

City of AUBURN

Snow and Tell: Tips for the Season

Tis the season for snow and ice and we need your help to keep our City looking great. Here are few things to keep in mind this winter:

- Avoid the 'Second Shovel' (check out the diagram below)
- Winter parking rules are in effect. No parking on any street from 2 am – 6 am. (City Ordinance 70.04). It also helps to remove vehicles from the street during the day when snow plows are expected to be running.
- Snowplows are most efficient at 30-35 mph. Watch for plows and avoid driving or parking in their path.
- Keep children safe by keeping them away from the roadside during snowplowing activities.
- Since the city streets are a major part of our storm water drainage system, we want to keep the streets and gutters free from ice and snow that can obstruct the flow of snowmelt. You can help by clearing snow, ice or debris from drain openings when you see it.
- Residents and business owners are responsible for removing snow and ice from any sidewalks that border the property. If you are able, try to help your neighbors who may not be able to clear theirs.
- It is prohibited to push/dump snow or ice from your driveway or yard onto any City street or sidewalk. (City Ordinance 95.082).
- Take it slow while shoveling snow to avoid overexertion. Push the snow rather than lifting it.
- Road salt works best between 20-30 degrees (F). At 10 degrees (F) it is barely working.
- Clear snow away from fire hydrants near you. This could mean the difference in an emergency.
- Take time to build a snowman or a snow angel

Thanks for all of your help



Avoid the "Second Shovel"

People can play a part in ensuring the ends of their driveways remain clear of snow even after their local snowplow comes through. Shoveling a "corner" of the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway will help keep that same snow from being pushed into the driveway in an icy, heavy pile. Clearing an area large enough to hold the snow coming off the plow may help reduce the "second shovel."



Festival of Banners

We are gearing up for the next Festival of Banners. The theme for 2020 is "School Pride/Spirit". School pride/spirit is an essential part of a successful school. It makes a student part of the school. It is MORE than just sports, so we encourage you to find creative ways to showcase this. Submissions must be submitted to Auburn City Hall before 4:00 pm on April 3rd to qualify and will be judged on design and theme content. Information and submission forms can be found on the City website at www.auburnmi.org.

Neighbors Against Drug Abuse

Neighbors Against Drug Abuse (NADA) is a local organization that meets at the Auburn United Methodist Church the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our mission is "To raise awareness in our community for the prevention of substance use disorder by sharing testimonies, information, and methods to control an epidemic that is destroying families and taking lives".

We believe that this epidemic can be defeated when community members work together to find solutions and eliminate stigma.

Two positive steps you can take are to:

1. Check out our Facebook page to view and share the personal testimonies. (Neighbors Against Drug Abuse).
2. Lock up or take unused prescription medications to any state police post or drug take back program, as over 40% of people that use your bathroom look inside your medicine cabinet.

2020 Census: Make Sure You're Counted!

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States. The next decennial census is just around the corner in 2020. This count affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources (e.g., roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. If you live in Michigan for six months or more, make sure you are counted as a resident of Michigan in the census. For the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online. The process will be quick and secure. Don't worry, if you like the paper version, you'll still be able to respond by mail. To learn more about the importance of the census, how the U.S. Census Bureau protects your information, or just what to expect, visit 2020census.gov.

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to work on the 2020 Census. Interested individuals can apply for a 2020 Census job by visiting 2020census.gov/jobs and completing an online application. The process takes about 30 minutes and will include assessment questions about the applicant's education, work history and other experiences. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number and pass a background check, including fingerprinting. Visit 2020census.gov/jobs for complete information.

Dates to Remember...

January 13

City Commission, 7pm

January 20

Martin Luther King Day
City Hall Closed

February 10

City Commission, 7pm

February 17

Presidents Day
City Hall Closed

March 10

Presidential Primary
Election
Voting 7am - 8pm

March 16

City Commission, 7pm

April 10

Good Friday
City Hall Closed

April 20

City Commission, 7pm

May 25

Memorial Day
City Hall Closed





AUBURN ICE RINK - The ice rink at Auburn Park is non-refrigerated and only open when weather permits. There is no charge to use the rink unless you are looking to rent the space for a private event. (Ice is not guaranteed for rentals). Call City Hall for rental inquiries.

Use of the rink and surrounding area shall be done at your own risk. Safety gear is recommended.

If the gate is closed or the ice hasn't set yet, do NOT step onto the rink. This is for the protection of the rink, the ice and you. A surface that is too thin can cause skaters to cut straight through the ice.

Please be courteous and share the ice. Only rentals through the City of Auburn are allowed to restrict access. You can find the rental calendar online at www.calendarwiz.com/AuburnMI.

The rink, the fencing and the lighting are all made possible through generous donations, the City and the Downtown Development Authority. We want to be able to use the rink for years to come. Questions and inquiries should be directed to City Hall at 662-6761.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHTS – Keep your eyes open for possible family skate nights at the ice rink this winter starting in January. If you'd be interested in hosting a night, please contact City Hall at (989) 662-6761 or email sweiss@auburnmi.org



HOUSE WATCH – The Sheriff's Department will provide periodic home checks for residents in the City of Auburn in the owners absence. The House Watch Program is intended for extended absences of at least 5 days. To participate, please submit a House Watch Form to City Hall.



TRASH PICKUP – It is important to make sure your trash is set out by 7 am on collection days. Waste Management has been making adjustments that have allowed them to be more efficient with their time. This means they may be driving through your area much earlier than you anticipate. Their trucks use GPS technology and notes to indicate if trash was at the curb when they go by or if there are any other issues with pickup. Missed pickups should be called in no earlier than 3 pm on the day of scheduled pickup and no later than 9:30 am the following day.

Keep in mind trash containers should not be set out prior to noon the day before collection and shall be removed from the street by noon the next day.



For large item pickup, please call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.

UNITED WAY FREE TAX FILING PROGRAM – For over 13 years the United Way of Bay County has provided low-income individuals and families with FREE income tax preparation assistance. For more information or to schedule an appointment contact United Way at (989) 893-7508.

ANIMALS – No animals (or fowl) are permitted to run at large anywhere within the City. All animals shall be kept on a leash or secured in a fenced in area when outside.

State law requires all animal bites and scratches that draw blood must be reported. Animal cruelty and/or neglect should also be reported. In an emergency call 911. Otherwise reports can be made to Animal Control at (989) 894-0679, or thru Non-Emergency at (989) 892-9551.

Notes from the Mayor

Another year is about gone. It seems like they get busier each year and that was the case here in Auburn. I want to thank all of you for being patient during the road constructions on Garfield Rd, Midland Rd and Jaycee Dr at the park. The improvements have added a lot to our city. We plan on doing some landscaping at the park to finish it off come spring.

The City Commission is discussing and planning to do additional road resurfacing come next summer. If you see anything that you believe needs city attention, please let us know.

To those of you that were at the Parade of Lights: wasn't that fantastic! I feel so proud of the people of Auburn when I see them sitting on lawn chairs in the cold, happy smiling faces watching the lights on the floats go by. All I can say is thank you for coming out and supporting this great event hosted by the Auburn Williams Lions Club and the Auburn Jaycees. Their such great people to work with. Their only desire is to serve and make Auburn better. To them I say, Thank you!

During this special time of the year, I want to thank the City Staff and the City Commission for all that they do to make the City a success. They are a great group of people to work with and I thank them all for their efforts.

May God bless each of you and your families in the coming new year!

Mayor, City of Auburn

Lights Display Contest

Commercial 1st Place:
Flowers from the Heart

Commercial Runner-up:
Villa Hair Studio

Residential 1st Place:
James Dominowski
241 Sycamore

Residential Runners-up:
Brian Ora
245 Sycamore
Holly Brandt
315 S. Auburn



Utility Billing Dates to Remember:

- Dec 28 - Bills delivered to the Post Office.
- Jan 21 - Due date to avoid penalty.
- Jan 22 - Penalties due. (May not show in total when paying online, but still due).
- Jan 27 - Reminder/Past Due Notices delivered to Post Office.
- Feb 7 - Due date to avoid disconnection.
- Feb 10 - Disconnection tags are delivered and water turned off for non-payment.

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

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.

WINTER 2019-2020

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