

City of Auburn, Maine

Office of the City Manager



TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Clinton Deschene, City Manager
RE: Weekly Report
DATE: Week Ending August 29, 2014

Auburn Public Library

- The Library will be closed for Labor Day on Mon., 9/1. We will resume our fall/winter hours on Sept. 4th. The Library will be open: Mon: 9-8, Tue: 9-6, Wed: 9-6, Thu: 9-8, Fri: 9-6, Sat: 9-5.
- The Library's Annual meeting for corporators will be held on Thurs., Sept. 25th, at 5:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the meeting at 6:30 p.m., Maine author and playwright Monica Wood will talk and give a reading. Monica's program is open to the public.
- The quilting series, "Why Quilts Matter," which begins on Thurs., Sept. 4th, is full and a waiting list is being compiled.
- Before you vote for this year's Maine Readers' Choice Award, join Mamie Ney, an award committee member, for a discussion of the four finalists – "TransAtlantic" (McCann), "The Golem and the Jinni" (Wecker), "Benediction" (Haruf), and "The Goldfinch" (Tartt). The hour-long discussions will take place on Thurs., Sept. 4th, at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Library's Community Room. Refreshments will be served. For more information about the finalists and the authors, please visit www.mainereaderschoiceaward.org.
- Join us for our monthly Lego Club for kids ages 5 and up on Fri., 9/5, 4-5 pm. We meet in the Maggie Trafton Room. The library will provide the space and the Legos. Kids just need to come with their ideas and imaginations. Space is somewhat limited so the program will be run on a first come-first served basis. Please be advised there will be small pieces that present a choking hazard. This program is not suitable for very young children. Please call the library at 333-6640 ext. 3 for more information.
- Teens! Friday @ the Movies: Dead Poets Society. Join us in the Androscoggin Community Room to relax after a long week! With school starting again and to honor Robin Williams, our movie this month will be "Dead Poets Society." (Come find out about the place where this movie was filmed!) And of course, there will be popcorn and movie candy! Just for teens, ages 12-18.
- Maine author Elaine McGillicuddy will warm your hearts with a true love story as she reads from her memoir "Sing to Me and I Will Hear You: A Love Story" on Tues., 9/9, at 2 p.m.

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This is a highly candid (and well-written) account of a spiritual journey, experienced through the unusual marriage of a former Roman Catholic nun and a former priest. A Catholic reader will doubtless draw some special insights from it, but anyone can be moved by this story of spiritual growth, with its setbacks, victories, and inevitable tragedies.

- The above is just a sampling of the programs that we have scheduled for September.
- 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.

Fire

Administration

- First Ambulance has arrived and crews have been busy mounting equipment and stocking supplies readying the units to go in service.
- The Fire Department assisted in the “Bridge Run and Kids Fun Run” as part of Auburn’s Triple Crown road races.

Prevention

- For the week of August 21 to August 27, all of Auburn’s elementary schools were inspected. Several schools were found to be in non-compliance with fire codes.
- Follow up meetings with the owners of “The Barn” regarding re-establishment of electrical service for security devices and lighting was done.
- Inspection of the “Granite Group” building (Old Wonder Bread Store) for final occupancy permitting.
- Completed inspection of the Selco Plumbing & Heating, (Old Pontbriand Hardware Store) on Mill Street

Emergency Responses

- For the week of August 21 to August 27, we responded to 62 calls for service. These include, but are not limited to: 8 fire alarm calls with 2 fires, 34 Emergency Medical calls, 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents and 7 service calls due to severe weather. There were no mutual aid calls during this period.

ICT

- Assisted assessing department with database questions regarding verification of tax file export to Munis.
- Consulted with Police Department on database needs for the PAL Suspension Diversion Program. The reporting requirements necessitate that each suspension be tracked by location to determine whether or not it is in the target area. We developed a plan to scope and design the structure for spatial database and mapping application that will provide the information needed and also allow for further, future, analysis. The database and application will be developed over the next few weeks.
- Worked with Planning department to determine the scope of GIS services and associated resources needed for an Agricultural Zone study.
- We had the first Kick-off meeting for the new MUNIS module, Tyler Content Manager (TCM). TCM will allow staff in HR and Finance to upload and track forms and invoices through MUNIS.
- Staff met with Public Services to help with their accreditation process.

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- Last Friday's network cut-over became much more complicated than expected with the discovery of two unidentified routes in a switch. Services in Auburn Hall were restored by 7PM, with full network service up again by 2AM Saturday morning. Some unique LA911 CommCenter needs will be re-evaluated to determine if there is a more efficient way to connect them to the network and still maintain their security requirements.
- All of the Auburn Housing equipment has been removed from the Auburn Hall server room. They are now self-sufficient, no longer impacted by changes in the municipal network.

Public Services

- Public Services sent out a Curbside Zero-Sort brochure that was included with the tax bills. In doing so, Public Services has received numerous phone calls and emails from Auburn residents, both recyclers and potential recyclers asking questions. All conversations with residents have been extremely positive and residents are excited Auburn is moving forward with recycling.
- Mill Street- ¾" gravel will be placed on shoulders next week to back up surface pavement. A washout from the storm also needs to be repaired.
- Whitney Street- base pavement placed on third (final) section. Work continues on sidewalks, granite curb, loam & seed.
- Lake Street- centerline to be established this week. Work (drainage) to begin next week.
- Hotel Road- drainage work to be completed this week. Roadway has been reclaimed. Gravel and base pavement next week.
- Holbrook Road- surface pavement completed. ¾" gravel shoulders next week.
- Turner Street Sidewalk Ramps- project delayed until first week of September.
- **City's Green Space Litter pick-up** – Every morning crews scan the downtown area for any litter/debris, clean up cemeteries, trash up when mowing city area green spaces, remove trash on Union Street Bypass, Minot Ave, Washington St
- **Downtown Maintenance** – Main St., Riverwalk Area, Raymond Park
- **Mowing:** Briggs Cemetery, Tribou Field, Union St Bypass, Evergreen Cemetery, Aviation Dr, Mt. Auburn Ave, Third Bridge area, Pettengill Baseball (non school), Pettengill Softball (non school), Chestnut Park, Union St-Bypass, Fitz Cemetery, Fletcher Rd Cemetery, Libbey Hill Cemetery, Oak Hill Cemetery, Millers Cemetery, Pine Stump Cemetery
- **Prep Ballfields**
- **Repair** playground equipment (Pettengill Park)
- **Install Banner**
- **Paint Fields:** L.A.Y.S.A. (4 fields), AMS, ELHS, C.M.C.C., Walton Field, Sherwood Field, Pettengill Baseball, Cleveland Field,
- **Roadside Mowing,** Foster Rd, Eastman Lane, Turkey Lane, Old Portland Rd, Moose Brook Rd, Cameron Lane, Old Danville Rd and Browns Crossing
- **Cleaning Basins/Reshape Basin(s)/Culvert Projects:** 37 Barton Ave, 904 Jordan School, Colonial Way, 20 Sherwood Dr., 3's Run, 37 Barton Ave., 904 Jordan School
- **Tree:** Pownal Rd.- Bill Grealish was called in at 11:45 PM, due to a beaver cutting down a tree and it was blocking one lane on Pownal Rd. the tree was pushed to the side of the road and got it cleaned up the following day.
- **Hot Patching** (School Areas)
- **Ditching,** Beech Hill, Merrow Road, 355 S. Main St., and other areas throughout the City

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- **Repair Heaving** – 23 Sixth St (Pipe): 465-470 Merrow Rd.
- **Sweeping** Holbrook Rd
- **Investigate Sink Hole:** 23 Sixth Street
- **Sign Work**
- Dig Safe Markings On-going
- Permits; excavation (private/right-of-way), fill, drive opening, pole permits etc.

Recreation

- Registrations continued for Youth Football, Flag Football, Pee Wee Soccer, and Adult Dodgeball.
- Youth Football practices (3-6th grade) continued. There are a total of 75 players and 9 volunteer coaches in this division this season. Competitors participate in the Mid Coast Youth Football League (MCYFL) which is comprised of teams from: Bath, Brunswick, Gardiner, Lewiston, and Turner. Week one of games will begin on Saturday with all three teams competing against opponents from Turner.
- Youth Football practices (7-8th grade) continued. There are a total of 38 players and 4 coaches in this division this season. Competitors participate in the Mid Coast Middle School Football League (MCMSFL) which is comprised of teams from: Bath, Brunswick, Mt. Ararat, Gardiner, Lewiston, Oxford Hills, and Turner. Players will compete in an exhibition game on Saturday against opponents from Poland.
- All Youth Football game and practice schedules are available online, and can be found on www.teamsideline.com/auburnme
- Adult Softball Player's League, Upper Division Championship takes place on Thursday. This game will feature The Cage vs. Turnkey Homes/Varney Agency. A total of 8 teams and 125 players competed in this division this season.
- Adult Softball Player's League, Middle Division playoffs began on Wednesday. A total of 15 teams and 240 players competed in this division this season.
- Adult Softball Player's League, Lower Division playoffs continued. A total of 10 teams and 170 players competed in this division this season.
- Staff performed a pre game-day walkthrough of Walton field in preparation for youth football games on Saturday.
- Staff attended a Holiday Celebration meeting on Thursday in Lewiston.
- Planning for Fall programming continued.