

## Spring 2014 Newsletter

### Mayor's Message—Lee Kilbourn

It's certainly been a harsh winter, and I know you'll agree that we are sure glad to see it finally come to an end. It's a great feeling to get out, hear the birds chirping and smell the air while raking old man winter off your lawn. There is something about that smell that says spring is coming with better days ahead.

There are better days ahead for the people and City of Auburn too! The City has procured over \$1,084,000 in grant funding and that's just fantastic! These grants will be used to build a new multi-functional recreational facility at the park for basketball and ice hockey, dredging the pond, fixing the fishing piers, plus some other park improvements that are still under discussion. We've been able to purchase new police equipment, and thanks to a grant from Consumers Power we planted trees at the ball diamonds. A SAW grant of \$983,355 was awarded to the City by the State of Michigan. It will benefit the City in many ways. This summer you will see quite a bit of action around the city as crews will be out obtaining GIS coordinates for sewer leads, manholes and catch basins as we implement a GIS system for the storm and sanitary drains. One hundred percent of our storm and sanitary mains will be cleaned to keep drains flowing efficiently. Crews will televise the mains looking for any problem areas so we can get them repaired. Smoke testing will be conducted to detect areas of infiltration of storm water into the sanitary system so we can reduce it. The purpose of all this work is to obtain an assessment of the existing systems, which will allow us to come up with better ways to maintain them. We will be able to identify areas that need to be fixed now before it becomes a much larger problem. Everything will be mapped into the GIS system so our DPW workers will be able to get the information they need at the touch of a button. The grant will pay for all the software, hardware and training.

Auburn is truly an active and thriving community. I want to welcome all the new businesses that have opened up and are planning to shortly open in town: The Chill Factor, Auburn's Fresh Cutz, Auburn PT Wellness Center, Pike Dentistry & O's Pub & Grill. Visit them and let them know we are glad to have them here in Auburn. Please remember to support all our local businesses.

Auburn is a special place, and we are blessed to have experienced such a prosperous year. We have many great events going on in town this summer, please take the time to support and enjoy them. Go online and check out our city website, [www.auburnmi.org](http://www.auburnmi.org). It contains news, events and lots of great information about what your city government is doing for you. I hope you and your families enjoy a long-awaited wonderful summer and we look forward to continuing to build on the success of the past year.

Mayor Lee Kilbourn

### MACHELSKI PARK DEDICATION

Please join us Monday, June 9 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the dedication ceremony of the Machelski Park located at the corner of Midland and Auburn Roads. The park is being dedicated to Art and Ann Machelski for their years of devoted service maintaining the park and outstanding service to the community.



### Woodcutter's Ball Women's Professional Lumberjack Competition

A two-day festival, scheduled June 14 and 15, will be held on the Cornfest grounds! This event will be sanctioned by the Midwest Lumberjack Association. The Woodcutter's Ball will feature a world-class field, with competitors traveling from Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The plan is to crown individual and team champions in events such as the underhand chop and crosscut saw. In addition to the athletic events there will be live music, a re-enactment village, food and family events. More details can be found at [www.woodcutterball.com](http://www.woodcutterball.com).

# Department of Public Works

## Private Trees and Shrubs Encroaching onto Public Works

For the safety of those who use the City's streets and sidewalks, trees, shrubs and bushes which overhang or are adjacent to sidewalks and streets must be trimmed.

Tree branches overhanging the sidewalk need to be trimmed to a height of at least eight feet above the sidewalk. Trees, shrubs and other vegetation should be kept trimmed at least 12 inches back from the edge of the sidewalk.

## Curbside Branch Pick-Up Program

**Public Works crews will accept:**

- Tree branches no larger than 3 inches in diameter or 14 feet in length. Any Y branches within 3 feet of the end of branch must be cut off;
- Shrub trimmings and similar brush.

**Crews will NOT accept:**

- Tree trunks, stumps or root balls
- Firewood
- Railroad ties or landscape timbers
- Grass clippings, leaves, sod, plants or yard waste
- Brush resulting from a contracted service.

Crews will continue to pick up brush until the last Tuesday in November.

Please remember to face cut ends the same way traffic flows. Brush that can be tied and bundled according to the trash company's guidelines should be set to the curb on trash day.

Free wood chips can be delivered the day of chipping, please call City Hall.

## Mosquitoes

**Help reduce the number of mosquitoes in areas outdoors where you work or play by draining sources of standing water. In this way, you reduce the number of places mosquitoes can lay their eggs and breed.**

- At least once or twice a week, empty water from flowerpots, pet food & water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, bucket, barrels, and cans.
- Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.
- Remove discarded tires, and other items that could collect water.
- Be sure to check for containers or trash in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.

## Grass Clippings

Now that the grass mowing season is upon us—please remember to keep all grass clippings off the streets. Grass clippings eventually reach the street drain system and will prevent City drains from working properly.

## Regulations for Abandoned and Dismantled Vehicles

Abandoned vehicles are vehicles left unattended on public or private property and which do not have a valid license. Dismantled vehicles are vehicles which have been partly dismantled and are missing parts.

Neither abandoned nor dismantled vehicles or related parts may remain on residential property, nor may they be stored or placed in the front yard of any property at any time.

**Vehicles may be stored in wholly enclosed garage.**

## Signs

The City code prohibits the placement of signs in the public right-of-way, which includes the sidewalk and the outlawn area between the sidewalk and the curb.

## Pets in City Park

Please remember that if you choose to bring your pet to the City Park, it must be restrained on a six foot leash at all times. Additionally, pet owners are responsible for "cleaning up" after their pets.

**Pets are not allowed from the building west to Auburn Road.**

## Before You Dig!

Just a reminder, if you are planning to dig or excavate, state law requires you notify MISS DIG of your intent to work, and contact them at least three working days in advance. One easy call gets free staking of underground utilities and helps reduce the chance of injury and expense.

To notify MISS DIG of your intent to dig:

Call—811

Visit—[www.missdig.com](http://www.missdig.com)

### Boaters' Safety

Bay County Sheriff Marine Division  
City Hall  
May 15, 5-9 p.m.  
Call City Hall for details

### Farmers Market

Fridays, May-October  
at Tri-City Worship Center  
609 W Midland Rd  
Interested vendors may contact  
Bob Richmond 989.954.6906

### Treasure Hunt Days

Annual Yard Sale Event  
May 15, 16, 17  
Sign up at 7-11 to register your sale

### Auburn Cornfest Fireworks Fundraiser Golf Outing

Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.  
Shotgun start @ Beech Hollow  
\$65 person/4-person team  
Sign up: Auburn Hotel 662.2281  
or merrillwill@gmail.com

### Auburn Cornfest July 10-13

Family Entertainment  
Concert by Josh Wilson Band  
July 9, 6 p.m. Cornfest tent  
Tickets at Auburn City Hall, Artisans  
Landscaping, Ray Garcia.  
Concessions, bring lawn chair

### Free Youth Fishing Clinic

Auburn Park  
June 19 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Rain Date: June 26  
Elements of Fishing Equipment  
Casting Contest  
Learn knot tying skills

### Cornstalk 5K Run/Walk

July 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Western High School  
www.barcmi.com

### Eye Bike Ride

Auburn-Williams Lions Club  
June 21, Auburn Park  
8:30 a.m. Registration  
\$20 Individual/\$35 Family by June 1  
For more info: 989.430.9500

### Pickleball

Looking for members  
Tuesdays @ 6 p.m., Auburn Park  
For more info: Neil DeShano  
989.205.6281

### Fireworks July 10 at Dusk

44th Annual Parade July 13  
*Parade Theme: Super Corn  
ifragilisticexpialidocious*

*Featuring the Shriners Mini Cars*

Cathy Putt, Parade Co-chair  
989.662.2489 kmrrcp@yahoo.com

### 3rd Annual Golf Scramble Auburn-Williams Lions Club

Saturday June 14, 9 a.m.  
Shotgun start @ Sandy Ridge  
\$50 person / \$200 team  
For additional Info:  
Clyde Dann cbdann@aol.com  
989.662.7834  
Karen Bellor kmbellor@sbcglobal.net  
989.245.4974

### KC Fish Fry Dates

Try and get out to last Friday fish  
frys before summer begins at the  
KC Hall on Garfield Road.  
April 18 and May 2  
From 2:30-7:00 p.m.



### Auburn Shooting Range Dates

**Tuesdays (5-8 p.m.)**      **Saturdays (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)**

April 15	April 12 and 26
May 20	May 3, 17, 31
June 17	June 14 and 28
July 15	July 12 and 26
	August 9 and 23
	September 6, 13, 20, 27
	October 11, 18, 25

November Hours (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) November 1, 8

Sponsored by: Auburn-Williams Recreation Board  
For more information call 989-385-0270

### Sixth Annual 50's Block Party

Grace Lutheran will be holding its sixth annual  
50's block party open to the whole community on  
Friday, July 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will  
be classic cars, 50's and 60's music, contest and  
games. The 50's diner will open at 6:00 serving  
those great foods of that era. Dion of Dion and  
the Belmont's fame will be the guest entertainer.  
For more information call Kim, 989-415-7865 or  
email [kherbs@charter.net](mailto:kherbs@charter.net). Rain date is Saturday,  
July 26.



Dale Gripenrog has raised enough in donations to secure a date in 2015 to bring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to the City of Auburn! The Wall is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. It stands six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end. This Traveling Memorial stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their home town who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to

Washington. Dale must raise an additional \$1,000. If you would like to contribute or volunteer when the wall comes in 2015, please contact Dale Gripenrog at 989.266.3158.

### Earth Week Celebration April 21-25 Special Leaf Pickup Day

To celebrate Earth Day the DPW will do a special leaf collection this spring. Any residents who wants to rake their leaves into the street the DPW will come around on Tuesday, April 22 to pick them up. This will be a one day event only. As always do not block catch basins, which may cause flooding during a rainstorm, or park on top of piles of leaves, which could cause a fire.



**Online bill pay with credit/debit cards will soon be available for utility and tax bills on the city's website at [www.auburnmi.org](http://www.auburnmi.org)**



### Vacation Home Check

When you do leave your home be sure to sign up for Auburn's Home Watch Program. A deputy will check your home regularly while you are away. An exterior check of your home will be conducted to make sure there have been no unlawful entries and that no other obvious problems have occurred outside of your home. To sign up for this free service, contact City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or visit [auburnmi.org](http://auburnmi.org)

### City Auburn Veterans Memorial

Two events will take place this year at the Auburn Veterans Memorial located in the city park to honor to our country's veterans. Ceremonies will be held on Memorial Day, May 26 and Veterans Day, November 11.



Pictured is Auburn resident Donald P. Mularz.

Mr. Mularz served in the Army Airborn from 1952-1954. He made seventeen jumps as a paratrooper.

The City of Auburn salutes you!

Auburn Downtown Development Authority Update  
DDA Director Steve VanTol

**The DDA Does It**

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is busy planning for improvements in the district. The purpose of the DDA is to improve the property in the DDA district which is primarily Midland Road (City limits), the East side of Garfield Road and Auburn Road between the Railroad tracks and Auburn Park.

The main focus of the DDA is bringing people into Auburn to support our businesses. The DDA has constructed a new billboard on US-10 adjacent to the current billboard. New LED lighting was installed for both billboards. The DDA will be funding and coordinating future messages on the billboards. We know this is a great place to shop, live, work and play and want to share this information.

We are assisting the City with a new master plan for the city park. The City received a \$100,000 grant for improvements. The DDA had considered a larger structure at the park and is reconsidering the timing for such due to the grant. It is important that we look at the park property in a long-range plan. Our space is limited and we need to make the most of it.

The DDA will again fund the purchase of fish for the park pond for the fishing clinic in June and the fish frenzy during the Cornfest. We have supported the Cornfest fireworks in 2013 and will most likely do so again this year.

This spring and summer you will see the new way finding signs, community sign as well as new "Welcome To Auburn" signs. The DDA wants Auburn to be inviting to the residents and to those traveling in our city.

**DDA Board Members**

Jane Berry  
Gary DeShano  
Bob Feinauer  
Chad Fournier  
Mayor Lee Kilbourn  
Jim Klida  
Diane McNally  
Mike Snyder  
Mary Williams  
The DDA Board membership is volunteer and the meets on the fourth Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. of every month. The public is welcome to attend the meetings.

**Clerk/Treasurer Karen Bellor**

August 5, 2014 Primary and November 4, 2014 General Election

Last day to register for August Primary – July 7, 2014 – Last day to register for November general election – October 6, 2014

If you want to check to see if you are registered, visit [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote). There you will find information about registering to vote and voting, voting equipment, polling place locations, state and local ballots, the candidates, campaign finance and more. Or, you can call city hall with your questions about your voter registration, polling place location and working at the polls.



To celebrate Earth Day, the City of Auburn and Williams Township have joined together to bring a document shred event along with a prescription drop off at the Williams Township Hall.

**GotDrugs?**



At the same time you are getting your documents shredded, the Bay County Sheriff's Dept. will be there to take any old prescription drugs you may have to safely dispose of them.

**Document Shredding Event**

Bring your documents to be shredded. There is a limit of 4 boxes and you must be a resident of the City of Auburn or Williams Township.

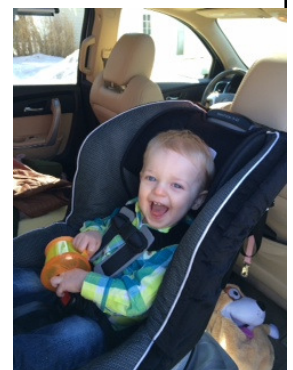
Both events will take place on:  
April 26th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

At the Williams Township Hall



**Child Safety Seat Inspection**

The Bay County Sheriff's Dept. encourages parents and caregivers to contact the department at 989-662-6768 to schedule a "check up" of their child's restraint seat. A "check-up" normally takes one half-hour and parents are asked to bring their vehicle owner's manual, child restraint manual and child.



Pictured is Brody son of Kyle & Kristin (DeSham) Nagelkirk and grandson of Clerk Karen Bellor.

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The City Commission meetings have been moved to the **second**  
Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



### Outdoor Movie Night at Tri-City Furniture

Tuesday, July 15 at dusk— THOR  
Tuesday, July 29 at dusk – DESPICABLE ME  
Tuesday, August 5 at dusk—GHOSTBUSTERS  
Tuesday, August 19 at dusk—FROZEN



#### Auburn City Commission

##### Mayor

Lee Kilbourn

##### Commissioners

Ken Charbonneau

Matt Charbonneau

Jan Dzurka

Matt Hardy

Jeff Rahl

Russell Williams

#### Meeting Calendar

City Commission meetings are held  
once a month on the **second**  
Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Development Authority  
Fourth Tuesday of the month at  
10:00 a.m.

##### Planning Commission

Third Tuesday of the months of  
Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov  
at 7:00 p.m.

Please Check the Website for the  
City calendar of all meetings and  
events.

[www.auburnmi.org](http://www.auburnmi.org)

#### Holiday Schedule

City Hall and DPW offices will be closed  
for the observance of the following  
holidays.

Good Friday—April 18

Memorial Day—May 26

Independence Day—July 4

Labor Day—September 1

Residents who need assistance with a  
Public Works emergency on these days  
should call 911 who will contact a Public  
Works employee or supervisor.