

Mary Poppins at Bay City Western



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Festival of Banners

We're starting a brand-new Auburn Festival of Banners. The Festival of Banners brings an opportunity for local art by asking you to create a banner that, if chosen, will hang on one of the light posts along Midland Road—right here in Auburn!

We want people of all ages to submit banner designs. We are also looking for local sponsors to help support us with this project. Space is limited. 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 too. See rules for details.

All entries are due by March 24, 2016. Pick up art paper, an entry form and rules at City Hall or online at www.auburnmi.org. Look for more information on our Face-book page.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mayor Kilbourn at 859-7004 or mayorkilbourn@auburnmi.org.

Notes from the Mayor

Spring is in the air; soon the grass will be green and the flowers beautiful. Soon things will be sprouting up all over town around us. The city is already hard at work on a number of projects to create a better community for all of us.

Taking care of our infrastructure is a priority here in Auburn. This summer, the city will begin two long-awaited construction projects: the reconstruction and resurfacing on both Sycamore Street and Moll Street. We plan on doing these in two phases. Sycamore Street will be first and then Moll Street will be started after school gets out.

In both projects, we will update water lines for better service to the residents on those streets and address storm drain issues where needed. If you have any questions on these projects, please stop into City Hall, and we'll do our best to answer them.

The Festival of Banners this summer should be a great sight to see along Midland Rd. We're excited to see what the banners from Western, Auburn Elementary and Auburn Area Catholic schools will look like. We have many talented people in Auburn, and hope they will submit a banner to showcase their talent while beautifying the city.

We are currently looking at developing a marketing plan to raise Auburn's profile in the Great Lakes Bay area. With this, we hope to encourage new business growth in Auburn and improve the lifestyle of living here.

Volunteerism is very important to me. I enjoy working with others, and am honored to be serving our great community. We have so many folks here who make Auburn great—from the civic and church groups, to those who work hundreds of hours making the Cornfest a great success each year. And to all the rest who make Auburn great, I want to say thank you. The future is looking bright for Auburn!



Water Conservation Tips

Take a short shower instead of a bath. A 5 to 10 minute shower uses less water than a full bathtub.

Install a hot water circulator in the bathroom under the sink, and it can save an average family of four more than 12,000 gallons of water a year by eliminating the need to wait for the water to get hot.

Direct the water drain line from your air conditioner to a flower bed, tree or the lawn.

Install a more efficient shower fixture: efficient fixtures maintain high pressure while lowering the amount of water used.

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

Set up a rain barrel under a rain gutter outside your house. You can catch hundreds of gallons to use for watering the lawn, washing the car, etc.

Use a drip irrigation system instead of a sprinkler to water your garden.



Signs, Sheds and Fences

Before you start building a new shed or putting up a fence in your yard, be sure to get the right permits. You'll also want to check that you have the right height of the fence, or the right set-backs for sheds and garages, etc. Our ordinances can be found at www.auburnmi.org.

Building, electrical and plumbing permits are available at Williams Township. Sign permits are available at City Hall.

The primaries happen in August, and Election Day on November 8, 2016 will be here before you know it. That means political signs will sprout up in many lawns this year. Our sign ordinance has this to say about political signs.

Political signs and posters.

(1) No permit required but signs shall conform to this section of the ordinance.

(2) The size of the sign or poster shall not exceed two (2) feet by three (3) feet.

(3) The owner of the property where the sign or poster is to be placed must be notified and must give approval for its placement.



Recycling in Auburn

PLASTICS: plastic bottles and jugs with a #1 or #2 on the bottom (beverage bottles & jugs, and detergent bottles).

GLASS: clear/green/brown glass, beverage glasses & plates, window & door glass, ceramics & cookware.

METAL: Clean aluminum cans, foil food trays, aluminum pie plates, metal cans & lids, dry, empty paint cans, and empty aerosol cans.

PAPER: newspapers & inserts, magazines & catalogs, phone books, cereal and dry food boxes, paper towel & toilet paper rolls, shoe & gift boxes, corrugated cardboard boxes, computer copy paper, junk mail, notebook & writing paper, envelopes.

If you have any questions, please contact Waste Management at CustomerService_MIOHIN@wm.com or call 866-570-4702, Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM.

Auburn Downtown Development Authority Update

—Steven VanTol, DDA Director

The DDA and City Commission have been working together on a grant from the USDA's Rural Development program for a farmers market. The grant application is for a roof over the basketball court/ice rink at Auburn Park. This would make a new, multi-purpose building.

Spring will soon be here. With the warmer weather the street light project will be cleaned up and grass planted. Any lights not working (I know of one) will be repaired.

The DDA is sponsoring the streetlight banner art program mentioned on the first page of the newsletter. Additional banner brackets will be placed on the streetlights for these.

The DDA Board is already looking for Christmas decorations. Now that all the street lights are up, we need to evaluate different decorations. Let us know what you think.

The public is welcome to attend our meetings which are typically the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 AM at City Hall (except for November and December).

City of Auburn 2016 Trash Calendar

January 2016							April 2016							July 2016							October 2016						
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March 2016							June 2016							September 2016							December 2016							
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Notes:

Trash days are **highlighted** and recycle days are marked with a box. Normal trash pickup is every Wednesday.

Trash will be collected one day late due to the following Holidays: Memorial Day - May 30, Labor Day - September 5.

Yard Waste Stickers will no longer be provided by Waste Management. Please mark yard waste containers clearly with a permanent marker or spray paint.

For large item pickup please call Waste Management at 800-796-9696. Christmas trees are collected the first two weeks of January.

2016 Waste Management yard waste collection starts April 6 and ends November 30.

Upcoming Events

Fish Fry

When: Friday, March 11th, 3-7pm
Where: Auburn K of C Hall

City Commission Meeting

When: Monday, March 14th, 7pm
Where: City Hall

Blood Drive

When: Tuesday, March 15th, 2pm
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church

Paw Patrol Party

When: Saturday, March 19th, 10:30am
Where: Auburn Library
Call 662-2381.

Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, March 19th
Where: Auburn Park, 12-2pm

DDA Board Meeting

When: Tuesday, March 22nd, 10am
Where: City Hall

Fish Fry

When: Friday, March 25th, 3-7pm
Where: Auburn K of C Hall

Celebrate Dr. Seuss

When: Tuesday, March 29th, 2pm
Where: Auburn Library
Call 662-2381.

Knitting/Crochet Club

When: Wednesday, April 6th, 6pm
Where: Auburn Library
Call 662-2381.

City Commission Meeting

When: Monday, April 11th, 7pm
Where: City Hall

One-on-One Computer Class

When: Wednesday, April 13th
Where: Auburn Library
Call 662-2381.

Lions Club Tag Days

When: Fri. & Sat., April 22nd & 23rd
Where: Midland Rd intersections

Community Recycle Day

When: Saturday, April 23rd, 8am-12
Where: Williams Twp Hall
Details available at www.auburnmi.org
or on our Facebook page.

Western's "Band on the Run"

When: Saturday, April 23rd, 5:30pm
Where: Auburn
5K glow run/walk. Details available at
www.active.com.

Canning Jams & Jellies

When: Wednesday, April 27th, 6pm
Where: Auburn Library
Call 662-2381.

Treasure Hunt

When: Thur.-Sat., May 12th-14th
Where: Auburn
Get your map from the Auburn
Chamber of Commerce.

Rep. Gary Glenn

When: 1st Friday of every month from
12-1pm
Where: City Hall Meeting room. Stop
in & share your concerns.

Auburn Jaycees

When: 4th Wed each month
Where: Auburn City Hall Meeting
Room, 7:00pm

Auburn Farmers Market

When: Fridays, 7am-1pm
Where: Tri-County Worship Center
Starting around June 10th.



We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think. Call 662-6761 or email prayl@auburnmi.org.

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

Did you know that you can see how the City of Auburn is using your tax dollars, and other helpful information on our website?

Auburn's municipal dashboard can be found here:

<http://auburnmi.org/Transparency.aspx>

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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 at City Hall once a month on the 2nd Monday at 7p.m.

Downtown Development Authority
4th Tuesday of the month at
10a.m.

Planning Commission
3rd Tuesday of the months of
Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov
at 7p.m.

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

www.auburnmi.org

2016 Holiday Schedule

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

Good Friday—March 25

Memorial Day—May 30

Independence Day—July 4

Labor Day—September 5

Veterans Day—November 11

Thanksgiving— November 24 & 25

Christmas—December 23 & 26

New Year's Eve & Day

December 30 & January 2

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