

City of AUBURN

Your Super City Staff...

Auburn might be small – but it has a mighty team working tirelessly for you every day. Recently, they have been installing new flooring and updated furnishings to our “business center” here in the heart of the city. As a team we are very proud of the work we have accomplished to make the city offices more welcoming and functional, bringing our residents the very best service possible. In addition to our “facelift”, our DPW staff has done a great job keeping our city and parks clean and maintained, and the office staff keeps our city administration running like a top.



L-R: Stacy Weiss, Bryna Mieske, Blake Meylan, Nate Waibel, Ashlie House, Dave Haag, Tim Adair and Judy Volk

Water Quality Report

The water quality report describing the source and quality of your drinking water is available at:

www.auburnmi.org/Portals/11/2019WaterQuality.pdf

To receive a paper copy in the mail, contact us at clerk@auburnmi.org or call 989-662-6761.

IMPORTANT CITY NOTES



Coronavirus / COVID-19

Coronavirus/COVID-19 has caused changes in a lot of our lives. It has also caused many businesses and organizations to adapt. Most of these changes will be temporary in nature, and throughout this newsletter you will see many instances of this. These changes caused by COVID-19 will be marked by the little virus picture so that you may pay special attention to them. More changes may take place as this epidemic continues to unfold. We will do our best to keep you updated through the usage of our website, Facebook page, and electronic sign at the corner of Garfield and Midland Roads. Stay Home, Stay Safe.



Office Hours



Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, City Hall has decided to close the office and all meeting spaces to the public (effective March 17) until it is indicated that social distancing is no longer required. We are still available by phone, email and social media and will make appointments if necessary.

When we open back up to the public, we will also be rolling out our summer hours to make for an easier transition. Summer hours will remain in effect until Sept. 4th. Those hours are:

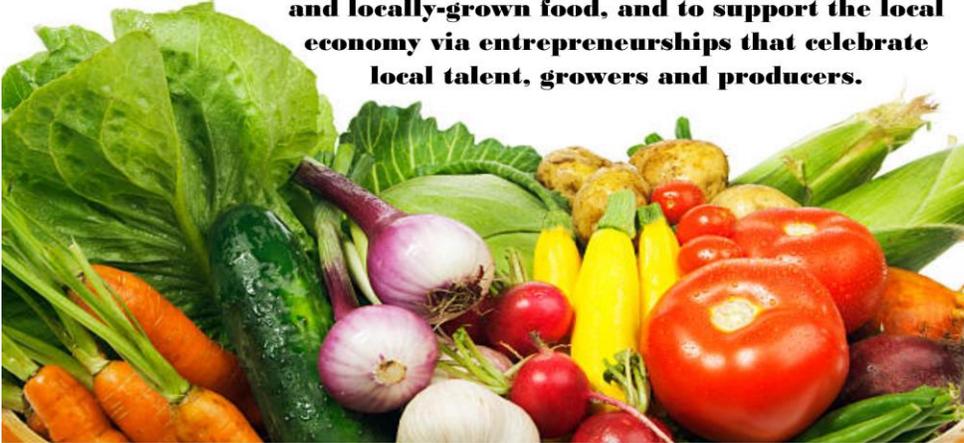


Mon – Thurs.: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Fri: 8:30am – 12:30pm



AUBURN FARMERS MARKET MISSION:

It is the mission of the Auburn Farmers Market to promote healthy eating, the legacy of farming and locally-grown food, and to support the local economy via entrepreneurship that celebrate local talent, growers and producers.



Auburn Farmers Market

Auburn Farmers Market is currently accepting vendor applications for the upcoming 2020 season! Applications can be found online at www.AuburnFM.com. Email completed forms to AuburnFM@gmail.com or drop off at City Hall located at 113 E. Elm St., Auburn in the drop box. The 2020 season is scheduled to begin June 2nd and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-6:30 pm. Please see our website or our Facebook page for complete details. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Robin at 989-928-3561.



Emergency Management: High Water Levels

To read more about the Emergency Management regarding the ongoing high water situation please visit: <https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/ESHS/Record-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels.aspx>

Dates to Remember...

April 4

~~CANCELLED~~
Jaycee's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 10

Good Friday
City Hall Closed

April 20

City Commission, 7pm

May 14 - 16

~~PENDING~~
Treasure Hunt Days
(hosted by Auburn-Williams Lions Club)

May 18

City Commission, 7pm

May 25

Memorial Day
City Hall Closed

June 15

City Commission, 7pm

This year's Cornfest theme: 50 Golden Ears

July 9-12

The **Auburn Shooting Range** is open to the public during select times courtesy of the Auburn-Williams Recreation Board. You will have limited access to the rifle, pistol and archery ranges on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.:

May 2 and 16
Aug 8 and 22

June 13 and 27
Sept 12, 19 and 26
Nov 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

July 11 and 25
Oct 10, 24 and 31



Notes from the Clerk

2020 is a big year for elections. Check out this important information regarding what's to come:



- April 21, 2020 - If you are interested in running for public office, you'll need to have the proper paperwork turned in no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 21st. You will need to pick up a Nominating Petition and Affidavit of Identity at City Hall. This year we will be voting in 3 regular City Commissioners, filling the remaining term of 1 City Commissioner vacancy, and the Mayor. You may contact the Clerk for more information.
- May 5, 2020 - Due to social distancing recommendations the ballot question for the school has been moved to the August election. There will NOT be an election on May 5th.
- Online Voter Registration is Live!
The Michigan Bureau of Elections recently announced that the Online Voter Registration website is now available and can be found at www.michigan.gov/vote by selecting the "Register to Vote" option located on the left panel of the page. Current voters can also easily change their address using this website. To do so, residents must currently have a Michigan Driver's License or Personal identification Card and be qualified to vote in the State of Michigan.
- If you would like to be part of our Permanent Absentee Voter List, please fill out the form provided to you below and return to City Hall or contact the Clerk at clerk@auburnmi.org.

Need more help? Contact our City Clerk at (989) 662-6761 or (989) 778-0699 during the Stay Home, Stay Safe Order

PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER FORM

City Clerk
City of Auburn
113 E. Elm Street
Auburn MI 48611

Please add my name to your PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST so that I will receive an absent voter ballot application form prior to each election in the City of Auburn.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Street Address

Pool & Sprinkler Meters

It is that time of year where sprinklers and pools are set up for the summer. To receive a discount on the sewage portion of your bill you will need to set up a 2nd meter for irrigation. The automatic seasonal billing ended in 2019.

The cost of a standard meter is \$210 plus any additional plumbing work you might need done. Typically, the meter will be installed by a plumber, but if it is ready to set, our DPW crew can do it. As all projects are different, you'll want to check with the plumbing inspector regarding possible permits needed at (989) 246-4817.



IMPORTANT Utility Billing Dates:

- Apr 13** – Bills delivered to the Post Office.
 - May 6** – ACH payments will pull
 - May 7** – Due date to avoid penalty.
 - May 8** – Penalties due.
 - May 14** – Reminder/Past Due Notices delivered to Post Office.
 - May 21** – Due date to avoid disconnection.
 - May 22** – Disconnection tags are delivered and water turned off for non-payment.
- Payments need to be received by the due date to avoid any penalties.**

**** To assist with the State Order to Stay Home, Stay Safe, the City has decided to delay the April utility bills. This will delay the date of any ACH payments.****

Notes from the Mayor

People of Auburn:

Hope is Alive! Perhaps it is just indoors for now and waiting to arise, as we experience a time that many of us cannot remember ever happening before.

No one wants any virus to spread, least of all to our loved ones and others that we hold dear. In this uncertain time, we must not let ourselves become a product of fear for the sake of our own lives and the lives of our families and other loved ones. Please remember that we rose again after 9/11, we made it through the recession of 2008, and we survived the 2009 swine flu pandemic when 61 million people became infected in the US alone. Today as a community we face a great medical concern, but don't let it become more than what it is through panic and fear.

Let's face it, the process of sitting at home for three weeks may tip you over or drive you crazy. I understand personally how it hurts: our furniture store in town is considered non-essential, so we will be closed for three weeks; I think about my children and grandchildren constantly and pray for their safety and well-being. I feel the same pain that you do, and I know that we'll get through this!

The City Staff continues to work on all current projects, including the preparation of the 2020-21 budget, the Census, this year's road improvements, and the farmers market.

If you have any or questions or needs related to City Services, please feel free to contact either City Hall at 662-6761 or myself at 859-7004. We are here, continuing to provide municipal services through it all. As the situation changes, we will put further updates on the City's website.

Be wise, take precautions, but do not be fearful. We look forward to the day that we will once again shake hands, embrace our friends and families and get back to life.

Mayor Lee Kilbourn

You count.

Did you know 40% of Michigan’s funding comes from the federal government?

The amount of money Michigan receives depends on the Census – a survey conducted every 10 years to determine the number of people living in the United States. An accurate count is vital to obtain funding and distribute resources throughout our community. Census funding impacts almost everything that’s important to you.

EDUCATION 

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 

HOUSING 

PUBLIC HEALTH 

POLITICAL/ GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION 

SOCIAL SERVICES 

FOOD 

Census 2020 Fast Facts

- Confidential – answers will not be shared with ICE, police, IRS, FBI, landlords or Child Protective Services
- Offered in dozens of languages
- For every uncounted person, Michigan will lose \$1,800 per person per year
- Asks for less personal information than most social media profiles
- Takes 10 minutes

Look for a Census invitation in the mail in March 2020 with instructions on how to respond online, in the mail or on the phone.

We count because you matter.



Taking the Census

The 2020 Census is primarily online. You can respond online once you receive your invitation in the mail or during the open period of mid-March – July 2020. If you don’t have access to the internet, you can take the Census at a local community resource like the library, Secretary of State office, or City Hall. You can also respond by phone or mail. For help on how to respond using a paper Census form, call 1-877-352-3676. The Census is available in multiple languages, both online and over the phone.

Notes from Public Works



- **HELP PREVENT SEWER SYSTEM BACKUPS!** Please take precautions and do not flush any products other than toilet paper down the toilet.
Do NOT flush: personal hygiene or baby wipes (including “flushable” wipes), tampons/sanitary products, cigarettes, medicine, paper towels, cleaning wipes, cotton balls, cat litter, condoms, facial tissues, cooking oil or food.



• **BRUSH CHIPPING** - Due to safety concerns while doing our best to comply with the Stay Home, Stay Safe Order and still providing a high standard of services, the City of Auburn has decided to delay the beginning of brush chipping. Our goal is to begin on April 17th; however, we will be evaluating the situation as it progresses and making adjustments as needed. In the meantime, we anticipate many of you will be taking this time to start your spring cleanup and we ask that you take a moment to read through the brush policy’s material guidelines below. These guidelines are set in place to keep our employees safe and efficient so that we may serve our community to the best of our ability. Once started, brush chipping will follow the calendar enclosed on the dates marked with an oval/circle.

The City of Auburn’s Brush Chipping Policy

MATERIAL GUIDELINES

1. Brush must be set out by 7:00 am on the day of pickup (typically on Tuesdays)
2. Brush should be in piles no more than four (4) feet wide by four (4) feet high.
3. Brush should be piled in the out lawn in a neat and orderly way with the cut ends facing the direction of traffic
4. Maximum branch diameter will be six (6) inches
5. Minimum branch length will be three (3) feet
6. Stumps will not be accepted
7. Any brush generated by a hired tree service or lawn care company will NOT be chipped

Additional information from the Policy:

Smaller material such as twigs and sticks shall be neatly bundled together and tied or placed in a yard waste bin for pickup by Waste Management on Wednesdays.

Brush chipping is a service offered to help the citizens of Auburn keep their property free of unwanted debris and helps the city to look attractive to residents as well as visitors. Please adhere to the guidelines and don’t abuse this service.



City of Auburn 2020 Trash Calendar

January 2020							February 2020							March 2020							April 2020							
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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. The brush pickup provided by the City is marked with an **oval/circle**. Additional yard waste services are offered through Waste Management. Please observe their guidelines. Leaf pickup typically runs mid-October through November. Please check your newsletter for additional information and guidelines for services provided by the City as the seasons approach.

Trash will be collected one day late due to the following Holidays: New Year's Day – January 1, Memorial Day - May 25 and Labor Day - September 7. Other holidays that Waste Management are closed during will not affect the City of Auburn.

Please clearly mark all yard waste and Recycle containers (stickers are no longer provided by WM) and keep at least 5 feet from trash containers.

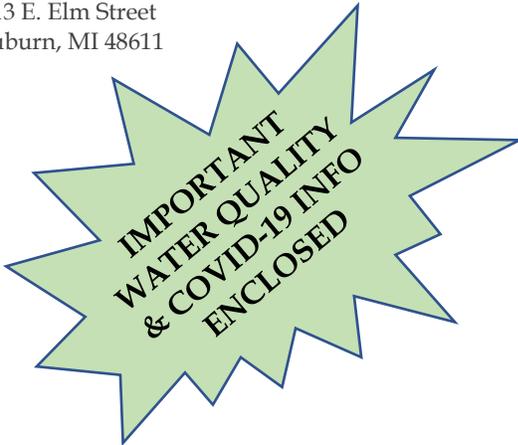
For large item pickup please call Waste Management at **800-796-9696**.

2020 Waste Management yard waste collection starts April 1 and ends November 25. Christmas trees are collected the first two weeks of January.

SPRING 2020

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Meeting agendas & minutes can be found on the
city website.

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