

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 September 12, 2014

Auburn Public Library

- The Library's Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Weds., 9/17, at 7:30 a.m.
- 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.
- Voting for the 2014 Maine Readers' Choice Award is open until the Monday, the 15th, at Noon. Readers are welcome to stop by the Library to vote or go to the Award's website for online voting. www.mainereaderschoiceaward.org
- We have started opening our Teen Space for tweens on early release Wednesdays. Tweens are welcome to visit between noon and 2 p.m.
- The Library's knitting group resumed meeting on Mon., 9/8. It is an open group which meets from 5 to 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The next meeting is the 22nd. Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of all interests and skill levels are invited to join.
- Promotion for Startup Weekend Auburn is picking up. We're looking forward to bringing this event about.
- Plans are underway to have local second and sixth graders visit the Library to learn more about what we do and to give out library cards to eligible students.
- The Library begins its Fall foreign policy series this coming week with "Children and War: What Can the United States Do?" on Wednesday, 9/17, at 6 p.m. This program is presented as a partnership with the Maine Humanities Council, Margaret Chase Smith Library, and the Mid-Coast Forum on Foreign Relations, and Lewiston/Auburn Senior College.
- Take a road trip with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby as the Library presents "The Road to Morocco," one of their great classics, on Tuesday, 9/16, at 2 p.m.
- Our Teen Advisory Board will meet on Friday, 9/19, from 4 to 5 p.m. Teens are also invited to the D-I-Y aromatherapy program on Wednesday, 9/17, at 4 p.m.
- Our regular storytimes are scheduled for the week include local story teller Judy D'Amour for some fun stories and a craft on Saturday, 9/20, at 9:30 a.m. This session is best for children ages 2-8. Judy will be bringing her cat Moxie and she will share some fall and apple stories.

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- 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

- Auburn Fire personnel worked with Safety Works inspectors on Tuesday 9/9/14 to determine department compliance with BLS regulations.
- Crews also prepared Central Station for the 9/11 Memorial Service and Red Cross Blood Drive to take place on September 11th from 8-10 AM & 1-6 PM.
- The ramp up for fire prevention month continues.
- FPO O'Connell conducted compliance assistance with the re-opening of the Head Start on Valerie Circle which was damaged during their fire on 9/3/14.
- Certificate of Occupancy was granted to "The Granite Group", which opened in the old Wonder Bread outlet store on Minot Avenue.
- FPO O'Connell investigated the structure fire which occurred at 340 Court Street on 9/7/14.
- For the week of September 4th to September 10th, we responded to 61 calls for service. These include, but are not limited to: 2 fire alarm calls, 3 fire calls including 1 second alarm structure fire. 44 Emergency Medical calls, 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2 Natural Gas Leaks and 5 service calls. We provided mutual aid to Lewiston for a structure fire and received mutual aid for the second alarm fire.

ICT

- Worked with Assessing and Patriot software support to develop a methodology for creating a 2014 Historical data archive file, which is a snapshot of the Assessing data files as of the tax commitment date. The snapshot file will be used to update both GIS and the Webpro online assessing system.
- Revised the GIS Roles section of the GIS Protocol document. The revised roles were updated to mirror recent changes to the ArcGIS Online user role assignments. The GIS Protocol document will be presented to the Steering committee for approval next week.
- Updated the Municipal phone controller software, to bring it up to the same version as the Public Safety controller. The present software version will provide some additional functionality, including the ability to build some redundancy into our voice network.
- The elevator/access control software is now fully operational, and we are able to make cards again. The next step is to begin the gradual replacement of door lock hardware.
- Set up a new user account for Dr. Ian Reight, the medical director of the ambulance service. His email address is ireight@auburnmaine.gov.

Public Services

- Mill Street- shoulder gravel has been installed, project complete.
- Holbrook Road- shoulder gravel has been installed, project complete.
- Whitney Street- crews have been working on sidewalks. All granite curb has been installed.
- Turner Street Sidewalk Ramps- project started this week. Curb work to be completed this week, paving and truncated domes next week.
- Hotel Road- Gravel work complete, base course pavement on Friday.
- Lake Street- drainage work starts today with cross culverts.
- Pavement management- ongoing

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- Stormwater management- ongoing
- **Ditching/Culverts**, 72 Fairway Dr. Culvert installed at 465 Merrow and more ditching in the area
- **Reset Culvert**; 904 Jordan School Road Replaced a 12" by 20' cast iron driveway pipe with a 18" by 20' ADS pipe. Rip Rapped both ends, 904 Jordan School Road ditched 250' up from the new driveway pipe. , Installed a 18x65 cross pipe on Beech Hill by Martindale, ditching 72 fairway drive.
- **Culvert Project**; Colonial Way
- **Catch Basin Cleaning** 3's Run
- **Install Basin Tub**: Lake Auburn Ave
- **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
- **Mowing – Roadside/Parks/Cemeteries**: Pettengill Park, Tribou, Mt. Auburn Ave, Third Bridge area, Union St-Bypass, Old Police Station, Washington St, Park Av, Evergreen Cemetery, 24's run, 3's run, Pownal Rd, South Main St, Joatman Dr, Kyle Dr., Allied Rd., Woodbury Rd., Trapp Rd., Steel Rd., and Fletcher Rd.
- **Trim Curblines**: Mt. Auburn Ave, Western Ave,
- **Prep/Line/Paint/Ballfields**; L.A.Y.S.A (4 fields), AMS, ELHS, Sherwood Soccer, Walton Fields, Sherwood Field, C.M.C.C., ELHS
- **Downtown Maintenance** – Weed Flower Beds, Lower Turner St and Main St, Riverwalk
- **Install Banners**; Greek Festival and United Way
- **Guardrail Repair**; Turner St., Mt. Auburn Ave, Fair St., Grove St, Jordan School Rd and Central Fire
- **Paint Fields**: Sherwood, Pettengill Football, Cleveland Field, Walton Field, L.A.Y.S.A (4 fields) (x2), AMS, ELHS, (all fields)
- **Cleaning Basins/Reshape Basin.**, 3's run, Cederwood Rd.
- **Drainage Project** at Pettengill, Lake Auburn Ave, 14 Dexter (apron)
- **Call In's**: Scott Holland called in by P.D. (1 hr), accident on Washington (sign down); Bill Lamontagne called in for a tree down on Jackson Hill Rd. (1 hr.)
- **Tree Work**: Lake S, Knight House
- **Hot Patching**; Academy St, Great Falls Plaza, Fern St., Central Fire and Harmons Corner Rd.
- **Shoulder Work**: Broad, Hackett Rd, Old Danville, Fickett, Sopers Mills, Penley Corner Rd., Harmons Corner Rd. and South Witham Rd.
- **Sign Work**; Made and installed Neighborhood Watch Signs at the following areas; Dennison/Winter, Turner/Park, Old Danville/Danville Corner, Old Danville/Dunlap, Second/South Main, Broad/South Main (lower), Cook/South Main, Beckett/South Main, Reginald/South Main, Gosnold/South Main, Lafayette/South Main and Paul/South Main.
- **Other**: Dig Safe Markings On-going
 1. Sign Work GIS
 2. Trash runs (green space areas)
 3. Safety Sweep
 4. Repairing washout on Lake Street
 5. Grind Paint (Main St.)
 6. Pain Railings (Mill St.)

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7. 3 man crew filling in washed out/low shoulders finished Broad St, Harmons Corner Road, Pownal Road, and Fickett Road
 8. Pettengill park, removed pile of dirt on baseball field. Cleaned up around parks building (wood, fence, old sand bags,). Removed old propane lines and put Jersey Barriers around natural gas meter for protection. Assisted EPI with waste oil barrels. They also filled in some sink holes at Chestnut Park on the foot ball field
- **Permits;** excavation (private/right-of-way), fill, drive opening, pole permits etc.
 - Cold Weather Prep Training

Recreation

- Registrations continued for Flag Football and Pee Wee Soccer.
- Youth Football practices & games (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 three of the season continues on Saturday with Auburn teams competing against opponents from Lewiston.
- Youth Football practices (7-8th grade) continued. There are a total of 39 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 game two of their season on Saturday against opponents from Brunswick.
- Flag Football (1-2nd grade) began practices on Tuesday. In this program, players are introduced to the game of football. Participants will learn the basics of offense, defense, the line of scrimmage and other key elements of the game. Players practice twice a week and play games on Saturdays for a six-week season. There are a total of 29 players and 2 volunteer coaches in this division this season.
- All Youth Football game and practice schedules are available online, and can be found on www.teamsideline.com/auburnme
- Adult Softball Player's League, Middle Division playoffs concluded with the Championship game on Sunday. Main St Market faced Pepsi, with Main Street Market emerging victorious. A total of 15 teams and 240 players competed in this division this season.
- Pee Wee Soccer began on Sunday. This program is once again expertly instructed by members of the MPS Portland Phoenix Soccer Club. In this program, players are introduced to the basic techniques of soccer in a fun and positive environment. Emphasis is on learning through fun games and small-sided play. This season, a total of 65 participants are registered for the program.
- The annual resurfacing/curing process was completed on the Hasty gym floor, and was reopened for use on Monday.
- The 8th Annual Holiday Celebration/Parade of Lights planning process continued. December 3rd has been selected as the date for the event this year. Center Street Dental has again been secured as the premier event sponsor. The planning committee for the December 3rd annual L/A celebration would like to showcase the community's multitude of festivities in an effort to make Lewiston-Auburn a holiday destination spot! As such, organizations that wish to submit information pertaining to a December 2014 holiday event will benefit from print and online highlighting of their festivities. Submissions may be submitted to Lewiston's Community Relations Coordinator Dottie Perham-Whittier via www.lewistonmaine.gov/holidayla. Also discussed was the potential for a parade theme for

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the event. For more information on the parade or to obtain an application, contact Program Leader, Jeremy Gatcomb jgatcomb@auburnmaine.gov

- Planning for Fall programming continued.