

# City of AUBURN

## Lighting Contest Winners



### Residential Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 245 Sycamore St

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 307 Ireland St.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 241 Sycamore St.

### Commercial Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 135 W. Midland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 589 W Midland



## CITY NOTES



### Winter Parking Rules

The city has an ordinance against parking on any public street from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Nov 1st to April 30th in order to facilitate snow removal. This gives DPW workers adequate time to clear the streets for morning traffic after a night of snowfall.

If your vehicle is left on a city street during the times above it may be ticketed.



### Sidewalk Shoveling

We do not have an ordinance telling you that you have to clean the snow off your sidewalks. We do believe in the "good neighbor policy." Please shovel your sidewalks and driveways to help not only your family but also everyone else's family. If you have a neighbor or know of someone that can't due to age or health shovel their own sidewalks, please take the time to go and shovel them out too

## Contact the City

Police/Fire: 911

Police Office: 989.662.6768

City Hall Office: 989.662.6761

City Hall Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Mon-Fri

Visit us at [www.auburnmi.org](http://www.auburnmi.org)

Please mail or email your comments to:

Patricia Rayl City Administrator, 113 E. Elm St  
Auburn, MI 48611 or [prayl@auburnmi.org](mailto:prayl@auburnmi.org)

## Looking for a Club to Join...

**Looking for a club to join**, well why not try the Auburn/Williams Lions Club! We gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at the Auburn Hotel & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the Auburn Library @ 7:30am.

What is our goal? To raise money to help support the blind and to help out our community! How do we do that you ask? Well it takes a beautiful group of people & that's why we need you!

1<sup>st</sup> our goal in helping out people with vision issues. We work together with other Lion Club's in raising money for building a new home for Seeing Eye dogs, supporting eye screening testing or helping to finance glasses for the lower income. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all of the events are designed to help us carry out our goals.

In February, we are having a Comedy Night, April our White Cane Tag Day, June is our Annual Golf Outing, August the Bicycle Eye Ride and October our Scavenger Hunt. Too add a few more community events, we hold Bingo for our Veterans at the Veterans Hospital and by supplying treats, drinks and free eye screening at the Annual Santa Fun Fest.



So we would love to "Thank You" for your support for participating in our events, we couldn't do it without you!!

If you want to know more, Dr. Susan Morley, our club president would love to talk to you. Give her a call at her office at the Auburn Family Eyecare at 662-9890.

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## Auburn Downtown Development Authority Update

Winter is upon us now. You may have noticed changes along Midland Road. The lights are now functioning. The holiday decorations are on the original light poles. We didn't put decorations on the poles that were just installed cause they were not powered. Next year we will have decorations along the whole stretch of Midland Road. This was an expensive project, and the DDA Board saved money over several years to make this possible.

The public is welcome to attend our 2016 monthly meetings in the City Hall meeting room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10AM (except for November & December).

We also welcome Adam Carrol, owner of Harbor Light Photography, as our newest board member.

The current members of the DDA Board of Directors are:

Steven VanTol, DDA Director  
 Mary Williams, Chairperson  
 Gary DeShano, Secretary  
 Jim Klida, Co-Treasurer  
 Diane McNally, Co Treasurer

Jane Berry  
 Alan Carrol  
 Robert Feinauer  
 Chad Fourrier  
 Lee Kilbourn, Mayor

## Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

This provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

To qualify, you must:

- Be the homeowner and occupy the house
  - Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere
  - Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income
- | Family Size | One    | Two    | Three  | Four   | Five   |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Income      | 20,700 | 23,650 | 26,600 | 29,550 | 31,950 |
- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards

- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards

How much money can I get?

- Maximum loan is \$20,000
- Maximum grant is \$7,500
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance

What are the terms of the loan or grant?

- Loans can be repaid over 20 years
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1%
- Full title service is required for loans of \$7,500 or more
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$7,500
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than 3 years
- If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination

Is there a deadline to apply?

- Home loans are available year round as long as funding is available
- Home loan applications are processed in the order they are received

Helping people stay in their own home and keep it in good repair helps families and their communities. Homeownership helps families and individuals build savings over time. It strengthens communities and helps many kinds of businesses that support the local economy. Funding programs are subject to change; please always consult your local USDA office for assistance.

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants>

Who can answer questions and how do I get started? Contact the USDA Home loan specialist in are area: Jackie Morgan, West Branch Office of Rural Development, USDA. Phone: 989.246.0698

## Snow Removal

**Fire Hydrants:** Please dig snow from around fire hydrants, if you have one in your yard or neighborhood. In the event of a fire it may help save a life or your neighbor's house by finding them quicker.

**Shoveling:** Snow is pretty heavy, especially the really wet stuff. Here are a few tips to dig yourself out a little more safely.

1. Avoid holding your breath.
2. Bend from your hips and knees, NOT your back.
3. Avoid reaching too far Shovel the snow close to you
4. Lift from your legs
5. Consider wearing an abdominal brace.
6. Pivot to avoid excess twisting of your trunk
7. If the snowfall was a big one, lift and move it in layers to limit the weight
8. Take rest breaks and be sure to stay hydrated.
9. Buy a snow blower, hire the kid next door or move to California!
10. If you have a history of a cardiac condition or low back problems or are suffering from a shoulder or knee injury, find someone else to do the shoveling for you.



## Art is in the Air

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The Auburn DDA is planning on starting the Auburn Festival of Banners. The Festival of Banners brings local art to the community by submitting a banner design that if chosen will hang on one of the light posts that line Midland Road here in Auburn.

We need volunteers to serve on the Banner committee to make this all happen. If you are interested, please let city hall know so we can make this happen.

We will need people of all ages to submit banner designs. Children must be at least 8 years of age to participate. We are also looking for local sponsors both business and private to help support us with this project. Space is limited; submissions will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Entries will be judged on quality of artwork, artistic style and in the keeping of this year's Banner theme, "What we love about Michigan." Banners will be hung in May and fly on the Midland Road street posts till November creating a colorful public art exhibit.

Businesses and organizations may enter a banner design too. It cannot be just a printed copy of their logo. If a logo design is intended, it has to be a freehand artistic rendering of their logo.

All entries are due by March 15, 2016. An entry form, with festival rules will be available soon at City Hall and online at [www.auburnmi.org](http://www.auburnmi.org).

Please help us put Art in the Air here in Auburn! If you have any further questions please contact Mayor Kilbourn at 859-7004 or [mayorkilbourn@auburnmi.org](mailto:mayorkilbourn@auburnmi.org).



You can renew your licenses at City Hall.

State law requires that all dogs over 4 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed through the county. Bay County ordinance requires that all cats over 4 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed through the county.

Please note that licenses are to be purchased in the month that your animal has been rabies vaccinated and will be good for one year from that month. Licenses are to be renewed on a yearly basis, unless you have purchased a three-year license.

Be sure to bring your renewal notice from Bay County and your rabies vaccination paperwork.

## Upcoming Events

### J.A.M. Session

#### Dress Like a Pirate

**When:** Wed, Jan 20th, 5:30pm

**Where:** Auburn United Methodist Church

### Movie Night

#### "A Bug's Life"

**When:** Sat, Jan 23rd, 6:00pm

**Where:** Auburn United Methodist Church

### Library Blood Drive

**When:** Tues, Feb 2nd, 3-6pm

**Where:** Auburn Library

### J.A.M. Session

#### Happy Birthday Mr. Pat

**When:** Wed, Feb 3rd, 5:30pm

**Where:** Auburn United Methodist Church

### Fish Fry

**When:** Friday, Feb 5th, 3-7pm

**Where:** Auburn K of C Hall

### Star Wars Party

**When:** Sat, Feb 6th, 2-3:30pm

**Where:** Auburn Library  
Featuring the 501<sup>st</sup> Legion of the Great Lakes Garrison

### Thor the Movie

**When:** Tues, Feb 16th, 5:30pm

**Where:** Auburn Library

### J.A.M. Session

#### A Spudtacular Life

**When:** Wed, Feb 17th, 5:30pm

**Where:** Auburn United Methodist Church

### Fish Fry

**When:** Friday, Feb 19th, 3-7pm

**Where:** Auburn K of C Hall

### Team Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge!

**When:** Sat, Feb 20th, 1-4pm

**Where:** Auburn Library

### Lion's Club Comedy Night Fund Raiser

**When:** Sun, Feb 28th, 5pm

**Where:** Vino's on Midland St Bay City, tickets \$25 each

### J.A.M. Session

#### F.R.O.G Night

**When:** Wed, Mar 2nd, 5:30pm

**Where:** Auburn United Methodist Church

### Fish Fry

**When:** Friday, Mar 15th, 3-7pm

**Where:** Auburn K of C Hall

### Blood Drive

**When:** Friday, Mar 15th

**Where:** Auburn United Methodist Church

### Fish Fry

**When:** Friday, Mar 25th, 3-7pm

**Where:** Auburn K of C Hall

### Fish Fry

**When:** Friday, Apr 8th, 3-7pm

**Where:** Auburn K of C Hall



### Rep. Gary Glenn

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month from 12-1pm

**Where:** City Hall Meeting room. Stop in & ask questions or share your concerns.

### Auburn Jaycees

**When:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed each month

**Where:** Auburn City Hall Meeting Room, 7:00pm

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Let us know what you think. Call us at 662-6761 or email [prayl@auburnmi.org](mailto:prayl@auburnmi.org).

Would monthly billing for your water/trash service be better for your budget?

If the Farmers Market has Saturday hours at the Auburn Park, would you shop? What days or hours would you shop?