

City of **AUBURN**

We Accept Credit Cards

The City of Auburn is excited to announce that we have begun a new partnership with Point & Pay, a credit card processing vendor for governments. This change in vendors has enabled the City of Auburn to begin offering the option to pay by debit or credit card over-the-counter at City Hall! Currently, we are able to accept all major credit and debit cards for payments to utility bills, taxes, park rentals and permits. There are still some transactions, such as purchasing recycle bins, donations, and other miscellaneous fees, that will still need to be paid by cash or check. Due to security reasons, we will not be able to accept card payments over the phone or through email/USPS mail.

A processing fee of 3% will apply to each credit card transaction, with a minimum fee of \$2.00, for both online and in-person transactions. You will still have the option to pay without fees by cash or check at City Hall (in-person, by mail or through the drop box), by automatic withdrawal/ACH, or by setting up your own bill pay through your bank. Keep in mind payments need to be received by the due date; Postmarks are not accepted as on time.



Water Quality Report



The 2020 water quality report describing the source and quality of your drinking water is now available at:

www.auburnmi.org/Portals/11/2020WaterQuality.pdf

The City of Auburn's annual Water Quality Report is intended to provide you, our customer, with the most recent water quality testing data. Your concerns and opinions are important to us and we encourage you to contact us with any questions, concerns, or to receive a paper copy. You can reach us by calling (989) 662-6761, sending an email to dpwdirector@auburnmi.org or writing to City of Auburn, Attn: Water Dept., 113 E. Elm Street, Auburn, MI 48611.

City Hall Office: 989.662.6761 • Hours 8:30a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon-Thurs

Volunteers & Community Leaders

The City of Auburn is transforming everyday with people moving in and out of the city, new events being planned, community projects getting started and ones getting completed. In order to keep up with these matters, Auburn needs help from volunteers, staff, board members and community leaders. We encourage everyone to use their time and/or talents to make Auburn a great place to be. Please consider joining, helping/volunteering, or just showing your support by attending meetings for:

City Boards (City Commission, Board of Review, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Downtown Development Authority, Auburn-Williams Fire, Auburn-Williams Recreation)

Auburn Farmers Market

Community Connections League of Auburn and/or local community groups such as the Lions, Jaycees, Auburn Improvement Management (AIM), or any other organization that helps promote civic service.

Dates to Remember...

City Commission Meetings:

- July 19
- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20

Farmers Market:

June 15 - September 28
Tuesdays & Thursdays
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Events:

- July 8-11: Corn Fest
- July 14-Aug 11 (Wednesdays):
Awesome Auburn Summer
Concert Series
- August 1: Rods & Classics Car
Show
- October 9: HollyWeen Daze
Craft Show @ Auburn Park

CITY NOTES

Lawn & Grass

Chapter 94 of the Auburn Code of Ordinances states grass shall not be permitted to grow to a height of 6" on average at any property, whether occupied or unoccupied. Grass should be maintained at least once in every three weeks between May and September.

Chapter 53 of the Auburn Code of Ordinances prohibits grass clippings, other solid or insoluble substances which may cause obstruction to the flow of the wastewater system to be blown, deposited or otherwise left in the streets.

Firepits

Chapter 92 of the Auburn Code of Ordinances allows for patio wood-burning units. They shall be at least 25 feet from any structure which is not on the same property. Only clean wood should be burned.

Travel Trailers

Chapter 152 of the Auburn Code of Ordinances prohibits parking a trailer on any street or public place overnight. A trailer is allowed to be parked on the owner's property as long as it is beyond the setback line.

Park Rentals

The Park buildings for 2021 have been reopened for use as of June 1, 2021. If you are interested in booking an event you can check the Events Calendar for availability at www.calendarwiz.com/auburnmi. Park Rentals for 2022 will begin on Wednesday, December 1st for residents and December 15th for non-residents. The rental agreement and fee are required at time of reservation. We are now able to accept credit/debit cards, cash or check for payment. No reservations will be accepted by phone or email.

Notes from the Mayor

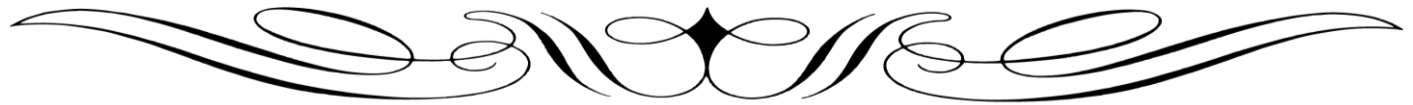
As I look around Auburn, I see life returning to our community. It makes me feel good to see people out in the park, people jogging down the street, working in their yards again and so much more. Cornfest time is just around the corner. The Lions Club is planning a great series of outdoor concerts at the park for all to enjoy. Better days are coming for all of us.

The city has kept busy with various projects helping to make Auburn a better place for all of us to live. Last year we received a large grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation to build a Disc Golf Course and Park. We are using those funds to convert the old lagoon area the city owns on 9 Mile Rd into a new recreational area for everyone to use. It will have an 18-hole Disc Golf course, a sledding hill, hiking trails and other areas for people to use and enjoy. This is City property and it will be open shortly to the public to enjoy.

We are also working on a Donor/Memorial Wall to be created on the exterior of the Park Building. So many times, people or groups have given to the city in different ways. We plan to show our thanks to them with this wall. At times people have built gardens in the park in memory for someone. After a few years these gardens have fallen due to lack of attention. With this wall, a long-lasting thanks can be given.

Please remember the importance of friends and family that helped us through this past year. Give thanks for all you do have. Thank you for being part of Auburn and enjoy your summer!

Lee Kilbourne



Millage Rate Increase

On June 9, 2021 the Auburn City Commission held a public hearing on increasing property taxes, which resulted in a vote of 6 - 1 to approve a levy that would increase the operating millage by 2 mills. The City Commission has the authority to establish these mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate. The authorized millage rate was voted in 1973 and, due to the Headley Amendments, is capped at 17.6646 mills. Any increase in mills above this cap are required to be voted on by the public. The city is now levying 17.4852 mills.

The millage is the amount per \$1,000 of taxable property value that must be paid. So, if a home has a value of \$100,000 and is assessed a 2-mill tax rate, this would work out to an increase of about \$17 per month. This additional millage will increase revenues from ad valorem property taxes 20% over such revenues generated by levies already permitted.

Utility Billing Dates to Remember:

June 30 - Bills delivered to the Post Office.
JULY 1 - NEW WATER & SEWER RATES APPLY - see diagram below
July 21 - Due date to avoid penalty.
June 28 - Reminder/Past Due Notices delivered to Post Office.
Aug 10 - Final due date to avoid service interruption.
Payments need to be received on or before the due date. Payments are accepted online at www.auburnmi.org, in-person, through the mail, or through the drop box located at City Hall.

Auburn Water Rates

The Auburn City Commission does an annual review of both the costs of water and sewer before each new budget year. The primary causes for an increase are a change in the cost of wholesale water cost from the City of Midland, capital improvements in the water fund and increases for capital improvements at the Bay County Sewer Plant in the Sewer Fund. Additionally, the city's water and sewer rates support the operations and maintenance of the city's water and sewer systems, including labor, replacement and improvements to the systems. For the budget year 2021-2022 the water and sewer rates will increase by 7.5% each as shown below.

2021-2022		Minimum Qtrly Charge	Usage Example	Usage Example	Usage Example
Water Rates	Rate/1,000 Gal	5,000 Gal	10,000 Gal	14,000 Gal	18,000 Gal
New Current Rate	\$6.93	\$34.65	\$69.30	\$97.02	\$124.74
Sewer Rates		10,000 Gal	10,000 Gal	14,000 Gal	18000 Gal
New Current Rate	\$7.81	\$78.10	\$78.10	\$109.34	\$140.58
Inc. in Qtrly Bill	\$1.03	\$8.10	\$10.50	\$14.70	\$36.14

Trash Rates 11/1/20 (Flat Fee)	Qtrly Charge	New Expected Trash Rate beginning 11/1/21
Trash	\$49.84	\$51.61 / Quarter
Trash Cart	\$3.49	\$3.64 / Cart
Total Trash w/ Cart	\$53.34	\$55.25 / Quarter



SEASONAL USAGE:
(Pools - Irrigation)

Seasonal usage activities require a second meter to apply for sewer usage credit. Manual adjustments are not authorized.

Contact City Hall at (989) 662-6761 for a water meter permit to get started.



Need Help?

Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency has been serving the community since 1966. They have not only helped local residents with water/sewer bills, but they are also able to help with food, housing, early childhood education, home energy savings, energy assistance, employment support, homebuyer assistance and more.

Visit mmcaa.org or call the Bay County office at (989) 894-9060 for more information on how they can help you too.

City of Auburn 2021 Trash Calendar

January 2021							February 2021							March 2021							April 2021						
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May 2021							June 2021							July 2021							August 2021							
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September 2021							October 2021							November 2021							December 2021						
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Notes:

Trash days are **bolded** and recycle days are marked with a **box**. Normal trash pickup is every Wednesday. **Highlighted** days are holidays observed by City Hall. The brush pickup provided by the City is marked with an **oval/circle**. Additional yard waste services are offered through Waste Management. Please observe their guidelines. Leaf pickup typically runs mid-October through November. Please check your newsletter for additional information and guidelines for services provided by the City, as the seasons approach.

Trash will be collected one day late due to the following Holidays: Memorial Day - May 31, and Labor Day - September 6. Waste Management is also closed during New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, but will not affect the service dates for the City of Auburn.

Please clearly mark all yard waste and Recycle containers (stickers are no longer provided by WMM) and keep at least 5 feet from trash containers.

For large item pickup please call Waste Management at **800-796-9696**.

2021 Waste Management yard waste collection starts April 7 and ends November 24. Christmas trees are collected the first two weeks of January.

SUMMER 2021

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Auburn, MI
PERMIT NO. 6

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Meeting agendas & minutes can be found on
the city website.

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