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Auburn DDA
and
partners!**



**Look for
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next
summer!**

Movies Under the Moonlight

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Police/Fire: 911
Police Office: 989-662-6768
City Hall Office: 989-662-6761
Please mail or email your comments to:
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113 E. Elm St.
Auburn, MI 48611
Or email: prayl@auburnmi.org
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Leaf Collection Tips

Please rake your leaves into the street for the DPW crew to collect. To help keep the storm drains clear, don't put leaves in the street on Friday afternoons or evenings and Saturdays—the DPW crew doesn't collect on the weekends. Please still keep trimmings and brush on the grass between the road and sidewalk. Your help is greatly appreciated. **Leaf collection ends on Nov. 18th.** You can bag leaves for Wednesday's garbage collection after that.



Notes from the Mayor



At the August City Commission meeting, we approved the design concept for a new roof over the ice rink. We received a grant from the USDA to help create a multi-purpose space for a weekly farmers market. It opens up a whole new world of opportunities for our community. We will be able to put on concerts, show movies, and rent it out for craft shows and family get-togethers on a much larger scale than we can do now.

The funding of the project will come from the Auburn DDA, not from the city's general fund. As future funds become available, a second phase of the project would include adding a kitchen/concession area, four additional bathrooms, plus a meeting room and storage space.

We have a master plan for the next 5-10 years for the Auburn Park. We hope that down the road we will be able to do other things that enhance the beauty and usefulness of the park for our residents.

I wish you all the best this fall!

Mayor Kilbourn



Auburn Downtown Development Authority

The DDA and City Commission have been working together on a grant from the USDA for a farmers market. The grant is for a pavilion over the multipurpose concrete at Auburn Park. We have received a grant in the amount of \$99,500. The design was created by Case Architecture, with input from the public, DDA and City Commission. Case Architecture was the successful bidder on the contracts to complete the design specs and manage the project bidding and construction. With luck, the project will be underway this fall.

The DDA banner program was successful. Take a stroll down Midland Road, and see the talent we have in Auburn. Plans are underway for next year with more banners with new themes.

“Share the Road” bicycle signs have been purchased and placed in temporary locations along Midland Rd. There are more people cycling through Auburn—which is a great thing. Please remember to use caution; give a cyclist room when you pass them. A cyclist has all the rights a car has to travel the road as they follow the motor vehicle laws and travel on the same portion of the road as cars and trucks.

The DDA Board has selected candlestick and snowflake lighted holiday decorations (along with banners) which will be installed in November and remain thru mid-January.

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

—Steven VanTol, DDA Director

Utility Billing Dates to Remember

Sept 1, 2016 Bills delivered to the Post Office
September 21 Due Date to avoid penalty
September 22 Penalties added
September 27 Past Due Notices delivered to the Post Office
October 14 Due Date to avoid shut off
October 17 Disconnection Tags are delivered and water turned off for nonpayment.

Go paperless! Submit a request to UtilityBilling@auburnmi.org

Note: Postmarks will no longer be accepted as of Dec. 31, 2016



Fall Pruning & Brush Collection

The City of Auburn's Department of Public Works (DPW) will be chipping brush once a week through October. The brush chipping will typically take place on Tuesdays but may vary because of unforeseen events.

- Brush must be set out by 7:30 am on the day of pickup.
- Brush should be in piles no more than four (4) feet wide by four (4) feet high.
- Brush should be piled in the outlawn (grass between street & sidewalk) neatly and with the cut ends facing the direction of traffic.
- Maximum branch diameter is six (6) inches.
- Minimum branch length is three (3) feet.
- Stumps will not be accepted; brush generated by a hired tree service will not be chipped.
- Smaller material such as twigs and sticks shall be neatly bundled together and tied. The garbage company will remove it for you on Wednesdays.

Helpful Tips

Signs—Political/Garage/Yard Sale signs should **not** be placed in the City's public right-of-way. Keep them out of the grass between the sidewalk and road, and off of telephone & light poles. Placed there, they are subject to removal by the City.

Monthly Budgeting—Did you know you can pay your quarterly water/sewer bill in advance? You can set up your bank to pay a third of the bill once a month, and that would leave a small balance or credit on your actual quarterly bill. Call 662-6761 if you have questions. Also, you can go paperless by submitting an email request to UtilityBilling@auburnmi.org, if your postcard bill keeps getting lost in the mail. That will save you any late penalties because the mail service let you down.

Utility Increases—The City of Midland increased their rates to us for drinking water effective on July 1st. At the August City Commission meeting, it was approved to increase the water charges for our residents and business owners by four (4) percent. That would mean if your bill was \$100 per quarter, it's now \$104. Look for a slight increase in your trash bill as well. In November, Waste Management is increasing their charges to us for the weekly trash collection.

Worried about water usage for lawn sprinklers and pools? Get a separate water meter installed—that will measure exactly what you use. Call Stacy at 662-6761 for more details.

