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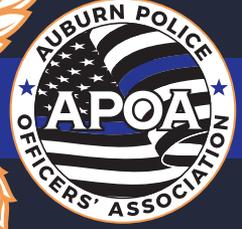
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HOPS

WITH

COPS

STOP BY RAIL HOP'N BREWING TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

NAME THE BEER!

\$1 PER RAFFLE TICKET

3 tickets will be drawn for an opportunity to name the beer brewed by Cops. One name will be chosen by the APOA!

BREW WITH COPS!

\$5 PER RAFFLE TICKET

1 ticket will be drawn for an opportunity to brew a beer at Rail Hop'n with Cops on 9/7!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

TODAY AT RAIL HOP'N!

122 W Main St, #101B Auburn, WA 98001

Drawings will be on September 5, so get your tickets now!

ALL RAFFLE PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE AUBURN POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION

Did you know?

All cats and dogs residing in the city limits of Auburn require a pet license.

Every day pets are lost.

Licensing your pet provides yet another layer of protection in the event that they go missing.

License your pet today!
auburnvalleyhs.org

AVOID THE FINE!

Failure to license your pet per Auburn City Code 6.04.010 will result in a fine of \$50



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ON THE COVER: A young market-goer enjoys flowers from opening day at the Auburn Int’l Farmers Market.

“The Long Look” by Brad Rude at Centennial Viewpoint Park



Scout Troop 401 presents the colors at the Auburn Int'l Farmers Market opening ceremony on June 2.

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1 E Main St, 2nd floor
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Emergency Management

1 E Main St, 3rd floor
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Engineering Services

1 E Main St, 2nd floor
253-931-3010

Finance

1 E Main St, 2nd floor
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Human Resources/ Risk Management

253-931-3040

Innovation & Technology

1 E Main St, 3rd floor
253-804-5078

Maintenance & Operations

1305 C St SW
253-931-3048

Mayor's Office

(Mayor, City Council and Administration)
253-931-3041

Parks, Arts & Recreation

910 9th St SE
253-931-3043

Police

340 E Main St, Suite 201
253-931-3080

Call 911 in case of emergency

Non-emergency:
253-288-2121

Public Works

1 E Main St, 2nd floor
253-931-3090

Records Clerk

253-931-3007

Solid Waste/Recycling Customer Service

1 E Main St, 2nd floor
253-931-3047

Utilities (Billing)

1 E Main St, 2nd floor
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OTHER NUMBERS

Auburn Golf Course

29630 Green River Rd SE
253-833-2350
auburngolf.org

Auburn Municipal Airport

(Dick Scobee Field)
400 23rd St NE
253-333-6821

King County District Court—South Division

340 E Main St
800-325-6165 ext. 59200

Mountain View Cemetery

2020 Mountain View Drive
253-931-3028
mtviewcemeteryauburn.com

Senior Activity Center

808 9th St SE
253-931-3016

Valley Regional Fire Authority

1101 D St NE (Headquarters)
253-288-5800

Call 911 in case of emergency
vrfa.org

White River Valley Museum

918 H St SE
253-288-7433
wrvmuseum.org

HOTLINES

Code Compliance

253-931-3020 opt. 4

Graffiti Hotline

253-931-3048 opt. 7

Pothole Patrol

253-931-3048 opt. 1

Spills and Water Pollution

253-931-3048 opt. 8

Official City Council MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm

Council Study Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 5:30pm.

Meetings are held at Auburn City Hall located at 25 W Main Street and open to the public or can be viewed live at auburnwa.gov/gatv.

FROM THE MAYOR

The warm weather has most certainly arrived, and with it all the summer activities that are such fine reminders of what makes living in this region so great. It's hard to believe that only a few months ago we found ourselves under one of the largest snow falls our city has seen in more than a decade. But as we watch the hanging baskets take their place on Main Street and we welcome the farmers and shoppers to Les Gove Park each week for the farmers market, we are reminded of the perpetual change that drives us forward.

This change is not only evident in the movement of the seasons, but in our city as well. As we lean forward into the second half of 2019, we are watching the continuing evolution of our downtown with construction cranes and pile drivers making an appearance just a block from City Hall as work begins on the Auburn Town Center, a seven-story mixed-use building that will be adding just over 200 living units to Division Street.

Last year Auburn's population surpassed 80,000, a milestone which gives our city the new designation of a large metropolis. Yet, despite this growth and change, Auburn's heart remains what it has been for more than century—that of a close-knit community who values the gifts of compassion, generosity and relationships.

We are not without pains and hardships even during this time of growth, but perhaps unlike other cities, we remain steadfast because we are built on a strong foundation of caring, generosity, goodwill and openness. We are a community with heart.

As we move into summer and begin our annual gatherings and celebrations, I hope you will join with us—whether for a movie at Summer Sounds and Cinema, at the Fourth of July Festival, Kids Summerstage or elsewhere. This is the best time of year to enjoy all that our city has to offer and to join with your neighbors and celebrate this place we call home.



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A Tale of Two Donkeys

Meet Pip and Stinger - Donkey Ambassadors at Mary Olson Farm

What brought you to Mary Olson Farm?

Pip A trailer

Hmmmm ... WHY did you come to the Farm?

Stinger We came to the Farm to teach kids about animals and for the occasional carrot.

So, how long have you lived at the Mary Olson Farm?

Pip We moved to the Farm about four years ago.

Stinger We are originally from way down South.

Interesting... Oregon? California?

Stinger Enumclaw



our friend, Libby the Cow.

What's your least favorite part about life at the Farm??

Stinger & Pip HOOFTTRIMMING!!!

Why so?

Stinger We know that we need our hooves trimmed three-to-five times a year because with our healthy diet and paddock lifestyle, our hoof growth outpaces the rate at which we wear them down, but it doesn't mean we have to like it.

And also, we're ticklish!

What does a typical day look like for you two?

Stinger I wake up bright and early, mostly because of Pip's snoring, greet our next door neighbor Libby the cow, and then wait patiently for a big hay breakfast served-up by our friend and farm caretaker Sean.

Pip Then we like to go run around in the pasture and roll around in the dirt.

Why do you like to roll around in the dirt?

Pip In the spring, rolling in the dirt helps us shed our heavy winter coats. In the summer, the dirt helps us stay cool and keep the flies away. Also, it's really fun!



Hoof trimming time!

Rolling the dirt does sound like fun! What else do you do for fun?

Stinger I really like getting pet by all the folks that visit the Farm and love seeing myself in selfies on Instagram.

Pip I like a little more adventure. Donkeys are great protectors. One of my favorite things to do is to scare off coyotes. Coyotes are very scared of donkeys. I just give a couple of hops, a stomp, then a loud bray and they go running. The Farm's chickens really appreciate this service as well.

Stinger

Is there anything else you want visitors to know about you or the Farm?

Pip The Farm is a really fun place to visit and have a picnic. Speaking of picnics, while you are packing yours, maybe you could think of some carrots for your old pal Pip

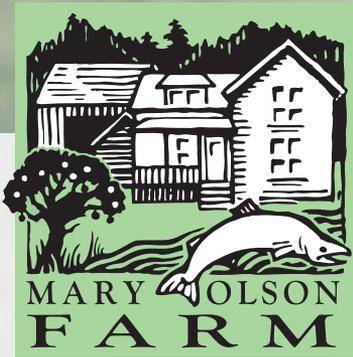
Stinger Pip! We do encourage everyone to pack a picnic and spend the day, but DO NOT FEED US! We have special diets and are watching our figures. Do stop by and say hello though, and don't forget to post your pictures of me #stingerthedonkey #studs #maryolsonfarm



We love visitors!

Pip





Mary Olson Farm
is open every
Saturday & Sunday
Noon-5 PM
June 22-August 25
2019

Admission is Free!

FARM PROGRAMS

July 6

Meet Farm Artist in
Residence Elise Koncsek
12-5pm | FREE

July 20

Free Public Workshop with
Farm Artist in Residence
12-3pm | FREE

July 21

Are Salmon Doomed?
Hatching a Plan to Save a
Northwest Icon lecture
2pm | FREE

July 27

Meet Farm Artist in
Residence Elise Koncsek
12-5pm | FREE

August 24

Poets on the Farm
1-4pm | FREE

September 14

Hops & Crops Music &
Beer Festival
12-6pm | \$15-\$20

Mary Olson Farm
28728 Green River Rd SE
wrvmuseum.org/the-farm

White River Valley Museum New Exhibit

WATERSHED - Paintings and Drawings by Michelle Lassaline

In 2018, the Mary Olson Farm hosted its first artist in residence, Michelle Lassaline. Lassaline was selected through a competitive process and her time at the Farm was made possible by the City of Auburn's arts program. Her experience at the Farm is now reflected in a new exhibit entitled **WATERSHED**. Last summer Lassaline spent her time painting, drawing and exploring the historic farm. As the season changed from spring to summer, she watched the animals shed their thick dark coats and the maples along the stream spread out their broad shady leaves. Each morning began with a walk through the pastures and woods, sketching and taking photographs; she spent the afternoons painting in the barn. The residency extended briefly into October so that Lassaline could watch the salmon return to the Olson stream to spawn.

Each of the paintings in this new exhibit show how water filters through landscapes. Lassaline paints these detailed images in her studio using reference photos she takes while walking, hiking, and canoeing. Locations include the salmon-filled stream at the Mary Olson Farm, the wild inlets of Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior, a serene river in mid-coast Maine, Kalaloch beach on the Olympic Peninsula, the churning dam at the Ballard Locks and the Elwha River below the dam removal site and at its sandy delta.

Lassaline's intimate drawings and spectacular watercolors will be on exhibit at the Museum through September 29, 2019.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM



WATERSHED

Paintings and Drawings by Michelle Lassaline

JUNE 26 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Meet the Artist! August 4 | 2pm

Artist led exploration of the WATERSHED exhibit with Michelle Lassaline, included with Museum admission or membership.

About Michelle Lassaline

Michelle Lassaline is an interdisciplinary artist based on Vashon Island. Her artistic practice ranges from drawing and painting to mask-making and performance, and her work is founded in fine craftsmanship and a reverence for nature. Lassaline received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2014. In 2017, Lassaline became a National Parks Artist in Residence at Isle Royale National Park, where she encountered a red fox for the first time. She has created performance art pieces for the Tacoma Art Museum, Seattle Mayor's Arts Awards and the Nevada Museum of Art, among others, and has received funding from the City of Seattle, the Artist Trust GAP award, and most recently, the Auburn Arts Commission to help fund this exhibition.



GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS
BY PARTICIPATING IN

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

*America's night out
against crime*

CITY OF
AUBURN
WASHINGTON



Tuesday, August 6, 2019

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6th

Register your event now!

The City of Auburn will once again be participating in National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live. The event takes place each year on the first Tuesday in August.

Join thousands of communities nationwide and numerous neighborhoods in Auburn for the 36th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6. Many communities throughout the city will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, youth activities and visits from City officials and police as a way to get better acquainted with neighbors and promote a safer Auburn.

If your neighborhood will be hosting an event, register online at auburnwa.gov/nno before July 16 to receive promotional items such as postcard invitations, flyers, bookmarks and an event banner free of charge to help promote your event. If desired, it may be possible to have a City or police representative make an appearance at your event to talk to attendees about fighting crime in your area.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The benefits your community will derive from National Night Out will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

For more information, visit auburnwa.gov/NNO or call 253-288-3168

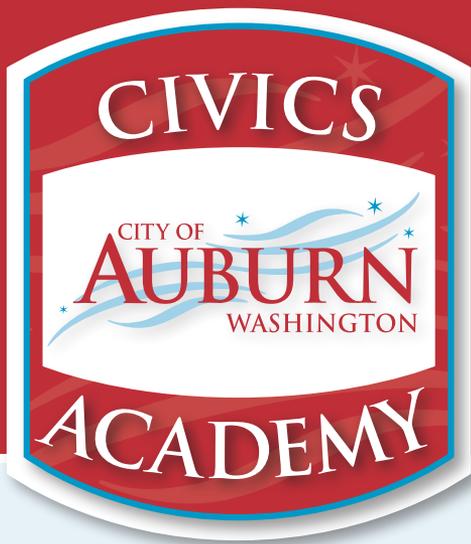


**This summer, we are
coming to YOU!**

City staff will be out and about in Auburn at various events this summer. Catch us at any of the Summer Sounds and Cinema Events, the farmer's market once a month or at our community picnics.

If you have any questions, comments, or would just like to meet some of the City staff that serve you, stop by our booth!

JUNE 2019			
Sunday, June 23	Auburn Int'l Farmers Market	Les Gove Park	10AM-3PM
JULY 2019			
Sunday, July 14	Auburn Int'l Farmers Market	Les Gove Park	10AM-3PM
Tuesday, July 16	Community Picnic	Game Farm Park	6-8PM
Friday, July 26	Summer Sounds & Cinema	Lea Hill Park	6:30PM
Tuesday, July 30	Community Picnic	Evergreen Heights	6-8PM
AUGUST 2019			
Friday, August 2	Summer Sounds & Cinema	Sunset Park	6:30PM
Friday, August 9	Summer Sounds & Cinema	Les Gove Park	5:30PM
Sunday, August 11	Auburn Int'l Farmers Market	Les Gove Park	10AM-3PM
Thursday, August 15	Community Picnic	Brannan Park	6-8PM
SEPTEMBER 2019			
Sunday, September 8	Auburn Int'l Farmers Market	Les Gove Park	10AM-3PM



Have you ever wondered how potholes are repaired, how the City budgets and spends its money, or builds and maintains parks?

Citizens are welcome to learn the answers to these questions and more through the City's Civics Academy.

The Auburn Civics Academy is an 11-week program that teaches Auburn residents, business owners, and students age 16+ about City of Auburn government and operations.

FREE TO PARTICIPANTS | AGES 16 & UP

Objectives

The City of Auburn believes that when residents and businesses are better informed about how their City operates, how decisions are made and how funds are allocated, they will make better decisions about the future of their City. Therefore the objectives of the Auburn Civics Academy are:

1. To involve and engage residents and businesses in learning about and understanding the operation of City government, and to improve communication between the City and those who live and work here.
2. To provide insight into how decisions are made, how City funds are allocated, and how City departments operate.
3. To empower and encourage a larger number of residents and business owners to become more civically engaged in the future decisions effecting Auburn's quality of life.

Classes meet once each week from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

September 12-November 21, 2019

Two Saturday sessions: September 28 & October 19

Auburn City Hall Council Chambers

25 W Main Street

Participants will hear presentations from representatives of City departments and elected representatives.

Eligibility

- Must be willing to commit to attendance of sessions (can miss TWO sessions and still graduate)
- Must be an Auburn resident, business owner/employee, or student age 16+
- Must not be running for, or currently serving in, a political office

Application Process

The Auburn Civics Academy will be limited to 25 eligible participants each time it is held. Interested person are asked to fill out an online application at auburnwa.gov/civicsacademy by Thursday, August 22, 2019.

Get better acquainted with the city you live in

Meet your local elected officials and city staff

Gain first-hand experience and exposure to the wide range of city services, functions, activities and issues

Become an active community member

Provide feedback to the city regarding municipal services



Music, Movies, Celebrations ... OH MY!!!

The City of Auburn offers an abundance of free summer events to keep you entertained all summer.



The **Auburn Int'l Farmers Market** is held every Sunday from 10 am.–3 p.m. at Les Gove Park along Auburn Way South and runs through September 22. Enjoy fun weekly kids entertainment at Les Gove Park during **Kids Summerstage**, Wednesdays, July 10–August 14 from 12–1 p.m. or spend an evening with us for **Summer Sounds & Cinema**, Fridays, July 26–August 9. The event series features concerts and family-friendly movies at three different parks.



Check out **Auburn's Summer Cruise-Ins** at Les Gove Park on Thursday, July 18, and Thursday, August 15, from 4-7:30 p.m. The cruise-ins are held on the site of the former Big Daddy Drive-In at Les Gove Park (near the corner of 12th Street SE & Auburn Way South) and hosted by the Solid Rock Cruisers. These events are free for car owners wishing to participate or spectators looking to join the fun. Bring the whole family for this fun community event, complete with classic and hot rod cars as well as music. Food will also be available for purchase.

Want to know about more FREE events? Visit auburnwa.gov/events for a full schedule!



The featured festival in August is **AuburnFest**, a summertime celebration of the Auburn community. The following are the events taking place throughout the celebration:

Friday, August 9

Almost 5K Poker Fun Run | 7PM | Les Gove Park

A fun night out for the entire family. Participants walk or run five loops on a paved trail in the park, picking up poker cards along the way. Instead of awards based on time, prizes will be given for the top poker hand in each age category. Registered runners will receive a t-shirt. Stick around after for the movie in the park featuring E.T. The Extra Terrestrial (PG)! And be sure to stop by ahead of time and enjoy the food, beer garden, free inflatables and art activity!

Saturday, August 10

**Auburn Days Parade | 11AM
Main Street in downtown Auburn**

The Auburn Days Parade has been an Auburn tradition for decades and serves as the kick-off to Saturday festival activities. The Auburn Days Parade will feature a variety of marching bands, drill teams, dancers, one-of-a-kind cars, plus so much more. The parade route travels west along Main St., from E St. NE to A St. NW.

Saturday, August 10

AuburnFest | 11AM - 7PM | Les Gove Park

Celebrate our wonderful city at AuburnFest! It's more than you imagined with two entertainment stages, a beer garden, food vendors, craft and specialty vendors, community and non-profit vendors, a car show, a literary showcase and small press fair, as well as several free activities including bocce, face painting, hands-on art activities, an indoor playground, the Discovery Playground, and the spray playground! Adding to the fun will also be nine inflatables, a Ninja Wall, super slide, ballistic swing, Pirates Revenge, pony rides, train rides, mini golf and a rock wall! There's so much to do for the whole family. \$10 wristbands will be sold day-of-event for all rides, with a pre-sale price of just \$5 for all-day fun. Pre-sale available through August 9 using code PLAY19.

Sunday, August 11

Cruise-In at the Market | 10 AM - 3PM | Les Gove Park

A fun cruise-in featuring antique, classic, hot rod, street rod, muscle, and other unique cars. The event will be held in the grass field adjacent to the farmers market at Les Gove park. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.

For specific information regarding AuburnFest, visit auburnwa.gov/auburnfest or call 253-804-5049.

A full weekend of Summer Fun at Les Gove Park!

Friday August 9



SUMMER SOUNDS & CINEMA

Movie and music in the park following the run & walk!



Saturday August 10



AUBURNFEST

11AM-7PM

GREAT FOOD!

Food Vendors | Beer Garden

GRAND PARADE

Downtown Main Street 11AM

MUSIC & ART

Two Entertainment Stages
Arts & Crafts Vendors
Literary Showcase

KID'S FUN

Rides | Activities
\$10 Wristband



Sunday August 11

AuburnFest Cruise-In

10AM-3PM

in conjunction with the Auburn Int'l Farmers Market



\$5 PRE-SALE!
Use coupon code PLAY19 for discounted price until August 9



All events at Les Gove Park
910 9th St SE, Auburn
auburnwa.gov/auburnfest



Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Auburn Municipal Airport?

Do you have the itch to look at an aircraft up close or go for a spin?

Well now is your chance!

Auburn's Airport Appreciation Day is about celebrating all things aviation related through education, hands on experiences, and good old fashioned fun! Our Appreciation Day event will include free aircraft rides (kids 8 to 17 years old), helicopter rides, a medical evacuation helicopter from Airlift Northwest, the King County Sheriff's helicopter, flight training school representatives and other awesome aircraft displays!

The event will also feature some other fun activities including live music, Auburn Police Department SWAT Vehicles, a Charity Car and Motorcycle show, bouncy houses for kids, food trucks, and much more!

Drone Do's and Don'ts

Drones (UAS-Unmanned Aircraft Systems) aren't just toys to be used whenever and wherever a pilot pleases, but are actual flight hazards to both commercial and general aviation. No matter the type of operation you partake in, the FAA requires that all drone pilots register their drone aircraft through the official process at faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone.

The FAA has recently updated the regulations to further stipulate clear differences between hobbyists (those flying for fun) and commercial operators (those seeking compensation). Once you are done registering, drone pilots must either follow Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 101 for hobbyist/recreational usage or FAR Part 107 for commercial uses. In general, pilots must follow these basic safety guidelines at all times:

- Keep your UAS in eyesight at all times and use an observer to assist if needed.
- Remain clear of, and do not interfere with, manned aircraft operations. You must be able to see and avoid other aircraft and obstacles at all times.
- Do not intentionally fly over unprotected persons or moving vehicles and remain at least 25 feet away from individuals and vulnerable property.
- Contact the airport before flying within five miles of it.
- Do not fly in adverse weather conditions such as in high winds or reduced visibility.
- Do not fly under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Ensure the operating environment is safe and that the operator is competent and proficient in the operation of the UAS.
- Do not fly near or over sensitive infrastructure or property such as power stations, water treatment facilities, correctional facilities, heavily traveled roadways, government facilities, etc.
- Check and follow all local laws and ordinances before flying over private property.
- Do not conduct surveillance or photograph persons in areas where there is an expectation of privacy without the individual's permission.



If you have questions on drone operations or wish to operate within a five mile radius of the Auburn Municipal Airport, please contact 253-333-6821 or airport@auburnwa.gov.



NOTE: This article does not fully encompass all of the necessary requirements to conduct any type of drone operation. It is the responsibility of each pilot to know and follow all of the appropriate rules and regulations set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration.



Join the Auburn Airport staff,
volunteers, and pilots for

Airport Appreciation Day



**Saturday, July 6
9am-2pm
Auburn Municipal Airport**



Bring the whole family!

- Airlift Northwest
- K9 and SWAT Officers
- Fire Engine
- Bouncy House
- Food Trucks
- Young Eagles flights FREE for ages 8 -17
- Helicopter Rides (fee)
- Car Show Charity Event
- Motorcycle Show
- Music
- Speed Boat Display
- Home Built Unique Solar Car
- PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE!!!!



Feature Capital Project

2019 Sewer Repair and Replacement Project

Project Description

- The project will reconstruct 3,450 lineal feet of sewer main using the Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) trenchless construction method at four different sites in the city.

Project Benefits

- Minimizes impacts to residents while replacing their sewer pipes.
- Restores several runs of sewer that have become maintenance issues.
- Prevents emergency repairs in the future.
- Maintains the City's infrastructure by installing a new 50-year pipe.

Project Costs & Funding

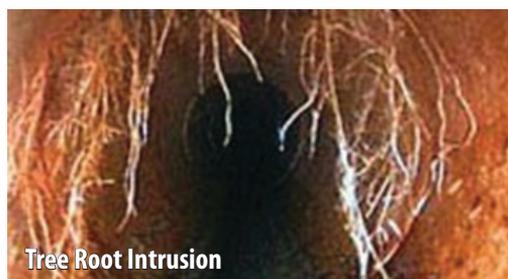
The total project estimate is \$1,700,000 and is paid for through City funds.

Project Schedule

The design work associated with this project is complete with construction anticipated to begin this summer and be completed this fall.

The Sewer Repair and Replacement Project is a biannual project that is part of the City of Auburn's maintenance of the existing sanitary sewer system and is crucial to keeping this infrastructure in good repair and operating condition. The City's maintenance crews regularly clean and inspect sanitary sewer lines and keep track of any issues that develop within the system.

The sites that have been identified for repair as part of this year's project are not emergency repairs, but need to be addressed before they become more severe. Some of the issues that require these repairs include:



Tree Root Intrusion

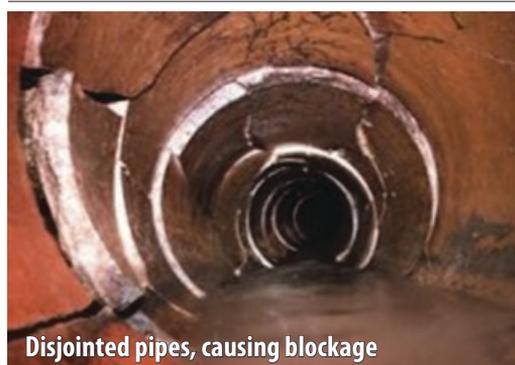
Tree root intrusion into pipes that cause blockages, backups and eventually flooding in people's homes or businesses.



Low Area / Belly / Sag

Caused by Soil Erosion, Foundation Settlement, a Geological Event, etc. Must be dug up and replaced conventionally.

Bellies or sags in the pipe that cause buildups that block flows and require more frequent cleaning by maintenance crews, which can become very expensive over time if not addressed.



Disjointed pipes, causing blockage

Disjointed, separated or broken pipe segments. These can cause a host of different issues, from buildups and blockages in the sewer line to sinkholes under streets, sidewalks or yard areas.



The sewer lines included in the 2019 Sewer Repair and Replacement Project are situated in areas where the cost and impact to the public would be extreme if the project was constructed using a traditional open cut/dig and replacement of the sewer line. At each of the project sites, the sewer main was originally constructed down the back property lines between residential homes. In order to construct a new sewer main through these areas, the City would have to remove property fences, vegetation, sheds, carports and detached garages—not to mention the dust, noise and construction impact to resident's backyards for several weeks during the summer. The high estimated construction costs and the opportunity to avoid the high construction impact to residents made using a trenchless construction method the best option moving forward for this project.



New inverted pipe liner being blown into existing pipe



UV Light Train Curing the new pipe liner



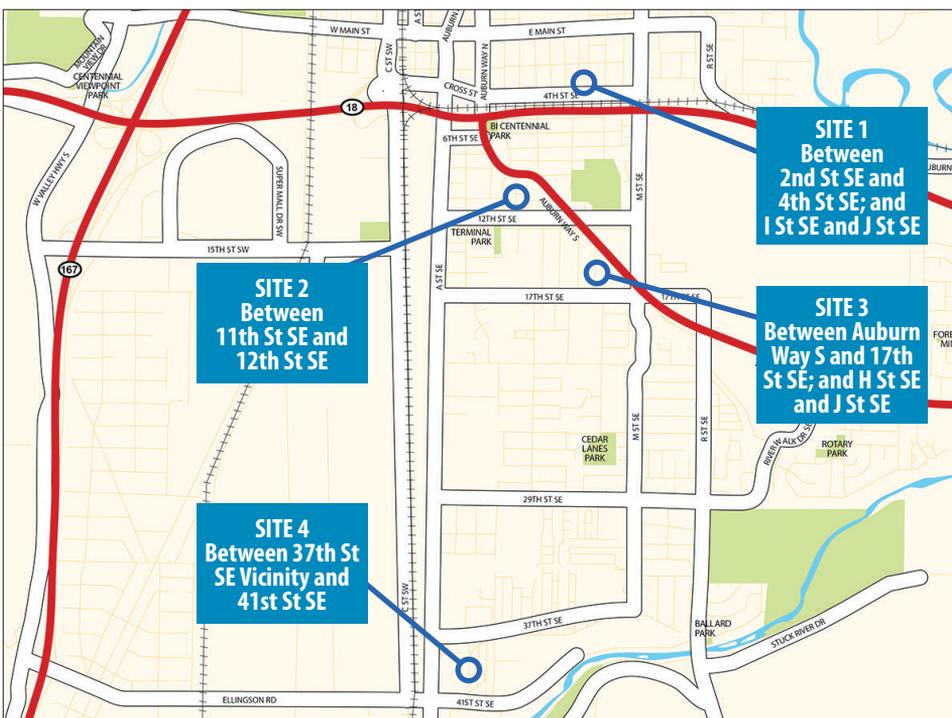
Completed CIPP Pipe Reconstruction

The Cured In Place Pipe (CIPP) trenchless pipe construction method provides a perfect solution for this situation. The pipe starts out as a flexible inverted fiberglass liner that is saturated with an epoxy resin and is then pulled or inflated into the pipe, creating a liner for the existing pipe.

Once in place, the new pipe is inflated to form a tight fitting, jointless, corrosion resistant replacement pipe against the existing pipe. Once the liner has been installed, an Ultra Violet (UV) light train is run through the pipe to cure the resins in the fiberglass liner and gain enough strength that it is a structurally sound pipe that is independent of the existing pipe.

The lateral sewer service connections that are connected to each property are then reopened using a robotic cutting device to cut holes in the new fiberglass pipe. This completes the construction process in most situations and allows the City to construct a new pipe in the same alignment as the original, with far less impact to the public and with a shorter duration of work.

**For more information on this project, contact Jai Carter, Project Engineer
253-804-5086 | jcarter@auburnwa.gov**



Big things on the horizon!

Development activity in the City of Auburn

There are many exciting things happening in the Community Development Department and we thought we would take the opportunity to share with you a glimpse of things to come.

What exactly is Community Development you ask? This department is responsible for the long-range planning and sustainable development of the city. They are the first point of contact for developers and the business community. They work in concert with community members to help shape the environment we live in and help them affect change in their individual corners of town. They are the liaison between the community at large and City administration, helping drive decisions and affect policy change based on the needs and desires of the community. By working together, we can build a strong foundation that ultimately improves the quality of community living.

There are several large projects in our community that are in various stages of the design, permit review, and approval process, including hotels, rental housing properties, sports arenas, dining options and new schools to serve our families. It is our hope that you find value in the many businesses and services that are on the horizon.



Auburn Town Center is a seven-story, 296,000 square foot mixed-use commercial property being developed at 1st and South Division Street in the heart of downtown. It will include 226 market rate apartment units and 2,000 square feet of ground level commercial space.



Many have asked about the future of the Heritage Building property that was sadly destroyed by fire in December of 2017. The property owner is working on the design of a new and improved six-story, 60,000 square foot building with 67 apartments, doubling the capacity of the previous building. This site will provide 5,500 square feet of ground floor commercial space. This project is currently in the design review phase, with an anticipated 2020 construction start date.



Next door will be the Auburn Legacy Senior Living, an eight-story, 216,000 square foot building that will provide additional housing options for our senior community members, as well as an additional 7,000 square feet of ground floor commercial space on Main Street. Ground breaking is anticipated this summer or fall.



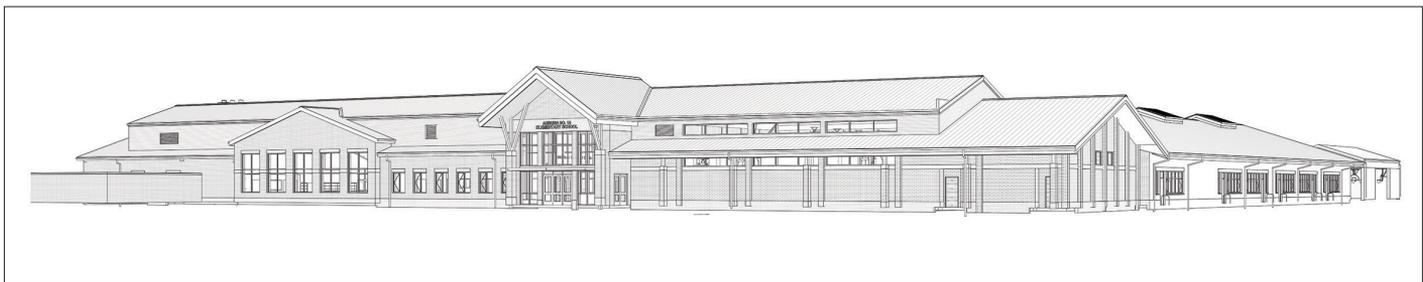
One project we are very excited to share with you is the addition of Fieldhouse USA, an indoor sports arena coming soon to the Outlet Collection. Fieldhouse USA is a community-based facility that specializes in sports leagues, large sporting events and tournaments and is able to serve our community with year-round league play in team sports. They will also host corporate events, skills training, sports camps, and birthday



Tru is part of a new hotel brand by Hilton, designed to appeal to younger, tech-minded, design-savvy travelers on a budget.

Tru by Hilton features a reimagined hotel lobby, with 2,880 square feet of public space including areas to work, play games, eat or lounge.

Below: Microtel by Wyndham, Olympic Middle School



parties. Construction began in the spring and we anticipate the project to be complete by year-end. This will be their first location on the West Coast.

With a major player like Fieldhouse USA, drawing potentially 1.5 million visitors a year, we will need additional lodging for our out-of-area guests. Two new hotels are taking shape in addition to the hotel that is nearly complete on C St. SW, close to Highway 18 and the Outlet Collection. Tru by Hilton, a four-story, 61,000 square foot building offering 90 guest rooms, will be located near Cross Street on Auburn Way South in the heart of our downtown. Watch for this near the end of 2019 or early 2020.

Next up will be a three-story, 30,000 square foot hotel brought to us by Wyndham Hotels, located on the north end of town on Auburn Way North. This complex will offer 63 hotel rooms and add an additional 7,500 square feet of commercial space, with 4,000 square feet dedicated to restaurant. Construction is set to begin this summer.

There are also several schools that are being replaced to better serve the youth and families in our community. First is the Olympic Middle School building. A new 105,000 square foot

elementary school will eventually replace the existing middle school. The old building will be used by the district while they rebuild five other schools and construct two new schools. Construction began in the summer of 2019. It is expected to be the new home for 1,050 students by the 2019/2020 school year.

Dick Scobee Elementary will be replaced with a new 75,000 square foot elementary school building and serve a student body of 809 students. The District hopes to break ground this summer, with a target completion date for the start of the 2020/2021 school year.

We also have the addition of a brand new school, one we are calling Auburn Elementary #15. This will be a 73,000 square foot elementary school serving a student body of 650 students near Lakeland Hills on Kersey Way. We anticipate a summer groundbreaking with a target completion date for the start of the 2020/2021 school year.

What an excited time for our community! Welcome to the City of Auburn!

For more information or to contact us, please visit our website auburnwa.gov/city_hall/community_development or in person at 1 East Main St. at the second floor Customer Service Center.

River Recreation

With warmer temperatures comes the opportunity for recreation on the Green River. In July and August, when the river typically retains a mellow flow, tubing enthusiasts have the option of parking at Isaac Evans or Brannan Parks before taking a ride down the river.

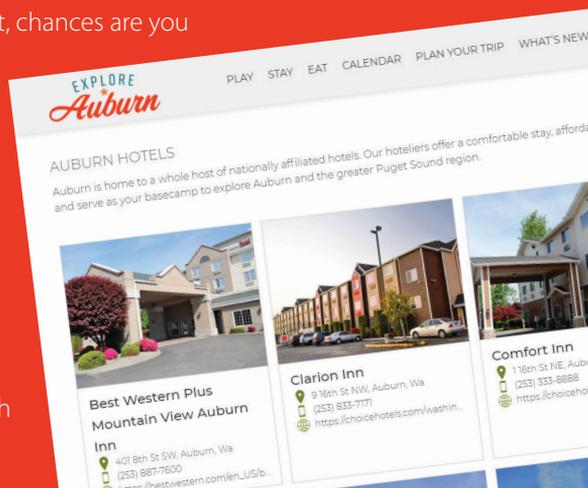
IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. Always wear a lifejacket when enjoying your time at the river.
2. Please keep in mind that parking is in a residential neighborhood to access Fenster Park. Be a good neighbor, please park in designated spaces, keep noise level to a minimum, and haul out any refuse with you.
3. The Green River is not staffed with any lifeguards. You are putting your safety at risk when you swim in an area where there is not a lifeguard present.
4. Keep an eye out for rocks and logjams. Logjams can be comprised of downed trees, stumps and logs that get stuck in the river.
5. Secure your license for fishing which begins late summer and lasts through the fall at wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/fishing.



Plenty of Room When You Don't Have It

With summer here and school out, chances are you will have friends or family visit during their summer travels. What to do if you don't have room at home to accommodate your esteemed guests? There are many hotel options in Auburn that can provide a comfortable place to stay close by. Visit ExploreAuburn.com for details and grab some great tips on new restaurants and inspiration for things to do during their time with you in Auburn.



Find Auburn gems and events on Auburn's tourism website!



Summer Fun in Auburn

Sweet summer fun doesn't have to take a big bite out of your wallet. Here are ten suggestions under \$10 (or free)!

MARY OLSON FARM

Charming and historical Mary Olson Farm complete with resident mini donkeys and chickens is a great way to spend a summer afternoon. Mary Olson Farm is the most intact 1880's family farm in King County. Tour the house, bring a picnic to enjoy and learn about the farm's riveting history. Little ones will enjoy meeting the farm animals and frolicking in the wide open spaces.

There is a gravel path leading from the parking area to the farm house. Mary Olson Farm is open during the summer weekends only 6/22-8/25, 12-5 p.m. FREE

NEELY MANSION

An elegant Victorian home of days gone by, Neely Mansion has been lovingly restored to its former glory. Five diverse families once called this their home and each room is a reflection of a family and the time period in which it was occupied. Constructed in 1894 by pioneer Aaron Neely whose family arrived via the Oregon Trail, the Neely Mansion was home to Swiss, Japanese, and Filipino immigrant families. The Hori Furoba Bath House was built in 1930 and recently restored to give visitors a glimpse of Japanese traditions and lifestyle during the ensuing decades. Suggested Donation: \$3

EMERALD DOWNS

Bring out the family for a fun day in the sun. See the beautiful horses up close on a summer's day with a gorgeous view of Mt. Rainier. Bring cash for the concession stands or bring a picnic. (Non-alcoholic beverages that are factory sealed only and no glass containers are permitted.) Fun promotional days offer additional activities or performances including Family Fun Days, Corgi Races, Fiesta Esmeralda and more! Admission is \$9 per adult, visitors 17 years and under are free. With a military I.D., admission is free.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM

The historical treasure trove of Auburn with an engaging permanent exhibit as well as insightful temporary exhibits to give visitors a glimpse of yesteryear and the dynamic evolution of the city today. Adults: \$5 Children and seniors: \$2. Every first Thursday and third Sunday: FREE!

SOOS CREEK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Pair the experience of strolling amid peaceful, mature gardens with the fascinating local history of the Soos Creek Plateau. Inspired by international, regional, and historical gardens, the Soos Creek Botanical Gardens is lovingly maintained by local volunteers dedicated to promoting the enjoyment, understanding and conservation of plants and the natural world. Open Wednesdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. until mid-November. FREE

AUBURN ENVIRONMENTAL PARK

The Boardwalk Trail is located within the Auburn Environmental Park (AEP) just a few minutes from downtown Auburn. The 1/4 mile boardwalk allows you to trek a portion of the beautiful 250 acre wetland park with views of marshy fields and Auburn wildlife. Be sure to take your camera to capture photos of the dragonflies, hummingbirds, salamanders, Marsh Wrens, Blue Herons and more that call the Auburn Environmental Park home. The trail also features picnic tables, benches and several educational signs along the way for those who want to learn a bit more about the Auburn Environmental Park and the critters within it. Open daily. FREE

FLAMING GEYSER STATE PARK

Enjoy a picnic lunch and tour this expansive state park adjacent to the Green River that entices rafters and kayakers. The park has a dedicated area for enthusiasts to fly their model airplanes, wooded hiking and horse trails, places to view the fall salmon runs, swimming, fishing and expansive areas for hanging out. Park is equipped with an automated pay station to purchase a one-day or annual Discover Pass.

LES GOVE PARK

With plenty of amenities including an extensive and accessible play area, the Rotary Spray Park, a climbing wall, and bocce court, Les Gove Park is a hub of activity in the summer. Home to fun free events such as Summer Cruise-Ins, the weekly Auburn International Farmer's Market, Auburn Fest, and Kids Summerstage Series, Les Gove Park is an Auburn gem that brings community and families together. FREE

BLUEBERRY PICKING

The cost will depend on how many blueberries you decided to pick! Canter-Berry Farms along Green River Road offers u-pick blueberries between late July and August. Buckets are provided for picking, but you will need to bring boxes or other containers to take your berries home in. Each berry season is different and relies on Mother Nature. After berry picking, be sure to pick up locally made honey at Sunny Bee Honey Farm, too! Follow them on Facebook @CanterBerryFarmsAuburn for berry availability and updates.

SOOS CREEK HATCHERY

If you are looking for an end of the summer/early autumn experience, from mid-September through October is your best bet to view Chinook and coho returning to the hatchery, located at 13030 Auburn-Black Diamond Road. Check out the viewing pond and outdoor kiosk explaining hatchery operations. Open every day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Staff is sometimes available to answer questions. FREE

For additional details on these listings, visit ExploreAuburn.com.

Doing Your Doo-ty

When you go out for a day of fun outside, please remember to pick up after your pet.

Summer is coming! You know what that means? Long, beautiful walks in our gorgeous parks with your best friend, your family, your kids and your dogs! Auburn has some amazing parks to enjoy, but don't be the reason why someone's day gets messy.

Part of being a responsible pet owner means not only licensing your animals and taking care of them, but also picking up after them. It's all part of nature, but leaving your dog's (or horse's, or whoever's) doo anywhere in our City makes a mess for us all. No one wants poop on the bottom of their shoe or their children's bare feet.

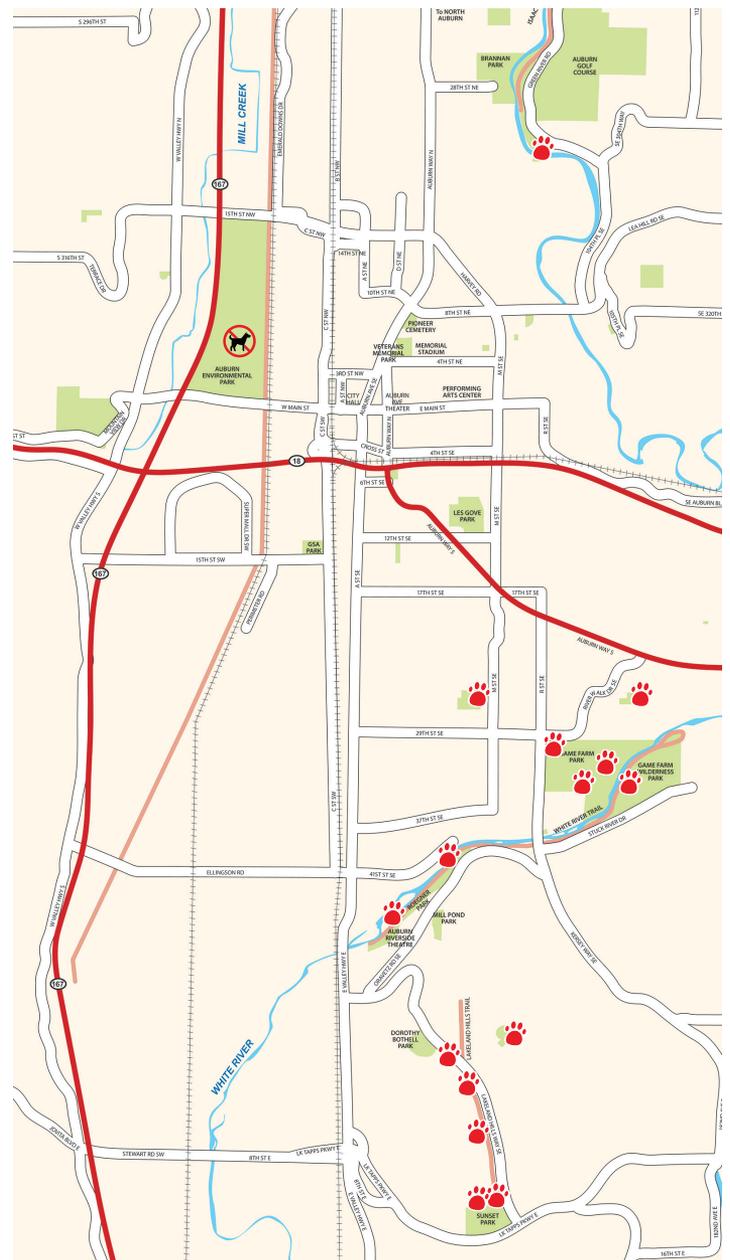
The City provides pet waste collection bags and waste bins at many of our parks. (see map for locations)

Let's all be a part of the solution, not the problem!



Leaving dog poop on the ground can be dangerous to other animals and people as well.

- It can contain hookworms, ringworms, tapeworms and more.
- It can transmit diseases such as parvo virus to other healthy pets.
- It pollutes our rivers and streams.



Auburn Community Teen Players Bridges the Gap from Kids' Camps to Community Theater

The City of Auburn has been offering youth theatre camps for ages 6 to 16 since 2008, as well as running a community theatre through the Auburn Community Players (ACP) since 2009. You may be asking, "Where can older kids go as they hit the age between the youth camps and the ACP shows?"

That's the question the ACP founders answered in 2015, when they established ACTP Auburn Community *Teen* Players (ACTP) and mounted *Legally Blonde The Musical*. Since then, ACTP has produced classics like *Guys and Dolls*, as well as more contemporary shows, like *Bring it On!*

In 2019, ACTP will be merging the classic and contemporary with their unique production of *Pippin*. Traditionally, *Pippin* is staged with the feeling of a circus—a band of wandering performers who stopped in "your town" to put on one of their stock shows about the story of Prince Pippin and his search for an extraordinarily fulfilling life.

For the ACTP production, codirecting team Suzie Newbury and Joe Blotner are infusing the 1972 musical with a contemporary feel. "We chose *Pippin* because we wanted to give these young adults the opportunity to experience this American classic. Our challenge was to make it relevant and exciting for them."

To that end, Newbury and Blotner have set the play as a last chance fundraiser, put on by the students, faculty and staff of the fictitious HRE Academy, a private high school that has run out of money. Included in this modernization is the addition of modern technology and rap and hip hop dancing, living alongside the classic show tunes and Bob Fosse inspired choreography. The actors will also have the opportunity to flex their acting chops by developing a high school persona, using one of twelve theatrical archetypes.

The directors have a history in the theatre, with three college degrees in the field between them, and several years of amateur and professional experience. The 28-year-married couple has teamed up to direct, or collaborate, with other directors on over a dozen productions, both with youth and adults. "We complement each other's strengths and styles, and in the moments where we disagree on some aspect of the production, we have the opportunity to demonstrate to these young adults how a healthy relationship works through differing points of view."

Newbury and Blotner love theatre, but their motivation behind taking on an ACTP project was their passion for teaching the art and craft of theatre, especially to young people. "Each person who joins the cast and crew of *Pippin* will not only learn their lines, music and choreography, but will also be taught how to build a character, make choices as that character, dance as that character, etc. This is how theatre professionals do their work. So, whether a given cast member is targeting a professional theatre career or planning to keep with it as a hobby, we hope to help each of them add skills to their natural talent. And, we're going to have a LOT of FUN in the process!"

ACTP's production of *Pippin* runs for a weekend of performances on July 26 and 27 at 7 p.m., and matinees on July 27 and 28 at 2 p.m. at the Auburn Ave Theater. As the opening number coaxes, "Join us ... We've got magic to do, just for you!"



CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER



The City of Auburn has established a number of city codes that set the minimum standards to keep our community safe and make it a desirable place to live, work and play. What do these codes mean to you, why are they important and how can we work together to ensure everyone is doing their part to achieve these standards? Our hope is that anyone who calls Auburn home takes pride in our community. Taking the time to understand the various city codes, why they exist and how they benefit us all is an important first steps in being a good neighbor. As we head into the warm months of summer, it becomes a very busy time for your code enforcement team. A few warm days after a long stretch of rain and peak vegetation season is upon us. We invite you to take the opportunity to review and understand two very important city codes:

Auburn City Code 8.12 defines conditions that constitute a public nuisance. Vegetation that is not properly maintained IS considered a nuisance.

Auburn City Code 8.20 sets the vegetation standards and limits the height of grass at a residential property to six inches or less. It further states that trees, plants, bushes, shrubs, weeds, vines, and other vegetation be well maintained so as not to become a menace or cause the decline of the character of a neighborhood.

We believe that the appearance of each individual property can either add to, or detract from, the overall appeal of the City of Auburn. When individual properties are poorly maintained, you may assume it is a nuisance that just effects the neighboring property owners. However, when multiple residents don't ensure that routine property maintenance is complete, there is a cumulative effect—an effect that can give the impression of community blight.

On the other hand, when each of us does our part to be a good neighbor by working together to encourage others to continuously improve the physical condition of their properties too, over time we will see a dramatic impact.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, or CPTED, is a design principal that uses our natural and built environments to increase the safety and security of an area. It asserts that through the proper design of a physical space, coupled with the use of adequate lighting and routine maintenance of the surrounding vegetation, we can reduce the likelihood

of becoming a victim of crime. It further states that by implementing these concepts we will not only see a reduction in the fear of crime, but an actual reduction in the incidence of crimes, which ultimately leads to an improved quality of life.

You may have heard of the term “broken windows theory,” a concept which describes that when an area is neglected, it invites crime. This theory also reinforces the importance of good property maintenance as an effective crime prevention strategy—a strategy we all have the power to implement! We are proud to report that in 2019, the City of Auburn team of code enforcement officers received the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design professional designation from the National Institute of Crime Prevention.

When it comes to gaining compliance with city code, it's a job we take very seriously. To us, it's more than just grass and weeds. It's about community pride and the overall health and wellness of a community. At the City of Auburn, we strive to build and maintain an environment that promotes public safety with a safe and inviting atmosphere. We also have a responsibility to monitor and ensure the proper maintenance of living conditions in an effort to limit the presence or perception of declining and unsafe neighborhoods. We take pride in knowing that by working together, we can help maintain property values, improve the quality of our neighborhoods and preserve Auburn as a city we are proud to call home!

4th of July Vegetation Safety

The City of Auburn has a number of city codes that set minimum standards and keep our city running smoothly.

Did you know many city codes are also in place to keep our community SAFE? With the 4th of July holiday just around the corner, remember that proper vegetation maintenance is a critical first step in protecting you, your home and your community given the dry summer weather conditions and the potential fire danger posed by fireworks.

You can find additional fire safety information from the Valley Regional Fire Authority on page 23, or visit their website at vrfa.org/Family-Fireworks to download a fireworks safety flyer.



City of Auburn Code Enforcement

From March 9, 2019, to June 7, 2019, Code Enforcement has worked tirelessly with landlords, homeowners, property management companies and businesses throughout the community to gain compliance on 368 cases. An additional 213 cases remain open and active.

For more information, or to access all Auburn city codes and ordinances, please visit auburnwa.gov/citycode.

If you have questions, concerns or would like to report a potential City of Auburn code violation:

- auburnwa.gov/reporting
- codeenforcement@auburnwa.gov
- 253-931-3020, option 4
- Download the MyAuburn app for Apple and Android devices

Did you know?

Auburn City Code 12.12.232 speaks to your maintenance responsibility when it comes to the presence of debris, moss, leaves, even ice and snow on the sidewalks adjacent to your property. If your sidewalks are in need of routine maintenance, now is the time!

My Hometown Writing Contest Winners!

Each year the White River Valley Museum's My Hometown Writing Contest encourages local high school students to tell their own stories about what Auburn means to them and how this community has shaped their life. Auburn high school juniors and seniors submitted their entries in March, and a panel of judges consisting of Museum Front Desk and Volunteer Coordinator Janet Wells, Auburn's Poet Laureate Susan Landgraf and Mayor Nancy Backus carefully read through many quality entries. The jury chose these three winners:



(From L to R): Mayor Nancy Backus, a judge for the contest; Shae Fairchild, 1st place winner; Andrea Ruvalcaba, 2nd place winner; Janet Wells, volunteer & facilities coordinator at WRVM, a judge for the contest.

First Place
Shae Fairchild
Auburn Riverside HS

Second Place
Andrea Ruvalcaba
Auburn Mountainview HS

Third Place
Lauren Kramer
Auburn Mountainview HS

This work inspired all of us here at the Museum to reflect on what we value about this wonderful community. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did!

"The endless nights spent with my friends, driving down A Street, listening to the train whistle echoing through the blackness of the night. The snow-dusted Mount Rainier, crisp and stunning on a clear day. The warmth and comfort that comes with sitting down at my family's favorite restaurant, Rio Blanco. The friendliness and community that Auburn has always had throughout the years. As I'm approaching my 18th birthday and focusing more on my future, I also look at my hometown, Auburn, a little bit differently. Next year I'll be living in a different city, attending an unfamiliar school, and spending my time with new people, and I will surely miss Auburn for the exceptional place full of love and beauty that it is. My love for this city will never be diminished even as I pack my bags and leave for college.

I remember my childhood fondly: my brother, sister and I waking up early on a sunny summer day to dart outside, grab our water guns, and play fight with them, pretending we were spies or cops or whatever we could conjure up in our minds. Our neighbors, about our age, would come over to play and we would spend the entire day sprinting around outside in our little housing development. On the weekends, my family and I would take walks on what we endearingly nicknamed "The Creepy Trail" to pick blackberries and enjoy the fresh air. Some days I would stroll up to the grocery store or the old Blockbuster with my friends to buy some candy or to pick up the latest movie.

As I've grown up, I have made innumerable new memories in Auburn. I went to middle school, I joined swim team at the YMCA which sparked my love for competitive swimming, I made new friends that have changed my life, I started high school, and I learned to drive. I have found myself, who I am and who I want to be, right here in Auburn, making it such a special place for me. I learned the value of helping others not only from my parents, but from my community. The principles of togetherness and kindness that this city has instilled in me are insurmountable and I will take them with me wherever I go. I have found family in the friends I've made thus far in my life. I have learned so much from my inspiring teachers who have taught me that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. I have chosen to pursue science in college, specifically geology, and without my school and community encouraging me, I wouldn't have had the motivation to pursue that passion.

Auburn is a truly phenomenal city to grow up in. All of my memories and experiences here have shaped who I am, and I will carry them on to my next chapter of life. Auburn happens to be where my house is, however, more importantly, Auburn is where my heart is."

Shae Fairchild,
First Place Winner

About the White River Valley Museum

The White River Valley Museum creates an exciting and educational experience for visitors through a series of award-winning exhibits and programs on regional cultures, arts and history. The Museum's artifact collections focus on Puget Sound history, Northwest Native culture, Japanese immigration and the Northern Pacific Railway.

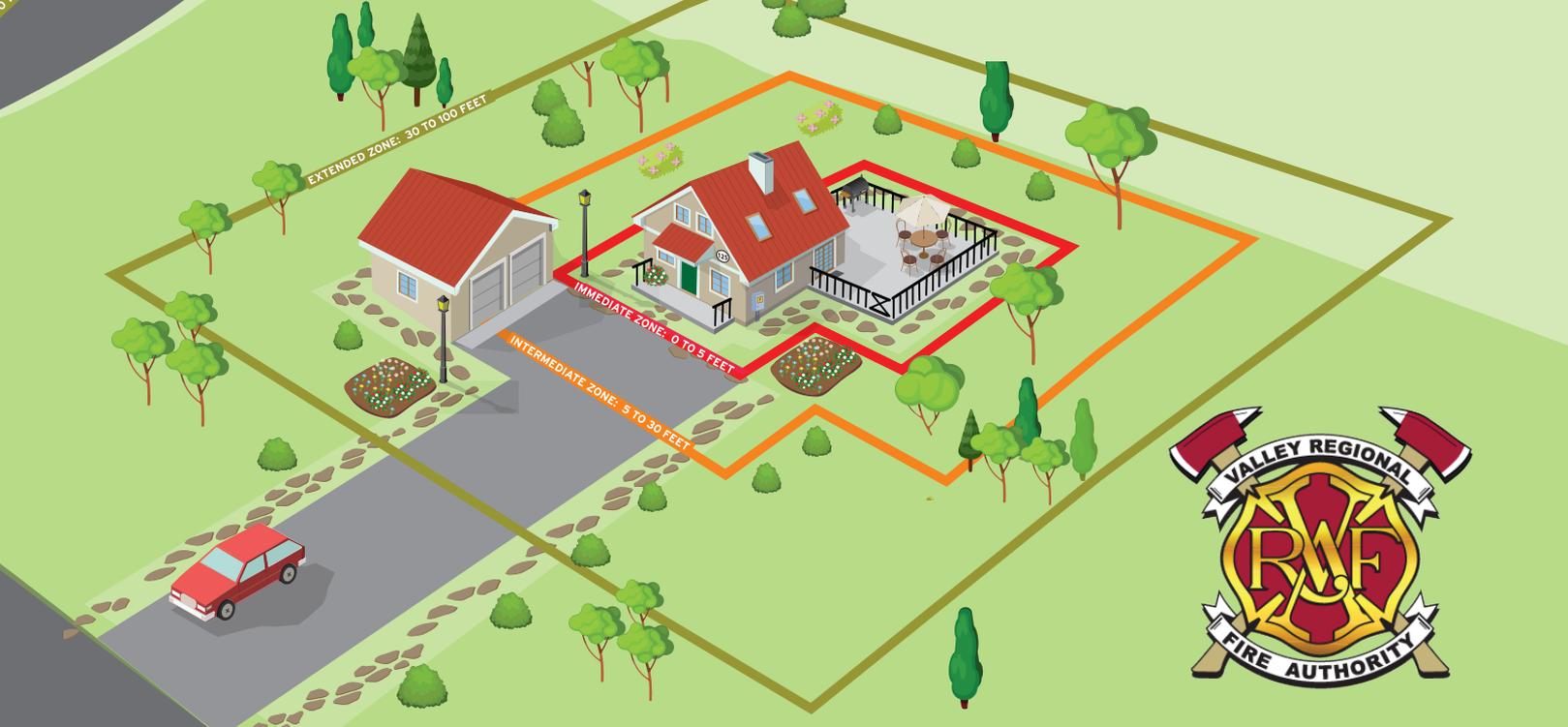
The Museum is open Wednesday-Sunday from 12-4 p.m. On the first Thursday of each month the hours are extended from 6-8 p.m. Regular admission is \$5 adults, \$2 seniors and children. Children 2 years of age or younger are always free. Admission is free for everyone all day on the first Thursday and the third Sunday of every month.

More about the My Hometown Writing Contest

This contest was inspired by the writings of local author and past Museum board member Connie Malesis. From a family of Greek immigrants and a beloved member of the Auburn community, Malesis passed away in 2003 but his colorful stories about his hometown of Auburn and its residents remain in his works *With Tongue in Cheek* and *Where the Trilliums Bloom*. It was developed in partnership with the Auburn School District to motivate students to reflect on their own history and the relationship between place and person. Our next My Hometown Writing Contest will begin accepting entries in winter 2020. Visit wrvmuseum.org to learn more about this contest and our other programs and events.



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wrvmuseum.org



VRFA Encourages Homeowners to Prepare for Fires in the Wildland-Urban Interface

Each year, wildland fires consume homes in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), or areas where homes are built near and/or among lands prone to wildland fire. This year, according to a report by the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), Western Washington will be more prone to these WUI fires than usual. In fact, the west side saw 53 fires in March alone. In light of these predictions, the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) is strongly encouraging residents to take steps to protect their homes.

Studies show that as many as 80 percent of homes lost to wildland fire may have been saved if brush around the homes were cleared and defensible space created around structures. If you see fire risk areas around your home, there is no better time than now to prepare.

Wildfire experts have identified three main “ignition zones” around a typical home: the Immediate Zone (0 to 5 feet), Intermediate Zone (5 to 30 feet) and the Extended Zone (30 to 100 feet). In all three zones, it is important to maintain vegetation, trim branches that overhang roofs or porches and rake leaves, dead limbs and twigs. In the Immediate Zone, consider using non-combustible materials such as crushed stone and gravel.

If a WUI fire does happen, VRFA has taken steps to prepare. All firefighters receive training in wildland fires and twenty maintain a “Red Card” certification in wildland firefighting. In order to receive and maintain the certification, firefighters must complete continuing education, demonstrate fire shelter deployment proficiency and complete a fast paced three-mile walk wearing a 45-pound weight vest in 45 minutes or less.

In addition to well-trained staff, the VRFA can utilize specialty equipment including a brush truck located at Lea Hill Station 34 and a recently added 2,500 gallon type II support tender/water tanker.

Steps you can take to reduce your wildfire risk

- Clean your gutters and clear off dead leaves, pine needles and anything that can burn from your roof, decks, porches and patios.
- Seal any roof and attic vents that embers could get into using tightly woven wire mesh screening.
- Trim shrubs or tree branches that come closer than five feet to your home.
- Remove “ladder fuels” – smaller shrubs under trees and trim tree branches that are close to the ground.
- Keep your grass trimmed, especially if it is dry.
- Remove any flammable materials from underneath decks and porches.
- Store wood piles away from your home.
- Clear the area around propane tanks and barbecues.
- Store outdoor furniture cushions when not in use.
- Soak cigarette butts with water in a metal can and wait three days before emptying into trash.
- Keep barbeque grills a safe distance from anything that could burn and 10 feet from your home.
- Store matches and lighters out of children’s sight and reach.
- Consider attending a public fireworks display instead of discharging fireworks on your own.

For more information, contact the VRFA at askthevrfa@vrfa.org or 253-288-5800, or check the Washington State Department of Natural Resources website at dnr.wa.gov.



Bocce courts sporting new artwork for the summer

A new temporary artwork is in place along the fence line of the bocce ball court at Les Gove Park. “Welcome Immigrants” is an art installation and poem by artist Elise Koncsek. The 13-line poem welcoming immigrants to our community is presented in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Russian, Korean, Vietnamese and Tagalog. The poem is designed to be read forward and backward. The artwork was funded through a 4Culture Local Arts Agency Sustained Support Grant that allows Auburn to fund local arts agencies and individual artists through a Project Support Grant process.

The temporary artwork, on display through August 2019, has been generating some exceptional comments, including from Auburn resident Peter Di Turi. “I saw the wonderful art/poetry done by Elise Koncsek hanging along the north and west fences of the bocce courts! Her work truly reflects the spirit of immigrants to our nation, revolving around an international game facility centered in our major park campus! I hope that more of these art exhibits can be placed around or within the courts, reflecting not only other immigrant cultures but also those of our indigenous peoples, at a location that unites all, excludes none, and provides the greatest diversity and reflection of the Auburn community. I am so glad to see this art work located appropriately at Auburn’s public bocce courts!”

The City of Auburn has four bocce courts at Les Gove Park available for use on a daily basis. Free bocce instruction is provided by the Auburn Bocce Club on Tuesday and Thursday from 3-6 p.m. mid-April through mid-October, weather permitting.

The game of bocce (phonetically pronounced BOH-chay in Italian, BAH-chee in English) had

*Welcome, immigrants
From across the seas
Let's share our stories together
I want to learn about you
I want to learn from you
Let's gather together
Speaking and listening
Let's respect each other
Let's protect each other
Our differences make us strong
When we join together
From across the land
Welcome, immigrants*



its origin some 7,000 years ago in ancient Egypt. Pharaohs and aristocrats had first played the game in their courtyards with heavy golden and silver spheres. In the 18th century, bocce came with some of our ancestors crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Sailors and immigrants would fashion balls out of old boat ropes to play bocce on ship decks while traveling to America. The balls of old rope evolved to be balls of wood, plastic and metal like those used today. The rocky open courtyards and ship decks have become closed, smooth courts of grass, clay and artificial surfaces.

Bocce can be played by virtually anyone and is a game of both skill and luck. It is played for fun or competition. It can be played with two or more people playing solo or in teams, and can provide many hours of fun for friends and family. The non-contact sport provides low-impact exercise and is a game for all ages.

Auburn's bocce courts were built in 2004 through a partnership between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Bocce Club. The courts in Auburn were the collective work of mostly Southern Italian immigrants with the help of their family members. Salvatore Cascone is the lead founder of the original group along with Ronnie Beyersdorf and the late David Muir and Salvatore Mancuso. Thousands of dollars were donated and raised to create a start-up fund to show the good faith of the Auburn Bocce Club and help aid the City in getting additional grants needed to fund the building of the courts.

The club is responsible for on-going maintenance of the courts. The Auburn Bocce Club promotes exhibitions at the courts during major community events including KidsDay in June, Auburn's 4th of July Festival and AuburnFest. The club also sponsors and hosts the Washington State Bocce Championship and the Auburn Bocce Club annual tournament.

For information about the Auburn Bocce Club and bocce in Auburn visit auburnbocce.org.



Want to give bocce a try?

Bocce sets can be borrowed from the Auburn Community & Event Center Front Desk 910 9th Street SE, Monday-Fridays 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Not headed to the game? You can still take the train!

Want to take your kids to the Seattle Aquarium or an out-of-town guest to Pike Place Market? Driving to Seattle can be a mess on weekends, not to mention the cost of parking. But there is another way. Sound Transit runs trains to many weekend day games when the Mariners, Sounders FC or Seahawks are in town.



You don't have to attend the game to ride the train – take the opportunity to explore Seattle for a few hours!

**Questions? Contact Melanie Mayock
Sound Transit Community Outreach Specialist
melanie.mayock@soundtransit.org | 206-689-4877**

GAME TRAIN SERVICE ISN'T JUST FOR SPORTS FANS!

HOW TO RIDE

- 1** Check the calendar. Go to soundtransit.org/calendar to see when weekend trains are running. Upcoming dates include June 23, July 7, July 21, July 28 and August 10. The calendar will tell you what time the train leaves Auburn (usually 11 a.m. for a 1 p.m. game), and when it will return (usually 35 minutes after the game ends).
- 2** Drive, bus, walk or bike to Auburn Station (23 A St. SW). Give yourself enough time to park and buy your ticket if needed before the train departs.
- 3** Pay your fare. An ORCA card is the easiest way to pay. Plus, you can use it to transfer from the train to a bus or Link once you're downtown. You can also buy a Day Pass from the ticket machine at the station or download the Transit Go app. Station agents are at the platform to help. Visit soundtransit.org/sounderfares.
- 4** Ride the train! This is the fun part. The trip to King Street Station in Seattle is about 35 minutes.
- 5** Enjoy Seattle. King Street Station is in Pioneer Square, near multiple attractions and one block from light rail (International District/Chinatown Station) and many bus routes.
- 6** Return to King Street Station. Keep track of the game, as trains will depart King Street Station about 35 minutes after the game ends.



Why does food waste matter?

When food ends up in a landfill, it creates a potent gas called methane—a greenhouse gas that is 20-25 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Both of these gases are a major contributor to climate change. Wasted food = wasted resources. When food goes uneaten it wastes the water, energy, land and labor that is used to produce it. Food waste is a global problem. In Canada and the United States, most food waste is produced in our own kitchens. In Mexico, the majority of waste happens before food ever reaches the store. In 2015, the General Assembly of the United Nations committed to cut per-capita food waste in half by 2030. Cities and countries all over the world are taking action to help reach this goal.

This is what we lose when we waste food:

- \$278 billion U.S. dollars in the North American economy, the equivalent cost of feeding 260 million people.
- \$1.9 billion U.S. dollars in wasted garbage fees.
- 193 million tons of greenhouse gases emitted, the same as driving 41 million cars continuously for a whole year.
- Over 79 million acres of wildlife habitat is lost to farmland to grow food that is never eaten.
- Enough water to fill seven million Olympic-sized swimming pools.
- Enough energy to power 274 million homes.
- 3.9 million tons of fertilizer.



Food can be lost due to bad weather, pests or lack of labor at harvest time. It can get tossed for being a funny-looking shape (called “ugly food”) or spoil during its long journey to the store. Food can also get wasted after we purchase it from grocery stores or restaurants.

Produce, such as fruit and vegetables, take months to grow and mature before it can be picked or harvested. In North America, food travels an average of 1,500 miles before arriving on our plates. Yet, after all that effort to grow, process and transport our food, we throw away much of it. That is like going to the grocery store, buying three bags of groceries, then throwing one in the garbage before leaving the store!

See the USDA’s Food Product Dating fact sheet at fsis.usda.gov for more information. You can also visit RecycleFood.com for more information.

We can stop food waste. Here’s how:

- **Shop locally.** The Auburn Int’l Farmers Market operates June-September.
- **Shop more thoughtfully.** Create a weekly meal plan and shopping list.
- **Cook more creatively.** Find simple recipes at RecycleFood.com under Recipe Box or just do “al-la-cart left-overs” using up what you have.
- **Reduce your portions.** Start out small and wait 15 minutes to see if you’re still hungry before returning for seconds.
- **Share food.** Donate to the Auburn Food Bank. TheAuburnFoodBank.org
- **Compost left over food scraps.** Use a compostables cart or home worm bin. Make your own worm bin and learn the “how-to” of vermicomposting (worm composting). Visit Compost More. Waste Less at kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/garbage-recycling/compost-more
- **Grow your own food.** Whether you have a small or large yard or just patio planter pots, you can grow your own fruits and veggies. Fresh is best! Get the family involved in the fun. **Learn the ins and outs of growing your own food and more at the Master Gardener Foundation of King County mgfk.org.**

Sell-by, best-by, use-by: What do food date labels really mean? With one exception, it’s not about food safety.

Date labels are confusing and can lead to needlessly throwing away good food. With the exception of infant formula, product dating is set by manufacturers to indicate the latest date for peak quality, not safety. Even if the date expires, a product should be safe, wholesome and of good quality if stored and handled properly.

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Food product dating de-mystified:



Use by: Last date recommended by manufacturer for peak quality.



Sell by: Manufacturer’s date to tell store how long to display item for sale.



Best before/best by: Manufacturer’s recommended date for optimal flavor/quality.



Closed or coded dates: Packing numbers used by manufacturers.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety: Facts & Tips

As we enter the summer season, kids are out of school and we spend more time outdoors walking and biking. This is a good time to think about safety.

Here are some facts and safety tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

WALKING SAFETY TIPS

- *Be predictable.* Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- *Walk on sidewalks* whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, *walk facing traffic* and as far from traffic as possible.
- *Keep alert at all times.* Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off of the road.
- *Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections* where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, *locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic.* Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely. Continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- *Do not cross where "no pedestrian crossing" signs are posted.* Instead, use the nearest signalized intersection.
- *Never assume a driver sees you.* Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- *Be visible at all times.* Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- *Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.*
- *Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking;* they impair your abilities and your judgment.

Learn more at [nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety](https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety).



BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Americans are increasingly bicycling to commute, for exercise or just for fun. By law, bicycles on the roadway are vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles. NHTSA's bicycle safety initiatives focus on encouraging safer choices on the part of bicyclists and drivers to help reduce deaths and injuries on our roads.

- *Know the law*

<i>Helmet use</i> is required in King County when riding a bicycle.
<i>Riding at Night</i> - For night bicycle riding, a white front light (not a reflector) visible for 500 feet and a red rear reflector are required. A red rear light may be used in addition to the required reflector.
<i>Shoulder vs. Bike Lane</i> - Cyclists may choose to ride on the path, bike lane, shoulder or travel lane as suits their safety needs.
<i>Riding on the Road</i> - When riding on a roadway, a cyclist has all the rights and responsibilities of a vehicle driver. Cyclists who violate traffic laws may be ticketed. Drive with the flow, in the same direction as traffic.
- *Ride a bike that works.* It really doesn't matter how well you ride if the brakes don't work.
- *Ride one per seat* with both hands on the handlebars, unless signaling a turn.
- *Carry all items in a backpack* or strapped to the back of the bike.
- *Tuck and tie your shoe laces and pant legs* so they don't get caught in your bike chain.
- *Plan your route.* If driving as a vehicle on the road, choose routes with less traffic and slower speeds. Your safest route may be away from traffic altogether, in a bike lane or on a bike path.
- *Assume the other person doesn't see you.* Look ahead for hazards or situations to avoid that may cause you to fall, like toys, pebbles, potholes, grates or train tracks.
- *Don't text, listen to music,* or use anything that distracts you by taking your eyes and ears or your mind off of the road and traffic.

More at [wsdot.wa.gov/travel/commute-choices/bike/laws](https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/travel/commute-choices/bike/laws).

- *Ride a bike that fits you* - if it's too big, it's harder to control the bike.

DRIVING TIPS

- *People on bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities* as people behind the wheel of a vehicle.
- *Yield to bicyclists* as you would motorists and do not underestimate their speed. This will help avoid turning in front of a bicyclist traveling on the road or sidewalk, often at an intersection or driveway.
- In parking lots, at stop signs, when backing up, or when parking, *search your surroundings for other vehicles, including bicycles.*
- Drivers turning right on red should *look to the right and behind* to avoid hitting a bicyclist approaching from the right rear. Stop completely and look left-right-left and behind before turning right on red.
- *Obey the speed limit,* reduce speed for road conditions and drive defensively to avoid a crash with a cyclist.
- *Give cyclists room.* Do not pass too closely. Pass bicyclists as you would any other vehicle—when it's safe to move over into an adjacent lane.

Learn more at [nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety](https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety).



City of Auburn Vision and Value Statement

ENVIRONMENT

The City of Auburn's Comprehensive Plan sets a vision for the future of our city. It is a policy document that helps to guide the city's evolution and growth, and is guided by seven key values: character, wellness, economy, celebration, environment, sustainability and service. In this edition, we will highlight a recent "aha moment" experienced by your code enforcement officers and how we are working together to protect our environment.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, we have the opportunity to live, work and play surrounded by a beautiful natural environment. At the City of Auburn, we care about that environment and its rich history that is deeply rooted in our forests and trees. We want to do our part to ensure those precious natural resources are preserved and protected. Recently as code enforcement was driving through the city, an alarming trend seemed to be apparent. Several of our beautiful street trees appeared to have been over trimmed.

Given the nature of their work, code enforcement officers are required to have a wide array of knowledge and are responsible for enforcing a comprehensive list of city codes. However, they are not trained arborists. It was easy enough to recognize that the vegetation maintenance did not look right, but given the number of instances identified could what they were seeing in fact be the prescribed method? Could it be that several locations hired the same contractor who was not knowledgeable about proper techniques, or was it in fact a domino effect that was happening where one property owner over pruned their trees, and the neighboring property owners simply followed suit?

Problem solvers by nature, our officers wanted to use this as an opportunity to learn more about the proper trimming and maintenance techniques and establish a plan moving forward on how to correct the issues identified. Enter Keaka Frank, vegetation field supervisor from the City of Auburn Maintenance and Operations Department. Officer Tami Kapule had spent time documenting the conditions and had forwarded the images on for review. It was then confirmed by Josh Franz, a City of Auburn vegetation maintenance worker who also happens to be trained as an arborist, that most of the trees had in fact been over pruned. Sadly, in his professional opinion, some may not even survive the ordeal.

This is where relationship and teamwork matters. Kapule and Frank were able to coordinate a staff in-service, utilizing the training and expertise of Franz who was willing to share his knowledge with not only code enforcement, but also our team of City Planners.



City of Auburn vegetation maintenance worker Josh Franz training the Code Compliance team on proper pruning techniques.

On an early morning at the end of April a brainstorming session began. Using the examples that existed, staff was able to rank the trees by order of severity and use those as examples of what to do. More importantly, they were able to identify case examples of what NOT to do. Josh was able to explain in laymen's terms why this maintenance practice is so detrimental to the overall health of the trees, that the long-term effects could in fact be fatal, and that most property owners are simply not aware of the damage this type of trimming causes.

The team also took the opportunity to review current city code to determine what next steps should be in correcting the most egregious cases, and also discussed if an opportunity existed to consider future code modifications. Collectively it was decided that the best first step, is to help prevent this from happening to other trees in the immediate future. Our team learned a lot that morning, and hope you find this information useful as you begin the process of maintaining any trees you may have on your property.

When it comes to pruning, most websites and professional resources refer to the pruning of young trees, in an effort to shape and train them. Trained trees are healthier in the long run and ultimately require less maintenance as they mature. The pruning of large, mature trees is both challenging and potentially dangerous and our best advice? Hire a trained professional.



Severely over-pruned trees will likely not survive.



Most pruning should be done in spring.

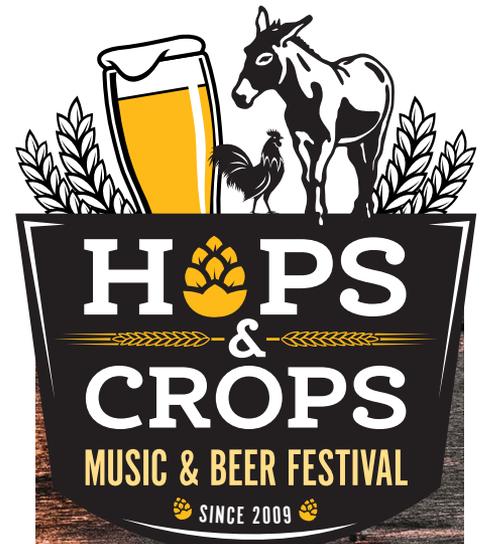
Now you may think, "Isn't my landscaper a trained professional? They maintain my lawn and hedges and they said they could do it." The key to answering that question is, are they an experienced arborist and certified by the International Society of Arboriculture? You can do a simple online search by visiting the Pacific Northwest ISA's website under "find an arborist" and verify if the professional you are considering hiring is in fact qualified to do the work. Your general lawn care provider may have the best of intentions, but the work they do cannot be undone. Most reputable tree companies will have certified arborists on staff who hold multiple certifications which require continuing education to maintain. Remember, the lowest bid may not save you any money in the long run. In fact, it may cost you much more.

So how much of your young tree can you safely trim as an inexperienced homeowner? In general, no more than 25% of its canopy should be removed in any given year, including any dead branches and hangers. This percentage might be different depending on the type of tree you are dealing with, however, that percentage would typically be less than 25% and not more. Limiting the amount you prune is critical to the trees longevity, the overall health and safety of the tree, and limiting any potential liability you may face as the home or business owner should your tree be considered dangerous. For more detailed information on how and when to prune, visit pnwisa.org/tree-care/.

Think of each cut that is made to the limbs and branches as a wound. The more wounds a body sustains, the more it reduces its ability to fight infection. The larger the wound, the harder it is to heal. Think of the tree in these same terms, trimming a little at a time and giving it the opportunity to heal. Trees that have been over pruned are more susceptible to disease and the practice of topping them increases the opportunity for decay and fungal infestations. In some cases, if the tree was healthy to begin with, it may survive but it truly becomes a case of wait and see. An over-pruned tree might survive two years, and it might survive twenty. It can be hard to predict but some say the life expectancy can be reduced by 60-70% due to improper maintenance. If you have already over done it, it will be important to assess the tree's health regularly and stop the practice of routine over-pruning.

A certified arborist takes a very comprehensive look at the overall health and safety of the tree before taking action, and in some instances you may need to conduct a risk assessment annually before making the ultimate decision to remove and replace the tree if survival is not possible. It is so much more than simply "limbing it up". There can be a serious ripple effect to the actions you take today that can have much greater implications to our community and environment in the future. Our beautiful, mature trees are irreplaceable.

If you have questions or need more information on the City's approach to trees, visit our website at auburnwa.gov/trees.



Saturday
SEPTEMBER
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NOON-6PM
Mary Olson
FARM

28728 Green River Road SE | Kent, WA 98030

BREWERIES

- Bad Jimmy's Brewing
- Snoqualmie Falls Brewery
- Rail Hop'n Brewing
- Flying Lion Brewing
- Scamp Brewing
- Lumber House Brewery
- Acorn Brewing
- Dystopian State Brewing
- Fremont Brewing
- Geaux Brewing



BANDS

PICKWICK

- Will West and the Friendly Strangers
- The Cottonwood Cutups
- Great American Trainwreck

wrvmuseum.org/hopsandcrops

AGES 21 & UP

\$15 before 9/6 | \$20 after 9/6 & at the gate
\$10 designated driver tickets available at the gate



IF IT GOES UP OR BLOWS UP, IT'S ILLEGAL IN AUBURN!

Anything that leaves the ground or produces a report or explosion is illegal.
Any combination of two or more effects is also illegal.

NO. 1 FIREWORK SAFETY TIP: ATTEND A PUBLIC DISPLAY!



CITY OF ALGONA

 Discharge of all fireworks is illegal

CITIES OF AUBURN AND PACIFIC

Discharge of legal fireworks is allowed July 4th between the hours of 9am-11pm. You must be 16 years old to purchase legal fireworks.

 **LEGAL** Party Poppers, Booby Traps, Snappers, Sparklers, Cylindrical and Cone Fountains, Illuminating Torches, Wheels, Ground Spinners, Flitter Sparklers, Smoke Devices.

 **ILLEGAL** All Aerial Devices, Sky Rockets, Missile-Type Rockets, Helicopters, Aerial Spinners, Roman Candles, Mines, Shells, Firecrackers and Salutes, Chasers, Jumping Jacks.

INCREASED ENFORCEMENT

The Auburn Police Department will cite those using fireworks unlawfully with a possible fine of up to \$1,000 and 90 days in jail. Those discharging fireworks recklessly face up to a \$5,000 fine and a year in jail. Anyone caught in possession of a device containing more than 2 grains of pyrotechnic charge (such as an M80) may be charged with a felony, punishable up to 20 years in prison.

Citizens can assist the City with this stepped up emphasis by calling our non-emergency number at 253-288-2121 when fireworks are illegally discharged in their neighborhood.



MORE SAFETY TIPS:

- Buy and use only legal fireworks
- Follow directions and safety recommendations printed on the fireworks
- Maintain adult supervision
- Use fireworks in an area clear of materials that can burn (grass, bark, trees)
- Keep garden hoses ready
- Wet down firework display area
- Light one item at a time, move away quickly and keep a safe distance
- Dispose of used fireworks by first soaking them in water
- Trim any tall grass close to buildings or fences
- Clean all gutters and move burnable materials away from homes
- Place minor burns in cool water, call 911 if you need further assistance