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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Clinton Deschene, City Manager
RE: Weekly Report
DATE: Week Ending July 11, 2014

Auburn Public Library

- A reminder that the Library is following its summer hours schedule. We are open until 6 p.m. on Thursdays and until 1 p.m. on Saturdays. There are a good number of new books, videos, audiobooks, and more available. Featured displays include “A Beach and a Book Are All You Need.”
- The Library is pleased to welcome Abbie S. from Minot as a volunteer in the Children’s Room.
- We are still expecting to launch our online calendar on Tues., July 15th. We are looking forward to all the enhancements, especially online registration for programs and listings by department.
- We are reviewing our fiscal 2014 yearend reports for all of our activities. It was another very successful year for the Library.
- Only a few of our new public Internet computers need to be installed. The new units are working well and customers are pleased with higher processing speed and program updates.
- The Library Board of Trustees will meet on Weds., 7/16, at 7:30 a.m.
- On Thurs., July 17th at 9:30 a.m., the Library in cooperation with the Lewiston CareerCenter is hosting Thomas Dowd, an awarding winning Maine business/self-help author, for the launch of his new book, “Displacement Day: When My Job Was Looking for a New Job – A Reference Guide to Finding Work.” The book details Mr. Dowd’s job search after he was downsized after a 23-year career with the same company. The search lasted only 59 days and included a network of business groups, career centers, and fellow unemployed individuals. Mr. Dowd shows how attitude and consistent positive steps can make all the difference. There will be a short presentation, a reading, a discussion on the job search process, followed by a book signing.
- Special programming this week focuses on teens with a presentation on Tues., 7/15, at 4 p.m. by Jim Chandler of the Auburn Land Lab. We will explore climate change and its impacts in our community and will make our own solar collectors. On Weds., 7/16, at 4 p.m. teens will gather to explore and clean up the library campus and enjoy ice cream. There

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will be a “Teens Read!” book group meeting on Thurs., 7/17, at 4 p.m. Teens are encouraged to stop by to talk about the books they’re reading over the Summer, including those from their schools lists.

- Follow the Library on Facebook or link to our website at www.auburnpubliclibrary.org for more information about all of our programs, new books, and more library news.

Health and Social Services

- General Assistance expenditures and income for the fiscal year 13-14 are as follows:
 - Year to date billing for General Assistance was \$139,422.15. State reimbursement is 50% of the total. \$69,711.08
 - Workfare completed was 1,055.75 hours for a value of \$8,446.00 for the year.
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) reimbursement \$7,478.25.

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Public Services

- Sweeping Finish up (streets/sidewalks)
- Parks Maintenance (at several locations)
- Manhole Repair
- Hot Patching around the city
- Sign work
- Maintenance – Repair of city equipment
- Ball Field Prep
- MSDS Updates
- Mowing intersections
- Cleaning catch basins
- Chip brush pile

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- Grading gravel roads
- Dig Safe Markings On-going
- Permits; excavation (private/right-of-way), fill, drive opening, pole permits etc.
- Work Place Violence Training
- Wellness Class Surviving Summer
- Mill Street- back up gravel shoulders remaining
- Whitney Street- sidewalks, phase 2 mainline, beginning loam and seed
- Holbrook Road- box culvert installation complete
- Pavement Manager- data continues to be compiled
- Stormwater Management- ongoing