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AUBURN PUBLIC SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

AUBURN, ME. – The City of Auburn Public Services Department will participate in the Androscoggin County celebration of National Public Works Week, a family-friendly event planned by the Maine Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

For one week each year, the Maine Chapter of the American Public Works Association welcomes the opportunity to provide fun activities for the public and discuss the work they do. The Association notes that public works in the 21st century means so much more than plowing roads. Across the State of Maine, dedicated professionals conduct a range of essential jobs, from providing safe drinking water to managing recycling programs, from tree planting to hazardous waste collection. The goal of the Association is to improve the quality of life for all residents, leading to stronger, more vibrant, and economically secure communities.

This year's theme, *"Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow,"* focuses on communities. "Building" refers to the day-to-day aspect of public works meant to provide everyday quality of life in our community, while "Planning" references the sustainable practices that ensure quality of life for our future generations.

Local activities are scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Auburn Mall located at 550 Center Street. Families are encouraged to bring their children

to explore dump trucks and graders, participate in games and receive toy hard hats and balloons. Other giveaways include door prizes consisting of local, retail gift cards.

Demonstrations and displays will be provided by the Auburn Public Services Department as well as Public Works Departments from Sabattus, Turner and other surrounding communities. This event is a great opportunity for residents to observe what's being done to enhance their local communities. For additional information regarding the event, residents may contact Auburn Public Services Planner, Jaclyn Beebe at jbeebe@auburnmaine.gov.

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