Lighting Contest Winners

Residential Winners
1st Place: 245 Sycamore St
2nd Place: 307 Ireland St.
3rd Place: 241 Sycamore St.

Commercial Winners
1st Place: 135 W. Midland
2nd Place: 589 W Midland

City Notes

Winter Parking Rules

The city has an ordinance against parking on any public street from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Nov 1st to April 30th in order to facilitate snow removal. 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.

Sidewalk Shoveling

We do not have an ordinance telling you that you have to clean the snow off your sidewalks. We do believe in the "good neighbor policy." Please shovel your sidewalks and driveways to help not only your family but also everyone else's family. If you have a neighbor or know of someone that can't due to age or health shovel their own sidewalks, please take the time to go and shovel them out too.

Contact the City

Police/Fire: 911
Police Office: 989.662.6768
City Hall Office: 989.662.6761
City Hall Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Mon-Fri

Visit us at www.auburnmi.org
Please mail or email your comments to: Patricia Rayl City Administrator, 113 E. Elm St Auburn, MI 48611 or prayl@auburnmi.org
Looking for a Club to Join…

Looking for a club to join, well why not try the Auburn/Williams Lions Club! We gather on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Auburn Hotel & the 3rd Thursday at the Auburn Library @ 7:30am.

What is our goal? To raise money to help support the blind and to help out our community! How do we do that you ask? Well it takes a beautiful group of people & that’s why we need you!

1st our goal in helping out people with vision issues. We work together with other Lion Club’s in raising money for building a new home for Seeing Eye dogs, supporting eye screening testing or helping to finance glasses for the lower income. 2nd, all of the events are designed to help us carry out our goals.

In February, we are having a Comedy Night, April our White Cane Tag Day, June is our Annual Golf Outing, August the Bicycle Eye Ride and October our Scavenger Hunt. Too add a few more community events, we hold Bingo for our Veterans at the Veterans Hospital and by supplying treats, drinks and free eye screening at the Annual Santa Fun Fest.

So we would love to “Thank You” for your support for participating in our events, we couldn’t do it without you!!

If you want to know more, Dr. Susan Morley, our club president would love to talk to you. Give her a call at her office at the Auburn Family Eyecare at 662-9890.

Auburn Downtown Development Authority Update

Winter is upon us now. You may have noticed changes along Midland Road. The lights are now functioning. The holiday decorations are on the original light poles. We didn’t put decorations on the poles that were just installed cause they were not powered. Next year we will have decorations along the whole stretch of Midland Road. This was an expensive project, and the DDA Board saved money over several years to make this possible.

The public is welcome to attend our 2016 monthly meetings in the City Hall meeting room on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10AM (except for November & December).

We also welcome Adam Carrol, owner of Harbor Light Photography, as our newest board member.

The current members of the DDA Board of Directors are:

- Steven VanTol, DDA Director
- Mary Williams, Chairperson
- Gary DeShano, Secretary
- Jim Klida, Co-Treasurer
- Diane McNally, Co Treasurer
- Jane Berry
- Alan Carrol
- Robert Feinauer
- Chad Fouriuer
- Lee Kilbourn, Mayor
Snow Removal

Fire Hydrants: Please dig snow from around fire hydrants, if you have one in your yard or neighborhood. In the event of a fire it may help save a life or your neighbor’s house by finding them quicker.

Shoveling: Snow is pretty heavy, especially the really wet stuff. Here are a few tips to dig yourself out a little more safely.

1. Avoid holding your breath.
2. Bend from your hips and knees, NOT your back.
3. Avoid reaching too far. Shovel the snow close to you.
4. Lift from your legs.
5. Consider wearing an abdominal brace.
6. Pivot to avoid excess twisting of your trunk.
7. If the snowfall was a big one, lift and move it in layers to limit the weight.
8. Take rest breaks and be sure to stay hydrated.
9. Buy a snow blower, hire the kid next door or move to California!
10. If you have a history of a cardiac condition or low back problems or are suffering from a shoulder or knee injury, find someone else to do the shoveling for you.

Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

This provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

To qualify, you must:
- Be the homeowner and occupy the house
- Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere
- Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income

Family Size One Two Three Four Five
Income 20,700 23,650 26,600 29,550 31,950

- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards

How much money can I get?
- Maximum loan is $20,000
- Maximum grant is $7,500
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to $27,500 in assistance

What are the terms of the loan or grant?
- Loans can be repaid over 20 years
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1%
- Full title service is required for loans of $7,500 or more
- Grants have a lifetime limit of $7,500
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than 3 years
- If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination

Is there a deadline to apply?
- Home loans are available year round as long as funding is available
- Home loan applications are processed in the order they are received

Helping people stay in their own home and keep it in good repair helps families and their communities. Homeownership helps families and individuals build savings over time. It strengthens communities and helps many kinds of businesses that support the local economy. Funding programs are subject to change; please always consult your local USDA office for assistance.


Who can answer questions and how do I get started? Contact the USDA Home loan specialist in are area: Jackie Morgan, West Branch Office of Rural Development, USDA. Phone: 989.246.0698
You can renew your licenses at City Hall.

State law requires that all dogs over 4 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed through the county. Bay County ordinance requires that all cats over 4 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed through the county.

Please note that licenses are to be purchased in the month that your animal has been rabies vaccinated and will be good for one year from that month. Licenses are to be renewed on a yearly basis, unless you have purchased a three-year license.

Be sure to bring your renewal notice from Bay County and your rabies vaccination paperwork.

Art is in the Air

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Auburn DDA is planning on starting the Auburn Festival of Banners. The Festival of Banners brings local art to the community by submitting a banner design that if chosen will hang on one of the light posts that line Midland Road here in Auburn.

We need volunteers to serve on the Banner committee to make this all happen. If you are interested, please let city hall know so we can make this happen.

We will need people of all ages to submit banner designs. Children must be at least 8 years of age to participate. We are also looking for local sponsors both business and private to help support us with this project. Space is limited; submissions will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Entries will be judged on quality of artwork, artistic style and in the keeping of this year’s Banner theme, “What we love about Michigan.” Banners will be hung in May and fly on the Midland Road street posts till November creating a colorful public art exhibit.

Businesses and organizations may enter a banner design too. It cannot be just a printed copy of their logo. If a logo design is intended, it has to be a freehand artistic rendering of their logo.

All entries are due by March 15, 2016. An entry form, with festival rules will be available soon at City Hall and online at www.auburnmi.org.

Please help us put Art in the Air here in Auburn! If you have any further questions please contact Mayor Kilbourn at 859-7004 or mayorkilbourn@auburnmi.org.
Upcoming Events

J.A.M. Session
Dress Like a Pirate
When: Wed, Jan 20th, 5:30pm
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church

Movie Night
“A Bug’s Life”
When: Sat, Jan 23rd, 6:00pm
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church

Library Blood Drive
When: Tues, Feb 2nd, 3-6pm
Where: Auburn Library

J.A.M. Session
Happy Birthday Mr. Pat
When: Wed, Feb 3rd, 5:30pm
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church

Fish Fry
When: Friday, Feb 5th, 3-7pm
Where: Auburn K of C Hall

Star Wars Party
When: Sat, Feb 6th, 2-3:30pm
Where: Auburn Library
Featuring the 501st Legion of the Great Lakes Garrison

Thor the Movie
When: Tues, Feb 16th, 5:30pm
Where: Auburn Library

J.A.M. Session
A Spudtacular Life
When: Wed, Feb 17th, 5:30pm
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church

Fish Fry
When: Fri, Feb 19th, 3-7pm
Where: Auburn K of C Hall

Team Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge!
When: Sat, Feb 20th, 1-4pm
Where: Auburn Library

Lion’s Club Comedy Night Fund Raiser
When: Sun, Feb 28th, 5pm
Where: Vino’s on Midland St Bay City, tickets $25 each

J.A.M. Session
F.R.O.G Night
When: Wed, Mar 2nd, 5:30pm
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church

Fish Fry
When: Friday, Mar 15th, 3-7pm
Where: Auburn K of C Hall

Blood Drive
When: Friday, Mar 15th
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church

Fish Fry
When: Friday, Mar 25th, 3-7pm
Where: Auburn K of C Hall

Fish Fry
When: Friday, Apr 8th, 3-7pm
Where: Auburn K of C Hall

Rep. Gary Glenn
When: 1st Friday of every month from 12-1pm
Where: City Hall Meeting room. Stop in & ask questions or share your concerns.

Auburn Jaycees
When: 4th Wed each month
Where: Auburn City Hall Meeting Room, 7:00pm

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
Let us know what you think. Call us at 662-6761 or email prayl@auburnmi.org.

Would monthly billing for your water/trash service be better for your budget?

If the Farmers Market has Saturday hours at the Auburn Park, would you shop? What days or hours would you shop?