Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Farm Market

Spring is here! Warmer weather will be here soon also. The Farm market will be open at the new Pavilion. Opening day is Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The regular market hours are Thursdays 4:00 – 7:00 PM and Saturdays 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM thru October.

Please welcome Misty Michelle as the market manager and event planner for Auburn. Watch for Auburn to be the place where residents in the Great Lakes Bay Region want to come and spend time. With the new pavilion farm market events and activities are being planned for Auburn Park.

The Farm Market Board has been meeting to complete the guidelines for the market. Thank you: Cynthia Thomas, Angela Tomlinson, and Jan Dzurka for serving on the board. Regular meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

With the warmer weather the new Pavilion will be painted, the surrounding soil will be graded and the grass planted. By Christmas we should have grass under the snow for the new Christmas light show.

Steven VanTol, DDA Director
Current DDA Board members: Jane Berry, Gary DeShano, Robert Feinauer, Chad Fournier, Lee Kilbourn, Jim Klida, Diane McNally, Adam Carrol and Mary Williams

Spring Clean-Up Notes

Auburn is teaming up with Williams Township this year to provide our residents with services aimed at keeping our City looking beautiful. The event will be held on June 2nd at the Williams Charter Township Hall at 1080 W. Midland Rd (next to the fire station) from 9 a.m. until noon. Services will include paper shredding, electronic waste recycling (except old TV’s), and medication disposal.

On a similar note, keep in mind that grass clippings and yard waste in City streets is not only an eyesore that can cause damage to storm sewers, it is also a violation of City Code. Sweeping, throwing or depositing (any) materials onto City streets is not allowed.

Finally, with spring peeping around the corner, we ask that you keep the visual appeal of your home in mind and to be neighborly. Noxious weeds, rank vegetation, excessive length of grass, accumulation of dead grass, weeds or brush, etc. are all considered blight. Constant animal noise or letting your animals run at large can be an annoyance to neighbors but is also a violation of City Code.

Let’s keep Auburn a great place to be!

We’ve received complaints about unwanted newspapers. Please call them to cancel
Midland Daily News: 989.839.4211
Bay City Times: 989.671.1201

Contact City Hall:
Police/Fire: 911 or Non-Emergency: 989.892.9551
Police Office: 989.662.6768
City Hall Office: 989.662.6761
City Hall Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Mon-Fri
Notes from the Mayor…

Like the song says, *The Times they are a-Changin*. That seems so true today for so many different reasons. Here we are, it’s spring, but we are still getting snow. But soon warm weather will be here & we’ll be planting flowers.

We have a lot of changes going on in town. We have a new city administrator, David Haag. He was the city treasurer from Gladwin. He’s a great guy and has many great ideas for Auburn. He’ll do a good job for all of us. Stop in & say Hello!

We also have a new city clerk, Bryna Mieske and with the help of Bay County Clerk, Cynthia Luczak, Bryna is trained & ready to go.

Our new park pavilion is almost done. The builder just has some finishing touches and landscaping to do once it warms up and we’ll be ready to go.

The New Farm Market will be located at the pavilion. Misty Michelle is our farm market director and is busy contacting various farmers in the area trying to get vendors. The market days and hours have changed. Now they are Thursday’s 4-7pm and Saturday’s 7am-1pm. They’re better days & hours so please come and shop the new farm market to make it a success.

One of our biggest concerns is the operation of the Auburn-Williams Fire Department. The fire department was started back in 1949. I’m told back then if you needed to call for help you called the Auburn Hotel and they flipped a switch and set off the fire siren signaling a fire run. Since 1997 the calls have more than doubled. Today, there are over 600 fire and rescue calls a year. In 2017 there were 629 calls of which 397 were medical related.

Auburn-Williams is the only all-volunteer fire department in Bay County. The men and women in our department are all professional, all highly trained, motivated, and willing to risk their lives for us. They don’t work for pay, they believe in answering the call to save a neighbor, a friend, even a total stranger knowing that they just might have to give their all. In fact, it often cost the fire fighters to pay for fuel to get to the fire station or to their training locations, not to mention the countless hours spent on responses and training sessions. I have to say, “Thank you!” We all need to say thank you.

We are looking at what it is going to take to become a part-time/pay per run fire department. Why? What’s changed?

As time goes on, the state requirements become more rigid. More training requirements on the fire fighters, and the requirement that all medical calls are responded to 7 days a week-24 hours a day, in order to retain the state Medical 1st Responder license. With most fire fighters working outside of Auburn we are missing some calls during 6am & 6pm. Per our medical license we can’t miss the calls or the state medical license will be revoked, and we will no longer be able to respond to medical calls. Auburn-Williams Fire District Board members have researched ways to still serve the community with a level of professional expertise at a reasonable cost. What that may mean is hiring part-time fire fighters who are also medical first responders, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5 days a week and pay the firefighters a per run stipend. This would allow the Auburn-Williams fire fighters to continue to provide the citizens of our communities’ professional medical assistance and fire rescue. An alternative to this could be to hire an ambulance service, however the cost is high and there is no promise that the ambulance will be able to respond immediately. If they are called to Pinconning or other location in Bay County, they must make the call.

The City and Township boards have met and are looking at all the different options. Some of the considerations are: how does the city and township meet this additional cost? Do we add to the election ballot a special millage to cover this expense? Based on a long-time formula (number of runs, SEV and population) the current expenses are divided City 33% and Township 67%.

At the end of the day, it is about serving our citizens. Thank you!
This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Auburn for the calendar year 2017. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that was provided to you in 2017. Included are details about where your water comes from and what it contains.

Source Water Information

The City of Auburn receives its water from the city of Midland. Midland has received its source water supply from Lake Huron since 1948. The source water pumping system is jointly owned and operated by the cities of Midland and Saginaw and is called the Saginaw-Midland Municipal Water Supply Corporation (SMMWSC). Water is drawn into the system through two intake structures located in Lake Huron off the shores of Whitestone Point. The water is chlorinated at the lake intake structures to remove harmful bacteria and zebra mussels and is then pumped through 65 miles of pipeline to Midland. The water treatment complex is able to provide 48 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated Lake Huron water to the communities. The water treatment plant is staffed by state-certified water treatment operators, water analysts and maintenance personnel that monitor, test, maintain and adjust the treatment plant to provide high-quality and reliable water service.

In June 2004, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) released a Source Water Assessment Report (SWAR) for our community’s source of raw water. Included in the Source Water Assessment is a susceptibility analysis of our raw water. Susceptibility is a measure of the factors within the source water area that may pose a risk to the water supply. The Source Water Assessment Report concluded that potential contaminant sources present a negligible risk due to the physical location of the intakes. Based on the intake’s infrequent experience with abnormal current flows, the Saginaw-Midland source water is defined as moderately low for susceptibility to potential contamination. Midland has effectively treated this source to meet drinking water standards.

A copy of Source Water Assessment is available for review at City Hall. If you have any questions or need additional information on the report, please call the Midland Water Plant at 989-837-3515.

Information on Lead and Copper

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Auburn is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you may minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/Drinking.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson’s Disease should consult their physician. If you are concerned about elevated copper levels in your home’s water, you may wish to have the water tested, and flush your tap from 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water.

Contact the City’s DPW at 989-662-6761 for further information on water testing.

Special Information Available

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or www.epa.gov/Drinking.

Health and Safety Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or www.epa.gov/Drinking.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to insure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation establishes limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.
## CITY OF AUBURN TEST RESULTS FOR 2017

### SUBSTANCES REGULATED AT MIDLAND'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT

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<tr>
<th>Substance</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>Range</th>
<th>Average</th>
<th>MCL</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
<th>Likely Source</th>
<th>Violation?</th>
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<td>Fluoride</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>0.30 - 0.83</td>
<td>0.69</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits; Water Treatment additive which promotes strong teeth</td>
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<tr>
<td>Turbidity</td>
<td>ntu</td>
<td>0.03 - 0.22</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>TTa</td>
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<td>Soil runoff; suspended matter in surface water</td>
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<td>Barium</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>0.01</td>
<td>0.01</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits</td>
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<td>Discharge from petroleum refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines</td>
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a. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system. The treatment technique for turbidity requires that all samples be below 1 ntu, and at least 95% of the samples each month be lower than 0.3 ntu. 100% of our samples were below 0.3 ntu.

b. Testing for this substance conducted every nine years. Test date 2013.

### SUBSTANCES REGULATED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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<th>Substance</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Trihalomethanes</td>
<td>ppb</td>
<td>24 – 75</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>By-products of drinking water chlorination</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Haloacetic Acids</td>
<td>ppb</td>
<td>13 – 26</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>By-products of drinking water chlorination</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chlorine</td>
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<td>0.61-1.02</td>
<td>0.83</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>Water Treatment additive for control of microbial contaminants</td>
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c. Highest Running Annual Average (RAA) calculated quarterly.

### SUBSTANCES REGULATED AT THE CUSTOMER'S TAP (CITY OF AUBURN)

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<th>Substance</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>90th Percentile</th>
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<tr>
<td>Copper</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>0.325</td>
<td>AL=1.3</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>Corrosion of household plumbing systems</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lead</td>
<td>ppb</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>AL=15</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Corrosion of household plumbing systems</td>
<td>NO</td>
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da. No testing site exceeded the Copper Action Level of 1.300 ppm.

e. No testing site exceeded the Lead Action Level of 1.5 ppb.

### UNREGULATED (SINGLE SAMPLE AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT)

<table>
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<th>Substance</th>
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<th>Amount Detected</th>
<th>Likely Source</th>
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<td>Sodium</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>Non Detect</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
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### IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require an explanation.

- **Action Level or AL**: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers the need for additional treatment or other requirements which a water system must meet.

- **Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL**: The highest level of a contaminant, which is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG**: The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL**: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG**: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

- **Nephelometric Turbidity Units (ntu)**: Is a measure of the clarity of water. The lower the numbers, the more clear the water.

- **Not Applicable**: n/a

- **Part per million (ppm)**; **part per billion (ppb)**: These units describe the levels of detected contaminants. One part per million is about 1/2 of a dissolved aspirin tablet (162.5 mg) in a full bathtub of water (about 50 gallons). One part per billion is about one dissolved aspirin tablet (325 mg) in a typical 25 - meter swimming pool (about 100,000 gallons).

- **Treatment Technique or TT**: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Utility Bill Information

Please remember to adjust the date your payment is mailed so it is received by the due date.

You should expect your bill to be mailed by the 1st of the month in January, April, July, and October with payments due on or before the 21st.

According to the Auburn, MI Code of Ordinances:
“It is the policy of the city to discontinue utility service to customers by reason of nonpayment of bills …”
“That all bills are due and payable on or before the date set forth on the bill”
“That if any bill is not paid by the due date, then a penalty of 10% shall be added thereto…”
“That any customer disputing the correctness of his or her bill shall have a right …” and an “official shall be authorized to order that the customer’s service not be discontinued” until a final determination is made.
“Requests for delays or waiver of payment will not be entertained; only questions of proper and correct billing will be considered …”
“When it becomes necessary for the city to discontinue utility service to a customer for nonpayment of bills, service will be reinstated only after all bills for service then due have been paid, along with a turn-on charge as set by the City Commission.”

The full Code of Ordinances can be found at [www.auburnmi.org](http://www.auburnmi.org) by following the links to ‘Ordinances’ under the Reference Desk tab.

Utility Billing Dates to Remember

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<td>March 29</td>
<td>Bills delivered to the Post Office</td>
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<tr>
<td>April 21</td>
<td>Due Date to avoid penalty</td>
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<tr>
<td>April 22</td>
<td>Penalties due. (May not show in total when paying online, but still due).</td>
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<tr>
<td>April 25</td>
<td>Past Due Notices delivered to the Post Office</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 7</td>
<td>Due Date to avoid disconnection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 8</td>
<td>Disconnection Tags are delivered and water turned off for nonpayment.</td>
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Brush Chipping

The City of Auburn DPW department will be chipping brush once a week, typically on Tuesday mornings, starting mid-April and continuing until mid-October. Pick up is done weather permitting and may be delayed 1-2 days for extenuating circumstances. Services may also be extended in the event of excessive tree damage / broken limbs throughout the city.

Please adhere to the Brush Chipping Policy, which is meant for brush less than six (6) inches in diameter. Any large pieces or small debris is the responsibility of the homeowner. Failure to adhere to the guidelines or vehicles/obstructions blocking access to the brush may result in your brush not being picked up that week.

The Brush Chipping Policy may be found at [www.auburnmi.org](http://www.auburnmi.org) or by contacting City Hall.
# Upcoming Events

### Western High School Bands On the Run 5k  
**When:** Sat, April 28th, 10:00 am  
**Where:** Western High School

### New Farmer’s Market  
**When:** May – October  
**Where:** Auburn City Park Pavilion  
Contact Misty Michelle to become a vendor at AuburnFM@gmail.com or (231) 633-9318

### Mother’s Day  
**When:** Sunday May 13th  
Call your Mother!

### Treasure Hunt Days – presented by the Auburn Lions Club  
**When:** Thurs, May 17th – Sat, May 19th 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
**Where:** All around Auburn.

### City Commission Meeting  
**When:** Mon, May 21st, 7:00pm  
**Where:** Auburn City Hall

### Memorial Day  
**When:** Mon, May 28th  
City Hall is closed. Today is for remembering those who died in the armed forces of our country.

### Scrap Tire Drive - Bay Co. Mosquito Control  
**When:** Sat, June 2nd, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Where:** Bay County Fairgrounds

### City Clean-Up Day  
**When:** Sat, June 2nd, 9:00 am - Noon  
**Where:** Williams Township Hall  
Paper Shredding, Drug Drop Off, Electronic Disposal, let’s all cleanup!

### Kid’s Zone Clean-Up  
**When:** Sat, June 2nd, 9:00 am  
**Where:** Auburn City Park  
Volunteers Needed to work with the Jaycees to cleanup and repaint parts to the Kid’s Zone. Contact Brandon from the Auburn Jaycees at (989) 450-7065

### Flag Day  
**When:** Thurs, June 14th.

### Father’s Day  
**When:** Sunday, June 17th,  
Call your Dad!

### City Commission Meeting  
**When:** Mon, June 18th, 7:00pm  
**Where:** Auburn City Hall

### Independence Day  
**When:** Wed, July 4th.  
City Hall is Closed, take time and be thankful for be here in the USA.

### Auburn Cornfest  
**“Pirates of the Cornibean”**  
**When:** Thurs, July 5th – Sun, July 8th  
Parade Sunday, July 8th 1:00pm  
**Where:** Auburn City Park

### Hunter’s Safety  
**When:** Sat, July 21st, 10:00 am  
**Where:** Auburn Shooting Range  
Sign up with Range Master Bill Warren (989) 385-0270

### City Commission Meeting  
**When:** Mon, July 23rd, 7:00pm  
**Where:** Auburn City Hall

### City Commission Meeting  
**When:** Mon, Aug 20th, 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Auburn City Hall

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Volunteers are the most important resource we have in our community. The ability for people to work together willingly makes our city better. We have many great groups in Auburn, the Auburn-Williams Lions, the Jaycees, the Knights of Columbus and more all need more volunteers. Please consider joining one of them.

As part of the City’s Capital Improvement Program, starting the week of July 9th, Auburn Road, between US-10 and Midland Rd will be repaved. At times the road will be closed, but mostly one lane should be open all the time. Please plan ahead so you will not be too inconvenienced.

If you need CPR training to satisfy a job requirement or you just want to know how to keep your loved ones safe, contact Brandon Poltorak at (989) 450-7065. He is planning on a class if he gets enough interest.
Revised

City of Auburn 2018 Trash Calendar

January 2018

February 2018

March 2018

April 2018

May 2018

June 2018

July 2018

August 2018

September 2018

October 2018

November 2018

December 2018

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.

Trash will be collected one day late due to the following Holidays: Memorial Day - May 29, Independence Day – July 4, Labor Day - September 4, Christmas Day – December 25, and New Year’s Day – January 1, 2019.

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.

2018 Waste Management yard waste collection starts April 4 and ends November 28.
Meetings agendas & minutes can be found on the city website.
www.auburnmi.org

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