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# AUBURN

## Newsletter

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### CITY OF AUBURN WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

Effective March 1, 2010, residents will see an increase in their quarterly user rates. The rate increase will result in a 3% increase in water and a 10% increase in sewer for residents.

For the average residential customer using 18,000 gallons of water/sewer per quarter, the increase will be \$10.17 while the customer only using the minimum will see an increase of \$5.05.

**Average Customer (18,000 gallons)**  
\$152.10 increased to \$162.27

**Minimum Usage Customer (5,000 gallons water and 10,000 gallons sewer)**  
\$64.50 increased to \$69.55

The 10% sewer rate increase is necessary due to a \$65,500 capital improvement charge passed on to the City by the Bay County Sewer Plant renovations.

The working capital target is to maintain a \$200,000 balance in both the water and sewer funds for capital repairs.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM QUALIFYING FOR STATE COMPETITION!

On May 1, 2010 the Western Science Olympiad team will travel to Michigan State to compete in the state competition. Good Luck!!

#### MEETING CALENDAR

*City Commission*  
*Meetings held twice monthly on the first*  
*and third Mondays*  
*at 7 p.m.*

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

**WWW.AUBURNMI.ORG**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Treasure Hunt Days/Citywide Rummage*  
*Sale—May 13, 14, 15*

*Corn Fest—July 8, 9, 10*

*Concerts in the Park 6:30-8:30 pm*  
*May 15th*  
*August 10th*

*More concert dates will be on website as they*  
*are confirmed*

# NOTES FROM CITY HALL

## Did You Know?

Chemical bank located at 232 W. Midland Road accepts payment current for 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. City Hall has a drop box located next to the entrance for after hours use.

## Notary Services

Notary services are available during regular business hours at City Hall.



## Dog and Cat Licenses



Dog and cat licenses are now sold year round at City Hall. Proof of rabies vaccination is required as is 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. Please call City Hall with any questions you may have. There are several dates available in the fall and winter months.

## 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.

## Board and Commission Applications Needed to Fill Vacancies

Applications are accepted for all City Boards and Commissions at all times and will be kept on file for future vacancies. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on various boards and commissions please call City Hall and apply for any vacancies that match your interests and expertise.

### Election Dates for 2010

May 4, 2010	School Election
August 3, 2010	State Primary
November 2, 2010	State General Election

### Advertising Opportunity

If you would like to advertise in this newsletter, which reaches over 2,000 City of Auburn residents, please e-mail [kbellor@auburnmi.org](mailto:kbellor@auburnmi.org) for more information.



# Spring and summer reminders . . .



## SIGN placement

**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. Keep signs at least one foot inside of sidewalks.**



## 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 for more than 4 days, nor may they be stored or placed in the front yard of any property at any time. Vehicles may be stored in a wholly enclosed garage.

## GRASS Clippings and Yard Waste

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.

And remember, if you do bag your clippings/yard waste, they must be placed in a kraft paper bag or rigid container clearly marked "Yard Waste". **Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.** Yard waste is picked up on your normal trash pick up day.



## Curbside Branch Pick-up

### 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 be picking 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.

## PRIVATE TREES AND SHRUBS INFRINGING 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.

## Emergency Information

In case of an emergency it is important to make sure emergency responders will have your personal medical information as quickly as possible. This will assist us in getting you the proper care as soon as possible. Write down your medical information and a list of medicines you are currently taking. Family contact information including telephone numbers and addresses along with any hospital preference you may have for your care. Place this list on the door of the refrigerator in plain view or next to your telephone.

## Auburn Police Department

### Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area. In it you will get to know and work with your neighbors, and learn how to:

- ◆ Recognize and report crimes and suspicious activities
- ◆ Protect yourself, your family, and your property,
- ◆ Protect your neighbor's family and property, and
- ◆ Identify crime and disorder problems in your area and work with local police personnel to solve them.

Deputy Tony Peter has recently completed training in crime prevention and would be interested in talking with residents who are interested in forming a neighborhood watch group. He can be contacted at 662-6768 or by emailing: [deputypeter@auburnmi.org](mailto:deputypeter@auburnmi.org) or by contacting the Bay County Sheriff's Office at 895-4050.

## Bay County Sheriff's Office Child Restraint Program

The Bay County Sheriff's Office encourages parents and caregivers to come to the Auburn City Park on September 25, 2010 for a "check up" of their child's restraint seat. Deputies Tony Peter and other child safety seat technicians will educate and assist you in your installation of the child restraint. A "check up" normally takes one half-hour and parents are asked to bring their vehicle owner's manual, child restraint manual and child. The event will take place near the gazebo and playscape.

The technicians will check your child restraint to make sure:

- ◆ Your seat is installed correctly
- ◆ Your seat has not been recalled
- ◆ Your seat meets safety standards
- ◆ Your seat is correct for your child



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### **Auburn Downtown Development Authority Update**

You may have noticed the activity along Midland and Garfield Roads. There's a new "Welcome to Auburn" sign going in along with landscaping, new street lights, ornamental fencing and a general spruce up of the corner.

#### **Other Projects Underway**

- ◆ The Auburn DDA has instituted a Façade Improvement Grant Program to improve the visual appearance of businesses within the DDA boundaries. The DDA is providing funding to encourage property owners in the DDA district to make needed exterior building façade improvements. Please contact City Hall for more information.
- ◆ Several buildings within the DDA boundaries are deteriorating and have become an eyesore. The DDA will be addressing them.
- ◆ The DDA in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, AIM and the Jaycee's are studying the feasibility of a recreational building near the City Park. The project is nicknamed ARC (Auburn Recreational Center). There are many hurdles to jump and progress is slow but moving along.

#### **Past DDA Projects:**

- ◆ New sidewalks, lamps, benches and trash receptacles along Midland Road.
- ◆ Parking lots on Midland and Auburn Road intersection and Auburn and Elm Streets.
- ◆ Renovation of the old Mike's Dairy building.
- ◆ Promoting the renovation of several run-down buildings.
- ◆ New street signs.