TOWN OF AUBURN QUARTERLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, April 17, 2023: Tax Day

Tuesday, April 18, 2023: Second Installment Sewer Bills Due

Monday, May 1, 2023: Real Estate Taxes Due

Tuesday, May 2, 2023: 6:00 PM Annual Town Meeting AHS Auditorium

Friday, May 5, 2023: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Last day to register to vote Town Hall, Clerk's Office

Saturday, May 6, 2023: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Town-Wide Cleanup 47 Auburn Street

Tuesday, May 16, 2023: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Annual Town Election AHS Gymnasium

Monday, May 29, 2023: Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 21, 2023: 6:45 PM Auburn Night at the WooSox Town Takeover @ Polar Park,

100 Madison St. Worcester

Thursday, June 29, 2023 (Friday, June 30th: rain date) 5:00 PM (Fireworks @ 9:30) Auburn Independence Day Celebration, Pappas Recreation Complex

#### Will Auburn stay at the top spot with the WooSox?

Throughout the 2023 season, the Worcester Red Sox ("WooSox") will host different towns in Central and Western Massachusetts at Polar Park in Worcester for "Town Takeover" nights. Tickets purchased for each "Town Takeover" night will benefit a non-profit organization that benefits that town and/or broader community. At the end of the season, the town with the largest turn-out will be rewarded with a trophy and special recognition.

The 2023 Worcester Red Sox 'Town Takeover' Competition has scheduled 22 towns to each have their own "Town Takeover" night.

#### "Auburn Night" will be held Wednesday, June 21st: WooSox vs. Lehigh Valley IronPigs (AAA Phillies)

The game starts at 6:45 PM. Various residents of Auburn will be featured in the pregame ceremonies and throughout the ball-game.

Every ticket purchased through <a href="https://fevo.me/auburn23">https://fevo.me/auburn23</a> will donate \$5.00 to Auburn Youth & Family Services AND contribute towards Auburn's standing in the Town Takeover competition.

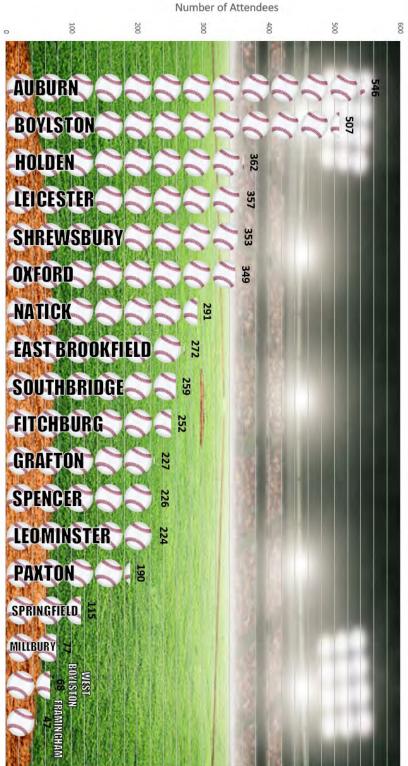
Last year Auburn narrowly took first place in the Town Takeover with 546 tickets sold to Boylston's 507... can we do it again? Please come out on June 21st to support Auburn's Youth & Family Services and defend Auburn's title!



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# 500 22 Town Takeover Results



Woosox Massachusetts

The Spirit of America

THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, THE WOOSOX WILL HOST DIFFERENT TOWNS IN CENTRAL & WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS AT POLAR PARK FOR "TOWN TAKEOVER" NIGHTS. TICKETS PURCHASED FOR EACH "TOWN TAKEOVER" NIGHT WILL BENEFIT A NON-PROFIT FROM THAT TOWN. AT THE END OF THE SEASON, THE TOWN WITH THE LARGEST TURNOUT WILL BE REWARDED WITH A TROPHY AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION!

# **AUBURN DAY 6/21**



#### NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK





#### **CENSUS**

2023 census forms were mailed the first week of January. Please fill out and return if you have not already done this, even if there were no changes. There are many households who have not answered the census. Voters are made inactive in June of each year if the census is not updated. This in turn creates long lines at the elections; because each inactive voter must fill out a form and provide proof that they still live at their Auburn address.

#### Dog Licensing

The office is currently licensing dogs for 2023. Last year's licenses expire as of March 31, 2023, so if you have not already done so please be sure to license your dog for 2023. The dog licensing payment portal is currently undergoing maintenance, so if you have any questions regarding how to license your dog please call us at 508-832-7701 or email townclerkemail@town.auburn.ma.us. You can also access information from auburn-guide.com >Town Clerk Department > Dog Licenses & Information, which also has the application that you can print and mail in.

Please verify that the rabies on file is current or send a copy with the application or your census form. If your dog can not get a rabies vaccine, owners will need to submit an exemption letter. The letters need to be submitted annually to be reviewed by the Animal Control Officer and the Board of Health for acceptance, per MGL Chapter 140 Section 145B (i). Owners will not receive a license for unvaccinated dogs without approval of their exemption letter.

Please be aware that on January 1, 2022 there was a fee increase for delinquent dog accounts. It is important to note that this increase did NOT affect any owners who licensed on time or within the same calendar year of the licensing due date. This delinquency fee will ONLY affect owners who have failed to previously license for a full calendar year or longer. This fee will include the full cost of a dog license for the year(s) that the dog was not licensed with the Town.

If you no longer have your dog please let us know so we can update our records.



#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TOWN MEETING MEMBER?

There are precincts with Town Meeting Member seats available! Although it is past the date

#### Vote for One Candidate 1 Candidate 2 Candidate 3 OR Write-in on line above

to file for nomination papers, you can always do a write-in. If you are interested in becoming a Town Meeting Member, have residents that live in your precinct write your name in as a write-in. Call the Town Clerk's office if you would like more information on becoming a Town Meeting Member.

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Voter Registration Session: Friday, May 5, 2023. This is the last day to register voters before the Annual Town Election. Registration will be held in the Town Clerk's office from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Auburn residents 18 years of age or older by Election Day (May 16, 2023) may register to vote in the Town Clerk's office. A resident may register to vote by mail, but the mail-in form must be postmarked on or before May 5, 2023 for the voter to be eligible to vote at the annual town election. You can also register online at sec.state.ma.us/ovr/

Election Information can be found at auburnguide.com > Town Clerk Department > Voting & **Elections** 





#### THE ASSESSOR'S CLIPBOARD



ASSESSOR DATA INSPECTIONS: The Assessor's Office will be out doing property inspections for new sales, building permits or cyclical Data Collection/Inspections, as a requirement of the Department of Revenue. If we were at your property, we will leave an orange door hanger stating the date we stopped by and the reason.

RETURN OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FORMS: Income and Expenses forms were mailed out in February to all Commercial & Industrial and Mixed-Use properties. Please return your form completed and signed as soon as possible.

#### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: NEW FACES AND PLACES

#### Town Manager's Office



Edward Kazanovicz

Last May 2022, the Select Board appointed Edward Kazanovicz, a long-time Auburn employee, as the Town Manager commencing after Julie Jacobson's retirement in January 2023. Kazanovicz had been serving as the Assistant Town Manager and Chief Financial Officer. Kazanovicz has worked in Auburn since 1995 and has almost four decades of municipal finance and administrative experience. He previously served for 11 years as the Assistant City Auditor in Lowell. He has a Bachelor's degree in business management from Worcester State College. Ed is married to wife Tracy and has three daughters, Jessica, Karli and Brooke. Ed recently became a proud Grandfather to Shea Marie Hanlon (Daughter of Jessica and Michael Hanlon).

Dori A. Vecchio, M.P.A., MCPPO was appointed as the Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director with the Town of Auburn. Ms. Vecchio received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Clark University and her Bachelors degree from Worcester State University. Prior to this role, she worked for the Town of Blackstone as the Town Administrator and the City of Worcester where she served in multiple roles, most recently as the Director of Human Resources. She also served the city as a Finance Manager/Grants Supervisor and the Director of Administration for the City Manager. Ms. Vecchio resides in the City of Worcester with her spouse and two children.



Dori Vecchio



Danielle Chamberland Roberts

Danielle Chamberland Roberts was hired as the Staff Assistant to the Town Manager. She received her Bachelor's degree in Psychological Science (Developmental concentration) from Fitchburg State University and Master's Degree in Psychology (Neuroscience concentration) from Boston University. Before working in municipal government, Ms. Chamberland Roberts worked for 20 years in the education/educational psychology fields in various roles and most recently at a title and escrow law firm. She has been a flutist for 30 years and enjoys playing with the Nashoba Symphonic Band. Ms. Chamberland Roberts resides in North Oxford with her husband, Jason, and their 4 cats: Anduin, Tirion, Thrall, and Grommash Hellscream.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTION SERVICES

Jesse Averka was hired as the Land Use Coordinator for the town of Auburn. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Maine in 2019. After graduating, he worked for the United States Department of Agriculture's Asian Longhorned Beetle eradication program. After that he went on to work in a variety of roles for the Department of Conservation and Recreation. His most recent position for the DCR was as a supervisor over at Douglas State Forest. Mr. Averka grew up in Sutton and currently resides there. He enjoys walking with his dog Rocko and fishing in his free time.



Jesse Averka

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Karen Harnois, CPA, CGA was appointed as the Town Accountant/CFO with the Town of Auburn. Ms. Harnois received her Masters of Business Administration degree and her Bachelor's degree from Nichols College. She attained the designation as Certified Public Accountant after graduating from college. Prior to this role, she worked for the Town of Southbridge as Finance Director/Town Accountant for 19 years. Ms. Harnois has one son and resides in the Town of Webster with her spouse and two cats. She enjoys ZUMBA, spending time at the beach and vacationing in Florida, especially at Walt Disney World.



Karen Harnois

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Jason Brooks is a 25 year-old new officer addition to the department. Upon graduation from Bartlett High School in 2015, Brooks enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving as a rifleman in the infantry with a deployment to Afghanistan in 2019. After an Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps, Brooks attended Nichols College to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Brooks has two family members who currently serve with the Town of Webster Police Department as police officers. As a new officer, Brooks has impressed us with his quiet attention to detail and insight. Officer Brooks recently completed his field training program and is certified for solo patrol after achieving high grades from each of his training officers.



Jason Brooks



Alex Myers

Officer Alex Myers is a 24 year-old, first year police officer with the Department. Myers graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in 2016 and continued his education at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA. In 2020, Myers graduated with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Forensic Criminology. Myers continued with his academic pursuits and finished the requirements to attain a Master's degree in 2023. Officer Myers also recently completed the department's field training program with flying colors and has earned the right to work as a solo officer on the road. Officer Myers is dedicated to community service and recognizes the significance of the opportunities that are available to him with the Auburn Police Department.

Alexander Cortese also joins the Auburn Police Department as a Dispatcher





#### FIRE DEPARTMENT



Nicholas Fairbanks

Nick Fairbanks is coming back to Auburn from Nashua, New Hampshire. Firefighter Fairbanks has been in the Fire Service for eight years. He began as a call firefighter in 2015 and became a full-time firefighter/ medic in 2017 for the town of Auburn. Mr. Fairbanks went through the District 7 Call/ Volunteer Fire Academy in 2015 and later went through the Massachusetts Fire Academy in 2017. He received his EMT certification in 2014 and went on to receive his Paramedic Certification from MassBay Community College in 2017. During this time Mr. Fairbanks obtained a Bachelors degree in Fire Science from Anna Maria College in 2016. He is looking forward to continuing his career with the Auburn Fire Department. He resides in Auburn with his girlfriend Elizabeth, dog Olive and two cats, Tessie and Sophie. When he's not working he likes to play frisbee golf or go camping.

Troy LaFramboise was hired as a probationary Firefighter / Paramedic this January. Prior to this, Troy worked for the Town of Douglas in a similar role. He joins the Town of Auburn with a Bachelor's in Kinesiology from UMass Amherst. When he completes his probationary period he is excited to pursue the Dive Team and explore other specialty rescue teams. During their free time, Troy and his boyfriend like to explore New England on their motorcycles and spend summer days with family on Webster Lake.



Troy LaFramboise



Autumn Ballard

Autumn Ballard is a Bay Stater through and through! Although she has lived in New York, California, Connecticut Colorado, her heart will always be with the Red Sox, Patriots and Dunkin Donuts iced coffee. She joins the Auburn Fire Rescue Department as a Firefighter/EMT. Ms. Ballard is also a certified Level 1 CrossFit and Precision Nutrition Coach.

Tristan Lesnever joins the Auburn Fire Rescue Department as one of the newest members hired on January 1st as a Firefighter/EMT. Mr. Lesnever comes from Boston where he worked full time as an EMT on the Boston EMS department. He is currently in paramedic school to earn his certification to work at the Advanced Life Support level. Previous to working in the Fire/EMS service, Mr. Lesnever earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. When not on shift, he enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, exploring new hiking trails or visiting new places around New England.



Tristan Lesnever

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT: NEW HIRES SWEARING-IN CEREMONY



#### **AUBURN SENIOR CENTER**

#### SENIOR CENTER HAS A NEW TEMPORARY LOCATION

Due to a water pipe that burst in the kitchen ceiling, the interior of the Senior Center is under renovation. We have temporarily relocated **all programs and activities** to Pakachoag Church at 203 Pakachoag Street, Auburn. Our hours are Monday and Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. You can reach the Senior Center by calling 508-832-7799. At this time, we are not offering evening programs.

Please call 508-832-7799 for an update to inquire if congregate lunches are being served at Pakachoag Church. Congregate lunches through Elder Services of Worcester are served daily at 12:00 PM with a suggested donation of \$2.50. Please call 2 days in advance to make your reservation.

Transportation services are available to Auburn residents age 60 and over or younger disabled residents by scheduling at least (2) days in advance of your appointment. Please call the WRTA at 508-752-9283 to register for an account or to schedule a ride.

#### OUTREACH COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Usha Verma, Outreach Coordinator is available Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. 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 place 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: 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
- 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.

#### WEEKLY EVENTS AT THE AUBURN SENIOR CENTER

All activities are subject to change, please call the Senior Center at 508-832-7799 for updates!

#### Monday:

10:00 AM Senior Sweat, \$3.00 donation

10:00 AM Walking Club, Auburn Mall (meet at the food court)

10:00 AM Knit and Stitch

10:00 AM Blood Pressure Clinic, 1st Monday of the month,

ends at 11:30 AM

10:30 AM Coloring for Adults 11:00 AM Yoga, \$3.00 donation

12:00 PM Lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)

12:45 PM Canasta

1:00 PM Chair Dance, \$3.00 donation

#### **Tuesday:**

11:00 AM Tai Chi, \$3.00 donation

12:00 PM Lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)

1:00 PM Let's Move Together – exercise, \$3.00 donation

#### Wednesday:

9:30 AM Knit and Stitch

10:00 AM Walking Club, Auburn Mall (meet at the food court)

10:00 AM Strength and Balance, \$3.00 donation

11:00 AM Drop-in Tech Help

12:00 PM Lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)

1:00 PM Pitch

#### Thursday:

10:00 AM Chair Dance, \$3.00 donation

12:00 PM Lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)

12:45 PM Bingo 1:00 PM iPad Club

#### Friday:

9:30 AM American Sign Language Class

10:00 AM Strength and Balance, \$3.00 donation

11:00 AM Meditation

12:00 PM Lunch (reserve 2 days in advance, call 508-832-7799)

12:00 PM Quilting 12:45 PM Dominos

#### **JOIN US!**

#### **IMPORTANT** PHONE NUMBERS

Auburn Fire Department: 508-832-7800

Auburn Food Pantry: 508-798-8779

Auburn Housing Authority: 508-832-3852

> Auburn Library: 508-832-7790

Auburn Senior Center: 508-832-7799

Auburn Town Hall: 508-832-7720

Elder Abuse Hotline: 800-922-2275

Elder Services of Worcester: 508-756-1545

> Food Stamps/SNAP: 617-887-8765

Fuel Assistance: 508-754-1176

Mass Health: 800-841-2900

Medicare Help Line: 800-333-4114

SHINE:

800-243-4636

Social Security Administration: 800-772-1213

Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 800-784-2433

> Veterans: 800-698-2411



#### ON GOING ACTIVITIES



**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.





Every Wed.—6:00pm



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 donation 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 11:00a

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, coordination 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



Wed. 1:00pm Tues. 6:30pm Fri. 6:30pm

#### **HEALTH CARE: THE SHINE PROGRAM**

Patrick Morris, certified SHINE counselor can assist with health care options: Medicare, prescription insurance, Medigap plans, Medicare advantage plans, low income subsidy, pre-

scription advantage, etc. Appointments only, please call 508-832-7799 to schedule. To reach the Central Mass SHINE Program call 508-422-9931 or 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, and 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.



#### TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: WRTA

The Auburn van is available for Auburn residents 60+ or 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.



#### Travel Near and Far!

The Friends of Auburn Senior Center Association (FASCA) coordinates many fun trips through the year. In April, May and June we are staying local in New England but also headed to New Mexico and Alaska! Please contact Lynne Guittarr at (774) 364-7822 and see our full list of destinations at www.auburnguide.com/484/Trips.



#### **PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS**



#### OFFICER RODWILL RETURNS WITH TOP HONORS

Officer Matthew Rodwill recently returned from the Army National Guard Accelerated Officer Candidate School, where he graduated in the top 5% of his class.

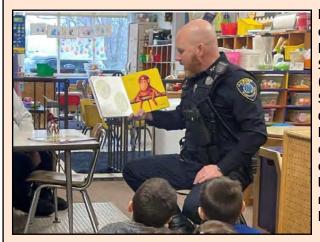
Accelerated Officer Candidate School is a rigorous 8-week program consisting of academic exams such as: Army Leadership, Training management, Supply Activities, Call for Fire, Military History, Tactics and Operations, and Military Justice. In addition to the academic exams, the physical demands of the course consist of land navigation, 6, 9, and 12-mile foot marches, two Army Combat Fitness Tests, a 4-mile run, and two separate obstacle courses. Officer Rodwill finished with a GPA of 96.

Officer Rodwill has served in the Massachusetts Army National Guard for eight (8) years, deploying to Africa in 2019, and reaching the rank of Sergeant before attending Officer Candidate School. With the completion of this course, Officer Rodwill is now commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Army



National Guard. He will serve as a platoon leader with the 1-181 Infantry Regiment.

#### APD PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY READING DAY



In late February, some of our officers participated in Community Reading Day at the Auburn Public Schools. School Resource Officer (SRO) Jon O'Brien and Lieutenant Stephanie Hayward coordinated our department's efforts to be part of Reading Day. Every one of the officers who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we are looking forward to next year already. Pictured here is Officer Randy McCarthy reading to a class.

#### FIREARMS SEIZED FROM CONVICTED FELONS



In a span of less than a week from February 21st to February 27th while assigned to the overnight shift, Field Training Officer (FTO) An-

thony Donahue and first year officer Alex Myers used their forward-thinking policing skills and abilities to take two illegally possessed firearms off of the streets of our community. Both incidents involved convicted felons who had previanother example of how the department's pro-

ous convictions for illegal possession of firearms as well as other violent offenses. This is active policing mindset and commitment to training yields results that enhance safety in our town. Great job by both officers (times two)!

#### WELCOME NEW FIREFIGHTERS!



On Friday January 13, 2023 three new Firefighters to the AFRD, Autumn Ballard, Tristan Lesnever and Troy LaFramboise finished their two-week, new hire orientation program. They had an intense two weeks reviewing department policies and procedures, training on equipment and live fire training. Welcome aboard!



#### AFRD OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday February 25th the AFRD and Auburn Police held an open house to give residents the opportunity to tour their public safety buildings. In order for residents to make an informed decision on whether or not to support the proposed public safety complex we want residents to have full access. Two additional tours of the West Street Fire Station have been



scheduled for Wednesday April 13 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday April 15th at 9:00 a.m. Residents seeking a tour at anytime can reach out to Chief Coleman at 508-832-7800 or email afrdinfo@town.auburn.ma.us to schedule.

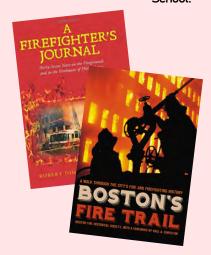
#### "CAPTAINS OF KINDNESS"

The "Captains of Kindness" from the Bryn Mawr and Pakachoag Elementary Schools visited the West Street station on February 3rd. You should have seen their capes flying in the wind. We thank them so much for stopping by to spread their message of kindness.



#### **COMMUNITY READING DAY**

Chief Coleman, Deputy Chief Johnson and Firefighter Jette had a great time at Community Reading Day on the morning of March 9th reading to the 5th graders at the Swanson Road Intermediate School.





#### FIRE GROUND SURVIVAL TRAINING

Seven of the newest members of the AFRD who have been hired in the past year attended the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Fire Ground Survival (FGS) Program. This intensive 24 hour course is to ensure that training for Mayday prevention and Mayday operations are consistent between all fire fighters, company officers and chief officers. Fire fighters must be trained to perform potentially life-saving actions if they become lost, disoriented, injured, low on air or trapped. 100% of our members are trained in the FGS program. The course was taught by AFRD Captain Rivers and Lt. Lemieux of the departments training division. Both instructors are authorized to teach the course on behalf of the IAFF. Attending the program were Firefighters Molly Kachanis, Autumn Ballard, Chris Trainor, Nick Johnson, Tristan Lesnever, Troy LaFramboise and Jake Nunnemacher.



#### **K9 Riggs Visits Tufts at Tech Program**

On March 14th Firefighter Matt Ethier and K9 Riggs visited high school students at the Tufts at Tech program at Worcester Technical High School. Tufts at Tech works with the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University to manage a student-run veterinary clinic that provides low-cost care for family pets within Central Massachusetts' under-served communities. FF Ethier talked about how K9's are imprinted on certain scents and put on a small demonstration for the students. K9 Riggs is an internationally certified Search & Rescue K9 imprinted on human remains and tissue and is one of only cadaver dogs in the state working for public safety agencies. Riggs is assigned to the Massachusetts Fire District 7 Regional Dive Team as well as the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Councils K9 Unit.





#### **BURNING SEASON NOTICE**

If you are conducting open air burning this year, plan on doing it early. The season ends on May 1, 2023 however we are anticipating a dry start to the spring and if winds keep up the burning season in Auburn will



be closed early. Don't wait. Permits can be obtained at Fire H.Q. on Auburn Street. For more Information call the fire station at 508-832-7800 or email afrdinfo@town.auburn.ma.us

#### NEWS FROM THE AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### REFLECTIONS FROM WINTER 2023: SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Despite the time of year and weather uncertainties, we provided a wide, diverse range of services and resources to our patrons:

- ♦ Offered 41 programs to our patrons
- Loaned 15,051 books, media, and e-content for the first three months of 2023. We look forward to a busy spring as we continue to expand our resources in all formats. Fun fact: Patrons borrow an average of 100 DVDs and music CDs every single week!
- Registered 730 new patrons for an Auburn Public Library card
- Continued to grow our Constant Contact Program Notification Email Distribution list, now at 807 households

#### **GRANT AWARDS**

We are pleased to report our recent grant-funded awards; totaling \$44.508.72

we are pleased to report our recent grant-runded awards. totaling \$44,506.72		
Mass State Aid Award to Libraries Annual Grant: \$39,498.72 (Our highest award to date!)	Auburn Public Library received a full compliance award for meeting or exceeding all State requirements for:  Hurs open per week  Town appropriations funding  Appropriate use of funding  Fiscal responsibilities with technology  Resource sharing with other communities  Demonstrated, overall proactive resources and services to the public	
Auburn Cultural Council Annual Grants: \$3,060	<ul> <li>\$1,000 Summer 2023 Reading Program</li> <li>\$200 Kite materials</li> <li>\$670 Hands on Nature summer camp partnership series</li> <li>\$190 Live Butterfly kits</li> <li>\$500 Bernis Farms - Petunias and tometoes</li> </ul>	
Mass Dept of Early Education and YMCA Quarterly Grants: \$1,950	3 Separate grants. Programs are administered by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts and presented by STEM Beginnings LLC in partnership with the Aubum Public Library. This award is for the first three months of 2023.	

#### LIBRARY APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET



The Library Director recently presented the FY 2024 budget to the Town Manager and to the Town of Auburn Finance Committee. The budget request was unanimously approved. We appreciate the consistent support we receive in response to the Director's budget requests, not only with regard to the financial considerations, but the interest and appreciation by the Town Manager and the Finance Committee regarding the services and resources to the community,

and the well-being and staffing levels of the Library. The 2024 budget for the Library and all Town departments will be voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2023.

#### PARTNERING WITH AUBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: SWIS

As Library Director, I am always so very pleased to accept invitations from the Auburn Public Schools to visit with children and read them a story on Community Reading Days! On March 8th I read Ronan the Librarian by Tara Leubbe, a delightful story about a Viking who evolves from being a rough-and-tumble barbarian warrior who has no use of



books, to one who comes to love books and engages his fellow barbarians in reading and even starts a library! Thank you Swanson Intermediate School (SWIS) and Ms. Kane and her students for extending this invitation.

#### PARTNERSHIPS WITH AUBURN MALL



We continue to partner with the Auburn Mall with our StoryWalk initiative on display at the former Sears end of the Auburn Mall. New titles are provided every three weeks, and we continue to hear positive feedback about the story walk display for children and families. The Library Director and Auburn Mall Management recently met to discuss ad-

ditional options and enhancements, and to agree to continue the initiative for another year.

#### Let's Walk!

Look for an additional Auburn Public Library/Auburn Mall partner initiative in early summer: a walking opportunity before Mall hours to encourage healthy lifestyles, community engagement, and exercise!



As part of the Auburn Public Library's upcoming Summer 2023 Reading Program theme "Get On Your Feet!" we are planning for Library staff-led walks through a partnership with the Mall. The initiative encourages use of the Mall before store openings, for walking, strolling, power-walking, use of wheelchairs and walkers, crutches, any type of mobility! Look for additional information in the coming months. We hope to see you all there!

#### LIBRARY PROGRAMS



Professor Bugman: Arthropod Petting Zoo

Also a full house: Inquisitive children learned about the differences between insects and bugs, and why they are called arthropods. They observed and touched (if they wanted to) different types of actual bugs, and even patted the hissing cockroaches!

We love the educational component of these programs, as children enthusiastically learn about and respect nature's smallest

creatures and why they are important to our environment.



Lionheart Puppet Show
It was a full house of delighted children who attended 'Jack
Tuesday Fairy Tale Investigator' from Lionheart Puppets.

#### LIBRARY PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)



St Patrick's Day Fover Display

#### St Patrick's Day Program

Our annual St Patrick's Day program for children and families was held on Saturday March 11th from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Thank you to the more than 200 patrons who visited the Library during that time frame to help celebrate 'Irish for a day'! We enjoyed seeing so many children and adults dressed in green or wearing costumes to help celebrate!

1,053 crafts, activities, and scavenger hunts were embraced by the children who visited the program during the three-hour time frame! As our Town Manager Ed Kazanovicz noted: '...and they did that without serving corned beef!'

#### **Hydroponics**

Hydroponics is the technique of growing plants (vegetables, herbs, flowers) naturally, using a waterbased nutrient solution rather than soil. Our recent program on hydroponics introduced this concept, demonstrating how to assemble an AeroGarden™ indoor gardening base, to a very receptive audience. The photo above is a picture of the Director's AeroGarden, used as the example for the program, showing lettuce and dill that grew in just under three weeks using hydroponics! Stop by for some lettuce!



Lettuce, anyone?

#### STEM for ages 3-5!

Thank you to the Auburn Cultural Council for providing the funds to host another STEM Lego program for ages 3-5. Children followed along with Library staff 'Lego-leaders' and socialized while assembling a Pet Clinic and Spider Man TechnoBike - and then of course had to



#### LIBRARY PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

Auburn Trolleys From the Early 1900s: presentation by Ken Ethier

Such intriguing history and details regarding the early years of the railroads and the trolleys that provided emerging modes of transportation in the early 1900s!

Ken provided a treasure trove of information and personal insights into this fascinating presentation on Saturday morning on March 18, 2023. Ken has an amazing memory and recall for all things historical about the Town of Auburn. The presentation was supplemented with PowerPoint slides and original artifacts. Thank you Ken!



Thank you to all Library staff who consistently and joyfully go above and beyond with preparing for and participating in our programs. We all love to see the children engaging in the community, meeting and making friends at the Library, and sharing their delight with their parents, grandparents, siblings, and caregivers. The Library staff and I would also like to thank Auburn High School student volunteers Nicole Gallant and Julie Hoang for helping with our numerous craft and activity tables. We appreciate the energy, enthusiasm, and time commitment from both students. You both certainly kept as busy as the rest of us!

#### **OTHER PROGRAMS**

Other programs included: Toddler programs, twice each week, every week, STEM Young Scientist programs, STEAM: Valentine gnomes; UNH Theater and Dance program; Valentine Sensory Bottles; Little Kid Drama; Big Kid Drama; Rainsticks for a Raindance; Hands on Nature: Wildlife Tracking, and others.

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS!**

- ◆ Let's Explore OWL PELLETS! Children's science/nature program
- Wright-lock Farm | Budding artists: Creating art through nature (sticks, stones, grasses, etc.) for children
- Drumlin Farm A Division of Mass Audubon | Spring mammals (bunnies)
- Pysanky Ukrainian Egg Decorating (3 sessions)
- ♦ STEM programs for older children
- ♦ STEAM programs for older children
- And much more keep checking our website or register for Constant Contact for early

#### FRIENDS OF THE AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the APL continue to support the Library by accepting donations and keeping the foyer display freshly stocked with intriguing titles. The Friends are planning outdoor book sales on April 29, May 20, June 24, July 15, and September 9, weather permitting. For more information, please visit their site from the Library home page under the Friends tab.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2025

Outcomes Report To-Date From the Library Director

The outcomes report will be available to the public in April from the Library website and from the Town of Auburn Website. The Director is available to any and all members of the public who may wish to further discuss the strategies, objective, outcomes, and future goals.

#### COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The Library Board of Trustees and the Library Director are hard at work, jointly developing a Collection Development Policy that will help guide the collection and weeding of print resources that ensure the needs of our community are represented through the collection. The policy will be posted on the Library website; anticipated completion date by June of 2023.

#### **REGISTER FOR CONSTANT CONTACT!**

Constant Contact™ is your best resource for notification of Library programs and Information.

If you would like to know about our programs and services as soon as they are open for registration, join the more than 800 patrons who have registered their household for our email notification system, Constant Contact, via the link available at the top of our home page at www.auburnlibrary.org.

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



#### AUBURN CULTURAL COUNCIL

#### AUBURN CULTURAL COUNCIL Meet Your Council



#### Piyali Mazumdar, Chair

Born and raised in India, Piya immigrated to the U.S. in 2003, and has lived in Auburn since 2006. She is a WPI alumni. After pursuing a career in technology, she commenced her full-time art practice in 2014. Piya is a visual artist who paints out of her home studio, and exhibits her work in galleries across New England. Passionate about giving back to the local community, she has volunteered in Auburn Public Schools, and currently serves on the board of ArtsWorcester, a non-profit art organization in Worcester, Massachusetts.



#### Stephen Redding, Vice Chair

Steve was born in Chicago and raised in California. He arrived in Auburn in 2021 via Waltham, Newton, New Mexico and 22 years in several countries in Africa. He has spent his professional life working to help health systems in developing countries serve their poorest clients better. A husband and a father of three adult children, he enjoys reading, cooking and community work. Stephen has a deep love for the arts and literature and knows the transformative power of art in the lives of young people.





#### AUBURN CULTURAL COUNCIL

#### Meet Your Council



#### Kate Brandt, Secretary

Kate grew up in Leicester, MA and moved to Portland, OR after attending Boston College. In 2010, she returned to Central Massachusetts and has been an Auburn resident since 2011 along with her husband and two children. Kate has worked as a marketer and fundraiser for non-profit cultural organizations, especially theaters and is now an arts marketing consultant. She believes her role on the Auburn Cultural Council to be an extension of her commitment to connect artists and cultural organizations with their communities.



#### Suhas Barua, Member

Suhas is Bangladeshi American; he moved to Massachusetts in 1998. He is an electrical engineer, and works for the MBTA. Suhas lives in Auburn, with his wife and two children. He is the founding Secretary General of the WFBB, Executive Director of non-profit organization 'Probashi', founding Secretary and executive member of Boston Bangladesh Buddhist Association, Founding President of Boston Bangla Center and Heartwell Center in Boston, ex-vice president of Bangladesh Association of New England.

#### Melanie Marcou. Treasurer

Melanie is a resident of Auburn, and serves as the council treasurer. Her term ends on June 30, 2023.





#### WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS



The Auburn Cultural Council is a group of dedicated volunteers with a desire to enrich the lives of Auburn residents through the Arts, Humanities, and Interpretive Sciences. The Council supports a wide variety of art forms, including the ongoing work of individual artists and the collaborative proposals that bring artists and organizations together.

Council volunteers are responsible for awarding grants each year to support cultural activities in town, using the funding the town receives from the Mass Cultural Council. The council meets once a month.

#### **APPLY TODAY**

https://bit.ly/ApplyACC2023 or email: AuburnCulturalCouncil@gmail.com



(O) @AuburnCulturalCouncil



https://www.auburnguide.com/298/Cultural-Council

The Mass Cultural Council is a state agency that promotes excellence, inclusion, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and sciences, fosters a rich cultural life for all Massachusetts residents, and contributes to the vitality of our communities and economy.



The Council pursues this mission through a wide range of grants, initiatives, and advocacy for artists, communities, organizations, and schools.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL & INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

#### **BUILDING & INSPECTION NEWS**

In May 2023, The Town of Auburn is participating in the 43rd annual Building Safety Month, a worldwide campaign presented by the International Code Council, its members and partners to promote building safety. First observed in 1980, Building Safety Month raises awareness about critical safety issues from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency.

Building codes and the officials who enforce them are making our families and communities safer and more resilient. Homes and buildings that are built in compliance with building safety codes result in resilient structures that minimize the risks of death, injury and property damage. In the wake of a disastrous hurricane season, rampant wildfires and devastating earthquakes, building safety is even more important. Building safety affects everyone, and modern, updated building codes save lives.

This year's themes are:

- May 1-7, Building Safety Starts at Home
- May 8-14 Building Safety Professionals and you
- May15-21 Prepare Your Community
- May 22-28 Advocate for Your Community
- May 29-31 Solving Challenges Together



The Town of Auburn, a member of the Code Council, is a Building Safety Month supporter and participant. Through both construction inspections and periodic inspections of existing buildings, the Auburn Building Department and the office of Fire Prevention of the Auburn Fire Rescue Department both work tirelessly to maintain a safe built environment in the Town of Auburn.

Learn more about Building Safety Month at www.buildingsafetymonth.org or join the conversation on social media at #BuildingSafety365.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE**

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 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 508-832-7703.

#### Planning Board: Zoning Changes Proposed

At the Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2023 two zoning changes are being proposed.

The Zoning Bylaw Review Committee is the proponent for the first article which seeks to modify elements of the Sign Bylaw. Among the recommended changes are the size of electronic message centers, the color of the lights so they do not imitate emergency or traffic signals, and clarification of the definition of an inflatable sign. The Zoning Bylaw Review Committee has met and held public meetings several times over the past year to debate the proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw. The Committee generally meets the first Monday of the month, residents are welcome to attend the meetings, and agendas are always posted ahead of the meeting on the town's website.

The second zoning article is proposing to amend the Floodplain District. FEMA has updated flood maps for the Quinebaug River Watershed. The Quinebaug Watershed is located in the western portion of Auburn. The flood maps will become effective this summer. With the new maps FEMA is requiring the town update the zoning bylaw to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) the Town Planner has crafted the proposed changes to the bylaw to ensure compliance with the federal requirements. For Auburn to maintain its status as part of the flood insurance program the Floodplain Bylaw must be adopted. If the Floodplain Bylaw zoning article is not approved at Town Meeting then Auburn may be suspended from participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The zoning articles are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office and the Department of Development and Inspectional Services during regular Town Hall hours. A pre-Town Meeting will be held at Town Hall in the Board of Selectmen's Room on April 25, 2023 at 6pm. Pre-Town Meeting is an opportunity for residents and Town Meeting Members to ask questions of Town Administration on any of the warrant articles. If you have any guestions contact Dr. Adam Menard at amenard@town.auburn.ma.us or 508-832-7704.

#### **ENERGY DEPARTMENT: GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT UPDATE**

The Town of Auburn 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 project consists of adding loose cellulose insulation to the attic, weatherstripping the exterior doors, and replacing the existing HVAC infrastructure with air-source heat pumps. The work is projected to be complete Spring 2023. 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, which will result in cost 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!

### Town-wide Cleanup!



#### Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 8 am-noon



#### Fire Rescue Headquarters-47 Auburn St

Join the Town and the Chamber of Commerce for a massive litter cleanup. This event encourages members of the community to collect unsightly and potentially hazardous waste for proper disposal. Help beautify Auburn on this rewarding and productive day!

Registered volunteers will receive a t-shirt, safety & cleanup gear, a reusable bag, snacks, and a boxed lunch. Click here or scan the QR code to sign up!

#### ITEMS THAT WILL BE COLLECTED

TIRES! Central Mass Mosquito Control Project will be collecting tires for recycling (47 Auburn St)

- Passenger and light truck tires only
- · Off rim, no mounted tires will be accepted
- · We reserve the right to refuse anything determined to be unsuitable for this program

BATTERIES! Interstate Batteries will be collecting batteries for recycling (47 Auburn St)

- Car batteries and household rechargeable batteries, such as nickel cadmium and lithium ion, will be accepted
- Single use alkaline batteries are safe to be disposed of in your regular trash!

MERCURY! Auburn Board of Health will be collecting mercury containing items for safe recycling (47 Auburn St)

- Fluorescent light bulbs (CFL, tubes, U-shape)
- Mercury containing thermometers and thermostats, hearing aid & button cell batteries

**PAPER SHREDDING!** bankHometown will have a shred truck on site from 9am-llam (569 Southbridge St-Heritage Mall)

- Please remove any clips, staples, rubber bands, etc.
- NO BOOKS! Loose paper only, other items will damage the shredding machine



#### YARD WASTE COLLECTION

#### SPRING 2023

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

April 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>



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.

Please contact DDIS at 508-832-7703 with any questions. Thank you!





#### Solid Waste & Recycling: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

## Residential Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Sponsored by the Auburn Board of Health



Auburn residents can visit NEDT to <u>drop off</u> 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



#### 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.



#### Solid Waste & Recycling: Textile Recycling





Getting rid of clothing and linens?

#### USE DONATION PROGRAMS

Fabrics are recycled through special programs.

#### **Recycle Textiles!**

Clothing and other textiles should never go in your recycling cart, but that doesn't mean they belong in your trash cart!

Textiles are recycled through special programs. Please use one of the many public donation bins in Auburn licensed by the Board of Health to reduce tonnage and ensure your textiles are given a second life.

Licensed donation bins can be found at the following locations:

- Shell Gas Station-380 Southbridge St
- Auburn Mall-385 Southbridge St
- Heritage Mall-567 Southbridge St
- Park n Shop-711 Southbridge St
- Mass Discount Liquors-844 Southbridge St
- ☼ Ernie's Autowash-888 Southbridge St
- Rt 20 Shell-310 Washington St
- North American Martyr's Church-6 Wyoma Dr
- 5 V & D Variety-143 Oxford St N

Please contact the BOH at 508-832-7703 with any questions. Thank you for Recycling Smart!

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION** Wetland biodiversity matters CO. For the climate For clean water For economies Swamps and marshes One billion people depend on wetlands 30% of land-based carbon Wetlands provide remove pollutants USD 47 trillion in essential for their livelihoods Loss of wetlands = Loss of biodiversity Key drivers of wetland loss have been lost globally in the last 300 years . Land com species threatened End biodiversity loss, restore wetlands India 🖺 🗸 🙀 🚾

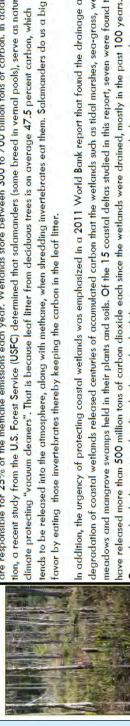


#### Conservation Commission: Wetlands Info Sheet

We must maintain a sense of respect for the wild river, for the complex workings of a wetland, for the intricate web of life that water supports." for many of us, water simply flows from a faucet, and we think little about it beyond this point of contact. Sandra Postel, National Geographic and Global Water Policy Project



Photo by James Mahala, MassDEP



Townsend State Forest Photo by Michael McHugh, MassDEP



The Great Marsh in Essex Photo by Michael Stroman, MassDEP

tion, a recent study from the U.S. Forest Service (USFC) determined that salamanders (some breed in vernal pools), serve as nature's rivers, lakes and ponds, buffer our homes and properties against storms and flooding and provide critical nurseries and habitat for wildlife, fish and shellfish that is essential to our economy and our enjoyment of the natural world. What is compelling in the current climate change. Carbon dioxide is the major cause of global warming. Carbon, when it occurs naturally, is stored in wetland plants swamps to our coastal salt marshes, dunes and beaches. Wetlands serve as natural filters that protect our drinking water, streams, are responsible for 25% of the methane emissions each year. Wetlands store between 300 to 700 billion tons of carbon. In addi-Massachusetts is fortunate to have a diversity of wetland resources from our red maple forests, vibrant marshes, and white cedar wetland science that will affect our future policy is what we now know about wetlands and their extraordinary role in mitigating and particularly their soils. Wetlands occupy only 7% of the global land surface yet store over 30% of the world's carbon, and climate protecting "vacuum cleaners". That is because leaf litter from deciduous trees is on average 47.5 percent carbon, which In addition, the urgency of protecting coastal wetlands was emphasized in a 2011 World Bank report that found the drainage and Coastal werlands destruction also disturbs the werlands ability to protect against storm surges and other extreme weather events as we saw in Hurricane Katrina and Sandy. MassDEP is working to gain a better understanding of dimate change and how the protecdegradation of coastal wetlands released centuries of accumulated carbon that the wetlands such as tidal marshes, sea-grass, wet meadows and mangrove swamps held in their plants and soils. Of the 15 coastal deltas studied in this report, seven were found to have released more than 500 million tons of carbon dioxide each since the wetlands were drained, mostly in the past 100 years. tion of wetland resource areas may reduce the impacts.

To learn more about how wetlands do their job, go to our website and the sites of other cooperative agencies and organizations:

www.mass.gov/eeg/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/wetlands-our-common-wealth.html Mass**DER**: http://www.mass.gov/eeg/agencies/dfg/der/publications/ebbflow-sept2015.html#news MassDEP:

MassCZM: www.mass.gov/eea/aqencies/czm/program-areas/coastal-habitat/coastal-werlands/massadhusettswetlands.html#EcologyandFunctions

MA Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC): http://maccweb.org/

"A Healthy Ecology is the Basis for a Healthy Economy" - Claudine Schneider, U.S. Representative in The Green Lifestyle

#### BOARD OF HEALTH: LYME DISEASE PREVENTION

SOUTH CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

# PREVENTING LYME DISERSE



#### **DEER TICKS**

The deer tick, also called the blacklegged tick, is the sole transmitter of Lyme disease, and Lyme is caused by the Borrelia bacterium.

Deer ticks can be red, brown, or black depending on the age and gender of the tick. They can be as tiny as a poppy seed or as large as a sesame seed, and any of them can transmit Lyme.

#### HOW DO TICKS FIND A HOST?

Ticks cannot jump or fly, but are great climbers, so they climb to the tips of grass, sticks, and leaves and keep their legs out to catch any passing host as they walk by, then crawl to a warm, moist, and/or hairy spot



#### 24 HOURS

The amount of time you have to remove a tick before risk of transmission as it generally takes 36-48 hours for an infected tick to transmit Lyme.

#### **PREVENTION**

Prevent tick bites by applying deet-based repellant on clothing, hats, and shoes regularly when outdoors, and by avoiding tall grass and going off-trail.

Do a tick check after every time outdoors, be sure to check pets as well (they can bring ticks inside unknowingly), and remember to treat your cats and dogs with tick prevention regularly.



#### **BOARD OF HEALTH: RODENT CONTROL**



#### Town of Auburn, Massachusetts

Department of Development & Inspectional Services
Board of Health

#### Control of Rodents in Residential Areas

The primary goal of the Auburn Health Department is to provide education and prevent human exposure to rodent caused diseases by controlling rodent infestations in the community. This is achieved by eliminating any food and water sources, sealing entries into homes, and successfully trapping rodents.

As a property owner, you play a key role in rodent control in the community. You can help prevent rodent infestation by:

- Clean Up: Clean up by eliminating rodent food sources and nesting sites
  - Clean up your home, pick up or eliminate clutter inside and outside your home.
  - Store food in thick plastic or metal containers with tight fitting lids.
  - Put food away after use. Clean up spilled food right away. Wash dishes and cooking utensils after use.
  - Store all garbage and food waste in thick plastic or metal cans with tight fitting lids. Dispose of garbage on a regular basis.
  - Outside your home: Get rid of old vehicles, tires, and clutter that mice and rats might use as homes.
  - Keep outside cooking areas and grills clean.
  - <u>Do not feed wildlife</u>; do not leave pet food or water bowls outside in feeding dishes; keep bird seed off ground.
  - Keep compost bins away from your home.
  - Keep woodpiles away from your home. Elevate wood piles at least eighteen inches off ground.
  - Eliminate low growing shrubs and plants that cover the ground and provide a perfect location for rodents to live.
  - Keep grass, shrubbery, and vegetation cut short and well-trimmed to eliminate possible nesting site(s) outside your home.
- Seal Up: Seal up all small holes and entries into your home. Mice can squeeze through a hole the size of a nickel and rats can squeeze through a hole the size of a half dollar!
  - Locate and seal all holes, gaps, and openings in your home ¼ inch or larger.
  - Where to look inside your home: inside, under, and behind kitchen cabinets, refrigerators and stoves.
     Look inside closets, near floor corners, around the fireplace, around door frames, around the pipes under sinks and washing machines, around floor vents and dryer vents, inside attic, and in the basement or crawl space.

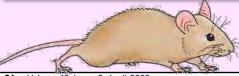




Keep food in thick plastic or metal containers with tight lids.



Keep grass, shrubbery, and vegetation cut short.



## BOARD OF HEALTH: RODENT CONTROL (CONTINUED)

- Where to look outside your home: in the roof among the rafters, gables, and eaves, around windows, around doors, around the foundations, attic vents and
  - crawl spaces vents, under doors, around holes for electrical, plumbing, cable, and gas lines.
- Seal holes with steel wool. Put caulk around the steel wool to keep it place. Use lath screen, lath metal, cement, hardware cloth, or metal sheeting to fix large holes. These materials can be found at your local hardware store.
- Use flashing around base of house and doors.
- Shed, garages, and outside buildings should also be sealed to prevent the entrance of rodents.
- If you do not remember to seal up entry holes in your home, rodents will continue to get inside.



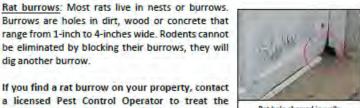
- Choose appropriate traps and carefully read instructions before setting traps.
- Place traps in rodent runways along walls between nests and feeding
- Place traps in attics, basements, and crawlspaces and other areas that do not have regular human traffic, set traps in areas where there is evidence of frequent rodent activity.
- Contact a licensed Pest Control Operator to treat burrows.



Seal holes on exterior of you

house.

Place snap traps inside your



Rat hole chewed in walls

## a licensed Pest Control Operator to treat the burrows and eliminate the rodents.

## Active rat burrow

## Diseases spread by rodents:

dig another burrow.

There are 35 diseases that can be traces to rodents. Some from handling rodents, contact with rodent feces, urine, or saliva, or through rodent bites. Some diseases know to be spread through direct contact with rodents include Hantavirus, Pulmonary Syndrome, or Tularemia. Other diseases are spread from indirect contact such as Babesiosis or Lyme Disease which can be spread by ticks on the rodents. It is recommended that you avoid all contact with rodents, rodent droppings, and urine as these can be sources of diseases.

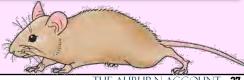
If you have tenants on your property, please share this information; and thank you for your efforts to control rodents and prevent infestations in the community.

> Auburn Board of Health 104 Central Street Phone: 508-832-7703 www.auburnguide.com

For more information visit:

http://www.cdc.gov/rodents/index.html

Thank you to the City of Watertown Health Department for sharing this valuable educational information!



## BOARD OF HEALTH: FREE COVID TEST KITS

## FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST KITS





## PICK UP LOCATIONS:

Auburn Public Library, 369 Southbridge St Town Hall, 104 Central Street- DDIS Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## SHOULD I BE TESTED?

You should get a test for COVID-19 if:

You develop any symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild, or

On day 6 following an exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 You can consider testing before spending time with someone who is at high risk for severe COVID-19 (due to older age or medical conditions) especially if you are in an area with medium or high COVID-19 Community Level.

For detailed information, visit the CDC's webpage: Testing for COVID-19

You can also call 2-1-1, a 24-hour state-supported telephone hotline.





AUBURN BOARD OF HEALTH
Any Questions? Please call: 508-832-7703

Using a COVID-19 Rapid Test

You can take a rapid test at home or anywhere!

They are easy to use and give you rapid results.

Self-tests may be used if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19.

PCR tests are not required to confirm rapid antigen test



## ANIMAL CONTROL: CINNABUN, THE HONORARY GIRL SCOUT

On February 12th, Cinnabun the stray Guinea Pig accompanied Animal Control Officer Aimee Contois to meet with Auburn Girl Scout Troop 65063. ACO Contois was able to speak with the troop about the role of Animal Control in the community, pet care, and other topics to help the Girl Scouts earn their pet badge. Cinnabun was an exemplary assistant and was thrilled to provide a live demonstration of species appropriate food by allowing the Girl



ANIMAL CONTROL: DOG LICENSE REMINDER





## **RECREATION & CULTURE**

## RECREATION & CULTURE: FARMERS' AND CULTURAL MARKET

June 8 – Ash and Eric (Acoustic Folk) June 15 - Stone County

(Country, Southern & Classic Rock)

FARMERS' AND CULTURAL

MARKET

June 29 (Independence Oay) – Outriggers June 22 – Viva Las Elvis (Elvis Tribute)

July 6 – Aquanett Band (80's Rock) (Classic Rock)

July 13 – XS Band (Motown to Top 40)

July 20 – Boom Box (70's, 80's, and 90's) Juby 27 – EverFab (Beatles Tribute)

August 10 – Red Light (Dance, Funk Rock) August 17 – Below Deck (Yacht Rock) (Led Zeppelin Tribute)

August 3 – A Night of Zeppelin

August 24 – Dock 10 (70's and 80's)

August 31 – Petty Larceny (Tom Petty Tribute)



Recreation Complex-June 8-August 31 Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas For more information please email Kpappas@town.auburn.ma.us or call 508-832-7736





## RECREATION & CULTURE: SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE PAGE 1

# The price for a full week 8:30-3:00 pm -\$250.00 Or \$55.00 per day Half Days are \$30.00 per day 8:30-11:45 am or 11:45-3:00 pm Early morning drop off 7:30-8:30 am is \$40.00 a week There is extended care from 3:00-5:00 pm for \$80.00 a week Non-resident prices 8:30-3:00 pm -\$275.00 Or \$60.00 per day Half Days are \$35.00 per day 8:30-11:45 am or 11:45-3:00 pm \*\*10% discount for each attendee in families with more than one child attending

Town of Auburn
June 27-August 19
8 weeks
The price for a full week
8:30-3:00 pm -\$250.00
Or \$55.00 per day

Town of Auburn
Department of
Recreation and Culture
For registration forms please go to
AuburnGuide.com
Kpappas@town.auburn.ma.us
4 Goddard Drive/104 Central Street
Auburn, MA 01501
Phone:508-832-7736/
Fax:508-832-5328

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This camp is in compliance with regulations of

Department of Public Health and has been

the Massachusetts

Summer Camp 2023

Enriching Lives in the Community Through Quality Programming

licensed by the Town of Auburn Board of Health

## Auburn Recreation and Culture



## RECREATION & CULTURE: SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE PAGE 2

## Full or Half Day Summer Camp

Please join us for a great summer with new and exciting themes! Our full day and half day camp will provide children with many activities from sports and games to arts and crafts in a fun, safe environment.

Each day the children need to bring a lunch, sneakers, sunscreen, snacks, water bottle and a smile. Refrigeration will be available for lunches. Water will be made available also. Camp will take place at Auburn Middle School at 9 West Street. Camp hours are from 8:30-3:00 Monday through Friday. Half days are available, as is extended care until 5pm. We also offer early drop off begin-ning at 7:30 AM. Children must be at least entering kindergarten in the fall of 2023 to

12:30 - Playtime and Trivia Charades, etc...

12:00 - Lunch Time

1:30 - Sports activities Outdoors/gym

Staff ratio is one staff for every six younger children (under 10) and one staff for every ten older children (10+). It is important to preregister in order that we may provide adequate staffing.

2:00 - 3:00: Team building activities

Free choice

The camp begins June 26th and runs until August 18th. A full weeks payment is due at sign up. We are not able to refund money if your camper can not make camp after belshe has signed up. Registration is required 2 weeks prior to the start of camp. We look forward to a great summer. Thank you so much! NO REFUNDS

## Theme Weeks New for 2023

Week 1: Let the summer

Week 2: Stars and Stripes

Week 3: music makers

9:15-10:00: Outdoor sports and activities'

9:00 - Morning Meeting, rules and review of days activities

8:30 - Introductions, table games

Sample Schedule

Week 4: Rocket week

Week 6: All around the Week 5: Olympic week

10:30-11:00: Arts and Crafts/ Music

10:00 - Snack time

Week 7: Our Community

World

Week 8: Discovering the World of Disney







## RECREATION & CULTURE: SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION PAGE 1

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Full	week (\$200, non	res \$225)	_M TW F P	izza: Fri \$5.00	
Full day 8:30-3:00	½ day am 8:30-11:45	½ day pm 11:45-3:00	early care 7:30-8:30	extra care 3:00-5:00	
Week #3	July 10-14				
				ing or check full week:	
				a: Fri \$5.00	
Full day 8:30-3:00		½ day pm 11:45-3:00			
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<u>Week #4</u>	: July 17-21			ing or check full week:	
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Week #5	: July 24-28			ing or check full week:	
	Full week	м т w тн	F Pizz	a: Fri \$5.00	
Full day	1/2 day am	1/2 day pm	early care	extra care	
8:30-3:00	8:30-11:45	11:45-3:00	7:30-8:30	3:00-5:00	

## RECREATION & CULTURE: SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION PAGE 2



Registration: Payments must be received on Friday before your child comes to camp.

NO REFUNDS will be given for days your child does not come to camp and payment was rece

eived. One v	week payment is d	ue the day you	register your d	hild.	,		
Cost of c	amp for resident i	s as follows: (pe	er child)				
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Cost of C	Camp for non-resid						
	Full day 8:30-3:00 \$275 wk (\$60 day)	½ day am 8:30-11:45 \$35 per day	½ day pm 11:45-3:00 \$35 per day	\$40 per wk	extra care 3:00-5:00 \$80 per wk \$16.00 per day)		
1. Name: _							
2. Address 3. Telepho	:						
5. Mother's	name or legal gua	rdian:					
6. Father's	name or legal guar	rdian:					
7. Mother's	s work phone:	8. Fa	ther's work ph	one:	_		
9. Emergei	ncy contacts (requi	ired): Prioritize	who to contac	t in case of an	emergency		
Name:		phone#	:				
Name:		phone	‡:				
Name:phone #:							
Email:							
	nergency situation				ive permission		
to have your child receive treatment at a hospital? YesNo							
11. Does your child have insurance? Yes No 12. List your child's health care provider:							
13. Phone number of your health care provider:							
14. Does your child have any special needs, medical conditions or special circumstances							
we should know about? If yes, please describe (include allergies):							
15. Is your child presently on medication? YesNo							
16. Is your child updated on immunizations? Yes No							
17. Please enclose child's immunization record and current physical with registration.							
		lowed to pick-u	p your child (C	hildren will no	ot be released to		
individuals not listed): Name: phone:							
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## RECREATION & CULTURE: SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION PAGE 3

Name: phone:
Name:phone:
Name: phone:
18. As the parent or guardian of, I understand that if my child appears to be sick, not feeling well or have an infectious condition; someone on my contact list will be called to remove my child from the program.
(Signature of parent or guardian)
19. As the parent or guardian of, I understand my payment fees will be due the Friday prior to the week of his/her attendance, unless already paid:  Signature:  20. I understand I must sign in and sign out my child each day. (Initial)
20. I understand I must sign in and sign out my child each day. (Initial) 21. Child's name:
Approximate drop off time: Approximate pick up time:  22. I hereby give permission for my child to be photographed to help promote the Auburn Recreation and Culture Department's programsYESNO
I acknowledge that by enrolling my child in the above program, he/she has my permission to participate in all activities associated with the program. I hereby release the Town of Auburn, its representatives, agents, employees, successors and assigns from all claims, demands, suits, damages, actions, causes of actions and liabilities whatsoever of every name and nature both in law and equity on account of or in any way resulting from injuries, accidents, illnesses or loss sustained while present, or participating in, any activity at the program except in the event such injuries are sustained due to the negligence of the Town of Auburn.
(Signature of parent/guardian) (date)
I also acknowledge that if for any reason my child becomes a threat to himself, other children or staff, I may be called immediately to remove my child from the program if inappropriate behavior cannot be corrected. (All attempts will be made to redirect the child's behavior to a more acceptable pattern and we do consider this as a last resort.)
(Signature of parent/guardian) (date)







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E		7 9:30 am Yoga Julia Bancroft Apartments	14 9:30 am Yoga Julia Bancroft Apartments	9:30 am Voga Julia Bancroff Apartments	9:30 am Yoga Julia Bancroft Apartments
Thu		6 Pop Pilates 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Auburn High School	13 Pop Pilates 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Auburn High School	20 Pop Pilates 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Auburn High School	Pop Pilates 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Auburn High School
Wed	Auburn Fit Club Walking club Pickleball no charge	S. Voga 9:30 am-JB Auburn Fit club AHS ópm Over 40 basketball 8:30 pm Zumba-ópm-AHS	12 Yoga 9:30 am-JB Auburn Fit club AHS ôpm Over 40 basketball 8:30 pm	19 Yoga 9:30 am-JB Auburn Fit club AHS ópm Over 40 basketball 8:30 pm-AHS Zumba-ópm-AHS	26 Yoga 9:30 am-JB Auburn Fit club AHS 6pm Over 40 basketball 8:30 pm-AHS Zumba-6pm-AHS
Tue	Aubum High School Coed baskerball \$\$ Aubum Residents \$7 out of town Checks only made to Town of Aubum	Coed basketball Over 20 Auburn High School 8:30-10:00 pm	Coed basketball Over 20 Auburn High School 8;30-10;00 pm	18 Unified Walking Club Pappas Rec Complex 6-7pm Coed basketball Over 20-AHS 8:30-10:00 pm	25 Unified Walking Club Pappas Rec Complex 6-7pm Coed baskerball Over 20-AHS 8:30-10:00 pm
Mon	Auburnguide.com Auburn Recreation and Culture Department 4 Goddard Drive 508-832-7736 kpapps@forn.auburn.ma.uc	Pop Pilates 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Auburn High School Volleyball-AHS-7:30pm Coed basketball	10 Pop Pilates 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Auburn High School Volleyball-AHS-7:30pm Coed basketball	Pop Pilates 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Aubum High School Volleyball-AHS-7:30pm Coed basketball	Pop Pilates 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Aubum High School Volleyball-AHS-7:30pm Coed basketball
Sun		2	Silve Tills designation (Add 1)	16 AHS- Yoga, Pilates, Zumba 10 classes for \$60 or \$10 drop in Open Gym and Coed Bball \$5 residents	23 Coed Soccer League –,4HS-5-9pm 30 Coed Soccer League –,4HS-5-9pm

Pickle ball Lemansky 9-11am

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORM	AHON
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Town Manager	.7720
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Clerk	.7701
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Health Department	.7703
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## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Town Hall

8:00 AM-7:00 PM Monday Tue, Wed, Thu 8:00 AM-4:00 PM 8:00 AM-1:00 PM Friday

Senior Center

Mon & Fri 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Tue, Wed, Thu 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Library

9:30 AM-8:30 PM Mon - Thu Fri 9:30 AM-5:30 PM Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM