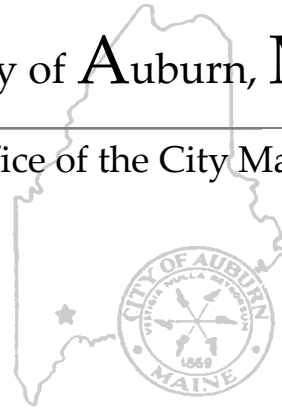


City of Auburn, Maine

Office of the City Manager



TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Howard Kroll, City Manager
RE: Weekly Report
DATE: Weeks Ending February 13 and 20, 2015

Assessing

- Joe is reviewing and updating all the personal property mailing material for more user friendly formats
- Joe had two residential inspections
- Joe is working with Patriot and Paul Fraser to get ready for upgrades to the CAMA system
- Karen is working on setting up the BOAR hearing for Gendron & Gendron for the end of March.
- Karen worked on reviewing the values of the Vincent Square & Rivershore Place LIHTC projects
- Karen met with Alan M. to discuss ways to work together when we interact with business owners to educate them on available programs and personal property assessments
- Joe is working on interior permit inspections
- Joe continues to work with Patriot and Paul Fraser to get ready for upgrades to the CAMA system
- Joe completed the Sales Ratio Study and forwarded it to the Maine Revenue
- Karen worked on Falcon Creek subdivision values
- Karen met with Frank O'Hara to discuss a project he is working on for the Mayor
- Katelyn began loading the December declarations of value

Auburn Public Library

- The Library will be closed on Mon., 2/16, for the Presidents Day holiday.
- The Library's Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Weds., 2/18, at 7:30 a.m.
- The Library's programs associated with the City's Winter Festival were well received. Three snowmen were made. The storytime and movie offered by the Children's Department were well attended. Mamie Ney was responsible for postings on the Festival's website page. Next year's Festival will be held the weekend of Jan. 29th.
- The monthly staff meeting was held on Weds., 2/11. A significant amount of community outreach is occurring and the staff is taking the initiative to establish these programs.
- Our upcoming programs include:

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- L/A Film Forum: Mon., 2/23, at 6 p.m. This session will feature the classic Richard Burton/Ava Gardner film “The Night of the Iguana.”
- Tweens D-I-Y: Weds., 2/25, at 4 p.m. Make a Bristlebot! Tweens are invited to join Miss Heather and create a Bristlebot (a fun moving creature) from a toothbrush, motor, and watch battery. All materials are provided by the library. Space is limited so please call the library at 333-6640 ext.3 to register or register online.
- Coffee Talk: Real Estate Questions and Answers. Thurs., 2/26, at 10 a.m. Interested in looking for a home but do not know where to begin? Wondering what your credit score is and what impact that has on your buying a home? Do you want to sell your home but have questions? Should I Buy.....Should I build? Should I save? Join in as we discuss Real Estate questions and concerns. Realtor Janice Jannetty will have information to share about steps to take to make your dream happen. Linda Thibault, Loan Officer at Northeast Bank, will also help answer any questions you have about securing a loan or refinancing your current mortgage.
- Teen Life Skills - Healthy Relationships: Thurs., 2/26, at 3 p.m. This concludes the Teen Dating Violence Awareness programs for February. Teens 13 through 18 are invited to join us for “Game Show: Relationship Jeopardy!”
- The annual indoor Farmers Market will be held on Fri., 2/27, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come join us for a variety of agricultural and craft offerings.
- 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.
- The Library was closed on Mon., 2/16, for the Presidents Day holiday. We have not had any additional storm-related closings.
- The Library’s Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on Weds., 2/18. Debora Cleveland, head of Children’s Services, gave an update on the department’s programs and staffing. They are involved in new initiatives that target older children, such as the Young Engineers Club and the Crazy 8’s Math Club.
- The Library is a write-in candidate for Bangor Savings Bank Foundation’s Community Matters More campaign in hopes of sharing in the \$100,000 being given to community groups around the State. Please go to the Bank’s website vote for the Library and two other local organizations.
- The Library has submitted a grant request to Bank of America to support financial education programming for teens through retirees. Thanks to Susan Geismar, Marty Gagnon, Donna Wallace, and Debbie Cleveland for putting this application together.
- The Library’s February vacation programs have been successful. Chewonki Foundation’s Batmobile program drew over 100 people. In addition to this there have been special storytimes, parachute play, Lego play, and movies for children. There were hot cocoa snowmen, a teen healthy relationships session, and a gaming hour for teens.
- Tweens are reminded that the Teen Space is available to them on early-release days from Noon until 2 p.m.
- The annual Farmers Market is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Fri., 2/27. There will be vendors and demonstrations throughout the first floor. The focus is on local, fresh, and fun. Kids are invited to come and make a birdfeeder. There is no admission fee.
- Our upcoming programs include:
 - On Mon., 3/2, at 1 p.m. our book discussion group, The Auburn Page Turners, will review “The Art Forger” by B.A. Shapiro. It is the fictional re-telling of the 1990 theft of nearly \$500 million in art works from Boston’s Isabella Stewart Gardner

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Museum with a very interesting twist. Copies of the book are available at the Library. Please contact Adult Services at 207-333-6650 x 4 for additional information.

- Teens! Anime Club - Get animated over anime! Teens, ages 12-18, can drop in to talk about their favorite (or least favorite) manga, watch this week's selection of anime, and try your hand at drawing your own characters. The group will meet in the Androscoggin Community Room on Weds., 3/4, at 4 p.m.
- Registration is open for Crazy 8's Math Club, which is back for another fun session of creative and entertaining math activities. Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to join us for an 8 week session of Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's Math Club on Thursday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. in the Maggie Trafton Program Room. Get excited about math with cool activities like Color Crush, Double Trouble and Ninja Training. Kids will build stuff, make a mess and have a great time discovering just how cool math can be! Space is limited so please call the library at 333-6640 ext.3 or use our online registration form to register. The first session will be on Thurs., 3/5.

City Clerk

- Issued 6 Taxi driver licenses
- Worked on Sole Proprietor Spreadsheet
- Issued 8 business licenses (7 renewals and 1 new) and received 4 renewal applications
- Scanned and filed 199 voter registration cards
- Cancelled 104 voters (moved or deceased)
- Issued 13 birth certificates, 96 death certificates, 5 marriage certificates, 4 marriage licenses, and 21 burial permits
- Prepared agenda packet for 2/23/15, prepared packet for 2/18/15 Appointment Committee meeting
- Sue Clements-Dallaire met with the Appointment Committee Wednesday evening
- Nomination papers for the 2 vacant School Committee seats became available on February 9th. Two individuals have taken out papers.

Community Development

- Yvette Bouttenot is working 2 potential homebuyers who are interested in purchasing a share in Raise-Op, a cooperative housing development in Lewiston. A share means they will have control of the apartment they live in and will build equity. The building will be undergoing rehabilitation and lead remediation with funding from Coastal Enterprises and the City of Lewiston. The applicants have enrolled in the HOME Savings Account to prepare for the down payment for their share. The City of Lewiston will match their savings 2:1. The City of Auburn administers the Homebuyer Program for the HOME Consortium whereby we provide services to process applications as well as credit and debt counseling for the clients.
- The Citizens Advisory Committee reconsidered the goals and strategies for the 5-year Consolidated Plan—the document which sets the priorities for spending Community Development and HOME funds. They recommended several changes. These changes will be incorporated into a new document to be voted on via email. This was the final meeting for development of the Consolidated Plan. The Citizens Advisory Committee will meet again in a few weeks to review the annual budget.

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- The Community Development Loan Committee approved an \$18,000 application to address safety issues. The couple lives on Social Security benefits and one of the owners will soon be restricted to a wheel chair. Renovations include several adaptations that will allow the wife to remain in her home rather than enter a nursing home. The benefits to this project are not only addressing the needs of this household, but also savings to taxpayers.
- Hal Barter attended a 2-day training to prepare for the role he will play in implementation of the Lead Hazard Control Grant for both Auburn and Lewiston. The training was the first step in Hal being certified to conduct the 29-point Healthy Homes Rating System inspection on units being considered for a lead grant. The 29-point inspection is a new initiative that is mandated by HUD for all lead grants, and it appears this type of inspection will be required for all rehab projects in the future.
- Hal Barter conducted an initial inspection of a City of Lewiston property under the Homeowner Rehab Program. Auburn Community Development will be providing the staffing for all Homebuyer and Homeowner Rehab Program projects for both cities. Through the inspection Hal has identified all improvements that must be done to meet the Auburn Consortium's Housing Standards.
- The Community Development and HOME allocations have been released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This year's allocations are reduced from last year, although they are a less significant drop than in the past few years. The Community Development grant for FY2015 is \$521,295 compared to \$530,912 in FY2014, and a HOME grant of \$332,327 compared to \$364,163 in FY2014.
- Reine Mynahan met with Planning Decisions consultants Frank O'Hara and Sarah Curran and Lincoln Jeffers, City of Lewiston, to wrap up with changes to the draft Consolidated Plan. There are many strategies where the cities share a common direction. Since the City of Auburn is the lead agency in the HOME Consortium, Auburn's Consolidated Plan will incorporate the entire document for Community Development funding strategies for the City of Lewiston.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development has release the hold on drawdown of HOME funds that was caused by a monitoring finding.

Economic Development

- Finalized Form-Based Code PowerPoint presentation for 2/10 Planning Board Workshop;
- Engaged in 1st Draft Form-Based Code internal staff review sessions in preparation for 2/10 Planning Board Workshop;
- Contacted both EDA Project Engineer (Philadelphia Office) and Power Engineers, Inc. Project Representative to determine and communicate status of "Dingley Pooled Wetland Mitigation Site" Project (Auburn Industrial Park) construction contract review and approval process;
- Reviewed and processed Gendron & Gendron construction invoice for Auburn Industrial Park;
- Attended and interviewed participating employers at the 2/9 Monthly Job Fair at the Lewiston Career Center;
- Attended 2/9 Auburn City Council Workshop & Meeting;
- Conducted Form-Based Code Presentation & Workshop for Auburn Planning Board on 2/10;
- Reviewed, finalized and submitted proposed 2015-2016 Auburn Economic Development Department Budget;

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- Engaged in post-2/10 Planning Board Workshop Form-Based Code internal staff review session in preparation for 2nd Form-Based Code Draft production and next upcoming Planning Board Workshop;
- Begin production of 2nd Draft of Form-Based Code;
- Begin planning & scheduling for Center Street corridor small local business visitation and disposition program;
- Conducted New Auburn small, local business visitations including All About U Salon, Firehouse Grill, Auburn Pawn, Curry Printing & Marketing, & Always Fresh LaRoche's Seafood;
- Participated in the Minot Ave./Elm Street corridor gateway improvement meeting;
- Followed-up with John Lyons, President of A&L Labs regarding the possible provision of financing to acquire new Ion Chromatograph technical instrument in support of Auburn-based business expansion. Received and reviewed current instrument license agreement to determine possible acquisition financing options.
- Composed reformat of 1st Draft Downtown Auburn/ New Auburn Form-Based Code for 2/18 submission to Auburn Planning Board in preparation for 2/23 Workshop;
- Engaged in 2nd Draft Form-Based Code Graphic/Illustrative Panel sections redesign & production;
- Engaged in construction contract approval discussion with EDA Project Engineer (Philadelphia Office) & selected design & construction firm (Power Engineers, Inc.) for Auburn Industrial Park "Dingley Pooled Wetland Mitigation Site" Project; EDA approval confirmed upon completion of minor wording modifications to RFP document;
- Scheduled and met with Ex. Dir. Of Museum L/A to review, determine & report outstanding account balance for St Louis Bell public fundraising to City Manager;
- Scheduled and met with owner of Munroe Inn Bed & Breakfast at 123 Pleasant St., Downtown Auburn, to discuss and gain enhanced understanding of business conditions, business clientele, downtown neighborhood conditions, property value, and downtown business expansion opportunities;
- Scheduled and met with Julia Lauver, Manager of Physician Recruitment for CMCC, to discuss interest, needs and prospects for new, high-quality, market-rate residential developments in Downtown Auburn for local physicians and medical professionals;
- Participated in municipal interdepartmental Plan Review meeting;
- Contacted Ravi Sharma, Mgr. of Parks & Recreation to schedule meeting in order for Economic Development Dept. to provide assistance and support for the redevelopment, marketing & advertising of the Ingersoll Arena; meeting scheduled for 2/24 at 10:00AM at Parks & Rec office;
- Schedule and met with Tim Holden, Gen. Mgr. of Norway Savings Bank Ice Arena on 2/19 in order for Economic Development Dept. to provide enhanced assistance, support, community-connectivity, and efforts for the marketing, advertising, and production of economic impact data for the new sports facility;
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" at Great Falls Insurance Co. in Downtown Auburn on 2/19;
- Finalizing planning & scheduling for the "Center Street Corridor Business Visitation" effort, scheduled to begin 2/25;
- Initiated research on past Auburn "Economic Achievement Awards" for upcoming LAEGC Awards Dinner;

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- Engaged in preliminary discussions with colleagues at New England Chapter of the Congress for New Urbanism to begin prospective planning for “Build Maine Conference II” scheduled for May 2015 in Lewiston/Auburn;

Finance

Finance Director:

- Completed draft CIP for joint meeting with School Department on Monday, February 23rd.
- Attended Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting to provide information to the committee.
- Continue work on salaries and fringe benefits for the proposed FY 16 budget.
- Met with the Assessor and Tax Collector to discuss the reorganization and develop and schedule training for the tax department staff.

The Facilities /Purchasing Manager has been working on various projects (listed below):

- Several discussions/ meetings involving Ingersoll, bid evaluation, funding needs, legal
- Mechanical controls work and upgrades at Public Works to begin next week
- Public Works Lighting Project near completion
- Hasty Windows project underway
- Working on Hasty Kitchen Remodel, kitchen equipment delivered
- Held pre construction meeting for destructive testing on Central Slab Floor, testing begins on Monday, February 23rd.
- Retro-Commissioning Study for Engine 5 complete
- Message Board Project near completion
- Submitted Budget
- Scheduled construction of Security Wall in General Assistance area, work began
- Blizzard related issues
- Updating work plan and vendor contract list
- Attended Meeting on Increasing Natural Gas supply to New England

Tax Office:

- The focus this week has been continuing work on outstanding personal property taxes. Staff has been gathering contact information, making phone calls, etc to determine if the businesses still exist and working on payment arrangements to clear up delinquent taxes.

Fire

- FPO O’Connell investigated an unsafe living condition situation which one of our crews discovered while on a call the previous evening. As a result, the building which had no appropriate services had to be plaque carded and the department assisted the occupant with relocating.
- Engine 5 station hosted visits from the Temple Shalom preschool, providing an educational program of fire safety for children.
- The department was very busy with calls as a result of the several snow events this past week.
- FPO O’Connell performed an occupancy inspection for several local businesses.
- FPO O’Connell completed the final inspection for the new Café at the airport.
- Deputy Allen represented the Fire Department at the dedication of the memorials for the victims of the Lacoste Nursery fire which occurred 70 years ago. Cub Scout Pack 111 did an excellent job of acquiring appropriate memorial stones for all the unmarked graves of the

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victims. DC Allen gave a presentation of how this and other tragedies have brought about change to provide for the safety of our citizens.

- Crews continued refresher training on Hazardous Materials Operations level training and CPR recertification, a program taught by internal instructors.
- For the week of February 5th to February 11th, we responded to 114 calls for service. These include, but are not limited to: 6 fire alarm call, 3 fire calls, one cooking, 2 chimney fires, 77 Emergency Medical calls, 13 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 9 with injuries, 9 service calls and 6 Hazardous Condition calls, and 1 RIT call to Lewiston. We provided 1 mutual aid assistance and received no mutual aids during this period. We also provided 1 EMS Mutual Aid call to Turner during this period.
- FPO O'Connell investigated a possible illegal basement apartment. Investigation revealed it was illegal, situation being handled by FPO and Code Enforcement.
- Rescue 5 and Truck 1, along with 315, responded to a work place accident at the Auburn Mall. A worker fell through a skylight in the roof and was critically injured. APD and OSHA are conducting an investigation.
- Crews attended training this week on rope rescue operations.
- DC Allen attended a meeting to discuss interoperability of our radio systems.
- DC Allen met with Derek Boulanger and engineers to discuss the testing of repair options for the Central Station floor issue.
- Crews continued refresher training on Hazardous Materials Operations level training and CPR recertification, a program taught by internal instructors.
- For the week of February 12th to February 18th, we responded to 92 calls for service. These include, but are not limited to: 8 fire alarm call, 1 fire call (chimney fire), 52 Emergency Medical calls, 11 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 7 with injuries, 11 service calls and 9 Hazardous Condition calls. We provided no mutual aid assistance and received no mutual aids during this period. We also provided 2 EMS Mutual Aid calls.

Health and Social Services

- We are seeing an increase in Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) applying for food assistance. They lost their SNAP benefits in January and one trip a month to the food pantry is not sufficient to meet their daily needs. ABAWDs that lost their SNAP benefits can regain them on a month to month basis if they volunteer (about 26 hours a month) for a nonprofit or for-profit organization, do workfare or work at a job at least 20 hours a week.
- I went to Westbrook on Friday to teach a GA basic class put on by MWDA to a number of new GA administrators.
- Community Cords YTD expenditures so far, \$3413.00 we still have a few more weeks of heating to put up with.
- Construction has started this week in our waiting area; this will give clients more privacy when talking about confidential things and will also provide staff with security in the event a disorderly individual wants to come in.

Human Resources

- The deadline closed for recruitment for Firefighter/Paramedics. The City received 28 applications. The HR Department is working with Deputy Chief Allen to coordinate the physical agility test.

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- Charles Toomey, currently a Parks Maintenance Worker has been promoted to Equipment Operator. Charles has been working closely with the Public Services operations since the merger of the Parks Maintenance Division and has a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) required to operate the equipment.
- Stuart Cushman was hired as a Parks Maintenance Worker to replace Charles Toomey. Stuart has 10 of years experience at the Portland Public Works Department.
- Deb Grimmig attended a Human Resources Group meeting in Freeport. Ann Charles of MMA Wellness Works presented information on implementing and maintaining effective employee wellness programs.

ICT

- Spent the better part of three days attempting to solve a problem with GIS data downloaded from MapAuburn. Early in our mobile data collection efforts we experienced a file lock on our mobile devices that required assistance from the software company. Last week we discovered an additional problem, buried in the data structure. We were able to correct the problem and restore the data.
- Created a new Staff version of the MapAuburn Parcel viewer that provides additional search and selection criteria, as well as includes additional map layers. Three users are testing the site and the documentation. We hope to roll the new viewer out to everyone soon.
- Participated in a conference call to define the parameters for a map for inclusion on public kiosks. The kiosks will be located in both Auburn and Lewiston, so will require a single, seamless map. While we are still working to determine the final specifications, both cities agreed to use the same cartography used in our MapAuburn basemap. We have provided Lewiston with a template so that they can verify their data configuration.
- Fulfilled a request by Auburn PD to determine the census block group and tract designations for two lists of addresses. GIS analysis allowed us to programmatically determine the information for the entire list, rather than look up each address individually.
- Created draft maps of the Airport to the Airport Manager and Event Planner area for event planning.
- Staff participated in the Discovery phase of the Tyler Content Management project with Finance staff and the implementer from MUNIS. When complete, this will provide a quite robust document management solution.
- We are working with Cardinal Tracking to resolve some issues in the parking ticket management program.
- Staff engineered, and procured the components for, the electronic display board project for Auburn Hall. We will be using some concepts from the Norway Savings Bank Arena (thank you, Jason Paquin!) to replace the plastic letter boards with a more attractive solution that will also be easier to update/maintain.
- This week the Switchboard alerted us to a potential problem with our phones and the Emergency 911 system. It appears that some phone extensions may not be reporting the correct address to the 911 dispatchers. For example, a phone that was moved from Auburn Hall to Public Services still sends a location address of 60 Court Street, and a phone that moved from Pettingill Park to the NSB Ice Arena is still sending its old address. Many of our newer extensions seem to be reporting as 60 Court St, even if they're located at other buildings. It has been several years since we'd gotten everything straightened out, and it seems that some of our location changes are not being reflected in the outgoing call data. We'll be working with Ray Lussier, Oxford Networks, New England Communication and

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the CommCenter to figure what happened and how to fix it. We will also be addressing what role our Auburn Hall Switchboard Operator should have when a 911 call is made.

- All the components for the Lobby displays have arrived, and we should have those mounted and configured by the end of next week. The Electrical Division provided outlets at both locations, and Rick Duchesneau has mounted the swivel arms.
- Revised the GIS Protocol document based on feedback from staff who are currently working with GIS. The revisions will incorporate user roles defined within MapAuburn. The protocol will be presented to the GIS Steering Committee for final approval, and rolled out to staff in the coming weeks.
- Worked on revisions to geodatabase of Culvert data (including photos) collected by Public Works Staff. This was our first attempt at using tablets for a full data collection. The effort was successful by nearly all accounts, but due to a glitch that has since been solved for future efforts, the photos for the first collection cannot be easily related to the data records. We are working on better understanding the process and developing a solution.
- Working with Public Services, staff began putting together a new system for categorizing and mapping our sidewalk plow routes that will integrate with the current plow routes.

Planning

- Cavu Café, was issued a restaurant license on February 10, 2015 and had a soft opening on February 11, 2015. Chef Molly Hill said in a Sun Journal Article that she hopes to challenge Auburn's palate a bit, offering her twists on comfort food: an albacore and Swiss cheese tuna melt or macaroni and cheese made with curly noodles and Gouda cheese.
- The Board of Appeals will meet on March 19 for a workshop regarding the ordinance that established the Board and their policies and procedures. Similar to the Planning Board, I suspect that they will ask the Council to amend the ordinance to promote membership, public involvement and any other concerns identified by the Board. It can be a major challenge to find people willing to volunteer to serve important functions like those of the Board of Appeals and because of their infrequent meetings and extensive learning curve for the variety of duties, staff hopes the Board will recommend either longer terms or to allow members in good standing to be reappointed as many times as the Council decides that they should be.
- Form Based Code- The draft Form Based Code is now being reviewed by the Planning Board and Staff. The Planning Board had their first review of the draft on Tuesday, February 10 and will reconvene at a workshop on Monday, February 23rd. This is an implementation item in the Comprehensive Plan.
- New Auburn- Eric Cousens and Doug Greene made a presentation to the City Council on February 9th regarding the final adoption of the New Auburn Village Center Plan and to request funding for the design of the planned Riverway Road and its coordination with the adjacent Greenway design. The Council will be asked to act on the requests on February 17th. This is an implementation item in the Comprehensive Plan.
- The City Planner is preparing sketch designs for the Minot Avenue gateway entrance into downtown. This is an implementation item in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Doug and the Planning Board are working on a Text Amendment to create a new zone that will allow multi-family development in a suburban setting. This is an implementation item in the Comprehensive Plan and will accommodate market demand that we are aware of for this type of housing.

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- The City Planner attended a meeting with City Staff and Edward Little High School officials to discuss ways for students to help in actual city projects.
- The City Planner will meet with the director of Maine's AARP Aging in Place program to discuss potential for Auburn's participation. This relates to an implementation item in the Comprehensive Plan.

Police

- The department handled 1,384 calls for service during this time period.
- Officers conducted 371 motor vehicle stops and 66 field interviews.
- Officers investigated 139 offenses of which, 10 of which were felonies, generating 34 arrests, 44 criminal summonses and 7 juvenile arrests.
- Officers responded to 133 motor vehicle crashes.

Public Services

- 2015 Broad Street Mill & Fill Project-project bid last week
- 2015 Demolition Project- abatement survey bids next week
- 2015 Reclamation Project- project out to bid next week
- 2015 Reconstruction Project- in design phase
- Perkins Ridge Road Culvert Replacement- in design phase
- Stormwater Compliance- ongoing
- Mechanics and crew were busy performing maintenance on trucks, building tires and chains
- Crews are working very hard, removing snow in parts of the City, this has been a challenge due to traffic during the 3:00-11:00 time period.
- Plowed for a Sunday, Monday storm and continued to remove snow according to our priority list.
- Our carpenter Dj Sjostrom has had his hands full responding to mailbox repair requests
- Crews spot sanded icy roads in Auburn as well as area sidewalks including downtown.
- The Inventory Technician, Walter Reynolds has been stepping up to cover empty plow trucks. Good team work!
- Crews were busy restocking the sand and salt shed as well as sidewalk tractors.
- Excavation Technician investigated all emergency dig safe calls.
- Our second shift employees Ed Nemethy and Brian Lothrop continue responding to afterhours requests and emergency calls from the com center.
- Snow removal. Plowing storms Saturday into Sunday and Thursday snow removal Monday and Tuesday
- The facilities crew have stepped up once again filling vacancies during storm operations and snow picking.
- A shout out to second shift building tech Ed Nemethy for stepping up during snow removal operations
- We continue our snow removal program. We did deviate for a day and gave some much needed attention to new auburn.
- Crews worked on the school ice rinks
- Mechanics and crew were busy performing maintenance on trucks, building tires and chains
- Crews were busy restocking the sand and salt shed as well as sidewalk tractors.
- 2015 Reclamation Project- Pre-bid meeting 2/19/2015
- 2015 Reconstruction Project- neighborhood meeting scheduled March 3rd

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- 2015 Mill & Fill Project- to be awarded to Glidden Excavating & Paving
- 2015 Demolition Project- abatement survey in progress
- Perkins Ridge Road Culvert- in design
- Stormwater Compliance- ongoing

Recreation

- Registrations opened for Youth Lacrosse, grades 3-8. Lacrosse has become one of the fastest growing sports in the nation, and teams can be found at the professional, collegiate, high school, and recreation levels all around the country. Players will be introduced to skills, drills, techniques, and rules of the game, in addition to a regular practice schedule and full game schedule beginning in late April.
- Registrations continued for Adult Dodgeball. The fast-paced and action-packed game of dodgeball is back! Teams will participate in a 6 week regular season, culminating with a single elimination playoff tournament. Space in this program is limited, signup today!
- Youth Indoor Soccer, ages 4-7 continued and will conclude on Sunday. In this six week 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. Other skills such as communication and sportsmanship will also be incorporated. Currently, a total of 46 players are registered for the program.
- Practices and games continued for 1-6th grade youth basketball players. Currently, a total of 170 players are registered in this age group.
- Practices and games continued for 7-12th grade youth basketball players. Currently, a total of 100 players are registered in this age group.
- Practice and game schedules are available online for both youth and adult basketball: www.teamsideline.com/auburnme
- Adult Men's basketball games continued with the regular season concluding this week. A total of 24 teams are registered in the league this season. Approximately 288 players participate in this league.
- Adult Women's basketball games continued with the regular season concluding this week. A total of 6 teams are registered in the league this season. Approximately 72 players participate in this league.
- Pickleball has continued to be a big hit as week 19 of the program continued. Pickleball is a tennis-styled sport that is played on a badminton sized court indoors or outdoors. The "Pickleball" is a plastic ball with holes that is served, volleyed, and rallied back and forth over a net using a wooden paddle. As of Thursday, there have been 306 participants, with new members coming in each day of the program. Pickleball will take place every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-11:00am in the Hasty Community Center Gymnasium. The fee is \$2.00 for Auburn Residents and \$3.00 for Non-Residents.
- Youth open gym continued. This free after school program is for Auburn students and runs Monday-Friday from 2:30 – 4:15 PM.
- The 2015 Auburn Winter Festival took place on Friday, February 6th, and concluded on Sunday, February 8th. With plenty of snow and a cooperative weather pattern, Festival events and activities were well attended from all accounts. Some activities included: sledding, snowmobile rides, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice skating, ice sculptures, torchlight parade, music, movies and more! Look for the Festival again next year on these dates: January 29-31, 2016

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- Auburn Recreation is pleased to present Maine Red Claws Game Night! Get ready for the best basketball in New England right in your back yard with the NBADL Maine Red Claws. If you have never been to a Red Claws game, this is the perfect opportunity to take in some high-level basketball. Buy your discounted \$6 tickets at the Auburn Recreation Department, but don't wait, we have a limited amount of tickets available. Game day is Saturday, February 28th, 7:00PM at the Portland Expo Building. Transportation is not provided for this event.
- Haven't been skiing or snowboarding before and want to give it a try? This opportunity is a great way to do so at a discounted rate! Auburn Recreation is pleased to offer discounted Lost Valley all-day lift tickets for the price of \$25. Regular cost is \$40. To purchase tickets, stop by the Auburn Recreation office, Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.
- Auburn Recreation is also offering Portland Dine Around Memberships for the discounted rate of \$25! Regular cost is \$29.95. This membership includes many options – new locations, old favorites, and many opportunities to try something different. By becoming a member, you will have access to discounts at over 300 restaurants, entertainment & sporting venues, more lunch promotions, more weekend usage, and more coupons! The best part is, this membership can pay for itself with only 2-3 times of use. For more information, or to purchase your membership, stop by the Auburn Recreation office, Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.
- Staff attended a Recreation & Special Events Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday evening.
- Staff continued work on the FY16 budget.
- Planning for upcoming youth and adult programs continued.
- Registrations opened for Recess Warriors, ages 4-7. Recess Warriors is a five week program that will consist of a new activity each week and will allow children to take part in a variety of games. Activities will range from a classic game such as soccer, to a playground favorite like capture the flag.
- Registrations continued for Youth Lacrosse, grades 3-8. Lacrosse has become one of the fastest growing sports in the nation, and teams can be found at the professional, collegiate, high school, and recreation levels all around the country. Players will be introduced to skills, drills, techniques, and rules of the game, in addition to a regular practice schedule and full game schedule beginning in late April.
- Registrations continued for Adult Dodgeball. The fast-paced and action-packed game of dodgeball is back! Teams will participate in a 6 week regular season, culminating with a single elimination playoff tournament. Space in this program is limited, signup today!
- Games continued for 1-6th grade youth basketball players, with the conclusion of the program on Saturday. Currently, a total of 170 players are registered in this age group.
- Games continued for 7-12th grade youth basketball players, with the conclusion of the program on Saturday. Currently, a total of 100 players are registered in this age group.
- Practice and game schedules are available online for both youth and adult basketball: www.teamsideline.com/auburnme
- Adult Men's basketball games continued with the playoffs beginning this week. A total of 24 teams are registered in the league this season. Approximately 288 players participate in this league.
- Adult Women's basketball games continued with the playoffs beginning this week. A total of 6 teams are registered in the league this season. Approximately 72 players participate in this league.

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- Pickleball has continued to be a big hit as week 20 of the program continued. Pickleball is a tennis-styled sport that is played on a badminton sized court indoors or outdoors. The “Pickleball” is a plastic ball with holes that is served, volleyed, and rallied back and forth over a net using a wooden paddle. As of Thursday, there have been 312 participants, with new members coming in each day of the program. Pickleball will take place every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-11:00am in the Hasty Community Center Gymnasium. The fee is \$2.00 for Auburn Residents and \$3.00 for Non-Residents.
- Youth open gym continued. This free after school program is for Auburn students and runs Monday-Friday from 2:30 – 4:15 PM.
- Auburn Recreation is pleased to present Maine Red Claws Game Night! Get ready for the best basketball in New England right in your back yard with the NBADL Maine Red Claws. If you have never been to a Red Claws game, this is the perfect opportunity to take in some high-level basketball. Buy your discounted \$6 tickets at the Auburn Recreation Department, but don’t wait, we have a limited amount of tickets available. Game day is Saturday, February 28th, 7:00PM at the Portland Expo Building. Transportation is not provided for this event.
- Haven’t been skiing or snowboarding before and want to give it a try? This opportunity is a great way to do so at a discounted rate! Auburn Recreation is pleased to offer discounted Lost Valley all-day lift tickets for the price of \$25. Regular cost is \$40. To purchase tickets, stop by the Auburn Recreation office, Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.
- Auburn Recreation is also offering Portland Dine Around Memberships for the discounted rate of \$25! Regular cost is \$29.95. This membership includes many options – new locations, old favorites, and many opportunities to try something different. By becoming a member, you will have access to discounts at over 300 restaurants, entertainment & sporting venues, more lunch promotions, more weekend usage, and more coupons! The best part is, this membership can pay for itself with only 2-3 times of use. For more information, or to purchase your membership, stop by the Auburn Recreation office, Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.
- Staff attended a Council Workshop & Meeting on Tuesday evening.
- Planning for upcoming youth and adult programs continued.