trustees, I received several calls regarding public comments about projects in New Auburn. The District met the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and the three week delay which followed was not a result of any of the AWSD work.

Apparently there have been operational issues in the past, but City management assured me the Districts and the City were working together and those items were in the past. Specific operational issues must be addressed by residents with the City or the District directly. Operational issues are the sole authority of the City Manager and not a Councilor or Mayor.

Thank you for your attention.