Mayor’s Message—Lee Kilbourn

It’s certainly been a harsh winter, and I know you’ll agree that we are sure glad to see it finally come to an end. It’s a great feeling to get out, hear the birds chirping and smell the air while raking old man winter off your lawn. There is something about that smell that says spring is coming with better days ahead.

There are better days ahead for the people and City of Auburn too! The City has procured over $1,084,000 in grant funding and that’s just fantastic! These grants will be used to build a new multi-functional recreational facility at the park for basketball and ice hockey, dredging the pond, fixing the fishing piers, plus some other park improvements that are still under discussion. We’ve been able to purchase new police equipment, and thanks to a grant from Consumers Power we planted trees at the ball diamonds. A SAW grant of $983,355 was awarded to the City by the State of Michigan. It will benefit the City in many ways. This summer you will see quite a bit of action around the city as crews will be out obtaining GIS coordinates for sewer leads, manholes and catch basins as we implement a GIS system for the storm and sanitary drains. One hundred percent of our storm and sanitary mains will be cleaned to keep drains flowing efficiently. Crews will televise the mains looking for any problem areas so we can get them repaired. Smoke testing will be conducted to detect areas of infiltration of storm water into the sanitary system so we can reduce it. The purpose of all this work is to obtain an assessment of the existing systems, which will allow us to come up with better ways to maintain them. We will be able to identify areas that need to be fixed now before it becomes a much larger problem. Everything will be mapped into the GIS system so our DPW workers will be able to get the information they need at the touch of a button. The grant will pay for all the software, hardware and training.

Auburn is truly an active and thriving community. I want to welcome all the new businesses that have opened up and are planning to shortly open in town: The Chill Factor, Auburn’s Fresh Cutz, Auburn PT Wellness Center, Pike Dentistry & O’s Pub & Grill. Visit them and let them know we are glad to have them here in Auburn. Please remember to support all our local businesses.

Auburn is a special place, and we are blessed to have experienced such a prosperous year. We have many great events going on in town this summer, please take the time to support and enjoy them. Go online and check out our city website, www.auburnmi.org. It contains news, events and lots of great information about what your city government is doing for you. I hope you and your families enjoy a long-awaited wonderful summer and we look forward to continuing to build on the success of the past year.

Mayor Lee Kilbourn

MACHELSKI PARK DEDICATION

Please join us Monday, June 9 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the dedication ceremony of the Machelski Park located at the corner of Midland and Auburn Roads. The park is being dedicated to Art and Ann Machelski for their years of devoted service maintaining the park and outstanding service to the community.

Woodcutter’s Ball Women’s Professional Lumberjack Competition

A two-day festival, scheduled June 14 and 15, will be held on the Cornfest grounds! This event will be sanctioned by the Midwest Lumberjack Association. The Woodcutter’s Ball will feature a world-class field, with competitors traveling from Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The plan is to crown individual and team champions in events such as the underhand chop and crosscut saw. In addition to the athletic events there will be live music, a re-enactment village, food and family events. More details can be found at www.woodcutterball.com.
Private Trees and Shrubs Encroaching onto Public Works
For the safety of those who use the City’s streets and sidewalks, trees, shrubs and bushes which overhang or are adjacent to sidewalks and streets must be trimmed.

Tree branches overhanging the sidewalk need to be trimmed to a height of at least eight feet above the sidewalk. Trees, shrubs and other vegetation should be kept trimmed at least 12 inches back from the edge of the sidewalk.

Curbside Branch Pick-Up Program
Public Works crews will accept:
• Tree branches no larger than 3 inches in diameter or 14 feet in length. Any Y branches within 3 feet of the end of branch must be cut off;
• Shrub trimmings and similar brush.

Crews will NOT accept:
• Tree trunks, stumps or root balls
• Firewood
• Railroad ties or landscape timbers
• Grass clippings, leaves, sod, plants or yard waste
• Brush resulting from a contracted service.
Crews will continue to pick up brush until the last Tuesday in November.

Please remember to face cut ends the same way traffic flows. Brush that can be tied and bundled according to the trash company's guidelines should be set to the curb on trash day.

Free wood chips can be delivered the day of chipping, please call City Hall.

Grass Clippings
Now that the grass mowing season is upon us—please remember to keep all grass clippings off the streets. Grass clippings eventually reach the street drain system and will prevent City drains from working properly.

Regulations for 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.

Pets in City Park
Please remember that if you choose to bring your pet to the City Park, it must be restrained on a six foot leash at all times. Additionally, pet owners are responsible for “cleaning up” after their pets.

Pets are not allowed from the building west to Auburn Road.

Before You Dig!
Just a reminder, if you are planning to dig or excavate, state law requires you notify MISS DIG of your intent to work, and contact them at least three working days in advance. One easy call gets free staking of underground utilities and helps reduce the chance of injury and expense.

To notify MISS DIG of your intent to dig:
Call—811
Visit—www.missdig.com

Mosquitoes
Help reduce the number of mosquitoes in areas outdoors where you work or play by draining sources of standing water. In this way, you reduce the number of places mosquitoes can lay their eggs and breed.

• At least once or twice a week, empty water from flowerpots, pet food & water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, bucket, barrels, and cans.
• Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.
• Remove discarded tires, and other items that could collect water.
• Be sure to check for containers or trash in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.
Boaters’ Safety
Bay County Sheriff Marine Division
City Hall
May 15, 5-9 p.m.
Call City Hall for details

Auburn Cornfest Fireworks
Fundraiser Golf Outing
Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.
Shotgun start @ Beech Hollow
$65 person/4-person team
Sign up: Auburn Hotel 662.2281
or merrillwill@gmail.com

Pickleball
Looking for members
Tuesdays @ 6 p.m., Auburn Park
For more info: Neil DeShano
989.205.6281

KC Fish Fry Dates
Try and get out to last Friday fish fry before summer begins at the KC Hall on Garfield Road.
April 18 and May 2
From 2:30-7:00 p.m.

Auburn Shooting Range Dates
Tuesdays (5-8 p.m.)
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15

Saturdays (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
April 12 and 26
May 3, 17, 31
June 14 and 28
July 12 and 26
August 9 and 23
September 6, 13, 20, 27
October 11, 18, 25
November Hours (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) November 1, 8

Sponsored by: Auburn-Williams Recreation Board
For more information call 989-365-0270

Farmers Market
Fridays, May-October
at Tri-City Worship Center
609 W Midland Rd
Interested vendors may contact
Bob Richmond 989.954.6906

Auburn Cornfest July 10-13
Family Entertainment
Concert by Josh Wilson Band
July 9, 6 p.m. Cornfest tent
Tickets at Auburn City Hall, Artisans
Landscaping, Ray Garcia
Concessions, bring lawn chair
Cornstalk 5K Run/Walk
July 10, 6:30 p.m.
Western High School
www.barcmi.com
Fireworks July 10 at Dusk
44th Annual Parade July 13
Parade Theme: Super Corn
ifragilisticexpialidocious
Featuring the Shriners Mini Cars
Cathy Putt, Parade Co-chair
989.662.2489 kmrrcp@yahoo.com

6th Annual Golf Scramble
Auburn-Williams Lions Club
Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.
Shotgun start @ Beech Hollow
$65 person/4-person team
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Free Youth Fishing Clinic
Auburn Park
June 19 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Rain Date: June 26
Elements of Fishing Equipment
Casting Contest
Learn knot tying skills

Eye Bike Ride
Auburn-Williams Lions Club
June 21, Auburn Park
8:30 a.m. Registration
$20 Individual/$35 Family by June 1
For more info: 989.430.9500

Sixth Annual 50’s Block Party
Grace Lutheran will be holding its sixth annual 50’s block party open to the whole community on Friday, July 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be classic cars, 50’s and 60’s music, contest and games. The 50’s diner will open at 6:00 serving those great foods of that era. Dion of Dion and the Belmont’s fame will be the guest entertainer. For more information call Kim, 989-415-7865 or email kherbs@charter.net. Rain date is Saturday, July 26.

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Dale Gripentrog has raised enough in donations to secure a date in 2015 to bring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to the City of Auburn! The Wall is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. It stands six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end. This Traveling Memorial stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their home town who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington. Dale must raise an additional $1,000. If you would like to contribute or volunteer when the wall comes in 2015, please contact Dale Gripentrog at 989.266.3158.

**City Auburn Veterans Memorial**

Two events will take place this year at the Auburn Veterans Memorial located in the city park to honor our country’s veterans. Ceremonies will be held on Memorial Day, May 26 and Veterans Day, November 11.

Pictured is Auburn resident Donald P. Mularz.

Mr. Mularz served in the Army Airborn from 1952-1954. He made seventeen jumps as a paratrooper.

The City of Auburn salutes you!
The DDA Does It

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is busy planning for improvements in the district. The purpose of the DDA is to improve the property in the DDA district which is primarily Midland Road (City limits), the East side of Garfield Road and Auburn Road between the Railroad tracks and Auburn Park.

The main focus of the DDA is bringing people into Auburn to support our businesses. The DDA has constructed a new billboard on US-10 adjacent to the current billboard. New LED lighting was installed for both billboards. The DDA will be funding and coordinating future messages on the billboards. We know this is a great place to shop, live, work and play and want to share this information.

We are assisting the City with a new master plan for the city park. The City received a $100,000 grant for improvements. The DDA had considered a larger structure at the park and is reconsidering the timing for such due to the grant. It is important that we look at the park property in a longrange plan. Our space is limited and we need to make the most of it.

The DDA will again fund the purchase of fish for the park pond for the fishing clinic in June and the fish frenzy during the Cornfest. We have supported the Cornfest fireworks in 2013 and will most likely do so again this year.

This spring and summer you will see the new way finding signs, community sign as well as new “Welcome To Auburn” signs. The DDA wants Auburn to be inviting to the residents and to those traveling in our city.

Child Safety Seat Inspection

The Bay County Sheriff’s Dept. encourages parents and caregivers to contact the department at 989-662-6768 to schedule a “check up” of their child’s restraint seat. A “check-up” normally takes one half-hour and parents are asked to bring their vehicle owner’s manual, child restraint manual and child.

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Clerk/Treasurer Karen Bellor

August 5, 2014 Primary and November 4, 2014 General Election

Last day to register for August Primary – July 7, 2014 – Last day to register for November general election – October 6, 2014

If you want to check to see if you are registered, visit www.Michigan.gov/vote. There you will find information about registering to vote and voting, voting equipment, polling place locations, state and local ballots, the candidates, campaign finance and more. Or, you can call city hall with your questions about your voter registration, polling place location and working at the polls.

To celebrate Earth Day, the City of Auburn and Williams Township have joined together to bring a document shred event along with a prescription drop off at the Williams Township Hall.

GotDrugs?

At the same time you are getting your documents shredded, the Bay County Sheriff’s Dept. will be there to take any old prescription drugs you may have to safely dispose of them.

Document Shredding Event

Bring your documents to be shredded. There is a limit of 4 boxes and you must be a resident of the City of Auburn or Williams Township.

Both events will take place on:
April 26th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
At the Williams Township Hall

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The DDA Board Members

Jane Berry
Gary DeShano
Bob Feinauer
Chad Fournier
Mayor Lee Kilbourn
Jim Klida
Diane McNally
Mike Snyder
Mary Williams
The DDA Board membership is volunteer and the meets on the fourth Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. of every month. The public is welcome to attend the meetings.
Outdoor Movie Night at Tri-City Furniture
Tuesday, July 15 at dusk—THOR
Tuesday, July 29 at dusk—DESPICABLE ME
Tuesday, August 5 at dusk—GHOSTBUSTERS
Tuesday, August 19 at dusk—FROZEN

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 once a month on the second Monday 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.
Good Friday—April 18
Memorial Day—May 26
Independence Day—July 4
Labor Day—September 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.

We are on the web!
Auburnmi.org
Agendas and minutes can be found on the city web site.

The City Commission meetings have been moved to the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.