



The Auburn Account

Reorganization Plan Approved... Implementation Underway

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the Reorganization Plan submitted by Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson as authorized by Section 3.06(b) of the Town Charter, on April 4th. The Plan became effective on May 19th. Under the Reorganization Plan, 25 separate town departments were consolidated into 9 departments: Development and Inspection Services, Public Works, Finance, Human Resources, Public Services, Information Technology, Police, Fire, and Law. The organization chart on page 2 provides details on the departments and specific divisions within each department. The Reorganization Plan does not apply to the Town Clerk's Office, or to entities under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

The intent of the reorganization is to promote greater efficiency, accountability and transparency in the operations of the Executive Branch of the Town of Auburn, and to maximize resources to provide for the effective delivery of services to the Auburn community.

DPW Hits the Ground Running

The newly created Department of Public Works began operations on May 19th as a unified department consisting of four divisions: Highway; Sewer; Parks, Recreation and Cemetery; and Engineering. All DPW vehicles will soon display new identifying logos while employees can be seen wearing new uniforms consisting of bright yellow shirts with a DPW logo. The uniforms and vehicle logos represent the new department and the collaborative approach that DPW Director William Coyle and his management team have embraced.

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New Hours of Operation

Town Hall:	
Monday	8:00AM-7:00PM
T, W, Th	8:00AM-4:00PM
Friday	8:00AM-1:00PM
Senior Center:	
Mon & Fri	8:00AM-3:00PM
T, W, Th	8:00AM-4:00PM
Library:	
Mon—Thurs	9:30AM-8:30PM
Fri	9:30AM-5:30PM

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Town Manager Makes Key Appointments

The Reorganization Plan approved in April 2011 established nine departments and fourteen divisions, effective May 19th. The Town Manager appointed several employees to fill key positions under the new organizational structure, with required Board of Selectmen approval of the new department head positions (indicated with an asterisk*).

The top management team consists of Ed Kazanovicz, Chief Financial Officer*, Assistant Town Manager and Town Accountant; William Coyle, Director of the Department of Public Works* and Town Engineer; Chief of Police Andrews Sluckis; Fire Chief Stephen Coleman*; Information Technology Director William Waterman; and Andrew Pelletier, Acting Director of the Department of Development and Inspectional Services. Town Manager Julie Jacobson will serve as Director of the Human Resources Department and Director of the Department of Public Services in FY'12. Future appointments to those positions will be contingent upon availability of funding.

Additional key appointments under the new Reorganization Plan are:

Department of Public Works:

- Jeffrey Mitchell, Acting Assistant Director of the Department of Public Works
- Kenneth Fairbanks, Acting Highway Superintendent

Department of Development and Inspectional Services:

- Adam Burney, Acting Assistant Director of the Department of Development and Inspectional Services

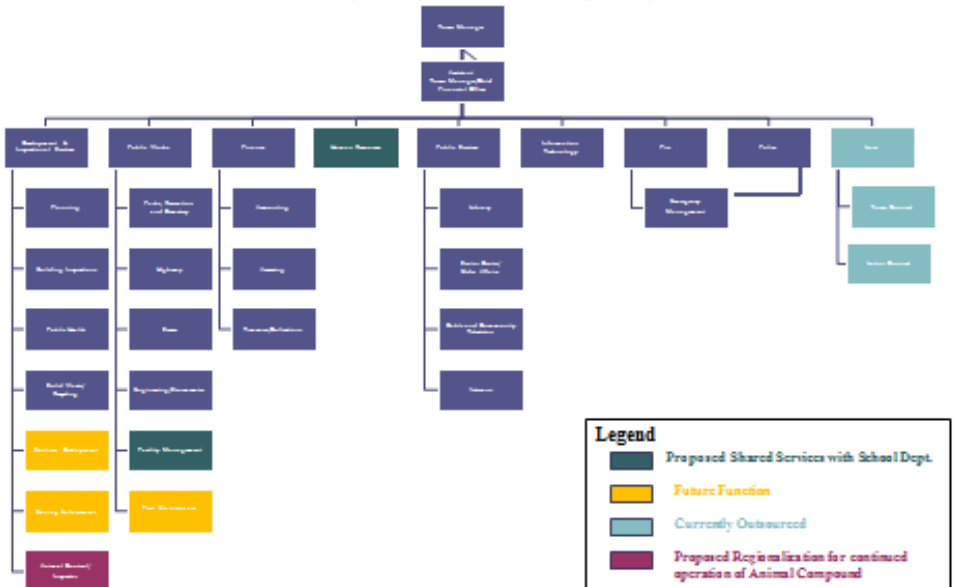
Finance Department:

- Terry Lolax, Acting Treasurer/Collector
- Deb Terrien, Acting Assistant Treasurer/Collector



Reorganization by Function

(Boxes represent functions, not positions)



New Town Hall Hours of Operation

The Town of Auburn is pleased to announce that all municipal offices located at Town Hall will be open for business on Monday evenings until 7:00 P.M. The new hours of operation at Town Hall are part of an overall effort of the Town administration to provide for a more effective delivery of municipal services, improved customer service and pro-active government.

Effective June 20, 2011 Town Hall will be open every Monday from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. (holidays excluded). Town Hall will close on Fridays at 1:00 P.M. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will remain open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. These hours of operation will be in place year-round.

The new hours of operation at Town Hall will provide an extended day on Mondays by adding three additional hours in the evening to enable those residents or businesses who cannot visit Town Hall to conduct municipal business between the traditional daytime hours to conveniently visit Town Hall after 4:00 P.M. This should be a welcome service to those residents and businesses that need to meet with Town employees, pay their taxes, apply for permits, or conduct other important town business that previously may have required them to take time off from work to accomplish.

Thus, Town Hall Hours of Operation are as follows:

Monday 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Please note that these hours only apply to Town Hall. Other town facilities, including the Library, Senior Center, and DPW will continue to operate during their currently scheduled hours, which are available on our web site.

Town Employees Participate in Customer Service Training

As part of our ongoing effort to provide professional service to the community, Town employees participated in mandatory customer service training sessions led by a trained instructor from the Employee Assistance Program, made available to the Town at no cost.

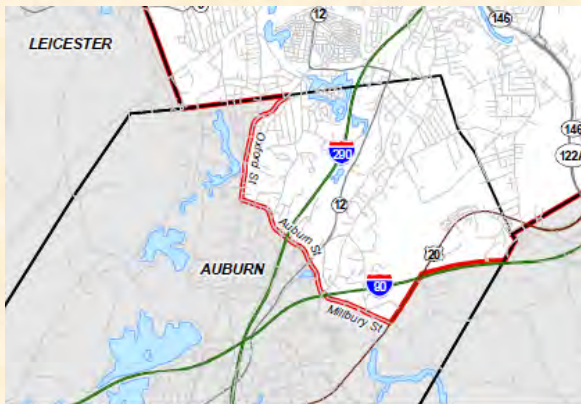
Sessions were held with various employee groups from Town Hall, DPW, the Library, the Senior Center, the Police Department and the Fire Department with a focus on the particular issues, challenges and operations pertinent to those departments. Participating employees received certificates of completion following the training.

Future employee training programs are being developed in order to provide our employees with the skills and techniques they need to effectively and efficiently perform their jobs.

Asian Longhorned Beetle Restricted Area Expanded Into Auburn

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) officially expanded the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) Restricted Area to include a portion of the Town of Auburn after the insect was discovered on Electric Street in Worcester near the College of the Holy Cross. The beetle, native to Asia, is a destructive pest of hardwood trees, including maple, horse chestnut, birch, poplar, willow, and elm. The federal and state designation was expanded on May 9th to include the area within a 1.5 mile radius of the site of the infested tress, which were removed as part of the USDA's eradication program which began in 2008 with the identification of ALB infested trees in the northern section of the City of Worcester. The ALB Restricted Area now covers 98 square miles and includes areas within five municipalities: Worcester, Holden, West Boylston, Shrewsbury, and now Auburn.

A public information session was held at the Pakachoag Church on May 12th for residents to learn about the ALB Restricted Area. Speakers from the USDA and DCR provided informational materials and answered questions from attendees. Residents and businesses in Auburn can access detailed information on the ALB Restricted Area by visiting the Town's web site at www.auburnguide.com or [click here](#) to display ALB information and links to helpful sites. To report potential ALB infestations or to ask questions, residents may call (508) 852-8110.



The above map depicts that portion of Auburn which is now in the federally and state designated Asian Longhorned Beetle Restricted Area.



Clockwise from above: The adult Asian Longhorned Beetle; egg sites in tree bark; exit holes where ALB emerge.

Federal Stimulus Funds Available for Residents Within ALB Restricted Area

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) was awarded \$4.487 Million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) federal stimulus funds for tree planting efforts in the Worcester Region Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) regulated area. Properties in the restricted area are eligible (whether trees have been removed as part of the eradication program or not) to have trees planted at no cost to the owner by the reforestation program. DCR Foresters will make site visits to each property to discuss the tree selection and proper placement then will return with the crews to plant the trees during the fall and spring planting seasons. There are a number of tree species to choose from with trees measuring approximately 1.5" in diameter and approximately 6 feet tall at the time of planting. The program expires in June of 2012.

Property owners within the Regulated Area in Auburn who would like to participate in this program at no cost can call **508-852-8073** to speak with a DCR representative and to schedule an appointment.

Auburn Independence Day Events

Saturday, July 2, 2011 *Rain Date July 3, 2011-fireworks only*

Lemansky Park

- 8:30 am Pre-Registration for Road Race at Lower Lemansky Park
9:00 am Family Road Race-2 mile run
9:30 am Pre-Registration for Bike Race at Lemansky Park
10:00 am Family Bike Race begins
10:00 am Set up for parade at St. Joseph's Church
11:00 am Parade Begins
12:00 noon Invocation-National Anthem
Contests-Decorate Child Bike, Tricycle, Big Wheel and Doll Carriage, Dress up as a Clown - outfield of Baseball- Lemansky
12:15 pm Decorated Pet Contest - Lemansky Park
4:00 pm Booths Open-Carnival games, food and craft vendors, roaming railroad
4:00 pm Singer-Tom Revane
4:00 pm DJ- Lou Paradise
4:30 pm Field Games -with Tornadoes Twister
Houghton Farms Pony rides
7:30 pm Country Rock Singer-Glenn Stewart
9:30 pm Fireworks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Please contact the Auburn Recreation and Culture Department at 508-832-7736 or email us at kpappas@town.auburn.ma.us if you have any questions.

Recreation Activities



Interested in fitness programs? Basketball? Painting? Summer Recreation Programs for Kids? Sign up to receive electronic information on our Recreation and Culture Events by [clicking here](#) or contact Kristen Pappas, Director, at (508) 832-7736.

Auburn Public Library

Sign up to receive electronic information from the Auburn Public Library by [clicking here](#) or contact Cyndee Marcoux, Library Director, at (508) 832-7790



Upcoming Events at the Auburn Public Library



CALLING ALL WORLD TRAVELERS!

Get ready to explore with the Auburn Public Library's summer reading program. Readers of all ages are invited to explore the world's stories as there are "So Many Stories ... and You are ONLY HERE!"

Children will travel the world through stories, crafts, activities and more from around the world. Registration begins Monday, June 20, 2011. For more information, call the library at 508-832-7790 or visit our web site, www.auburnlibrary.org. All programs are free of charge.

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by your local library, the MA Library System, the Boston Bruins, the MA Board of Library Commissioners, the CSLP, Friends of the Auburn Public Library and Webster First Federal Credit Union.

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

New Fire Chief Sworn In



Stephen M. Coleman Jr. was sworn in as Auburn's newest fire chief on May 31st. Hired as Deputy Fire Chief in 2006, he was appointed Acting Fire Chief in October of 2010 upon the retirement of former fire Chief William Whynot. On May 9th, the Board of

Selectmen confirmed his appointment as permanent fire chief as recommended by the Town Manager. Stephen Coleman has been involved in the Massachusetts fire service for over 20 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in fire science from Anna Maria College, a master's degree in public administration from Clark University, and is currently working on a master's degree in Occupational & Environmental Health and Safety. He is also a graduate of the UMASS Donahue Institute's Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program. He is nationally certified as a Fire Officer, Fire Inspector, Fire Instructor and a Safety Officer and is one of 60 Credentialed Fire Chiefs in the State.



Town Clerk Ellen Gaboury gives oath of office to Chief Coleman at the Auburn Fire Department headquarters.

Auburn Fire Department Aids Tornado Stricken Areas



The Auburn Fire Department along with eight other fire departments in Massachusetts Fire District 7 sent mutual aid to the City of Springfield within hours of the devastating tornadoes that struck the City and several other communities in Western Massachusetts on June 1st.

Fire Chief Stephen Coleman, Jr. led the District 7 Task Force, consisting of nine communities including Auburn, Dudley, Charlton, Leicester, Millbury, Spencer, Sutton, Webster and Worcester, which responded as part of the statewide mobilization task force. Forty-six firefighters arrived in Springfield with seven engine companies, three ladder companies and four Chief Officers. The Task Force worked for a 12-hour operational period overnight and searched forty-one streets and hundreds of homes over several blocks looking for victims. In addition to the response to Springfield the Fire Department sent an Ambulance to the Town of Brimfield, who also saw major devastation including a fatality as part of the statewide Ambulance Task Force.

Other Auburn fire fighters participating in the Task Force activations were: Lt. Ken Holstrom, FF James Sweeney, FF Gary Almstrom, FF Steven Brotherton, FF Brian Soucy, FF Stephen Lemieux and FF Adam LaFlash.

Police Department Speed Trailer

The Police Department Speed Trailer is available for use on public ways as a deterrent to speeding vehicles. Contact Sgt. Todd Lemon at (508) 832-7777 if you would like to request the use of the Speed Trailer on your road.



Defibrillators in Town Hall

The Town Hall is now equipped with two external defibrillators. The two defibrillators, purchased by Drs. Arthur and Martha Pappas, were part of a larger program to equip all public buildings including schools and the town's places of worship with this life saving technology. Town Hall has the defibrillators on both floors. The first floor unit is mounted in the hallway outside the Town Clerk's office next to the elevator and the unit on the second floor is mounted outside the Selectmen's meeting room. Both units are in glass cabinets that are clearly marked "Emergency Defibrillator". Thanks to Kevin Fairbanks of the DPW for mounting the cabinets.



Auburn Fire Department Citizen's Fire Academy

The Auburn Fire/Rescue Department will be hosting its first annual Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA). Open to persons 18 or older who either live or work in the Town of Auburn, this 7-week program includes approximately 20 hours of instruction. Class begins on Thursday, September 22, 2011 and will meet on Thursday nights. Sessions are approximately 3 hours in length and will be held at the West Auburn fire station, 7 West Street, Auburn MA, 01501. Class size will be limited to 14 students.

Designed for adults to learn more about how the fire department is organized and operates, the CFA hopes to better inform the residents of Auburn as to the purpose and inner workings of the Auburn Fire/Rescue Department and to discover the diverse services the Fire Department offers our community. The CFA also encourages citizens to return to their neighborhoods and relay to their friends and neighbors the proper procedures to use to become more safety conscious citizens. The CFA will provide an interactive forum for both the Fire Department and the citizens to share information.

For more information about the CFA and to obtain an application, visit the fire departments website at www.auburnmassfire.org

Important Upcoming Dates

Due Date

Real Estate bills for 1st Quarter FY 2012

August 1, 2011

Solid Waste bills

October 1, 2011

Applications for Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Work-Off Program

September 9, 2011

Chapter 61A and 61B applications

October 1, 2011



Yard Waste Drop Off Operations

Residents and property owners may purchase permits for the DPW Yard Waste Drop Off Site at 5 Millbury Street. Permits are \$20 or \$15 for residents over the age of 60. Permits are valid through June 30, 2012. Commercial vehicles must pay the standard permit fee and a fee of \$30 for each load brought to the site. Hours of operation are:

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Wind Turbine Project Update

Thar She Blows!

Many people may have noticed some tree clearing taking place behind the Home Depot store on Washington Street. This site is the proposed location for a future wind turbine but will very shortly host a meteorological (met) test tower.



In February 2010 the Town of Auburn received an \$85,000 grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to perform a Feasibility Study on the construction of a wind turbine. This study will be based on the data collected from the installation of a fifty meter tall met tower, which will measure wind speed, direction, temperature and other atmospheric conditions. The Town has contracted with Sustainable Energy Development of Ontario, NY for the installation of the met tower and analysis of the collected data.

Site preparation should be completed by the end of the June and the met tower should be erected by the end of July. The data collection period will span the next 12 – 14 months with a final report being produced that outlines the collected data, turbine recommendations, financing options and other details on the turbine's construction options. This project has been guided through the grant application, consultant selection and installation processes by the Town's Wind Turbine & Alternative Energy Committee. Please contact Adam Burney @ aburney@town.auburn.ma.us if you have any questions or would like further information.

Concerns or Questions Regarding Trash Pick Up?



Central Mass Disposal is the Town of Auburn's contractor for trash pick-up. Should you have any questions or concerns about your trash pick-up, complaints about services or would like to find out more about recycling please contact the Department of Development and Inspectional Services at 508.832.7703.

Billing questions and requests for new service, changes in service or discontinuation of service should be directed to the Assessor's Office. Residents and Business owners can contact them at 508.832.7708.

Reminder....Trash Billing Schedule

Beginning in April, the Town began invoicing customers of Central Mass Disposal on a semi-annual basis. In 2011, billing will be in April and October. In 2012, billing will be in February and July. In 2013 and thereafter, billing will be in January and July. This will enable the Town to improve its accounting procedures for this service. We thank you for your cooperation.

Billing, Exemptions, and Discounts...



Updates from the Assessor and Treasurer/Collector

Real Estate bills for 1st Quarter FY 2012 will be mailed out for July 1, 2011 and due on August 1, 2011.

The next Solid Waste bills will be mailed out for September 1, 2011.

Tax billing and assessment information is now available on-line. To look up your tax bill, or view a copy of your field card bill you can use the following links from the home page of the www.Auburnguide.com website:

Real Estate Tax Bill Lookup
MapsOnline and Assessing Date

[Tax bill link](#)
[Maps and Assessing Data](#)

For a full copy of your field card, click on the tax card link. We encourage everyone to look at the record card for you property and check it for accuracy. If you find any discrepancies please notify the Assessor's Office so we can make the necessary corrections.

Chapter 61A and 61B applications will be mailed out during the month of August. They must be returned to this office by October 1st to be timely filed.

Exemption Applications for Fiscal Year 2012 are mailed out after Labor Day. Information is available on the website on the qualifications. If you feel you might be eligible, contact the Assessor's

Sewer Use Discounts

Residents that qualify for an exemption on their Real Estate taxes can also apply for a twenty percent discount on their annual Sewer Use bills. Abatement applications are available at the Department of Public Works, 5 Millbury Street, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. or on the town's website at www.auburnguide.com.

Kathleen Sabina Animal Compound

Donated Items Welcome!

We are grateful for the donations of food and gently used blankets and towels from caring residents who help keep our shelter operating.

Supplies can be dropped off at the DPW office at 5 Millbury Street.



Adopt a Pet!

Summer is a great time of year to adopt a stray dog or cat. Contact the *Auburn Animal Compound* at 774-696-0799 to schedule an appointment to visit and provide a stray animal with a loving home.





Hats Off and Thumbs Up To Our Volunteers!



The Town of Auburn would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their contributions to the community:

Auburn Chamber of Commerce and 200+ Volunteers for organizing and running the Town-Wide Auburn Clean-Up Day. The committee co-chairs were Fire Chief Stephen Coleman and former Fire Chief Roger Belhumeur. Thanks to all who participated in this successful event!

Faith Baptist Church for volunteering on several weekends to mulch Town Hall and the Police Station and for offering to perform volunteer work for the Town on a regular basis throughout the year!

Lifesong Church for their terrific volunteer efforts and hard work to clean up Lemansky Park!

Auburn Girl Scout Troop #30205 and Kathy Gallant, co-leader, for the beautiful flower baskets they made and donated to the Town. DPW planted the flowers at Town Hall for all to enjoy!

Employee Spotlight



Kudos to Jim Beauregard with assistance from Bill Girardin, DPW employees, for the work they did to renovate a portion of the former Highway Department building to house the new Department of Public Works administrative offices. Besides their ability to operate heavy equipment, Jim and Bill are skilled carpenters who saved the Town several thousand dollars in labor costs to retrofit the former space into efficient office space.

Many thanks also to Joe Fahey and Mike DesRosiers from the School Department for lending their skill and expertise to the project, which will enable the Town to effectively manage and coordinate the new DPW department from an on-site location.

Municipal Employees + School Employees = Teamwork

DPW Continues Work on Sewer Mains and Manholes

DPW's Sewer Division is continuing Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) work. Crews from National Water Main Cleaning Company (black and gold trucks) are sealing and grouting sewer mains to prevent ground water from entering the system. This will eventually help to decrease the flow that is sent to the Upper Blackstone treatment facility, which will help reduce the charges that are paid for treatment.

DPW Sewer Division employees are replacing manhole covers and frames in the off-road areas. These areas include private driveways, yards and wooded areas. This is a mandate from Mass DEP. Property owners who have a sewer easement running through their property will be notified prior to work being done within the property. There may be minor brush and/or tree clearing within the easement to gain access to the manholes. Once access has been made, the old frames and covers will be removed and replaced with a new one piece, locking, watertight unit.

On the Road....

Construction is underway on several roadway projects. J. H. Lynch & Sons, Inc. was the winning bidder to undertake roadway improvement projects on many of the Town's main arteries, connectors and local roads. The total project cost of the Chapter 90 work is \$2.3 Million. Under the comprehensive Roadway Improvement Program, the Town prioritized and selected the roads to be improved based upon a number of criteria. Through the support of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and Town Meeting, funds were allocated in each of the last two budgets to supplement state Chapter 90 funds in order to expand the scope of the roadway work.

Implementation of the crack sealing program, as part of the Chapter 90 contract with J.H. Lynch and Sons, Inc., is currently in progress. Sealing cracks on roads that are in good to fair condition will help to extend their life expectancy.

Reconstruction of the roads listed below will commence in late July, starting with Prospect Street. The work on the project is expected to be finalized in June 2012.

<u>STREET</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FEET</u>
Barnes Street	Millbury Town Line to Deertrack Road	1,670 ft.
Boyce Street	Oxford St. No to Worcester City Line	5,020 ft.
Carriage Drive	South Street to End	1,076 ft.
Oxford Street North	Boyce Street to Pinehurst Avenue	650 ft.
Oxford Street South	#740 Oxford St S.to Oxford Town Line	4,914 ft.
Prospect Street	Washington Street (Rte 20) to #91 Prospect St	2,334 ft.
Regis Drive	Bryn Mawr Avenue to Wentworth Drive	750 ft.
Ridgewood Road	Arrowhead Avenue to Washburn Drive	287 ft.
Vinal Street	Oxford Street North to End	750 ft.
Vine Street	I-290 On Ramp to Swanson Road	1,120 ft.
Pakachoag Street	#205 Pakachoag St to #423 Pakachoag St	5,960 ft.
Central Street	South Street to #284 Central Street	4,245 ft.

J.H. Lynch & Sons, Inc. is also working on roadway and drainage improvements along Leicester Street and Bryn Mawr Avenue as part of the 2010 Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing project.

In addition to Town projects, MassDOT recently completed reconstruction of Millbury Street is currently working on reconstruction of the following roads:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FEET</u>
Swanson Road	I-290 Bridge to Route 12	1270 ft.
Auburn Street	Perry Street to Walsh Avenue	1020 ft.
Water Street	Route 12 to Oxford Street North	830 ft.
Route 20	Worcester City Line to South Street	12,000 ft

In addition to the roadway improvements projects, the Town is in the process of awarding Grove Construction, Inc. the contract for the South Street and Leicester Street Culvert Replacement Project. The total project cost for the culvert replacement is \$324,854.50. The work will consist of the construction of three 10-foot wide box-culverts (one on South Street and two on Leicester Street) which will replace the currently undersized infrastructure. The project will alleviate the problem of the streams overtopping the roadway at these locations, as illustrated in the photograph to the right.



Senior Center and Elder Affairs News



Council on Aging Monthly Newsletter

The Auburn Council on Aging has a monthly newsletter? Sign up to receive it electronically by [clicking here](#) or contact Christina Silpe, Executive Director of Elder Affairs, at (508) 832-7799 to receive the newsletter and other information on programs and events at the Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center.

Senior Center Kitchen Project

We are still sprucing up the senior center which includes re-facing the kitchen cabinets. Original to the building, which was built in 1978, these cabinets have had a lot of wear. More than 8,700 congregate and 22,300 Meals-on-Wheels are now assembled here each year.

Previous upgrades to the kitchen have been provided by a grant from the Division of Healthcare Finance and Policy, the Friends of the Auburn Senior Center Association (FASCA) and Town of Auburn Capital Improvement Plan funds. The updated cabinets are being paid for by FASCA and a grant that FASCA was awarded from the Auburn Foundation, through the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

The project will enable us to continue to provide quality service to our seniors throughout the year.

Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Work-Off Program

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Work-Off Program, you must be 60 years of age or older as of July 1st; the assessed owner of the taxed property (you may be a co-owner) and you cannot have an annual income of more than \$30,000 if single or \$35,000 if married.

Applications are available at the Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, Auburn Town Hall and the Auburn Library, or you may call 508-832-7799 to request that one be mailed to you. Applicants should submit a copy of their most recent real estate tax bill with their application. Applicants chosen for the program must show that they satisfy the annual income requirement. Seniors must reapply each year to continue to be eligible for the program. The earned abatement rate will be \$8.00 per hour. Abatements of up to \$750 will be applied towards real estate tax bills beginning in January 2012.

Applicants are matched as closely as possible with requests received from various departments in the Town of Auburn. Data entry, filing, gardening and library projects are but a few of the many jobs available. Department needs change, so whatever your talents and capabilities, the committee will try to match you up with a department that will work best for you.

This program, while helping the senior citizens of Auburn to remain within the community, is of great service to the various town departments as well. Many departments have had such a positive experience with this program that they have requested the same Tax Work-Off applicant year after year.

Applications must be returned to the Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, by the close of business (3:00 PM) on Friday, September 9, 2011. For more information on this program or if you have specific questions, please call 508-832-7799.

Public Health Updates

Auburn Board of Health Pro-Active in Addressing Tobacco

Health risks from tobacco usage remain one of the most significant concerns to public health. Minimizing exposure to second hand smoke and deterring our youths from starting a smoking habit continue to be top priorities for the Auburn Board of Health.

We are proud to announce that on March 14, 2011, the Auburn Board of Health voted on and adopted new local regulations amending Massachusetts General Law and Massachusetts Code of Regulations.

These new regulations, as adopted, include more definition clarifying spaces where smoking is to be prohibited, inclusion of nicotine delivery devices and e-cigarettes as tobacco products, and increasing penalties for failure to inspect proper identification when making sales to minors.

Though this rewrite involved significant application of time and resources, the Board is happy to present a regulation that offers concise guidance and enforcement authority; and more importantly, appropriately protects the public health of the Town of Auburn.

With adoption of these new amendments, breathing in the Town of Auburn will be more enjoyable and our youth better protected.

Smarter Than the Average Bear...

Most of us have seen a wild animal in our neighborhood at some time in the past year. As development increases and habitat shrinks these interactions are going to become more common. In most cases you will only have a passing glance of the creature and they will run off into the woods (or your neighbor's yard). However, there may be times when the animal acts aggressively or appears to be sick or wounded. Do you know what to do in these cases?



- ◇ If the animal that you are concerned about is a domestic animal (dog or cat) you should contact the Auburn Dog Officer (774.696.0799).
- ◇ If the animal is wildlife (fox, rabbit, bear, coyote, etc.) you should contact the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game, Central District (508.835.3607).
- ◇ Concerns about sick animals may be referred to the Auburn Board of Health (508.832.7703).

Business News and Information...

Congratulations on Masterman's 50th Anniversary

Masterman's has been a long-standing and well-respected member of Auburn's business community and a tremendous corporate citizen throughout their five decades of operation. The Masterman family has successfully nurtured and grown their business to over 100 employees and has contributed to scores of charitable organizations and community initiatives in Auburn. Congressman Jim McGovern, Senator Michael Moore, Representative Paul Frost, Town Manager Julie Jacobson and Board of Selectmen Tim Hicks, Steve Simonian, Bob Grossman and Chairman Doreen Goodrich attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Masterman's in June at their facility located in the Auburn Industrial Park. The Town of Auburn is very fortunate and grateful that Masterman's located its operations here and that the company continues to be a leader in the corporate and business community.

If You Build It They Will Come

Lowe's will be beginning construction on a 103,000 square foot retail location, near the intersection of Oxford Street North and Southbridge Street, sometime this summer. Lowe's has not released any detailed information on the construction schedule or approximate opening date but did indicate that the new store will create over 100 jobs.

Brownfields Grant Funding Assistance

Grant funds for site assessments are available for eligible businesses and property owners through the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC). An Environmental Site Assessment is often the first step needed if a property owner wishes to sell or transfer their commercial property.

The United States EPA awarded \$400,000 in grant funds to the CMRPC to conduct environmental site assessments and redevelopment planning within its 40-community region, which includes the Town of Auburn. The funds are used to identify and assess properties that have known or perceived environmental concerns and to help develop plans for the reuse and redevelopment of these sites. The goal is to identify sites that will benefit from the program and have the greatest potential for redevelopment. These grant funds may be used to provide owners of potential Brownfield properties with the following services:

- Environmental assessments required by banks and financial institutions for property refinancing referred to as a "21E" or "Phase 1"
- Environmental services to facilitate property sales
- Environmental services to facilitate property clean-up and redevelopment
- Redevelopment planning
- Select other activities which can increase property values and utilization

CMRPC hired Fuss & O'Neill, Inc., an environmental engineering firm, to conduct the site assessments, including background research (Phase I assessments), in-depth site testing (Phase II assessments), and development of plans for reuse and clean-up (Phase III assessment), as appropriate. CMRPC has completed 10 Phase I ESA's in the region, including the former Scavone site at 121 Southbridge Street in Auburn. This assessment will be critical to the redevelopment of the site which the Town intends to develop and seek Requests for Proposals later this year.

Nominations for properties are being accepted and reviewed by the program Steering Committee on an on-going basis. Property owners or potential purchasers who wish to take advantage of this program can review the information by visiting CMRPC's web page at www.cmrpc.org or by clicking here [CMRPC Brownfields Program](#). Nomination forms and other helpful information are available for businesses and property owners. For additional information, contact Megan DiPrete at CMRPC at (508) 459-3315.

How Do I Contact My Elected Officials From Auburn?

Federal Officials (with local contact information):

Senator John F. Kerry (617) 565-8519
Senator Scott P. Brown (617) 565-3170
Congressman James P. McGovern (508) 831-7356

State Officials:

State Senator Michael O. Moore (617) 722-1485
District Office (508) 757-0323 x 13
State Representative Paul K. Frost (617) 722-2489

Board of Selectmen:

Denise A. Brotherton
Doreen M. Goodrich
Robert D. Grossman
Timothy E. Hicks
Stephen R. Simonian
Contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at
(508) 832-7720

Summer Recreation Opportunities for Residents of All Ages

The Town of Auburn offers myriad recreational activities for adults and youth. Contact Kristen Pappas, Recreation Director, at (508) 832-7736 to sign up for the fun! Among the programs offered to residents are:

Sports and Crafts program: 8 week program held at Auburn High School for ages of 5 through 12. Gym classes, water games and crafts. Flexible time slots range from daily half-day to weekly full day programs from 8:30AM-3:00 PM. Extended hours available from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM as well as early drop off at 8:00 AM.

Summer Theater Program: July 25 to August 5 from 8:30 AM-12:00 noon at Auburn High School.

Water color painting: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM at Camp Gleason.

Coed Basketball: Wednesdays from 8:00 PM -10:00 PM at Auburn High School Gymnasium.

Middle School basketball program: Sunday nights at 5:00 PM at Lemansky Park for 8 weeks.

Open gym for Elementary and Middle School children: Wednesdays from 7:00 -8:00 PM at Auburn High School Gymnasium.

Tennis lessons for adults: Wednesday nights from 6:30 PM-7:45 PM at Auburn High School.

Tennis lessons for children: Tuesdays and Thursday s from 10:00 AM -11:00 AM at Auburn High School.

Coed soccer: 8:00 PM -10:00 PM .at Auburn High School outdoor soccer/football field.

Fitness classes: Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM at Auburn High School.

P90 X classes and beach body fitness classes: Wednesdays 7:00 PM -8:00 PM for 6 weeks at Auburn High School.

Sign up now to participate in these exciting summer activities for you and your family!





Recap of Town Elections Held May 19th

Town Clerk Ellen Gaboury certified the following election results of the May 19th Town Election.

HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR 5 YEARS

ANN L. WESTON

LIBRARY TRUSTEES, AUBURN FREE PUBLIC FOR 3 YEARS

MARCIA J. REICH

MATTHEW A. TOTH

MODERATOR FOR 1 YEAR

CHARLES A. BAKER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 3 YEARS

LEE ANN GIBREE

ELIZABETH ANN GRIBBONS



BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR 3 YEARS

ROBERT D. GROSSMAN

DENISE A. BROTHERTON

SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 3 YEARS

DONALD H. ERICKSON

Complete details for all candidates and Town Meeting Member results are available at www.auburnguide.com on the Town Clerk – Voting & Elections page.

Tuesdays New Day for Town Elections and Town Meeting

On May 5, 2011 Town Meeting members voted to amend the By-Law to change the Annual Town Meeting to the 1st Tuesday in May and the Annual Town Election to the 3rd Tuesday in May (both currently held on Thursdays). Thus, Auburn's next Annual Election will be held on Tuesday May 15, 2012. Since all State Primaries and Elections are held on Tuesdays, this By-Law change will be in keeping with those elections held at other times of the year.

Question or comments? Contact us at townmgr@town.auburn.ma.us or call (508) 832-7720.

To subscribe and receive the new quarterly municipal newsletter, *the Auburn Account*, visit our website to submit an electronic sign-up form. Our next edition will be released in October, 2011.

