

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 5, 2014

Auburn Public Library

- The Library has resumed our fall/winter hours. The Library is open: Mon: 9-8, Tue: 9-6, Wed: 9-6, Thu: 9-8, Fri: 9-6, Sat: 9-5.
- 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.
- The Library has been experiencing an increase in security issues. Four criminal trespass letters were issued this past week. APD's response has been fantastic and they are working with us to ensure we have even better security measures. We are already looking into a number of the measures suggested.
- Voting for the 2014 Maine Readers' Choice Award is open until the 15th. Readers are welcome to stop by the Library to vote or go to the Award's website for online voting. www.mainereaderschoiceaward.org
- Minot resident, Martha Stevens-David, is pleased to announce that she has just overseen the publication of her 4th book, Mainely Memories and she will be at the Library on Weds., 9/10, at 6 p.m. to do an exclusive book reading. "Mainely Memories" is a collection of short, humorous stories about life in the small Maine town of Minot and the northern town of Ashland in Aroostook County. A prolific writer, Mrs. David also has co-written the wonderful biography of Dr. Mary T. Dycio's bestselling book "My Life's Journey from Ukraine to Maine" in 2014. Dr. Mary will be on hand to share her experiences.
- Tweens are now invited to join us in the Teen Space on the 2nd floor on half-day Wednesdays from Noon until 2 p.m. We'll have crafts or board games available. Tweens can stop by and get a head start on homework! This program is just for tweens, ages 8-12.
- Technology assistance continues to be available with Maureen in our computer lab on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Thursdays with the techies from BestBuy from 2 to 3

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p.m. These are opportunities to stop by and have your tech questions answered in a no-pressure atmosphere and in a way that non-experts can understand.

- Kids are welcome to check out our “Crazy 8’s Math Club” on Thurs., 9/11, from 4 to 5 p.m. and our “4H Science Fun!” on Fri., 9/12, from 4 to 5 p.m.
- The Library’s knitting group resumes meeting on Mon., 9/8. It is an open group which meets from 5 to 7 p.m. Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of all interests and skill levels are invited to join. The group will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.
- 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.

CDBG

- Conducted financial analysis and provided loan modifications for two loan recipients who were behind in their loan payments.
- The Community Development Loan Committee approved four applications in July and August, \$48,900 from HOME funds and \$22,500 under CDBG. Two projects were for home purchase and rehab, and two were for rehab only.
- The Lewiston-Auburn Alliance of Services for the Homeless has been working on updating the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The process should help to refocus energy towards some solutions. The Committee selected two areas to work on: advocacy and skills leading to self-sufficiency.
- Reine Mynahan met with a representative of the Somalis and Dennis Lajoie of Community Concepts in an effort to bring resources for home purchase to the Muslim community. We are working on an approach to invite a small group of people to see if Community Concepts has a product that is acceptable, and start the education on what they must first do to enter the homeownership market.
- In the past 2 months, we have accepted 9 applications for assistance.

ICT

- Finalized workplan for data analysis to be used as part of the Agricultural Study. The data layers will be useful for this study, as well as for other future analysis.
- Completed two basemaps – Parcels and Zoning – for use in the new Parcel Viewer. Due to the physical area of Auburn, the creation of cached map tiles took in excess of six hours to complete.
- Assisted the City Clerk’s staff with publishing and posting of the Council Meeting Agenda Packet.
- Set up a workplace and account for the intern that will be working on the Ag Zone project.
- Worked with Public Services staff on refining their phone messages in response to an increase in recycling calls, and with the 911 CommCenter phones to add functionality.
- Rebuilt and upgraded a PC in the Electrical Division after a hardware failure.
- Assisted School Department staff in resolving their issues with the wireless projector in the Council Chambers. The School Department had upgraded the operating system in most of

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their newer Macs and it was no longer compatible with the software that came with the projector. A patch was located and installed, and the issues seem to have been resolved.

Fire

Administration

- Fire Officer Cadet Norbert Janek from The Main School of Fire Service (SGSP) arrived from Warsaw on Wednesday September 3rd. Cadet Janek will be with us and other communities till September 30th.

Prevention

- For the week of August 28 to September 3, the remaining schools were inspected.
- Follow up meetings with the owners of “The Barn” regarding security functions.
- Worked on a grant for an education trailer to teach children fire evacuation drills and senior fire safety.

Emergency Responses

- For the week of August 28 to September 3, we responded to 75 calls for service. These include, but are not limited to: 4 fire alarm calls, 3 fire calls including 1 second alarm structure fire,, 55 Emergency Medical calls, 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents and 6 service calls. We provided no mutual aid calls during this period, but received mutual aid from 7 communities for the second alarm fire.

Police

- The department handled 670 calls for service this week. Officers conducted 202 motor vehicle stops and 26 field interviews. Officers investigated 87 offenses of which, 10 of which were felonies, generating 24 arrests, 30 criminal summonses and 10 juvenile arrests. Officers responded to 31 motor vehicle crashes.
- Officer Scott Laliberte returned to work this week after his year-long deployment to Afghanistan. Laliberte is undergoing a two-week re-entry process with the Training Unit before he returns to the Patrol Division.
- Club Texas closed its’ doors for good on 08/28. The last night for them resulted in two arrests and required assistance from Lewiston Police to restore the peace at closing time.
- Sergeant Eric Audette attended a Human Trafficking Coalition meeting held in Lewiston. The coalition is working to find ways to better identify cases of HT and how best to streamline the process of helping the victims. Members include Non-governmental agencies, law enforcement and prosecutorial.

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Recreation

- Registrations continued for 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 two of the season continues on Saturday with Auburn teams competing against opponents from Bath and Brunswick.
- 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 one of their season on Saturday against opponents from Bath.
- 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 playoffs concluded with the Championship game. This game featured The Cage/Riverview Dental vs. Turnkey Homes/Varney Agency. The Cage emerged victorious in this contest taking home the playoff championship. A total of 8 teams and 125 players competed in this division this season.
- Adult Softball Player's League, Middle Division playoffs continued. The Championship game will be held this coming Sunday. A total of 15 teams and 240 players competed in this division this season.
- Adult Softball Player's League, Lower Division playoffs concluded with the Championship game. Fastenal squared off against J Mac's Concrete, with Fastenal securing the victory and taking home the title. A total of 10 teams and 170 players competed in this division this season.
- Staff conducted an Adult Dodgeball Referee's meeting on Wednesday. Dodgeball is back for a Fall session and better than ever! With input from participants, some adjustments have been made to improve the game play. Space is limited to 12 teams in this program, so don't wait, signup today!
- Pee Wee Soccer will begin this coming Sunday. This program will once again be expertly instructed by members of the MPS Portland Phoenix Soccer Club. In this program, players will be introduced to the basic techniques of soccer in a fun and positive environment. Emphasis will be on learning through fun games and small-sided play. This season, a total of 56 participants are registered for the program.
- Planning for Fall programming continued.