



The Auburn Account

AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

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Monday September 12, 2022 was a historic day for the Auburn Police Department. For the first time in the Department's history, a total of seven police officers were promoted to higher ranks by Chief of Police Todd R. Lemon.



After participating in an arduous assessment process and based on their career achievements, the seven police officers were selected for promotion.

The newly promoted positions are as follows:

Spiros Kaperonis to Sergeant

Michael Tarckini Jr. to Sergeant

Luis Santos to Sergeant

Daniel A. Lamoreaux to Detective Sergeant

Kenneth Charlton to Lieutenant

Stephanie Hayward to Lieutenant

R. Scott Mills to Deputy Chief

With these promotions, the long anticipated reorganization of the departmental command structure and duties and responsibilities will be realized. The newly reorganized responsibilities will free up patrol sergeants from administrative responsibilities and will allow them to be a force multiplier at the patrol level. This will result in an enhanced level of service to the community and more effective supervision of patrol officers on the street.

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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
Sat	9:00AM-1:00PM

In this issue: 2022 Election information, Senior Center 50th Anniversary Celebration, EV Charging Stations, Auburn Public Library Programs, Recreation Programs, and much, much more...

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Select Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays each month as well as potentially on the 5th Monday of the month when necessary. If a holiday falls on a Monday, meetings are held the following Tuesday. Minutes and agendas are available on the Town's web To contact the Board of Selectmen during regular Town Hall business hours:

Phone: 508-832-7720 - Fax: 508-832-4270



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ASSESSING, BILLING, AND EXEMPTIONS

EXEMPTIONS:

Applications were mailed out after Labor Day to current applicants for the Senior, Veteran & Blind Exemptions. We would like to encourage people to get those returned with ALL documentation needed for processing, as stated in the letters mailed with the applications as soon as possible.

If you are interested in seeing if you may qualify, please contact our office and we will be happy to go over the qualifications with you.

ASSESSOR DATA INSPECTIONS:

A member of the Assessor's Office will be out doing property inspections for new sales, building permits or cyclical Data Collection/Inspections. If we were at your property, we will leave an orange door hanger.



VETERANS SERVICES.....



Erik Reynolds, Veterans Agent–508-832-7706–ereynolds@town.auburn.ma.us

The purpose of the Veterans Agent is to serve the Veterans and surviving spouses in their given town. Primarily my responsibilities include managing the M.G.L. Chapter 115 benefits for residents of the town. Chapter 115 is a Massachusetts state benefit for those Honorably Discharged Veterans and their surviving spouses whose income is less than \$2,265 and have less than \$8,400 in liquid assets. If you or someone you know meets these criteria you may qualify for state Veterans benefits.

If you have questions about Chapter 115 then the Veterans Agent is your go-to person. Please feel free to call or email me, or stop by the office inside of town hall. Lastly, if you'd like information or guidance regarding VA Benefits I can provide such guidance. However, I am not an approving authority or authorized processor of such benefits.

-Documents required to prove Ch. 115 eligibility include:

-DD214 (Honorable discharge from Military service)

-Employment verification document (Department of Employment & Training Document)

-Housing verification document (Proof of residency, lease agreement, utilities and heat, if a tenant)

-Mortgage statement (Home owners, including insurance and property taxes)

-Marriage Certificate (If requesting benefits for spouse)

-Divorce Decree (If separated or divorced from spouse)

-Death Certificate (If widowed)

-Child support or alimony documentation

-All Income Award letters (Soc. Security, disability, compensation, pension, retirement, etc.)

-Medical verification document (if claiming disabled)

-Any paperwork in regards to 401K funds, stocks, bonds, savings account, where money is saved

-Last three months bank statements (Checking and savings)

-Any outstanding debt paperwork

-Life Insurance documentation

-Medical Insurance card

-Social Security card

Airborne!

Erik Reynolds

Available Thursdays 8:30-4:00 or by appointment



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MARYANN O'CONNER



Maryann O'Connor started on September 26th as our new Public Safety Communications Director. She will oversee nine full time and all of our part-time Communications professionals in Dispatch and will work at the direction of both Fire Chief Steve Coleman and Police Chief Todd Lemon. Welcome, Maryann!



2022 STATE ELECTION



STATE ELECTION - WITH GREAT POWERCOMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!

www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearchMyVoterRegStatus.aspx



SAVE TIME. AVOID AGGRAVATION.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO.

Last Day to register to vote **Saturday, October 29th** Clerk's office 8am – 5pm

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8th

Polls open 7:00am to 8:00pm – Auburn High School Gym

Clerk's Office at 508-832-7701 - Information will be posted on website :<https://www.auburnguide.com/256/Voting-Elections>



VOTE EARLY BY MAIL

Deadline to request a mail-in early ballot will be 5pm on Tuesday, November 1st

The Secretary of State's office mailed the postcard application out prior to the State Primary. If you checked all elections you do not need to fill out another card. If you did not send back or check all elections, you should receive another in the mail.

Download the application: [2022 Vote by Mail Application \(state.ma.us\)](http://2022.VotebyMailApplication.state.ma.us) Once you have filled out the application return by mail, deliver it to Town Hall or you can scan the application to: townclerkemail@town.auburn.ma.us

Where is my Ballot?



Application Received

Date Ballot Mailed

Date Ballot Received

Accepted

Voters who have requested an Absentee or Early Voting by mail ballot now have the ability to track their ballot through the Massachusetts Secretary of State's website at:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx>

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON - AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL

Saturday	Oct 22	8 AM – 2 PM	Saturday	Oct 29	8 AM – 2 PM
Monday	Oct 24	12 PM – 6 PM	Monday	Oct 31	8 AM – 7 PM
Tuesday	Oct 25	11 AM – 3 PM	Tuesday	Nov 1	8 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday	Oct 26	11 AM – 3 PM	Wednesday	Nov 2	8 AM – 4 PM
Thursday	Oct 27	11 AM – 3 PM	Thursday	Nov 3	8 AM – 4 PM
Friday	Oct 28	9 AM – 12 PM	Friday	Nov 4	8 AM – 1 PM



CONFLICT OF INTEREST REQUIREMENT



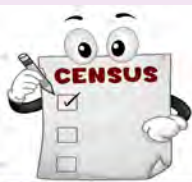
The Summary of the Conflict of Interest will be distributed in December as it is every year. Committee Members are considered Municipal Employees for the purposes of this law. If you serve on a committee or volunteer in some capacity you will receive the Summary in the mail or as an email attachment, any questions please contact the Town Clerk's office at (508)832-7701. Some part-time volunteer positions are exempt. The Summary and a list of exempt positions are on the Town Website auburnguide.com under the Town Clerk Department - Conflict of Interest.

<https://www.auburnguide.com/246/Conflict-of-Interest-Information>

The online training needs to be completed every two years and the **acknowledgement** is due every year. Once you have printed the training certificate, please either email the certificate along with the acknowledgement or print and drop off at the Town Clerk's Office. If it is not the year for your online training you can reply to the email sent that you received the summary with your name. Additional information can be found on the State Ethics Commission:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/state-ethics-commission>

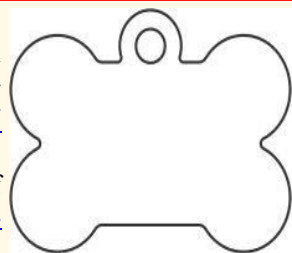
CENSUS



2023 census forms will be mailed at the beginning of January. **Please fill out, sign and return, promptly.** Voters are made inactive in June of each year if the census is not updated. This creates long lines at elections when a voter is made inactive. Then the voter must fill out a form and provide proof that they still live at their Auburn address.

DOG LICENSING

On the bottom of the census form is a dog license form for 2023. To license by mail, fill out the form and enclose with the signed census and enclose a check to cover the fee. If you would prefer to license on-line: https://www.mapsonline.net/auburnma/dog_licensing If you have licensed a dog in the past you will be able to license with this link, provided your rabies is up to date. If you no longer have a dog you can email the town-clerkemail@town.auburn.ma.us and we will update our records.





PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



K9 BIZA



On September 12, 2022 Officer David Ljunggren and K9 Biza started their first day at the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) K9 training program. Biza will train with other new K9 teams from Central and Western Massachusetts, along with MSP teams to learn the basics of police canine operations and tactics. This is the K9 equivalent of the Police Academy and is essentially basic training for the new teams.

We are hopeful that Biza will be the best and brightest of her class, but we know that she is the best looking already.



We will continue to provide updates to the public on her progress through our social media platforms.

TRICK OR TREATING



**THIS YEAR'S TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE:
OCTOBER 31 - 5PM-7PM.**

READ AROUND TOWN



On Friday July 8, 2002 the AFRD was happy to host the Auburn Public Schools "Read Around Town" event. Over 100 children came to the station to hear Chief Coleman read them a story and then tour the fire station.



K9 RIGGS



We are so happy and proud of our very own K9 Riggs who now has his INTERNATIONAL certification as an Investigative Fire Service K9, in both Search and Rescue (SAR) and Human Remains Detection (HRD). Riggs and his handler, Firefighter Matthew Ethier went through 3 days of intense testing by the American Society of Canine Trainers International to become a certified SAR K9. The amount of work these two have put in over the past 2 years to prepare for certification has been amazing and fun to watch.

Riggs has already proven to be a tremendous asset to our department, regional dive team and our mutual aid partners who have requested the assistance of Riggs in tragic situations. Most recently in September, Riggs was instrumental in locating a drowning victim in North Brookfield. Congratulations Matt & Riggs.



IN MEMORIAM LT. PAUL WOOD



On July 8th the AFRD lost Lt. Paul Wood, a 14 year veteran of our department. Lt. Wood suffered an off duty medical emergency at his home. He left behind his wife and best friend Crystal and their three young daughters. The department is devastated with the loss of Paul. He was a true leader and mentor to all and this is a huge hole that will be felt in the department for many years to come. We want to thank the members of our community who reached out during the days and weeks after the death of Lt. Wood. It was appreciated more than you will ever know. We also want to thank the many fire departments and EMS systems who provided coverage to our town hours after learning of his death and in the days following. We know you will always be here for us, as we are here for you in your time of need.

JAKE NUNNEMACHER

On July 1st we also welcomed Jake Nunnemacher as our new Fire Inspector/Fire Protection Engineer. Jake previously served as a Fire Protection Engineer for the Massachusetts Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Fire Services (DFS). Serving since 1999 his primary responsibility was to provide fire protection and life safety technical assistance, plan reviews, inspections, acceptance testing, training and investigations to local fire departments for fire protection issues involving the Massachusetts General Laws and Codes. He represented the State Fire Marshal and DFS on various boards and subcommittees that develop and promulgate the Massachusetts State Fire and Building Codes. Prior to DFS he was an Assistant Fire Protection Engineer for the Dallas (TX) Fire Department. We are so excited to have Jake join the ranks of the AFRD.



CHRIS TRAINOR



On July 1, 2022 the AFRD welcomed to our ranks Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Trainor. Chris came to us after serving five years as a full time firefighter for the Town of Charlton. Chris has been assigned to Group 3 and is an outstanding addition to our department. Welcome Chris.

MOMS CLUB



On August 19th the MOMS Club of Central MA visited the station for a tour. It was a great morning.

Not sure who had more fun, the kids or the firefighters.

BENEFITS OF PERMITS AND LICENSED CONTRACTORS

As the cost of housing increases, undeveloped land becomes more difficult to find and budgets are squeezed, more and more people are turning to renovating their existing homes to fit the needs of their growing families. In the process of renovating, various code requirements and safety items are often overlooked. Most people have good intentions and believe the contractors they have hired are competent and familiar with the [Building Code](#) . Sometimes people believe or are told that permits are not needed, or that pulling a permit will lead to a property tax increase. Some think that it is difficult to obtain a building permit and that it is not worth the time.

It is true that taxes sometimes increase because of improvements to the home, and there are a number of steps to obtain permits, but all are necessary and in place to protect owners and or tenants from future problems.

Why homeowners should ensure renovations are permitted

Property History

Many times, perspective buyers review tax assessments and permit history of a property before making an offer to purchase, so attempts to avoid tax increases can have a negative effect on your home's resale value.

Auburn Building Permit Process

Although the Auburn Building Department processes in excess of 2,000 permits yearly and the State of Massachusetts allows 30 business days to respond to permit applications, the Auburn Building Department takes advantage of [Online Permitting](#) , makes every effort to review all submitted applications within 14 Calendar days and sometimes can review and issue permits of complete applications in 7 Calendar days or less.

*Emergency Repair Permits are reviewed immediately upon verbal notification to the Auburn Building Department.

Permitting in Massachusetts

Massachusetts homeowners are allowed to obtain their own building permit for renovations and improvements to their homes. Many times, Contractors will instruct homeowners to apply for required permits. However, obtaining your own building permit comes with significant responsibility and risk. Professionals recommend that only homeowners with significant experience and skill renovating homes and up to date knowledge of building codes pull their own permits.

Before you decide to apply for your own building permit be sure you know what will be required to comply with the ever-changing Massachusetts Building Code as well as all related state and local requirements. Not knowing can cause significant project delays, inconvenience, and potentially cost you thousands of dollars to rectify mistakes. For example, if work on a project is halfway done and it is not compliant with structural or energy code you may have to remove the work and replace it to meet the code.

The Risks of Homeowner-Obtained Permits

Excluded from the Guaranty Fund:

When the homeowner obtains the building permit, they are not eligible for the [Guaranty Fund](#) established by the Home Improvement Law, M.G.L. c142A. This fund was created to protect homeowners from losses incurred as a result of contractor or sub-contractor work performed in a poor or un-workman like manner, or work that is in violation of common law or code. For example, if a homeowner obtains the building permit and hires a contractor who abandons the job because he priced it too low, the money lost cannot be recovered from the Guaranty Fund.

Responsible to ensure work meets code:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts adopted a new building code in January of 2018. The code is based on the 2015 International Residential Code, with Massachusetts amendments. If you are not intimately familiar with these publications and how they impact renovations and home improvements in Massachusetts, you may unknowingly expose yourself financially to unwanted risks when obtaining your own building permit.

Contractors you hire must be registered:

Even though a homeowner obtains the building permit, everyone hired to perform construction work, is required to be registered in accordance with the Home Improvement Law (M.G.L. c142A). This includes contractors who perform remodeling, window replacements, siding, insulation, demolition, roofing and masonry work. If the work performed, is over \$1,000.00 the contractor is mandated to be registered with [The Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation](#) , and provide a contract that includes mandated clauses provided in M.G.L.c142A. For these reasons, professional contractors rarely agree to do work for homeowner who pull the building permit.

In closing if you plan on renovating, always allow extra time for permitting, take advantage of licensed professionals, ask contractors for copies of their licenses *(CSL & HIC), proof of insurance and an approved permit.

*CSL=Massachusetts Construction Supervisor License

*HIC= Massachusetts Home Improvement Contractor

If residents ever have any questions on whether or not permits are required, please call the Auburn Building Department (508) 832-7719 or email building@town.auburn.ma.us

UPCOMING ZONING BYLAW PROPOSAL FOR FALL TOWN MEETING

Zoning is foundational to community development because it dictates land usage. Advocates and Town Administration regularly propose minor amendments and new sections to Auburn's Zoning Bylaw. New sections and amendments are sometimes a reaction to wanted or unwanted development, changes can also be an attempt to be proactive and adapt to changing times. There is one proposed change that will be presented this autumn for consideration by Town Meeting.

The proposed change is to allow apartments with a Site Plan Review in certain zoning districts. The Auburn Planning Board is the permitting authority for Site Plans. This proposed change is in response to MGL Ch. 161A Sec. 1, designating Auburn as an "MBTA Community." Auburn was named an MBTA Community since it is adjacent to the City of Worcester which has a commuter rail station. The state requires all MBTA Communities to allow apartments by right or with Site Plan Review. The town will become ineligible for certain grant programs without the proposed change to the zoning bylaw. These grant programs include the Housing Choice Initiative, the Local Capital Projects Fund, and the MassWorks infrastructure program. Acting now, the town will remain eligible for these grant programs and comply with the changes to Mass General Law.

An Informational Session is scheduled for **October 3, 2022 at 5:30pm** and will be held in the Board of Selectmen Room on the second floor of Town Hall. Anyone interested in receiving a draft of the proposed changes contact Dr. Adam Menard, amenard@town.auburn.ma.us or call 508-832-7704, copies of the proposals are available for review at the Department of Development & Inspectional Services and at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town Hall.



MARY D. STONE AND JULIA BANCROFT UPDATES



Stairway with multi-plexation factors painted on the steps preserved in the original school building portion.

Julia Bancroft: The Julia Bancroft Apartments are almost complete! Town Staff and members of the Historical Commission, Elementary School Re-Use Committee, and Select Board were given a tour of the newly-renovated Julia Bancroft Apartments in September. The redevelopment of the school will help fill the need for affordable senior housing in town, as well as preserve a local historic structure. Many historic details of the school were able to be salvaged and incorporated into the new design, including the doorway and staircase pictured below. Construction should be complete by early October 2022, and occupancy is currently slated for later this fall. Town Administration is very excited to see this project completed and can't wait for residents to see it for themselves!



Original door restored will now be the entrance

Mary D. Stone: The Mary D. Stone Apartments were chosen as Affordable Housing Finance's Annual Readers' Choice Awards winner for **Best Historic Rehab!** To read the full Affordable Housing Finance article please visit: https://www.housingfinance.com/developments/ahf-unveils-2022-readers-choice-awards-winners_o.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE LOOKING FOR MEMEBRS

Are you an Auburn business owner or manager? If so, the Business Roundtable is looking for additional members. The Business Roundtable was created to encourage and foster regular communication between Town Staff and the business community in Auburn. The Roundtable meets quarterly to review important town updates and address any questions or concerns raised by the Business Roundtable members. This group provides feedback about economic development initiatives, ongoing projects and a variety of other community matters. We have resumed hosting in-person meetings, with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for early November in the Selectman's Room at Town Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the Business Roundtable or would like to attend an upcoming meeting, please reach out to the Economic Development Coordinator, Brooke Hultgren at bhultgren@town.auburn.ma.us or 508-832-7700.

PUBLIC EV CHARGING STATION AT TOWN HALL



Town Administration was awarded a \$22,375 MassEVIP Public Access Charging Grant to fund the installation of a public EV Charging Station. The MassDEP Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) Public Access Charging (PAC) Program provides incentive funding to property owners in the Commonwealth to cover a portion of the cost of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations accessible to the general public. Members of the public will have full access to, and use of, the parking space and the EV charging station. Preliminary site work started in June and the charger component was installed on September 29. The charging station is expected to be fully operational by early 2023 at the latest.

Site work began in Town Hall's back parking lot at the location of the charging station. a trench was dug for a conduit (left), and the unit was installed in late September but is not yet operational (right).



WEBSTER FIVE NEW FACILITY RECEPTION



On September 15, 2022, Webster Five held a reception at their new facility located at 35 Millbury St. The building previously housed Reliant Medical Group and the extensive renovations to the building were completed in 2021. The beautiful new facility has provided over 100 employees with a modern, collaborative office space, which includes the spacious and welcoming main lobby (pictured right). Town Administration is thrilled to see Webster Five continue to conduct business in town in their wonderful new facility!

TOWN RECEIVES \$100,000 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT

The Town of Auburn recently received \$100,000 from the Department of Energy Resources Green Communities grant program for a heat pump replacement and weatherization at the Merriam Building! The weatherization project consists of adding loose cellulose insulation to the attic and weatherstripping the exterior doors. Additionally, the existing, outdated HVAC infrastructure will be replaced with two air-source heat pumps. The projects will provide more efficient heating and cooling in the annex space and prevent unnecessary energy losses. Energy consumption in the building is expected to decrease by 3,685 kWh annually as a result of the upgrades, which will result in savings of approximately \$9,231 per year!

Auburn has been the recipient of 7 competitive grants through this program since the Town's designation as a Green Community in 2012. Town Administration is very excited to receive this grant award which allows Auburn to continue achieving its energy reduction goals!



REGIONAL AND STATE-LEVEL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The following programs are available to help individuals and families with energy costs (eligibility contingent on income and individual program criteria):

For more information on these programs, please visit the websites listed above or <https://www.auburnguide.com/307/Energy-Committee> > Documents > SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Worcester Community Action Council Fuel Assistance	Helps homeowners and renters pay home heating bills and past due balances on utility bills Website: https://wcac.net/fuel-assistance/
National Grid's Discounted 'R-2' Delivery Rate	Discounted service rates are available for residential customers that meet certain criteria. Website: https://www.nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Rates/Service-Rates
Mass Save	Mass Save offers a number of rebates and incentives available to homeowners and renters, as well as income-based offers. Website: https://www.masssave.com/saving/residential-rebates/
Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund	Available to MA residents who, because of temporary financial difficulty, cannot meet a month's energy expense and is not eligible for state or federal energy assistance. Household income must fall between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels. Website: http://www.magoodneighbor.org/

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MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION AGREEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 27, 2022



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AUBURN'S COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY (A.K.A. MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION) PROGRAM RATE 30% BELOW WINTER RESIDENTIAL BASIC SERVICE RATE

AUBURN, MA – The Town of Auburn signed a twelve-month contract with a new supplier, NextEra Energy Services, which will provide residents and businesses with price stability in an elevated and volatile market. Beginning with the November 2022 meter reads, the new rate will be \$0.23822 per kWh. The Program's rate is thirty percent lower than National Grid's proposed winter Residential Basic Service price of \$0.33891 per kWh and twenty-six percent lower than National Grid's winter Commercial Basic Service price of \$0.32287 per kWh.

"We are pleased to announce that the Program is able to provide some relief to our residents on their electric bills this winter," said Town Manager Julie Jacobson, "In addition, the Program locks in rates for the 12-month term which will insulate ratepayers from market fluctuations but it also doesn't tie the Town up for too long should the market stabilize."

Based on average usage of 600 kWh per month for residents and 1200 kWh per month for small businesses, those participating in the Town's Program can expect to see an average savings of \$60 per month and \$170 per month, respectively, for the months of November 2022 through April 2023.

All accounts currently enrolled in the Program will remain in the Program as of the November 2022 meter reads. This change will be noted on the November 2022 bills and will be seen on the December 2022 bills.

Auburn launched its electricity program in December 2015 in an effort to develop an energy program that would be stable and affordable. The creation of Auburn's energy program has allowed for greater control over the price and environmental characteristics of the electricity residents use.

To join the Town's Municipal Aggregation Program, you may visit colonialpowergroup.com/auburn and click the OPT-IN button, then fill out and submit the OPT-IN Form. You should have your National Grid bill handy in order to provide some required information. Please submit your enrollment request a minimum of two weeks before your November 2022 meter read (date varies by account) to OPT-IN prior to the rate change. Enrollments can only be processed on meter reads so it may take one or two billing cycles before taking effect.

There are no enrollment, early termination, or cancellation fees attached to the Auburn municipal aggregation program. However, anyone switching from a contract with a third-party supplier may be subject to penalties or early termination fees charged by that supplier. Ratepayers should verify terms with their current supplier before switching.

Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the National Grid Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings and stability over the life of the program against National Grid Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

National Grid has several programs to help income-eligible families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. To learn more, visit nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs.

Residents may also visit colonialpowergroup.com/auburn or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Auburn's Community Choice Power Supply Program or to OPT-IN or OPT-OUT.

EASY ENERGY SAVING TIPS

8 quick tips for saving your home energy and money!



Make use of natural light and passive heat during daytime hours by keeping blinds and curtains open.



Replace outdated lighting with ENERGY STAR® certified lights, which last up to 25 percent longer and use up to 90 percent less electricity than older incandescent bulbs.



Adjust your TV's display settings to significantly reduce its power use without compromising picture quality.



Set your refrigerator temperature to 38°F and try to minimize the number of times it is opened each day.



Install low flow showerheads and water-saving faucets. Set a maximum water temperature of 120°F



Use programmable thermostats to adjust heating and cooling when rooms are unoccupied.



To save up to 20 percent on heating and cooling costs, make sure all ceilings, roofs, exterior walls, and wall cavities are adequately insulated.



Unplug chargers when not in use; they still draw energy when plugged into the wall even if no device is being charged.

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TOWN WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

**THANK YOU TO OUR
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS
AND THE FOLLOWING**

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HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS



Halloween Pet Safety Tips

Keep Pets Indoors

Halloween creates a lot of extra activity in our neighborhoods. The extra activity paired with loud noises and costumes can be frightening for our pets so it is best to keep our furry friends safe indoors for the night

Keep Pets From Pumpkins

Unattended pets may get themselves into trouble when left alone with jack-o-lanterns. A curious pet may knock over the pumpkin, creating a fire hazard and any gluttonous pets may try to nibble on the pumpkin, which may cause gastrointestinal upset.

Keep Pets Identified

Mistakes can happen so before any festivities begin, make sure your pet is wearing identification in case they get lost after being spooked.

Use Caution with Costumes

Putting costumes on your pets may cause them unnecessary stress. Make sure that your pet can see, move, and breathe properly in any costume you may have them wear. Never leave a pet unattended in a costume.

Keep Candy Out of Reach

Not only can some candy make your pets ill, it can actually be toxic. Chocolate and xylitol, a sugar free substitute, can have life-threatening effects on your pets. If you believe your pet has ingested something toxic, contact:

ASPCA Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435 immediately.



Waste Bans 101: Less Trash for a Cleaner Mass

No idea what a waste ban is? Don't worry! Recycle Smart is here to explain.

The term "waste ban" is industry speak for things that are either too good or too bad to trash. Waste bans are in place to promote reuse, waste reduction, and recycling by keeping good stuff out the trash, as well as to protect human health and the environment by keeping toxic stuff out of the trash.

Trash is defined as anything worthless, useless, or discarded, however nearly 50% of what we throw away each year actually isn't worthless, and could have been reused, recycled, or composted!

The first waste ban in Massachusetts went into effect in 1990, and the list has evolved since then. On November 1, 2022 mattresses and textiles will be added to the list of items banned from the waste stream.

Why mattresses and textiles?

Massachusetts residents throw out 300,000 mattresses a year, and over 75% of mattress and box spring components can be easily disassembled and recycled.

There are a few options to consider when getting rid of your old mattress. You could donate it if it's in good condition, or if you are buying a new mattress, the retailer may recycle your old one. Contact the Board of Health for more information on mattress recycling!



Textiles refers to any clothing or footwear, accessories (bags, belts, hats), and linens (sheets, towels, and more).

About 230,000 tons of textiles are disposed of annually in Massachusetts – 95% of which could have been given a second life. Donated textiles can be given or resold to people who need them here in the US and abroad. Textiles in poor condition can become industrial wiping cloths, aka "shop rags". Anything that cannot be resold can be remanufactured into insulation used by a variety of industries (e.g., automotive, home furnishings, and carpet padding).

When you're getting ready to clean out your closet, keep this in mind: Even if it's torn, out of style, and/or ugly – it can be donated (as long as it's dry)!

Please remember that while these items cannot go in your curbside trash cart, they should also be kept out of your curbside recycling cart. Taking the extra step to make sure mattresses and textiles are recycled properly and kept out of the waste stream will help Massachusetts meet its waste reduction goals! For more information visit recyclesmartma.org or call the Board of Health at 508-832-7703.

Residential Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Sponsored by the Auburn Board of Health



Auburn residents can visit NEDT to **drop off** certain hazardous materials for safe and proper disposal. Each household will receive \$50 off the cost of disposal, once per year. Please contact the Board of Health at 508-832-7703 with any questions.

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Latex and Oil-based Paints
- Fertilizers
- Automotive Fluids
- Carpet Cleaner
- Computers and Electronics
- Solvents and Thinners
- Gasoline
- Antifreeze
- Furniture Cleaners and Polish
- Pool Chemicals
- Monitors and Televisions
- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Motor Oil
- Corrosive Cleaners
- Glue and adhesives
- Driveway sealers

Ask about senior
and military
discounts!

ITEMS **NOT** ACCEPTED

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Reactive Chemicals (i.e. cyanides, water reactives)
- Commercial Waste
- Medical Waste/Sharps
- Unidentified Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Appliances/White Goods
- Explosives/Shock Sensitive Materials
- Radioactive Materials



New England Disposal Technologies
508-234-4440

83 Gilmore Drive · Sutton, MA 01590
www.NEDT.org

Please note, the Board of Health accepts mercury containing items, such as fluorescent bulbs, and batteries at the Town Hall and will continue to do so at no cost to residents.

Don't sleep on it...

Get rid of your old mattress now!

MassDEP has issued a waste ban on mattresses, which goes into effect on November 1, 2022. This ban is expected to increase the costs associated with mattress disposal. Take advantage of this special pricing while you can!

LIMITED TIME OFFER!

Drop off your old mattress for a reduced price!

Now through October 31, 2022, Auburn residents can bring old mattresses or box springs of any size to Casella (15 Hardscrabble Rd, Auburn) for just \$25 each. During this time, the Board of Health will also waive the \$10 fee for the required day pass to Casella for mattress and box spring drop off only.

Casella also offers Auburn residents CURBSIDE BULK PICK UP of mattresses or box springs for \$41.20 each. Residents can contact Casella directly at 888-532-2735 to schedule collection.

If you have any questions regarding mattress disposal, please call DDHS at 508-832-7703.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION

FALL 2022

Residents on the municipal solid waste & recycling service will have their yard waste collected on their normal trash day during the following weeks:

October 24th-28th

Oct 31st-Nov 4th

November 7th-11th

November 14th-18th



Please have all yard waste **curbside on collection day by 7 am** following these guidelines:

- Use open containers or biodegradable bags (plastic bags will **NOT** be collected)
- Bags/containers must weigh less than 50 pounds
- For twigs and branches, the maximum length is 3 feet. The maximum diameter is 3 inches.
- If containing twigs and branches with ties, the ties must be string or twine. **NO** plastic ties or tape.
- **DO NOT** use the carts issued by the Town for trash and recycling for yard waste.

Don't Attract the Rodents!

Learn what you can do to make your home unattractive to rats.

Like all animals, in order to thrive rats need three things:

FOOD, WATER, & SHELTER

The best way to prevent rats from making a home in your neighborhood is to make your house unattractive to rats by taking away sources of food, water, and shelter.

For professional advice and/or possible treatment options, contact a licensed pest control company.

Share this information with your neighbors. Rodent problems are a community issue. **Working together will help reduce this problem.**



FOOD

WHAT DO RATS EAT?

- Rats are omnivorous and will eat a combination of fruits, vegetables, grains, and meat.
- They prefer a balanced diet of cereal grains, meat, fish, nuts, and fruit.

FOOD SOURCES

- Food items in household garbage offer all of their favorite foods and also satisfy their water needs.
- Other sources around your home include:
 - Animal food (from pets, birds, livestock, etc.)
 - Birdseed on the ground
 - Vegetable gardens
 - Fruit and nut trees
 - Ornamental shrubs and vines with fruits and berries low to the ground.



WATER

HOW MUCH WATER DO RATS NEED?

- Rats only require 1/2-1 ounce of water daily when eating dry foods and less when moist foods are available (like fruit).
- Rats can swim and are able to tread water for up to three days.

WATER SOURCES

- Standing water:
 - Bird baths
 - Buckets
 - Discarded tires
 - Pet water bowls
 - Window pits near basements
 - Clogged rain gutters
- Leaks from:
 - Roof
 - Pipes/gutters
 - Outdoor faucets
 - Garden hoses



SHELTER

WHERE DO RATS LIVE?

- Rats often live in underground burrows. The burrows can be found alongside homes, fences, sheds, woodpiles, and tree roots. Burrows are generally 2-4 inches wide.
- Rats can hide out in basements, crawl spaces, attics, and sewers.

SHELTER SOURCES

- Lumber or clutter on the ground
- Bushes, overgrown shrubbery, weeds and grass over 12 inches high
- Rubbish including tires, engines, cans, drums, tree limbs, doors, etc.
- Broken sewer pipes
- Abandoned vehicles and appliances
- Dilapidated buildings, board fences, walls, or concrete slabs



Senior Center and Elder Affairs News



The Auburn Senior Center is open Monday and Friday from 8:00am to 3:00pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. You can reach the senior center by calling 508-832-7799.

Congregate lunches through Elder Services of Worcester are served daily at 12:00pm with a suggested donation of \$2.50. Please call (2) days in advance to make your reservation.

Transportation is available to Auburn residents by scheduling at least (2) days in advance of your appointment. Please call the WRTA at 508-752-9283. Clients using the vans for transportation must wear a face covering. If you are ill or do not feel well, please stay home.

SHINE HEALTHCARE



Patrick Morris, certified SHINE counselor can assist with health care options: Medicare, prescription insurance, Medigap plans, Medicare advantage plans, low income subsidy, prescription advantage, etc. Appointments only, please call 508-832-7799 to schedule. To reach the Central Mass SHINE Program by phone: 508-422-9931 or by email: info@shinema.org For other regions call 1-800-243-4636 and wait for the SHINE prompt. Visit Central Mass website (www.shinema.org) for useful information and applications for various programs.

FILE OF LIFE CARDS

Medical emergencies can happen anytime. When they do, there is confusion, panic and urgency. Paramedics arrive on the scene with no information about the person in need. Seconds count, they can make the difference between life and death. Does the patient have prior medical conditions? Allergies? What medications are they taking? Who do they want us to call? How do we contact their family or friends?

File of Life puts these answers at their fingertips. It allows first responders to immediately begin the best possible treatment, notify loved ones, and pass this vital data on to awaiting physicians at the emergency room. File of Life has already saved thousands of lives. It is an absolute asset to emergency preparedness, and peace of mind, for every household and community across the nation. Please call the Senior Center at 508-832-7799 if you would like a file of life card mailed to your house.

FILE OF LIFE

KEEP INFORMATION UP TO DATE !!
Review At Least Every Six Months !

MEDICAL DATA REVIEWED AS OF _____ MO. _____ YR. _____ OF Y.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Doctor: _____ Phone #: _____

Preferred Hospital: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES



The Auburn van is available for Auburn residents 60+ and younger disabled. Those under 60 years of age with a disability need to provide a doctor's note or letter from a service agency. To register to use the service, please call the WRTA at 508-752-9283. Appointments must be booked two days in advance.

The ADA transportation provides longer service hours with a slightly higher cost. To register for ADA transportation, call the WRTA at 508-752-9283.

OUTREACH



Usha Verma, Outreach Coordinator is available Monday through Friday between 9:00am - 3:00pm. She is available to provide information and referrals for: Fuel Assistance, SNAP, food pantries, transportation options, benefits check-up, housing assistance, real estate tax exemptions, abatements, referrals to support groups for caregivers, grandparents raising their grandchildren and many more. All information is kept confidential.

- Fuel Assistance- Worcester Community Action Council assistance program
- Food Assistance- Food Pantries, SNAP (food stamps)
- Medical alert buttons
- Transportation options
- File of life- a card you complete with your emergency contacts, medications, allergies, etc. and placed on your refrigerator. The paramedics look for it if they respond to a medical emergency
- Benefits checkup- (you may qualify for a discount program that you don't know about)
- Housing help- downsizing, affordable rent, or to apply for subsidized housing
- Caregiver Assistance- information about memory care programs, nursing homes, or assisted living options
- Real Estate tax-exemptions and abatements
- Referrals to support groups for caregivers, grandparents raising their grandchildren, specific diseases or specialty groups
- Prescription Advantage – is a program to help defray the cost of seniors' medication costs when they reach that “donut hole” in Medicare Part D. call: 1-800- 243-4636
- AARP Tax Help- During tax season counselors are available to complete taxes at no charge for low or moderate income clients. Call the senior center for information.
- Meals on Wheels - federally sponsored home delivered meal service program administered locally to deliver well-balanced, lunchtime meals to frail, homebound individuals who are at least 60 years of age. Contact Elder Services of Worcester for information 508-756-1545.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Auburn Senior Center: 508-832-7799

Auburn Housing Authority: 508-832-3852

Auburn Library: 508-832-7790

Elder Abuse Hot line: 1-800-922-2275

Elder Services of Worcester: 508-756-1545

Fuel Assistance: 508-754-1176

Mass Health: 1-800-841-2900

Medicare Help line: 1-800-333-4114

Shine: 1-800-243-4636

Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213

Food Stamps/SNAP: 1-617-887-8765

Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 1-800-784-2433

Veterans: 1-800-698-2411

Auburn Town Hall: 508-832-7720

Auburn Food Pantry: 508-798-8779

Auburn Fire Department: 508-832-7800



WEEKLY EVENTS AT THE AUBURN SENIOR CENTER - JOIN US!

Please call the Senior Center for a complete list of programs and upcoming activities for the month. The Flagtime Flyer newsletter is also online www.auburnguide.com

Monday:

10:00am – senior sweat, \$3.00 donation
10:00am – walking club, Lemansky Track
10:00am – 11:30am - blood pressure clinic, 1st Monday of the month
10:30am – coloring for adults
11:00 am- yoga, \$3.00 donation
12:00pm – lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)
12:45pm – canasta
12:45pm – movie of the week or entertainment

Tuesday:

10:00am- chair dance, \$3.00 donation
12:00pm – lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)
1:00pm – Let's move together – exercise, \$3.00 donation
6:30pm - pitch

Wednesday:

9:30am – knit and stitch
10:00am – walking club, Lemansky Track
10:00am – strength and balance, \$3.00 donation
11:00am – drop in tech
12:00pm – lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)
1:00pm- pitch
6:00pm – cribbage

Thursday:

10:00am – chair dance, \$3.00 donation
12:00pm – lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)
12:45pm – bingo
1:00pm – I-pad club

Friday:

9:30am – American sign language class
10:00am – strength and balance, \$3.00 donation
11:00am – meditation
12:00pm – lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)
12:00pm – quilting
12:45pm- dominos
6:30pm – pitch



ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Canasta



Only
\$2

Every Monday
12:45pm

Adult Coloring Club

Join Jessie Harrington
for a relaxing hobby.

Every Monday

10:30am — No Charge

Coloring pages, colored pencils
& markers will be provided.



Cribbage



Every Wed.—6:00pm

Would you like to join the
Auburn Senior Center's
WALKING CLUB?



Please call
USHA VERMA
508-832-7799
if you are interested.

We meet Every Mon. & Wed. at
10:00am at Lemansky Track
400 Oxford St. North

Dominos



Fridays at 12:45pm

FITNESS CLASSES are paid from a grant
through Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA).
Participants are urged by EOEA to make a dona-
tion towards Fitness Classes.

Lets Move Together

with **Angie Lavache** Certified trainer/fitness instructor

Every Tues. 1:00pm – 1:45pm \$3.00 class donation

Strength & Cardio activities to improve your health & fitness.

Strength & Balance

with **Lin Hultgren** Ace certified fitness instructor

Every Wed. & Fri. 10:00am – \$3.00 class donation

Strengthen & tone your body while improving your mobility.

YOGA Mondays 11:00am

with **Ann Ramsey**, certified instructor, E-RYT 500 level

Every Monday 11:00am – \$3.00 class donation

Increase flexibility & improve joint health
& mental clarity.

CHAIR Dancing

with **Forty Arroyo**, instructor

Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am – \$3.00 class donation

Join us for Fun, Energizing & Social activity.

WEEKLY TECH CLINIC

with **Scott Baeder & Paul Holzwarth** – No Charge

Every Wednesday 11:00am – 12:00pm

If you're having trouble with email or any questions we will
work with you to solve the issue or make it work better.

iPAD Club

How do you use your iPad?

Every Thursday at 1:00pm - No Charge

Join us as we investigate the world of iPad apps.

MEDITATION CLASS

with **Usha Verma** – No Charge

Every Friday at 11:00am

Meditation creates positive effects on our health, well-being,
sleep problems, chronic pain, anxiety & depression.

Blood Pressure Clinic

with **Care Central VNA & Hospice** - No Charge

Every 1st Monday of the month 10:00 - 11:30am

Includes checking your blood pressure, pulse & weight.

QUILTING—No Charge

Every Friday at 12:00 noon

No experience necessary, we adapt to whatever skill
levels students bring to class. Ideas for projects welcomed.

KNIT & STITCH

Every Wed 9:30am—11:00am

Socialize and make new
friends while working on
your project. Join the fun!



Senior Sweat

with **Dr. Harvey Clermont**

Mondays at 10:00am

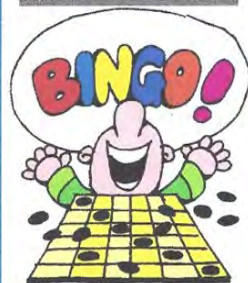
This class emphasizes balance,
stretching and strengthening.

We will deal with posture, coor-
dination and essential muscle
groups, such as upper chest,
core and buttocks.

Most of the time, we will be in a
chair or use a chair for safety.

Bring a water bottle.

\$3.00 class donation



Every Thursday
12:45pm



PITCH

Wed. 1:00pm

Tues. 6:30pm

Fri. 6:30pm

UPCOMING SHOWS



**Supercharged
and
Entertaining!!!!**

Mike & Beth

VARIETY SHOW



***A Crowd Pleasing,
Uplifting, Fun-Loving,
Dynamic Duo!!!***

**Friday, October 21st
12:45pm**

Interactive Variety Show that Highlights:

Familiar and Upbeat Sing-A-Longs for audience

*A Repertoire of Music that takes you on a
Journey Through the Ages*

Interactive Audience Participation

Knee-slapping Jokes & Creative short Story Telling

"This program is supported in part by a grant
from the Auburn Cultural Council,
a local agency which is supported
by the Massachusetts Cultural
Council, a state agency."



"Shivers & Shudders"



Folksinger and storyteller

Tim Van Egmond will perform spellbinding tales and songs of the supernatural ranging from the spine-tingling to the rib-tickling.

He'll be accompanying himself with the bamboo 'spirit flute,' guitar, conga drum, and a skeleton limberjack (a wooden puppet that taps out a rhythm dancing on a paddle board).

His dynamic talent, warmth, and humor create a moving and enjoyable experience for all.

Monday, October 31th at 12:45pm

**Call Senior Center to RSVP
if you plan to attend 508-832-7799**

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Auburn Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

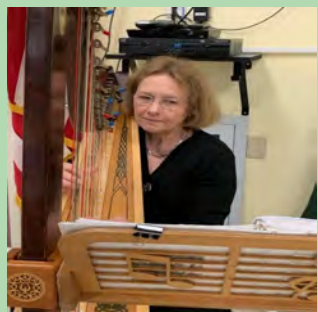


**Mass
Cultural
Council**

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 22, 2022. The FASCA members hosted an open house from 3:00pm-7:00pm. The center was beautifully decorated with a black and gold color scheme. Susan Howland delighted us by playing the harp.



Our speakers included a welcome by Kristen Pappas-Recreation & Culture Director and Program Coordinator, Jean Boulette- Senior Center Director, Paul Frost- State Representative, Joseph Early, Jr. – Worcester County District Attorney, Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, Doreen Goodrich on behalf of Senator Moore, Scott Wrenn- Chairman, Auburn Board of Selectmen, Julie Jacobson - Town Manager, George Fournier- Chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee and Sari Bit-ticks, Auburn Historical Society.

Fifty drawing baskets were donated by local people or businesses. Everyone had fun trying to win a basket or gift card. Delicious appetizers and desserts were prepared by Doreen Goodrich. Our seniors were also able to reminisce by viewing the photo boards representing the past and present events of the senior center. It was a perfect evening to visit with old and new friends. We thank all of our volunteers, as we could not have had such a successful event without everyone's help.



SUMMER READING PROGRAMS



Summer Reading Program | Our Amazing Earth

We made an intentional, concerted effort to welcome our patrons back for our first fully in-person summer programs in several years, focusing on our Summer Reading Program, Our Amazing Earth, as the catalyst. Our six week program for children promoted respect and appreciation for our Earth, weaving in stories and programs that spotlighted water conservation, plants, animals, recycling and repurposing, gardening and plant care, the cocoon-to-butterfly process, STEM programs, turtles, constellations, terrariums, and much more.

As result of our efforts to keep literacy alive and exciting over the summer, and the loyalty of our patrons, the following impressive milestones were met:

- 276** Number of children who registered for our summer reading program (SRP) – our largest number ever!
 - 201** Number of registrations from children who are Auburn residents
 - 53** Number of registrations from children from Worcester and Oxford
 - 22** Number of registrations from other towns: Cherry Valley, Leicester, Shrewsbury, Millbury, Dudley, Charlton, Grafton, and Sutton, in no particular order
 - 50,027** Total number of minutes read by children over the 6 weeks of the SRP. This translates to 833.78 hours read!
 - 457** Number of visits from children specifically for turning in their reading logs and collecting beads and other reading incentives and rewards
 - 29** Number of children who earned “Snacks with Staff” for reading at least 600 minutes
- Snacks with Staff visits included listening to a story, enjoying a snack and lively conversations with several Library staff members and parents or guardians; an invitation to tour our ‘behind the scenes’ workspace; watching a staff member demonstrate our Ellison machine, cutting a dragon shape (each child chose their own dragon cutout to take home); and a book-covering demonstration from Library staff, followed by a craft and a second story.



We were delighted when so many children eagerly waited for their t-shirts to arrive so they could proudly wear them to school!

REGISTER FOR CONSTANT CONTACT!

If you would like to know about our programs and services as soon as they are open for registration, join the more than 700 patrons who have registered their household for our email notification system, [Constant Contact](mailto:ConstantContact@auburnlibrary.org), via the link available at the top of our home page at www.auburnlibrary.org.



Auburn Public Library

369 Southbridge Street
Auburn, Massachusetts 01501
508-832-7790 (phone)
508-832-7792 (fax)

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Friday: 9:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

Home	Children's Page	Teens / Young Adults	Hours / Directions	Staff and Trustees	Policies and Forms	Contact Us
Library Hours	Join our Program Notification System					Check out some of our newest books and materials...
Library Catalog Online	For Email Marketing you can trust.					
Children's Catalog						
Community Information						

Program and informational updates will be sent to your mailbox weekly, or as information is updated. You may opt out at any time with the click of a button.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

From the second week in July to the end of August, we held 71 programs, 64 of them for children. Forty-six of those programs were designed and presented in-house by Library staff. A total of 2,486 patrons visited our programs during that time frame, contributing to the average of 1,130 walk-in patrons each week throughout the summer.

Programs for children included, but were not limited to: twice-weekly toddler programs, STEM programs, Lego kits, Terrariums, Planting flowers, Theater programs for three age groups, Tie-dyed teddy bears, Creation Stations, Captain Marvelous, who focused on health, exercise, and respect for ourselves and others, Night sky and constellations, Steam cars, and more. Several of these programs were offered more than once, to accommodate as many as possible from the waiting lists! All programs include reading stories and literacy packets for take-home, as well as other materials and craft projects.

ALL of our participants were super readers! With permission from parents and children, some of our 'super readers' happily posed in the photo corner after turning in their reading logs.



Children worked in teams to create constellations with stars, and then viewed others with their own constellation kits and flashlights



Children designed their colors and patterns, and then tie-dyed their teddy bears.



Each of our several STEM-integrated terrarium programs for children were completely filled.



Children discovered their 'kindness' superpowers from Captain Marvelous



BOOKS! BOOK CLUBS!

The Director consulted with Jean Boulette, Senior Center Director, Kristen, Usha, and Senior Center members to help them structure and kick off their book club. The Director is also consulting with Kate Granger, Services Coordinator from the Pennrose Management Group from The Mary D. Stone Complex, and a group of enthusiastic residents to design their book club. The Auburn Public Library also hosts a book club at the Library once a month. Call the Library if you would like more information.

We are also hoping to offer a new initiative: A children's book club, with start-up funds from the Auburn Cultural Council. Stay tuned for more information! If you or your child, age 8 or older, are interested, please contact the Director at jcolins@town.auburn.ma.us or call the Library at 508-832-7790.



ADULT PROGRAMS, GRANTS, MUSEUM PASSES, UPCOMING PROGRAMS, BOOK CLUBS, AND MORE



We have also been busy with much more than our children's programs!

Adult Programs

We also held programs on silk scarf painting and celebrated Constitution Week with a portrayal of Deborah Sampson; "Living Fire Pit" from Bemis Farms, and more. Upcoming fall and winter programs will include: Bemis Farms, Lantern Centerpiece; New England Stone Walls; Auburn Historian Ken Ethier with a presentation on local trolley cars; Hydroponics; Bemis Farms, Winter Centerpiece; Creating body moisturizers, and more. Other upcoming programs for families and children include: a visit from the always well-received Animal Adventures; a children's program on slime; additional programs from Hands on Nature, Terrariums for adults; additional two terrarium program for PK children, Lego kit program; and continued program rebuilding and redesign with afternoon programs at 4:00pm and on Saturdays for children to accommodate school schedules. Stay in touch with Constant Contact™!

Facility, Grants, Surveys

We cleaned the children's room carpet a third time, decorated the foyer and outside of the Library (with partial funding from the Friends – thank you), and continue to expand our museum pass program. The Director attended a unique Library Design Institute conference with the sunroom and children's room expansions in mind, and is in the process of submitting grant applications to the Auburn Cultural Council to help with future program funding. We also received the STEM Young Scientist grant again and are happy to note continued strong interest and satisfaction in the program.

We conducted several feedback surveys related to the SRP and the toddler programs, and one for responses from children. Thank you to those who took the time to respond. Survey results will be included in the Town of Auburn annual report. In the meantime, we are applying your suggestions and comments to further develop programs that serve to meet the needs of our patrons. If you would like more information about the survey, please feel free to contact the Director.



Auburn Public Schools. We are also working with Bryn Mawr and Paka-choag schools' reading specialists to arrange for Library visits from the eight kindergarten classes in November during Family Literacy Month. We look forward to their in-person visits again!

MUSEUM PASSES

We continue to increase our museum pass availability and are once again the leading library with quantity and variety of museum and local attraction passes. Our current options include 42 passes with additional new ones, such as The Willard Clock Museum, the Mass State Police Museum and Learning Center, and the Slater Museum in the queue. The Auburn Public Library offers more than double any library in the State of Massachusetts, saving our patrons many thousands of dollars in entry fees each year.



To learn more about borrowing guidelines and which passes are available, visit our customized Auburn Public Library Museum Pass Website at <https://www.aplmuseumpasses.com/>, visit the Library and browse through the sites from our large digital touch screen computer, or call the Library for more information. Information flyers are also available in print from the Library.



9th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Presented by the Town of Auburn
Recreation and Culture Department
Saturday, December 10, 2022
Snow date December 11th, 2022

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Auburn High School
99 Auburn Street, Auburn, MA

150+ Craft Vendors to help get you into the spirit of the Holiday season. Santa will be making an appearance from 10 till 2, so bring the kids. There will be activities, food, Drawing, face painting and much **MORE**.

Schedule of Events will be listed on www.auburnguide.com
Thank you for your support of Auburn Recreation and Culture.

For information please call
508-832-7736 or email
kpappas@town.auburn.ma.us



Join us for the Town of Auburn's

10th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



Friday, December 2, 2022
6:00 PM

Next to Fire Station Headquarters, 47 Auburn Street

Featuring a sing-a-long and caroling with the Auburn High School Marching Band and Chorus,
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
Invocation-Reverend Douglas Geeze
Special Guest Appearance by Santa Claus



Hot cocoa, coffee and cookies baked by Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School culinary arts students!



October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Auburn Recreation and Culture Dept 4 Goddard Drive Kpappas@town.auburn.ma.us 508-832-7736	Auburn Fit Club AHS-No charge Yoga, Pilates & Zumba \$10 drop in or \$60 for 10 classes		TRICK TREAT 	1 Tennis Gr 3-5-10-11:00 am Gr 6-8-11-12 noon Registration required Pickle Ball 9-11am At Lemansky Park
2 Coed Adult soccer League at AHS Over 21 league Auburn High School	3 Pop Pilates-AHS 5:45-6:45 pm Volleyball-AHS 6:30-8:30 pm	4 Open Gym-AHS 6:00-7:00 pm Coed Basketball AHS 7:00-9:00 pm	5 Yoga-9:30 am Zumba-AHS 5-6 pm Auburn Fit Club-AHS 6:00-7:00 pm Coed Basketball-AHS	6 Pop Pilates-AHS 5:45-6:45 pm Volleyball-AHS Grades 6-8-6-7pm Grades 9-12 7-8pm	7 Yoga-9:30 am Pappas Recreation Complex Or Mary D Stone Apartments	8 Tennis Gr 3-5-10-11:00 am Gr 6-8-11-12 noon Registration required Pickle Ball 9-11am At Lemansky Park
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Friday night Auburn Football 7pm
Saturday-9:00am - 3:00pm
Auburn High School

*Games*Pumpkin decorating*
*Food * Craft Vendors*
And Much More!!
Fun for All Ages!!



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