Well, summer has ended and the kids have gone back to school. Living in Michigan in the fall is always a great time. The changes that occur outdoors are spectacular and inspiring as we move through the warm colors of fall and soon to the white snow of winter.

It has been a busy and successful year in Auburn. From the fun of the Cornfest, to playing ball at the city park, to the new location of Farmers Market, people really seemed to have a good time. City Hall has kept busy too. We continued to improve the city’s infrastructure with the Kent Street water line project and road resurfacing. We upgraded our computer software to make the offices more efficient, plus we updated our city ordinances just to name a few of the things we have been busy doing.

Come November, we hold our city elections for city commission with three seats for consideration & mayor. We have a full slate of candidates for you to get to know and choose from. An important part of any representative government is to have engaged citizens. I hope you will continue to stay informed about activities and issues in our city. We value your opinions. Please don’t hesitate to contact any member of our city staff or commission with your ideas or concerns at any time.

On behalf of the citizens of Auburn, I want to express my thanks to Ann Machelski who served the city for more than thirty years and to Amy Rezmer. Both served with distinction and devotion as city commissioners.

We are a community of neighbors. We work and live together. It is my goal as mayor to foster an environment to keep Auburn a desirable place to live, work and raise a family.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your mayor.

Lee Kilbourn, Mayor
Department of Public Works

Fall Leaf Collection & Brush Pickup

The City of Auburn’s Fall Leaf Collection Program has begun and will end on November 29; Brush Pickup will end November 1. Crews will complete a city-wide collection of leaves before starting another round. With the new leaf machine the DPW is requesting the leaves be raked into the street. Please be attentive to the following:

♦ Do not block catch basins, which may cause flooding during a rainstorm, or park on top of piles of leaves, which could cause fire.
♦ Keep brush—such as sticks—and refuse out of leaf piles as these can damage equipment, cause injury to work crews and slow collection.
♦ Please do not park in the street when leaf collection is in your area.

Your cooperation will insure a clean and efficient finale to our fall clean-up program.

Waste Management will suspend its yard waste collection program on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. As always, until that time, yard waste will be picked up if it is placed in either recyclable bags or containers clearly marked “Yard Waste.”

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees are collected and recycled the first two weeks of the year. Place your tree out for collection on refuse day. Be sure to remove any plastic bags, decorations and the tree stand. If there is a question regarding pick up or service—PLEASE call Waste Management directly at 800-796-9696 for specific service information.

Snowplowing

The City of Auburn Department of Public Works is dedicated to keeping your streets well maintained. Remember not to shovel or blow snow into the street or sidewalk. Please keep hydrants clear of snow. The DPW does not clear driveways and cannot avoid throwing snow back into your driveway when they are clearing streets. Thank you for your patience during our long, hard winters.

Winter Parking Rules

The city has an ordinance against parking on any public street from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. in order to facilitate snow removal during the winter months. 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.

Mailboxes

Please check your mailbox posts to insure that they are solid and sturdy in the ground. Once winter is upon us and the ground is frozen, it is almost impossible to make the needed repairs to sturdy your mailbox. This will ensure when heavy snow is plowed off the road, your mailbox will not be pushed over.

Water Service Breaks

The water service line carries water from the water main located in the right-of-way to the inside of you home. It is usually located in the front yard and should be about 6 feet underground. Water line leaks are not always evident. Some signs that a leak may exist include the presence of water in the yard or very low pressure. If you think you have a water service leak call the DPW. They will check your water service line.

We’ll Leave the Light On For You

If you have a street light in your neighborhood that is not working please note the address where the streetlight is located and call City Hall. We will turn all requests in to Consumers Energy for repair.

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 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday or visit auburnmi.org.
Did You Know?
Chemical Bank located at 232 W. Midland Road accepts payment for current City water/sewer bills. If you receive a red notice or a shut-off billing on your water/sewer account, payment must be made at City Hall to avoid service disconnection. Tax bills are also accepted at Chemical Bank.

Drive-Up Drop Box
A drive-up drop box has been installed at the end of the landscape island in the City Hall parking lot. The secure drop box is a convenient way to drop off your ballot or pay your bill and save a stamp.

Dog and Cat Licenses
Dog and cat licenses are now sold year round at City Hall. Proof of rabies vaccination is required as well as proof of neutering and the Bay County renewal form.

City Park Building
The park building is now available for rent all year long. It is a great place to have the family Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas party. The rental charge is $75.00 for City and Williams Township residents. There are several dates available in the fall and winter months. For available dates please go to the City’s website—www.auburnmi.org and click on the calendar and day for availability or call City Hall with any questions. Park rental for City and Williams Township starts on February 1, 2014.

Animals at the Park
Citizens have complained about animal owners bringing their animals to the park and not cleaning up after them. Animals are welcome at the park; but they have to be on a leash, and the custodian is responsible to clean up any solid waste from the animals. The city has installed two Doggie-Walk bag stations. They are located by the walking path near the middle of the north side of the pond and next to the first ball diamond.

Board and Commission Applications Needed to Fill Vacancies
The Auburn City Commission is seeking residents who may be interested in serving on various boards. Further information regarding appointments to city board and commissions may be obtained from Karen Bellor, City Clerk, at 989-662-6761 or by emailing kbellor@auburnmi.org. A huge “thank you” goes out to each board/commission member for volunteering their time to serve their community. Their dedication plays a big role in the functions of the city.

Halloween
Trick or Treating will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Have a fun and safe Halloween!!!!
**Things to Know About Auburn.....**

Property values continue to be a major concern in every community. Please do your part this fall to keep your community looking good. As fall comes to an end, weed the flower beds, rake the leaves, clean out gutters and remove unused items from the yard. Property maintenance is the key to sustaining the value of your home and neighborhood.

**Codes and Ordinances**

The following pertains to some of the most common issues involving city codes and ordinances that city residents and property owners must follow. The ordinances can now be accessed on the City’s website.

**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. Signs may not be attached to trees or power poles. Signs in violation of the ordinance will be removed.

**Trash, Litter, and Debris**

Property owners must keep their property free from litter at all times. Trash, litter, debris, and garbage that is stored outside must be kept in solid, covered containers. Indoor furniture and other items not meant for outdoor use should not be stored outdoors. Also, building materials that are not part of an active project must be stored indoors.

**Refuse Containers**

Refuse containers shall not be set out for collection prior to twelve o’clock noon preceding the day of collections, and after such receptacles are emptied, they shall be removed from the street by twelve o’clock the next day.

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**Auburn United Methodist Church Free Health Fair**

Saturday—November 2, 2013

Noon—3:00 pm

- Free Eye Screening—Auburn Williams Lions Club
- Free Child Car Seat Inspections—Bay County Sheriff’s Office
- Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Checks
- Information regarding: Dental Care, Hospice, Alzheimer’s, Food Pantry, Farmer’s Market, Sleep Apnea, Red Cross and Local Health Resources.

207 S. Auburn Road—1/2 Block South of the Auburn Hotel
The DDA had delayed installing new lights along Midland Road due to the problems experienced with the LED light changeover. After much review and evaluation the manufacturer finally replaced all the LED fixtures at no expense to the DDA or City. We can now work on plans to continue the lighting along Midland Rd.

Consumers Energy has a grant program for planting trees. Jo Ella Krantz, City Administrator, applied for and received a $1,000 grant from Consumers Energy. Trees will be planted near the ball diamonds in the City park. The DDA will fund the matching part of the grant. A big thank you to Consumers Energy and Jo Ella for helping beautify our city.

Our façade program continues with improvements funded for VIP, Williams Gun Shop, Tri City Equipment Rental (TCER), Shear Styling, Auburn Towing and Charlie Robinson (Brian Elder and old Cherri Feed-n-Seed buildings).

Progress is being made on the way-finding signs. A final design on style has been selected and locations determined. Way-finding signs are directional signs to help visitors to our City find their way around. Installation is planned for early next year. We have received a design for a smaller “Welcome Sign” and are working on a design for club and accomplishment display board.

Soon you will see the billboard at the east end of the City Park enlarged. We will have additional information for the City and assist the Auburn Williams Chamber of Commerce with the information they present.

Steven VanTol, DDA Director

**Election News from the Clerk**

**GENERAL ELECTION—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

The City of Auburn General Election will be held on Tuesday November 5, 2013. We will be electing the Mayor and three City Commission Members. Lee Kilbourn and Gerald Janowicz are running in the Mayoral race and we have four candidates for three (3) City Commission seats—they are: Matthew Charbonneau, Jan Dzurka, Susan Emerson and Matthew Hardy.

You must be registered in order to vote in any election. To register to vote you must be: (1) a citizen of the U.S.; (2) at least 18 years of age on or before the next scheduled election; (3) a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you reside. You must register at least 30 days prior to the election. The last day to register to vote in the November election was October 7. You may register at the City or County Clerk’s Office, any Secretary of State Branch Office, or State Agencies such as Family Independence Agency, Department of Community Health, or Department of Career Development. If you move to a new city or township, you must re-register to vote; and if you move within the city you must update your address.

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election days. If you are unable to vote at the polls you may qualify for an absent voter ballot if: (1) you are unable to attend the polls without assistance; (2) you are 60 years of age or older; (3) you expect to be absent from the city for the entire time the polls are open on election day; (4) you are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial; (5) you are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs. If you would like a ballot mailed to you, your application must be received in the Clerk’s Office by 2:00 p.m. the Saturday before the election; or you may pick up the ballot in person anytime up to 4:00 p.m. the day before the election.
**Administrator’s Message**

Auburn is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. We strive to provide necessary services in a manner that does not increase taxes or require additional city staff. Part of what make Auburn special is the dedication and support provided by the countless volunteers who participate in the functions of the City. From the fire department, to election and city committees and boards, volunteers make a difference. They take time away from their families and busy lives to participate in the activities of the City. I personally want to thank all of those volunteers for their time and dedication. We couldn’t do it without you. I would also like to encourage anyone interested in being a volunteer to contact the City staff to see what opportunities are open, such as board appointment and special projects. Our Auburn residents have a wealth of talent and experience that would be a valuable asset to our city, so I encourage everyone to get involved in order to help keep Auburn a wonderful place to live. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the City office at 662-6761.

Jo Ella Krantz,
City Administrator

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**22nd Annual Christmas Decorating Contest and Santa Fest!**

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Decorating Contest and Santa Fest sponsored by the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce and Auburn-Williams Lions Club. Enjoy photos with Santa, hot chocolate, cookies, games and crafts for all ages at the Williams Township Hall on Tuesday December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Once again, the City will be sponsoring a citywide decorating contest. Judging will take place between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on December 10th. Prizes will be given out in both residential and commercial categories based on creativity and overall appearance. Prizes for the contest will be: Commercial—1st ($100), 2nd ($50). Residential—1st ($100), 2nd ($50), 3rd–6th ($25). This is another one of our great traditions and marks the beginning of the Christmas Season.

**Last year’s winners were:**

**COMMERCIAL:**
- 1st Place: Homestead Center Ace Hardware—990 W. Midland Rd.
- 2nd Place: Auburn Hotel—101 W. Midland Rd.

**RESIDENTIAL:**
- 1st Place: 319 Short—Gordon and Fay Schroeder
- 2nd Place: 406 Grant—Sandy Ellery
- 3rd Place: 226 Sycamore—Lucille Lemuel
- 4th Place: 304 Burgess—Jim and Lori Tomkinson
- 5th Place: 245 Sycamore—Brian and Debra Ora
- 6th Place: 705 Braun—Eleanor Kulka
- 7th Place: 421 Virginia—Lonnie and Leslie Webb
- 8th Place: 307 Ireland—Harry and Barbara Wallaker
- 9th Place: 410 Ireland—Craig Pickelman
Governor Snyder has approved the Proposed Charter Revision for placement on the November ballot. The City of Auburn’s current charter, adopted in 1973 has not been reviewed since then. The charter serves as the basic set of rules for the City of Auburn government. The nine member Charter Commission elected in November 2011 was charged with reviewing the current charter and proposing changes. The new charter includes modern clearer language throughout, and allows for streamlining City government. The provisions of the new charter would take effect in January 2014, following the November 2013 elections. Copies of the old and new charter can be accessed on the City website, the library and at City Hall.

Warning Siren

The Outdoor Public Warning System is activated by Bay County and Midland County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch. The Outdoor Public Warning System is intended to notify individuals who patronize outdoor areas of severe weather and other potential threats. (e.g.: Tornado Warning and Chemical Release) A steady siren call signals that a warning has been issued. After hearing the siren, seek shelter and tune into local television or radio for additional information.

Please DO NOT CALL 911 as this will tie up emergency lines that are reserved for emergencies only.

**Bay County system is tested the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

**Midland County system is tested the first Saturday of the month at 12:45 p.m.**

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is observed on November 11 and is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

A ceremony will be held at the Auburn Veterans Memorial located in the City Park on Sunday, November 11, at 1:00 p.m. Please come and show your respect for our country’s veterans.

Questions? Please call Dale Gripentrog at 989-266-3158

Pictured is William Friebe who served in the Army from 1944 to 1946 and fought in WW II.

The City of Auburn salutes you!
WE WANT YOUR OPINION
The City of Auburn and the communities of Bay County are updating the county’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Please take a few minutes to take our online survey so we know what you think about parks and recreation in our communities. It will help us plan for the future.

Go to www.BayRecSurvey.com

Smart phone uses, scan here!

Euchre Tournament
Sponsored by Auburn Williams Lions Club
Every Second Saturday from September thru April

Where: Midland Moose Lodge—2100 Bay City Road
Doors Open at 5:30 pm Games Start at 6:00 p.m.
For more information please call Dale @ 989-266-3158 or 989-620-0507
All monies are returned to the community.

Auburn Boy Scout Troop 141
SOUP SUPPER
Thursday, October 24, 2013
Williams Township Hall 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Adults $7.00, Senior $6.00,
Children (6-10) $5.00, Children (5 and Under) $1.00
Fall 2013

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Auburnmi.org

Agendas and minutes can be found on the city web site.

Auburn City Commission

Mayor
Lee Kilbourn

Commissioners:
Ken Charbonneau
Matt Hardy
Ann Machelski
John McNally
Amy Rezmer
Russell Williams

Meeting Calendar

City Commission meetings held twice monthly on the First and Third Mondays 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

Holiday Schedule

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

Thanksgiving November 28 and 29
Christmas Eve and Day December 24 and 25
New Year’s Eve and Day Dec 31 and Jan 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.

Auburn Shooting Range Dates
October 19 and 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
November 2, and 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Public times include rifle range, pistol range and archery range.

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