



# City of Auburn, Maine

## City Council

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### Flag Day Celebration in Auburn

**June 5, 2014 – Auburn, Maine** – Auburn will be celebrating Flag Day on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at Mt. Auburn Cemetery at 1:00pm. Community members are organizing a ceremony with a number of local organizations participating in the program. The organizing committee invites Veterans groups, civic organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups, marching bands, and honor guards to bring their colors. **The public is welcome to attend and celebrate Flag Day!**

Inspired by over three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3, 1949 that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

Our flag, also called the “Stars and Stripes,” is the official National symbol of the United States of America. Its design was authorized by the Continental Congress on Saturday, June 14, 1777. Auburn’s Flag Day event is a celebration of our national flag and everything it represents. It’s also a time to remember and honor military men and women who defend our flag and our country.

Master of Ceremony will be Navy Lieutenant (jg) Howard F. Kroll, Larry Gowell will perform the National Anthem and BettyAnn Sheats, a West Point graduate, will present a Flag Etiquette message.

For more information or to participate in the ceremony, please contact Auburn Ward 5 Councilor Leroy Walker at 577-2694 or email Auburn Ward 1 Councilor Tizz Crowley at [tcrowley@auburnmaine.gov](mailto:tcrowley@auburnmaine.gov).

