

Press Release for Immediate Distribution



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AUBURN TO CELEBRATE 5TH ANNUAL "SALUTE TO DINNY SULLIVAN – HATS OFF TO NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES"

Saturday, March 12, 2016 is "Salute to Dinny Sullivan- Hats Off to Neighborhood Businesses Day" in Auburn. For the fifth season, Auburn will celebrate local businesses while enjoying a day of fun about the city. Numerous groups will host activities and events - the community is invited to join the fun!

Salute to Dinny Sullivan –Hats Off to Neighborhood Businesses Day has three purposes:

1. Recognize local businesses and say "thank you." Our community, local companies are strong threads in our fabric of life. More than just providing a product or service, these businesses support, with time and financial support, many of our local non-profit activities. We celebrate these local companies as we post the company information on a display at City Hall, posts to the city website, GFTV and social media. Residents and community members are encouraged to submit favorite neighborhood business names to include in our "thank you" plans. Please send names and contact information about your favorite Auburn business.
2. Provide an opportunity for non-profits to have an event in Auburn that we can promote and encourage residents and friends to help. If non-profit organization would like us to promote the fund-raiser, service project, or activity that is happening on Saturday, March 12, please contact us. Our non-profits do a great deal of good works in our community. We'd like to provide some promotion and encourage residents to come out and support the group... or get to know the members. We have at least two locations available to us if a group would like to host an activity.
3. Encourage all to come and enjoy the day in Auburn. It will have many events. Of course there will be a corned beef dinner with special desserts. Lots more to come – we're continuing to

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4. confirm events daily. Family and friends in the area are invited to come and experience Auburn. Interested groups or organizations that might want to set up a project/program/display at this event should contact Tizz Crowley directly at tizzcrowley@yahoo.com or call Leroy Walker at (207) 577-2694.

Confirmed special events of the day include:

- Coffee with City of Auburn staff: Come enjoy coffee and donuts with staff members from many of the service departments of Auburn including Public Services, Police, Fire Department, Recreation, and others. Staff will be in attendance to provide an overview of the many services and programs offered. There will be information about the many Neighborhood Watch groups who are active throughout our City. Coffee will be at the Auburn Public Library from 9:00am to 11:00am. What a great opportunity to chat with City staff that provides necessary services.
- Tour of St. Louis Church: "Noel, Donna and Christine of Pilotage, the owners of the former St. Louis church, are pleased to be joining in Dinny Sullivan Day again this year. If you've not been before, come visit the beautiful building, and see both changes already underway downstairs and architectural drawings of plans for upstairs and downstairs." The doors are open 1:00pm-3:00pm.
- Foss Mansion Open House & Concert: The Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County will host an Open House and Concert at the Historic Foss Mansion, located at 19 Elm Street in Auburn from 1:00pm- 3:00pm.
- Thank our Veterans: Bettyann Sheats will be the host at a card-writing event from 3:00pm-5:00pm. The community is invited to stop by and complete a card to say "thank you" to our Maine Veterans. These messages will be delivered for Patriots' Day in April to the Maine Veterans' Home at Togus. We hope the community will fill a mail pouch.

The planning committee is happy to promote your event happening on Saturday, March 12 in Auburn. For a full schedule, check the City of Auburn website or contact Leroy Walker at (207) 577-2694 or Tizz Crowley at tizzcrowley@yahoo.com.

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