



City of Auburn, Maine Public Works Department

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Auburn: The City of Auburn, Public Works 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.

This year's theme, "***Because of Public Works***", is about the quality of life brought to communities around the world. We are able to have clean water, safe streets and neighborhoods, efficient traffic, and safe, clean communities "Because of Public Works."

Activities will occur **Friday May 17th, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Auburn Mall on Center Street**. Families are encouraged to bring their children to explore dump trucks, along with demonstrations and displays by public works departments from Auburn, Lewiston, Sabattus, and Turner.

Also on tap will be toy hard hats, balloons, plenty of giveaways, and games. In addition, local retail gift cards will be given away as door prizes. The event is also an opportunity for residents to observe what's being done to enhance local communities.

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.

For additional information about the May 17th event, residents may contact Auburn Public Works Director Denis D'Auteuil at ddauteuil@auburnmaine.gov.

Regional exhibitions are also scheduled for Saturday, May 19, in Scarborough and on Friday, May 25, in Kittery.

Info about the other regional events is listed below.

Public Works Celebration and Exhibition: Cumberland County

WHEN: Saturday, May 19, 2012, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: The Gateway Shops at Scarborough, Home of Cabela's and Other Stores, Off Exit 42 of the Maine Turnpike.

WHO: Public Works Crews from Cape Elizabeth, Gorham, Portland, Scarborough, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, and Yarmouth.

FOR MORE INFO: Erik Street, Yarmouth Director of Public Works at estreet@yarmouth.me.us.

Public Works Celebration and Exhibition: York County

WHEN: Friday, May 25, 2012, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Includes York County Snowplow Rodeo from 8 a.m. – Noon; Department Drivers Will Test Their Skills Against One Another in a Fun, Spectator-Oriented Event.)

WHERE: Kittery Trading Post, Kittery

WHO: Public Works Crews from Kittery, York, Eliot, Wells, South Berwick

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Mary Ann Conroy at mconroy@kitteryme.org.

For more information about the Association, residents may visit www.facebook.com/mcapwa and www.mcapwa.org

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