

## City of Auburn, Maine

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#### INVITATION

What: 1<sup>st</sup> Auburn Round Table DiscussionWhere: Auburn City Hall, Council Chambers

**When:** Tuesday, February 7, 2017 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

**Why:** Opportunity to Share Ideas, Connect and Collaborate

**Who:** Residential Multi-unit Property Owners

You are invited to attend a presentation and participate in a round table discussion of what's happening in the City of Auburn, especially as it relates to housing and you as an owner of multiple residential units in our city.

### Specifically, you will:

- Learn about new programs created to stimulate economic growth for small businesses and engage neighborhoods in revitalization efforts
- Find out how Auburn's Economic and Community Development Staff can help with upgrades to your rental property.

#### Most importantly:

• We want to hear from you! Please come and share your thoughts with city staff about what we can do to improve quality of life for you and your tenants in a community that is looking to develop its downtown and surrounding neighborhoods into thriving areas for business and residential use, expand recreational enjoyment of the beautiful Androscoggin River area and attract world class businesses that pay salaries that will entice employees to want to live, work and play in Auburn.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts, and we hope that you will be excited to attend and forge a relationship with the staff that will form the base for moving the City of Auburn forward into increased economic vitality. Auburn is a great alternative to the Portland area with affordable home prices, abundant recreational opportunities and easy access to the turnpike.

Please RSVP to Linda Cohen at <u>lcohen@auburnmaine.gov</u> no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.



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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 5 P.M. TO 7 P.M. AUBURN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1. GREETING, INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS MAYOR LABONTE
- 2. AUBURN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW
  - A) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
    - STAR PROGRAM
    - Neighborhood Challenge Grant
    - HOME PROGRAM
    - CBDG PROGRAM
  - B) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HOW IT IMPACTS YOU AS A PROPERTY OWNER
- 3. PLANNING, PERMITTING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT
  - PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE- MULTI-AGENCY REVIEW OF PLANS
  - CITY DELEGATED REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LARGE PROJECTS (SITE LAW, STORMWATER AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENT PERMITS)
  - Code Enforcement Issues
- 4. AUBURN PROJECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
  - A) NEW AUBURN VILLAGE CENTER PLAN
  - B) DOWNTOWN, FORM BASED CODE AND INFILL DEVELOPMENT
  - c) Neighborhood Revitalization, Low Cost of Housing
  - D) POSSIBLE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- 5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
  - A) WHAT YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGES AS A LANDLORD?
  - B) BARRIERS TO FURTHER INVESTMENT?
  - C) WHAT ARE AUBURN'S BEST ASSETS?
  - D) WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM US?
  - E) WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER?
  - F) HOW CAN CITY PROGRAMS BE IMPROVED TO SUPPORT YOU?
  - G) NEXT STEPS?

Note: In case of inclement weather on February 7<sup>th</sup>, the back-up date is Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>