Fun around Auburn

Auburn Elementary Color Run
Community Recycle Day
Western Band Boosters Glow Run

Contact the City
Police/Fire: 911
Police Office: 989-662-6768
City Hall Office: 989-662-6761
Please mail or email your comments to:
   Patricia Rayl, City Administrator
   113 E. Elm St.
   Auburn, MI 48611
   Or email: prayl@auburnmi.org
Visit us at www.auburnmi.org or “like” us on Facebook. Search for City of Auburn.
Summer Hours: 8am to 5pm Mon-Fri (June-August)
Planting Pride in Auburn

You want your neighborhood, your city to be looking good, right? A beautiful, attractive community adds value to your home, helps attract business investment, brings visitors to town and improves the community’s reputation. It’s one reason why we choose our vacation places--because of the beauty.

I believe in Auburn. I believe we have that community spirit where we all can pitch in to make those visible improvements that will enhance our community with vibrant amazing results.

We’re looking for volunteers to help with forming the Auburn Beautification Committee. This volunteer group’s purpose is to reward the community by the use of colorful plants, trees and creative elements. They will help organize and conduct volunteer efforts such as planting, beautification, and clean-up throughout the city. We will welcome visitors with vibrant places to live, work, and play. The Auburn Beautification Committee will advise the City Commission on projects throughout the city. If you, or someone you know, have a “green thumb”, an eye for color and beauty, or want to help improve our city for all to see, please contact myself or city hall. Thank you!

Auburn Beautification Contest

We are pleased to introduce the Auburn Neighborhood Beautification Contest. This contest is designed to encourage and promote Auburn as a beautiful place to live, work and play. We want to recognize and reward both residents and businesses whose properties reflect their community pride with a vibrant, pleasing appearance to their yard or business. All residents and businesses are encouraged to participate. Participants must submit a before and after picture with a brief description of the project. Entry forms and rules will be available at city hall and on the city website. Unwrap the Beauty in your Yard!

I wish you all the best this summer!

Mayor Kilbourn

Utility Billing Dates to Remember

June 1, 2016  Bills delivered to the Post Office
June 21, 2016  Due Date to avoid penalty
*** Mail postmarks will no longer be accepted as of Dec. 31, 2016 ***
June 22, 2016  Penalties added
June 27, 2016  Past Due Notices delivered to the Post Office
July 8, 2016  Due Date to avoid disconnection
July 11-14  Disconnection Tags are delivered and water turned off for nonpayment.
City of Auburn now hiring Election Inspectors for the August & November Elections

Deadline to Apply June 17th. Please contact City Hall for applications. This is a paid position.

Requirements for Appointment:
- Registered Voter in Michigan
- Able to interact with public in a professional, friendly manner
- Completion of Certified training located in Bay City
- Not a candidate or relative of a Candidate appearing on the ballot
- No felony or election crime convictions
- Skilled laptop user - helpful

Duties of Inspector:
- Verifying voter identification
- Performing computer search functions
- Electronic logging of voters, ballots issued and special circumstances
- Reconciling voter registration issues
- Instructing and guiding voters through the voting process

Applicants must declare a political party affiliation among Michigan’s recognized parties. “Independent” is not a recognized party in Michigan. Election inspectors are assigned to polling locations based on party affiliation. Election law requires each of the two major political parties, Democrat and Republican, to be represented in each voting precinct as equally as possible. Inspectors are paid for working the elections and a training stipend.

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 flower pots, 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.

Helpful Tips

Vacation Home Check—When you leave home for summer vacation, be sure to sign up for Auburn’s Home Watch Program. A deputy will check your home regularly while you are away. They will check the outside of your home to make sure there have been no unlawful entries, and that no other obvious problems might have developed. To sign up for this free service, contact City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, call 662-6761 or visit auburnmi.org

Garage/Yard sale signs should not be placed in the City’s public right-of-way. Keep them out of the lawns between the sidewalk and road, and off of telephone & light poles. Placed there, they are subject to removal by the City.

Utility Billing—Go paperless by submitting an email request to UtilityBilling@auburnmi.org.
2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report)

This report covers the drinking water quality for City of Auburn for the calendar year 2015. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that was provided to you in 2015. 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 (MOD) 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 process 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 the 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 can 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/drinks.

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 contact 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 for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water.

Contact the City’s DPW at 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. Immu-no-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 Agency (EPA) and 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/drink/.

**Health and Safety Information**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some 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/drink/.

**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 ensure 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 establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

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**Adding a fence, planting a tree, or installing a new mailbox? Before you dig, call Miss Dig.**
The City of Auburn 2015 Water Quality Report

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Substance</th>
<th>Units</th>
<th>Range</th>
<th>Average</th>
<th>MCL</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
<th>Likely Source</th>
<th>Violation ?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fluoride</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>0.52-0.79</td>
<td>0.69</td>
<td>4</td>
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<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>&lt;0.004-0.21</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>TT (a)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Soil Runoff; suspended matter in surface water</td>
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<tr>
<td>Barium (b)</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>0.01</td>
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<td>Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits</td>
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<td>Selenium</td>
<td>ppb</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Discharge from petroleum refineries; erosion of natural deposits</td>
<td>NO</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 the samples were below 0.3 ntu.

(b). Testing for this substance conducted every nine years. Test date 2014.

**SUBSTANCES REGULATED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

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<th>Substance</th>
<th>Units</th>
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<th>Highest RAA (c)</th>
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<td>Total Trihalomethanes</td>
<td>ppb</td>
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<td>Byproducts of drinking water chlorination</td>
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<td>Total Haloacetic Acids</td>
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<td>Byproducts of drinking water chlorination</td>
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<td>Chlorine</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>0.72-1.04</td>
<td>0.88</td>
<td>MRDL</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>Water Treatment additive for control of microbial contaminants</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 the samples were below 0.3 ntu.

(b). Testing for this substance conducted every nine years. Test date 2004.

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

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<th>Substance</th>
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<th>Percentile</th>
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<tr>
<td>Copper (d) (f)</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>0.270</td>
<td>AL=1.3</td>
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<td>Corrosion of household plumbing system</td>
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<td>Lead (e)</td>
<td>ppb</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>AL=15</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Corrosion of household plumbing system</td>
<td>NO</td>
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d. No testing site exceeded the Copper Action Level of 1.3 ppm.
e. No testing sites exceeded the Lead Action Level of 15 ppb.
f. Testing for this substance conducted every three years. Test date 2014.

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

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<tr>
<th>Substance</th>
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<th>Amount Detected</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sodium</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
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**DEFINITION OF TERMS USED**

The following water treatment terms and definitions are listed to assist with interpreting the Water Quality Report for those who are unfamiliar with water treatment terminology.

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

**Highest RAA—Highest Running Annual Average**: Calculated quarterly.
MCL—Maximum Contaminant Level: 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.

MCLG—Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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.

MRDL—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: 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.

MRDLG—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: 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.

ntu—Nephelometric Turbidity Units: Is a measure of the clarity of water. The lower the numbers, the more clear the water.

n/a: Not applicable

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 is 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 of maintenance of the city’s water and sewer systems, including labor, replacement and improvements to the systems. There is no planned increase in water or sewer rates for the 2016-2017 budget year.

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Just a Reminder

Every summer the City sends out ordinance violation letters. Here are the top 5 ways to avoid receiving a letter.

#5: Vehicles stored outdoors must be "operable;" that means licensed, insured and able to drive on the street.

#4: Trash in Yards; Blight is the accumulation of trash, rubbish, junk, building materials, abandoned vehicles and the maintenance of structures that results in a deteriorated looking neighborhood. Please keep your yards clean and tidy with buildings in good repair.

#3: Outdoor fires; Outdoor fires are only permitted in above ground patio burning units. The burning of trash, garbage, or leaves on the ground is not permitted.

#2: While it is not an ordinance violation, when walking your dog, please remember to be courteous and pick up after your pet. Please carry a bag to pick up your pet’s waste, and a big thank you to the residents who are being responsible.

#1: Grass & Weeds; Noxious weeds, rank vegetation or letting your grass get too long or any accumulation of dead grass, weeds or brush are not allowed in the City. So please be kind to your neighbors; keep your grass cut and your weeds to a minimum. Cleaning the grass & weeds out of the sidewalk cracks and spaces will help keep Auburn looking beautiful too!
City of Auburn 2016 Trash Calendar

**Notes:**

Trash days are highlighted and recycle days are marked with a box. Normal trash pickup is every Wednesday.

Trash will be collected one day late due to the following Holidays: Memorial Day - May 30, Labor Day - September 5.

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.

2016 Waste Management yard waste collection starts April 6 and ends November 30.
Save yourself the hassle of running to City Hall to pay your utility bills!

Sign up for an automatic bill payment withdrawal from your bank account. You can get the form off our website or at City Hall between 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. Money would be withdrawn from your bank account quarterly on the 19th day of the month in which the bill is due. There is no fee for this convenient service, so switch today. Questions? Call 662-6761.

**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 at City Hall once a month on the 2nd Monday at 7p.m.

Downtown Development Authority 4th Tuesday of the month at 10a.m.

Planning Commission 3rd Tuesday of the months of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov at 7p.m.

Please Check the Website for the City calendar of all meetings and events.

www.auburnmi.org

**2016 Holiday Schedule**

City Hall and DPW offices will be closed for the following holidays.

- Memorial Day—May 30
- Independence Day—July 4
- Labor Day—September 5
- Veterans Day—November 11
- Thanksgiving—November 24 & 25
- Christmas—December 23 & 26
- New Year’s Eve & Day December 30 & January 2
- MLK Day—January 16
- Presidents’ Day—February 20

Residents who need assistance with a Public Works emergency on these days should call 911 who will contact a Public Works employee or supervisor.