The 2015 Independence Day celebration, held on July 2\textsuperscript{nd} from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex, attracted a record crowd, far exceeding last year’s attendance.

This year, an estimated crowd of over 10,000 attendees came for the festivities which included music, food, vendors, games and rides, topped off by a spectacular fireworks display.

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The Outriggers, performing at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion, entertained with music for all ages throughout the evening. Vendors served a variety of food and refreshments as well as offered retail items. Back again this year was the popular rock climbing wall and race car track in addition to the train rides, pony rides, amusement rides, games and face painting.

Free WRTA shuttle buses ran continuously bringing attendees to and from the Auburn Mall and the Pappas Complex.

The Town of Auburn extends its sincere gratitude to our sponsors and partners: The Auburn Industrial Park, the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA), the Auburn Mall, Hometown Bank, and the area churches and organizations that provided auxiliary parking.

We also thank the town employees and the CERT team for their hard work to ensure this event ran smoothly.

Thank you all for making this such a wonderful community event.
News from the Town Clerk...

Annual Election Result Winners May 19, 2015

HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR 5 YEARS
ALICE M. REA

LIBRARY TRUSTEES, AUBURN FREE PUBLIC FOR 3 YEARS
NAN H. JOHNSON
BRUCE R. MENDELSOHN

MODERATOR FOR 1 YEAR
CHARLES A. BAKER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 3 YEARS
WAYNE PAGE
GEORGE SCOBIE, JR.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1 YEAR
DOROTHY A. SUTTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR 3 YEARS
DOREEN M. GOODRICH
KENNETH A. HOLSTROM

TOWN CLERK FOR 3 YEARS
DEBRA A. GREMO

Complete details for all candidates and Town Meeting Member results are available at auburnguide.com. Look under Town Clerk – Voting & Elections

John E. & Ethel E. Riley Outstanding Citizenship Award

Nominations are currently being accepted for the John E. & Ethel E. Riley Outstanding Citizenship Award. Deadline is Monday, October 19, 2015 at 4:00PM. Nominations should include reasons why the person being nominated has been an outstanding citizen and how he or she has made life for Auburn residents better. Submit to Riley Award Committee, C/O Debra A. Gremo, Town Clerk, 104 Central St., Auburn, MA 01501.

DOG LICENSES

Late fees for licensing dogs go into effect July 1st. In addition to the dog license fee of $15.00 for spay/neutered dogs or $20.00 for male/female dogs, there is a $10.00 late fee. Please license your pets today!
The Town of Auburn is one of 51 communities statewide which was awarded a 2015 Green Communities Competitive Grant. The announcement was made by Lieutenant Governor Karen Polito, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton, and the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Commissioner Judith Judson at an event held on July 8th in Natick. Town Manager Julie Jacobson and Eric L’Esperance, Energy Manager and Part-time Assistant Town Planner, attended the event.

Auburn was awarded a grant in the amount of $157,095 to fund energy efficient projects at Town Hall and the Police Station. Although the Town applied for $235,827 to fund a large scope of energy efficient projects that had been identified as priorities, given the highly competitive nature of the grant program and due to the number of Green Communities that applied, the state was unable to fund the entire request. The projects that were funded were selected by the State based on their estimated energy savings, energy efficiency quotients, and estimated payback period.

Auburn was designated a Green Community in 2012. There are now 136 designated Green Communities in the Commonwealth. A total of $8.9 Million was awarded in this competitive grant round. The Town administration is very excited to receive this major grant award as it will enable us to continue our energy saving initiatives, reduce our energy consumption, and decrease our energy costs.

We are grateful to the Department of Energy Resources for their support of our efforts and we thank Lieutenant Governor Karen Polito, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton, DOER Commissioner Judith Judson, as well as our Regional Coordinator of the Green Communities Division, Kelly Brown for this grant award.

Update on Town Grant Activity

Town Administration continues to actively and aggressively seek grant funding to bring new and augment existing programs and services as well as to purchase equipment. From 2011 to July 2015, the Town has applied for one hundred two (102) grants, including as a participant in nine (9) regional grants, totaling $8,289,767.64. Of those, seventy-nine (79) were awarded for a total amount of $2,267,286.75. Eleven (11) grants are pending and twelve (12) have been denied.

Town administration has been very successful in identifying and seeking grants and alternate resources from public entities, private foundations, and not-for-profit entities which enable the Town to purchase equipment, provide new or expanded programs and services, enhance existing operations, and address departmental and town-wide priorities.

Thanks to the management team and all departments for their hard work on the application process and the management of those grants that are awarded.
After interviewing several potential municipal aggregation consultants, the Wind Turbine and Alternative Energy Committee recommended Colonial Power, Inc. to the Town Manager who concurred with the recommendation. Subsequently, authorized by a vote of Town Meeting in October of 2014, the Town Manager entered into a contract with Colonial Power, Inc. to provide aggregation consultation services.

The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing on May 26th to solicit input from the residents and property owners regarding the municipal aggregation process. At the close of the hearing, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the Town of Auburn’s Community Choice Aggregation Plan (the “Plan”), prepared by Colonial Power, Inc., which was then submitted to the Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) for a statutorily required consultation. That consultation took place on June 16th. On June 23rd, the DOER provided a letter to the Town stating that “The DOER attests to the sustained efforts and enthusiasm exhibited by Auburn and its agent, Colonial Power, Inc. in consideration of the undertaking; the communications it has conducted with Auburn’s distribution company, National Grid, the development of a market-ready Energy Supply Agreement with licensed Competitive Suppliers; and in the communications it has conducted with us.”

The Plan has been forwarded to the Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”) for review and approval. The DPU will hold a public hearing on August 17th in Boston.

Once the DPU completes their process of reviewing the plan, if approved, the aggregation consultant will seek competitive suppliers and recommend a provider to the Town Manager. While the regulatory approval process can take up to a year, the Town is hopeful that it will receive state approvals prior to that so that we can secure an energy supplier prior to the start of the winter season in the late fall of 2015.

Residents in Auburn and in communities across the State are faced with escalating electric costs which increase household expenses and put a burden on homeowners, families, low-income populations and seniors. Commercial customers are challenged by high electricity costs which are consistently highlighted as a barrier to economic growth in central Massachusetts. Residents and businesses in Auburn and other communities in the Commonwealth have felt the impact of skyrocketing electricity supply costs over the past two winters.

The Town’s Plan is designed to address this uncertainty in electricity costs by combining the purchasing power of its residential and commercial customers and by competitively and transparently bidding that load on the open market. By combining this purchasing power, the Community Choice Aggregation Plan will enable homeowners to achieve stability in their electric rates and control their electric costs through competitive rates and will assist businesses in overcoming this barrier to economic growth.

As a state designated Green Community, Auburn is constantly seeking to reduce its energy consumption, lower its energy costs, and identify alternate energy sources. Municipal aggregation complements the Town’s energy efficiency goals and Green Community strategies and enables the Town to help its residents and businesses address challenging electric costs.
On June 2nd, Town Manager Julie Jacobson presented both verbal and written testimony at the Statehouse to the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Revenue regarding support of Senate Bill 1531, an Act relative to a municipality’s right of first refusal of agricultural land. This legislation was filed by State Senator Michael Moore upon the request of Town Administration to amend the timelines in Chapter 61A §14 of Massachusetts General Laws which pertains to the notification process in which a city or town has the option to exercise, waive or assign its right of first refusal of agricultural land which the property owner seeks to sell or use for non-agricultural purposes.

The existing timelines under Chapter 61A §14 are not conducive a municipality’s ability to effectively conduct due diligence and participate in a public process related to a potential land acquisition. The current 120 period within which the Board of Selectmen must vote to exercise, waive or assign its right of first refusal of agricultural land hampers a municipality’s ability to thoroughly research their options and to perform proper analysis in order to make informed decisions with regard to the expenditure of taxpayer dollars and the acquisition of land for purposes which could include preservation, recreation, housing or other use. While the potential to purchase a significant amount of acreage under Chapter 61A could be a positive opportunity to meet community priorities and goals, severe time restrictions give the municipality little time to determine compatibility with Master Plans, Open Space and Recreation Plans, and community needs or to analyze all options under the law.

This legislation would provide for a reasonable period of time for a municipality to conduct its due diligence and adhere to the requirements set forth in Chapter 61A §14. Senate Bill 1531 proposes to extend the current 120 day period to 180 days in which municipalities would have to complete their due diligence and for the Board of Selectmen to vote to exercise, waive or assign its right of first refusal.

The current law provides 90 days for a municipality to fulfill the purchase and sale contract or other agreement from the date the contract or agreement, endorsed by the landowner, is returned by certified mail to the assignee. The 90 day period may be extended by the landowner but cannot be extended by the municipality without the (continued next page)
written agreement of the landowner. If an extension is not granted by the landowner, it can be very challenging for communities to initiate and complete the bond process or to identify and secure alternate funding sources to offset the purchase price of the Chapter 61A land in a 90 day period. Depending on the time of year that the 61A notification is provided to the municipality, there may be no opportunity to apply for or secure grant or foundation funds towards the purchase. Senate Bill 1531 proposes to amend the timeline for closing on the purchase and sale contract from 90 days to 120 days. This extended period would enable municipalities to better plan for borrowing or to secure alternate funding sources to offset the expenditure of local tax dollars.

The bill would establish a 30-day timeline in which the seller may accept and execute the purchase and sale agreement. The existing law does not provide any time frame for the landowner to respond to a purchase and sale agreement provided by a city or town. As such, a municipality may not know if the seller accepts the agreement for weeks or longer, which may have major financial and planning implications.

In summary, Senate Bill 1531 addresses the issues faced by municipalities with regard to timeframes while preserving the ability of the landowner to sell agricultural land within a reasonable period of time. The proposed amendments provide a reasonable extension of time for the municipality to analyze options, conduct public outreach, identify financing strategies, and engage local boards and commissions as part of the process. These are critical steps that should be undertaken in order to determine whether public funds should be expended to purchase agricultural land currently classified as Chapter 61A land; whether the right of first refusal should be waived to allow the sale to proceed to a private party; or whether the right of first refusal should be assigned to a nonprofit conservation organization or to the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions. The proposed amendments to Chapter 61A do not unduly burden the landowner nor further restrict the landowner’s ability to sell the land.

In addition to the Town Manager’s testimony, State Representative Paul Frost submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

The Massachusetts Municipal Association’s Municipal and Regional Policy Committee is also supporting the legislation.

We are grateful to Senator Moore for his quick action and responsiveness to filing this legislation which will hopefully assist Auburn in future 61A projects as well as aid other communities in the 61A process in the future.
Darlene Coyle has been appointed as the permanent Director of the Department of Development and Inspectional Services. The Town Manager’s appointment was confirmed by the Board of Selectmen on April 13th. Darlene had served in the Acting Director position since last October. Darlene is also the Director of Public Health, a position she has held since 2013. Prior to that, she was the Public Health inspector, a position she previously held in Auburn for three years before returning here in 2012. Darlene has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Worcester State College and several certifications. Darlene is extremely professional, responsive, and diligent in all aspects of this very diverse and busy department. Congratulations, Darlene!

Auburn resident Dr. Jean Collins has been appointed Interim Library Director. Dr. Collins earned her Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree from the University of Rhode Island. She also holds a Doctorate in Education/Higher Education and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration (BSBA) as well as an Associate’s Degree in Liberal Studies. Previously, Dr. Collins was the Dean of Libraries/Dean of Academic Services at Becker College. Her experience in library administration and organization, as well as personnel management and development, will be an asset to the library as we transition to the next permanent director. The library director position has been posted and we anticipate that a permanent director could be on board by the end of September. We look forward to working with you, Jean!

Paula Conway joined the DDIS team in May as the new clerk in our busy office. Paula came with many years of customer service experience from office management to a strong banking background. She has quickly acclimated to the fast pace of our department becoming adept at handling multiple phone lines, and customers relations at our front window and processing applications all with a smile. Welcome Paula!

Caleb Moody has been working hard at balancing the fast pace of the Building Department while completing a series of professional certifications. He recently received his third State certification and has been attending various educational trainings to ensure that the Town stays current on all building safety requirements. Caleb’s experience handling vast amounts of both residential and commercial building matters grows daily as the expansion in growth continues in Town. Congratulations Caleb!

Aimee Contois recently completed a 12 week professional training and received her State Certification as an Animal Control Officer. She has built upon her extensive background in the animal field and is often seen around Town assisting distressed animals or reuniting pets with grateful owners. She works diligently to disseminate information out on social media about lost or found pets as well as shares educational information to keep our furry friends safe. Congratulations Aimee!

Senior Volunteers
Darlene Coyle, DDIS Director would like to extend a note of gratitude to the senior volunteers that worked in our department over the past several months. Antoinette “Toni” O’Leary, Maureen Kenney, and Gerry Gauthier participate in the Town’s senior tax work-off program and our department was the fortunate recipient of their time and many volunteer hours. On behalf of all of us here in DDIS, we thank you for your service and appreciate your knowledge, experience and cheerfulness. Thank you very much!
Pappas Playground Officially Open!

The newly constructed playground at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex is officially open!

A ribbon cutting event was held to mark the grand opening of the new playground on July 2nd. Town Manager Julie Jacobson recognized and thanked all of those who contributed funds to make the playground a reality.

Through the dedication of State Senator Michael Moore and State Representative Paul Frost, the Friends of the Pappas Recreation Complex, and Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas, and with much work by the DPW team, this wonderful playground was built for the children of Auburn.

The Town acknowledged and thanked Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas, whose generous donation of $1 million was the catalyst for the development of the entire Pappas Recreation Complex which opened in 2012. Through their philanthropy and generosity, the beautiful Recreation Complex was constructed to benefit youth and families in Auburn. To further enhance the Complex, the Pappas' generously and creatively put forth a challenge to the community: they would donate up to $100,000 in grant funds to match each dollar raised by the community for the construction of the playground. That challenge was met and all required funds were raised to purchase and install the playground.

Senator Moore and Representative Frost were recognized for their hard work and advocacy at the Statehouse which secured $80,000 in state funding. This was a challenging accomplishment given the budget issues faced by the state in the latter part of the fiscal year which resulted in many 9C cuts.

The Friends of the Pappas Complex, represented by Jeff LaBonte, was recognized for their efforts and generous donation. The Friends held several fundraising activities in an effort to raise money for the construction of the playground. Through their fundraising efforts and the generous donations of many residents and businesses, the Friends raised $30,000 towards the playground. The funds were donated to the Town to be combined with the state grant proceeds and the Pappas’ matching grant to fund the $210,000 playground.

The following members of the Town administration were acknowledged for their hard work which brought this project to fruition: Ed Kazanovicz, Assistant Town Manager and CFO; Bill Coyle, DPW Director and the DPW parks employees; Jeff Mitchell, Assistant DPW Director and Sewer Superintendent; Joanna Paquin, Civil Engineer; Kenny Fairbanks, Highway Superintendent and Pappas Complex Facility Manager; Wayne Bloomquist, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Superintendent; and Kristen Pappas, Recreation and Culture Director.

The event concluded with a ribbon cutting led by Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas, State Senator Michael Moore, State Representative Paul Frost, Jeff LaBonte, and Town Manager Julie Jacobson. At the conclusion of the ceremonial event, the gates were opened and a number of children happily ran into the new playground. Their laughter and joy was the best thanks of all!

Thanks to all who contributed to this project for your generosity and dedication to the youth and families of Auburn!
We are pleased to announce the creation of a new “Town of Auburn Coordinated Calendar of Activities” that provides a listing each month of all of the programs offered at the Auburn Public Library and the Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, as well as all Recreation and Culture programs. This coordinated calendar facilitates the ability for residents to access information on the many programs and activities that are offered through the Town at multiple locations.

The calendar will be updated continuously to add new programs and events. The calendar will be expanded in the future to include other programs and events offered through all departments of the Town.

In addition to providing a valuable resource for residents seeking to participate in various recreation, culture, senior center and library events, the Coordinated Calendar of Activities also provides a mechanism for the departments and divisions to coordinate activities, share resources, and eliminate duplicity.

The Coordinated Calendar of Activities can be accessed on the Town of Auburn’s web site at www.auburnguide.com by clicking on “Town Calendars” on the left side bar, then clicking on Town of Auburn Coordinated Calendar of Activities. The direct link to the Coordinated Calendar of Activities is http://www.auburnguide.com/Pages/AuburnMA_CCA/.
On June 16th, APD responded to 8 Wittier Street for a reported Home Invasion. The victim reported that two males wearing masks approached him in his driveway from a wooded area adjacent to his residence, struck him in the head multiple times and took the keys to his house. The victim was treated and later released from the hospital.

The suspects, who were armed with handguns, entered the residence, assaulted the victim's wife and stole two "American Bully" puppies. The suspects also kicked and stomped the couples Pomeranian causing severe injuries to that dog. The suspects then fled back into the woods with the one week old puppies (littermates pictured above).
Motor Vehicle Stop Leads to Arrest

A motor vehicle stop on July 6th on Auburn Street led to the arrest of the operator, Theresa Delrio 21, of Worcester for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. The passenger, Fabian Beltran 22, also of Worcester, was arrested for two outstanding arrest warrants. A loaded 9mm Smith and Wesson semiautomatic was found in Mr. Beltran's possession at the time of the arrest.

Great work by the officers involved keeping Auburn safe!

APD Participates in Memorial Day Ceremonies

Members of the Auburn Police Department (APD) participated in wreath laying ceremonies with members of the Chester Tuttle Post in advance of Memorial Day.

The Auburn Police Department thanks the Chester Tuttle Post for allowing us to be a part of this annual tradition.

Reminder: Please Lock Your Cars!

The Auburn Police Department would like to remind our residents once again - PLEASE LOCK YOUR CARS when they are unattended...even in your driveways! Day shift officers took fourteen reports of Motor Vehicle Breaking and Enterings from the overnight of June 16 in the Pakachoag Hill area. ALL of the victimized vehicles were unlocked.

Do not leave wallets, pocketbooks or other valuables in your vehicles.
On June 6th, Auburn Police Department (APD) Officers were called to Rochdale Street after a discovery made by workers tearing down a shed. Officers discovered approximately one pound of C4 Military explosives and set up a perimeter. Officer J. Ljunggren and his explosive detection K9 along with Mass State Police Bomb Unit techs arrived and secured the explosives.

The former owner of the home was a military armaments collector and had been the subject of a previous seizure of military rifles and pistols. The C4 was removed and detonated in a controlled explosion by the Massachusetts State Police Bomb Unit at the APD Firearms range later that afternoon.

The Police Department issued a CodeRED message to residents and businesses within a one mile radius to alert them to the noise and assure them that it was a controlled explosion.

The Auburn Police Association 4th Annual A.P.A. 5K Run/Walk was on Sunday, April 26th. The run/walk race benefits the Auburn Police Association Scholarship Fund in the memory of Officer Stephen A. Lukas and Officer Eric T. Snay. The scholarship fund assists the youth in our community with financial aid.

This year, the APA teamed up with Project New Hope, a non-profit organization that helps United States veterans and their families with addressing the challenges, fears and stigma that they face during and after they have served in our Armed Services. 100% of the net proceeds from the APA 5K will benefit the Scholarship Fund and Project New Hope Inc.

On June 9th, the Auburn Police Association (APA) presented Project New Hope Inc., a non-profit organization, with a check for $3,500. The donation came from funds raised through the APA 5k Road Race. The check represented half of the proceeds raised. The remaining proceeds benefit scholarships to local students.

The APA all the runners, sponsors and volunteers that made the 2015 APA 5K a big success. We appreciate your support as always.
In May, participants in the Auburn Police Department’s Citizens Police Academy graduated following completion of a 10-week program.

Police Chief Andrew J. Sluckis Jr. rejuvenated the Citizen’s Academy program after its 10 year hiatus. Chief Sluckis had run previous academies with Lt. Mark Maass but the program stopped in 2006 when state funding was no longer available. The program will now be funded through the department’s operating budget.

“We will hold another class in the fall, and then hope to keep it going annually,” said the Chief. “It provides residents an opportunity to see the Police Department from an internal perspective, rather than just seeing things reported after the fact,” Chief Sluckis said.

Chief Sluckis said Program director Sgt. Daniel Lamoreaux did an impressive job organizing classes and demonstrations.

Classes were held one night a week from 6 to 9 p.m. with one extra Saturday morning to accommodate a firearms class. Each class consists of instruction, an exercise and review. Participants in the program watched demonstrations with field sobriety tests, the SWAT team, Tasers, the K9 unit, and firearms. They also participated in a tour of the station, witnessed patrolmen on duty, learned about federal, state and local laws, forensic instruction, a drunken driving investigation, and learned about illegal drugs and the opiate crisis. Participants also went for ride alongs with officers in patrol cars.

Graduates are: Robert Haroian, Anthony Pellegrino, Brent Anderson, Carmella Casillo, Paul Poirier, Michelle Bergeron Thomas Bake, Dylan D’Angelo, John Campbell, Michael Marin, Joseph Shenette, Lorrainy Dossantos, William Sheridan, Melissa Dyson, Nichole Tillery and Stephen Consilvio.

If you are interested in joining the fall Auburn Citizens Police Academy, contact Sgt. Lamoreaux at Daniel.Lamoreaux@auburnmasspolice.org or (508) 832-7777, or apply at www.auburnmasspolice.org. Applications are due by September 15, 2015.
New Community Sign

After 2 ½ years of fundraising efforts by the Auburn Junior Woman’s Club, the new Community Sign at Fire Headquarters was finally installed on June 24, 2015. The Auburn Juniors raised $25,000 in donations for the purchase of the sign. The new Community sign replaces the original that was donated by the Rotary Club over 30 years ago.

To have a message placed on the sign, contact Fire Headquarters at 508-832-7800.

Fire & Bike Safety Event

On June 28, 2015 the Fire Rescue Department participated in a Fire & Bike Safety event at BJ’s Wholesale Club. It was a great event to teach children and adults about the importance of home fire safety and safe riding.

District 7 Regional Dive Team Training

The District 7 Regional Dive Team trained on June 20, 2015 at Wallum State park in Douglas. Pictures is AFRD members Joe Caron (L) and Paul Wood. Joe Caron a diver with the team is having his pre-dive safety checklist completed before he enters the water looking for the simulated victim.

Firefighter of the Year

On Thursday June 11, 2015 the Fire Rescue Department held its 3rd Annual Awards & Recognition Dinner. Awards presented that evening was a Unit Citation to members involved in a tractor trailer truck rollover involving a diesel fuel tanker that spilled over 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel on the Mass Turnpike. Two Meritorious Service Awards and several Letters of Appreciation to department members as well as the Town’s CERT and the Auburn Junior Woman’s Club were also given. The big award of the night went to call Firefighter Richard Nicholson who took home Firefighter of the Year. It was also announced that night that Firefighter Nicholson would start work as a fulltime member of the department on August 1st, replacing Captain Otterson who will be retiring on August 2nd.
New Call Firefighters

On Tuesday June 16, 2015 newly appointed call firefighters Nate Aubuchont and Nick Fairbanks graduated from the District 7 Recruit Training Program. They completed over 300 hours of initial training and received their state and national certification as FF I/II. Pictured with them is Captain Jeff Mitchell and Chief Stephen Coleman.

Mock Disaster Scenario

On Tuesday April 14, 2015 members of the Fire Rescue Department assigned to the District 7 Technical Rescue Team participated in a large scale, multi-jurisdiction drill at the Millennium Power Plant in Charlton. The exercise was a mock disaster scenario that lasted 6 hours and involved multiple victims that needed to be rescued from confined spaces and high angle.

Daisy Troup Tour

On May 4th Lt. Shawn Steele had a tour with the local Daisy Troup at Fire Headquarters. They enjoyed all of the trucks and telling stories.

Community Reading Day

On April 8th Asst. Chief Glenn Johnson participated in Community Reading Day at the Bryn Mawr School.

Congrats to FF O’Brien

On Friday May 4, 2015 Career Firefighter Kim O’Brien graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy’s 9 week recruit training program. Pictured with FF O’Brien are members of her group, Group 3 (L-R) FF Tess DiDonato, Lt. Chris Cavan, FF O’Brien, Captain Greg Morin and FF Adam Rivers.
CPR Training

Interested in taking a CPR class?
Call the Auburn Fire Department at 508-832-7800 to get placed on a list for an upcoming class.

Billing, Exemptions, and Discounts...

First Quarter Preliminary bills for Real Estate and Personal Property are due on August 3, 2015. If you need a copy of your bill you can download it from Real Estate Tax Bill Lookup on the Town’s web site at www.auburnguide.com.

Trash Bills are due on August 3, 2015.

Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B applications will be going out in the mail shortly. Please make sure to complete your form and return it to the Assessor’s Office no later than October 1st.

Exemption applications will be mailed out by the Assessor’s Office starting the week after Labor Day. Anyone who received an exemption last year will automatically get an application. You must file your application annually to continue to receive your exemption.

If you did not get an exemption last year and feel you might qualify for the upcoming year, please contact the Assessor’s office for more information and we will put you on the mailing list.

Contact the Assessor’s Office at 508.832.7708
On the Road….

Roadway Reconstruction

Work on the Town’s 2015/2016 Roadway Reconstruction contract started this spring by the Town’s contractor P.J. Albert, Inc. on Burnett St, Lorna Dr, Sara Dr, Karen Dr, Brook Rd, Highland St, Wethered St, Goulding Dr, Heritage Dr, Federal Hill Rd, and Rochdale St.

The project includes pavement reclamation or milling and paving, drainage improvements, and sidewalk resurfacing. As part of this contract, the following roads will also be resurfaced/reconstructed: Bay Ridge Rd, Curtis St, George St, Grove St, Hickory Ln, Jefferson Dr, Mount View Ave, Munger Dr, Oxford St North, Ravine Dr, Shore Dr, Stone St and Westlund Ave.

In preparation of the reconstruction of portions of Rochdale Street, the Highway Division installed approximately 1200 feet of subdrain and 5 catch basins as part of the drainage infrastructure improvements in the area.

Roadway work is also in progress along West Street, as part of the new Middle School project. This work includes construction of sidewalks and widening of the roadway to accommodate an additional travel lane near the intersection of West St and Route 12.

4th Annual Summer in the Park Concert Series Underway

The 4th Annual Summer in the Park Concert Series at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex is underway. This year’s Concert Series sponsors are Republic (Allied) Waste Services, Polar Beverages, and Webster First Credit Union. Each of these local businesses have made significant donations to support the 2015 Summer in the Park Concert Series. The weekly concerts are held on Thursday nights from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Riley-Pappas Performance Pavilion. If necessary, rain dates will be held on the Tuesday following the previous week’s cancelled concert (with the exception of the U.S. Army band for which there is no rain date).

This year’s performances are:
June 11    Greater Auburn Community Chorus
June 18    Throwback to the 60’2
June 25    Jim Perry’s Hothouse
July 9     The U.S. Army Band
July 16    Robert Black – Elvis
July 30    Boombox
August 6   On the Rocks
August 13  Auburn Community Players
August 20  4Ever Fab – Beatles Tribute
August 27  The Glamour Girls
September 3 Redline
Select Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays each month as well as on the 5th Monday of the month when it applies. If a holiday falls on a Monday, meetings are held the following Tuesday. Minutes and agendas are available on the Town’s web site. Meetings are televised live on Auburn Cable Television.

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Selectmen’s Office Hours

Members of the Board of Selectmen have held office hours twice a month on a rotating basis. During office hours, a member of the Select Board is available to talk with residents, businesses and taxpayers about issues that are of interest or concern.

Please note that times and locations may vary so please check the schedule each month. Upcoming Office Hours for the month of July are:

Monday, July 13, 2015  6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  Steve Simonian  
Location: Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Auburn Town Hall

Saturday, July 25, 2015  10:00 AM to 11:00 AM  Dan Carpenter  
Location: History Room, Auburn Public Library

Office Hours for each month will be posted on www.auburnguide.com, ACTV and the Town’s social media sites. You may also call the Selectmen’s Office at 508.832.7720 for information.
The Energy Managers from the Towns of Auburn, Millbury, and Sutton are partnering together with a resident volunteer group to organize an energy fair for residents and businesses of the three respective communities. The fair will be held at the Millbury Jr. – Sr. High School on October 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm, and will provide an exciting opportunity for residents and businesses to learn about energy savings, new technologies for their homes work places, and other topics; and of course, have some fun. The hope is for this to be a family-friendly event complete with vendors, food, presentations and activities that can reach an audience in Auburn, Millbury, Sutton, and beyond.

We also hope that it would be a fulfilling and rewarding experience for our volunteer from all three communities who are currently involved to help plan the event. The group is made of planners, a project manager, a graphic designer, moms, and energy specialists who are all lending their skills to plan for a great event. Each member shares some responsibility to help secure sponsors, food donations, t-shirts and banners, create press releases and public outreach, and other tasks associated with the event. As the date draws near the group will also solicit for additional volunteers from each Town to help work the fair.

Stay tuned for more information as plans for the event continue to solidify, and look for the event website soon. For more information regarding the 2015 Energy Fair, please contact Eric L’Esperance at elesperance@town.auburn.ma.us.
The first annual “Data Day 2015”, organized by Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), was held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) on May 21, 2015 and was attended by Town Manager Julie Jacobson and Town Planner Matthew Benoit. Ms. Jacobson served as a panelist to promote the growing need and resourcefulness of empirical and statistical data at the municipal level while Mr. Benoit attended valuable training workshops that focused on the navigation and construction of maps within the DataCommon website.

The CMRPC recently launched an interactive, web-based data mapping and visualization tool known as the Central Massachusetts DataCommon. The site is packed with information on topics from health care and education to economic development, arts and culture, and transportation.

The website aims to serve as a source of data including from the census, the state-level, from Federal Reserve and other financial organizations, from universities and research organizations, or from any source who wishes to partner to provide information needed by Worcester County citizens, businesses, and other organizations. Visitors to the site can view a variety of pre-constructed maps and locate imagery pertinent to their needs at www.centralmass.datacommon.org.

Town administration is extremely grateful and supportive of the CMRPC and its ability to provide a centralized data tool and repository pulled together within one website that enhances productivity, provides a platform to create complex data visualizations for presentations, and saves researchers, grant seekers, and other users of data significant time and money.
MEET SUNDANCE!
On Friday, May 22, 2015 Animal Control received a call from a resident that a cat she had never seen before had been in her yard all day. The temperature was supposed to fall significantly overnight and the resident was concerned for the cat being exposed to those conditions, especially because she believed the cat was skinny and seemed lethargic.

The cat was picked up that night and brought to the Kathleen Sabina Animal Compound. Since the cat did not have a collar or microchip, pictures of him were taken and posted to the Town’s social media pages. The post was shared by 90 people on Facebook over the weekend of May 22-24th.

By Monday, May 25, 2015, Animal Control received a call from a resident that saw the post on Facebook. This resident believed it was her cat that went missing in November of 2014 after sneaking out of the house. The family was devastated when their cat went missing, especially because he provided therapeutic help to their daughter with disabilities.

The family was able to provide pictures of their cat and a positive match was made! After 6 months on the loose, Sundance was reunited with his family on May 27, 2015!

MEET LUCKY!
At approximately 10:30pm on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, Animal Control received a report of an injured snapping turtle near the Auburn Public Library on Southbridge Street. The turtle appeared to have been hit by a car; it had a tire track down the center of its shell and several abrasions that were bleeding slightly. With the help of the Good Samaritans who called in the turtle and the two State Troopers who helped keep traffic away, the turtle was caught and transported by Animal Control to Tufts Emergency Hospital in Grafton.

After an exam with the veterinarians at Tufts Wildlife Clinic, the snapping turtle was given a clean bill of health! The visible tire mark across its shell is actually an old injury and proof that this is one tough turtle! The abrasions were cleaned out and Animal Control was able to bring the turtle back to Auburn and release it behind the library.

Next time you’re visiting the Auburn Public Library, be sure to talk a walk by the pond and maybe you’ll get a chance to see Lucky the turtle!

MassDOT TO THE RESCUE!
We would like to thank our friends Mike Zaniewski (left) and Guy Fallavollita (right) from MassDOT for rescuing five ducklings after a passerby saw them fall into a storm drain! The mother duck could not be found so Animal Control brought the ducklings to Tufts Wildlife Clinic. After an exam, Tufts was then able to release the ducklings to a wildlife rehabilitator!
In the past several weeks, Animal Control has seen a significant increase in the number of cats reported missing in Auburn and we would like to offer the following tips in regards to indoor/outdoor cats:

- If you take a cat into your home that you think may be a stray, ALWAYS contact Animal Control. The cat may actually be an indoor/outdoor cat that someone is looking for after you take it inside.

- If you are feeding cats in your yard, the cats will keep coming back. That doesn’t necessarily mean they’re starving; some cats have been known to make their rounds to different houses for snacks before they return home.

- If you allow your cat outdoors, ALWAYS spay or neuter it. Cats that have not been spayed or neutered have been known to roam great distances in search of mates and the further your cat roams from your home, the harder it may be for it to return. Spaying and neutering also reduces the number of unwanted litters of kittens and reduces the risk of your cat contracting FeLV and FIV.

- Microchip your cats! Microchipping is a simple procedure that doesn’t cause your pet any more discomfort than a shot from your doctor would. The chip is only about the size of a grain of rice and is implanted under the skin with a needle. Your pet would then receive permanent identification with a unique set of numbers, letters, or combination of both. Animal Control facilities are required to scan animals for microchips upon intake.

- Collars are also useful identification markers but understand they are not permanent like a microchip. Collars may get caught on things like fencing or shrubs and can come off your cat while it’s outside.

If you have any questions or need assistance getting your animal spayed, neutered, or microchipped, please contact Animal Control at (508)832-7703 or at acontois@town.auburn.ma.us
The Auburn Senior Center has been selected to pilot a program from the National Council on Aging Association. On July 29th a free lunch will be provided at 12:30 followed by the program at 1:00pm. There will be a pre and post survey to evaluate the program.

Viviane Dumas the Information & Referral Supervisor, LSW, CIRS-A for Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc. Scott Withiam, Housing Counseling Supervisor, American Consumer Credit Counseling, Inc.

You probably want to stay in your home as long as you can as you grow older. However, staying in your home can bring costs that you have not anticipated. For example, you may need to hire help for everyday tasks, make home modifications, or purchase equipment for health needs. For many people, these extra costs are a real burden. Still, we often hold onto our homes as a nest egg in case we need extra money. But when that “rainy day” arrives, how do we make use of that home’s value?

One option is to sell your house and move. Another option—that would allow you to continue to live in your home—is tapping the stored value or equity of your home with a loan. Home equity is the difference between the appraised value of your home and what you owe on any mortgages. A reverse mortgage can allow you to convert some of that home equity into cash so that you can stay at home.

Using the equity in your home can seem like a good idea. But is it right for you? It is a decision you should consider carefully, because the house may be your most valuable financial asset.

This course will help you understand the benefits and challenges of this funding option. After completing this course, you should be better able to:
- Decide if staying at home is right for you.
- Understand the reverse mortgage option as well as other ways you can pay for help at home.
- Know where to go for more information.

Pre-registration required, please call 508-832-7799.

Auburn Public Library Mobile Library
Every-other Tuesday from 10:00-11:45.
Come get a library card and check out library materials, that we will bring to you!
Have a favorite author, type of book, want a DVD, or how about an audio book? We will bring materials to you! Call for the next date 508-832-7799.
The Aging Mastery Program®

The Aging Mastery Program® is coming to Auburn in the Fall of 2015! If you would like to be put on a pre-registration list and be called when we have the dates for the fall session please call 508-832-7799.

Small Steps, Lifelong Rewards

The Aging Mastery Program® (AMP) aims to help millions of older adults take key steps to improve their well-being and add stability to their lives. Built on the pillars of actionable goals, sustainable behaviors, clear incentives, and peer support, this self-paced program enables participants to create their own personal pathways for aging well.

What is AMP?

The Aging Mastery Program® (AMP) is a behavior change incentive program for aging well. Central to the AMP philosophy is the belief that modest lifestyle changes can produce big results and that people can be empowered and supported to cultivate health and longevity. Equally important, the program encourages mastery—developing sustainable behaviors across many dimensions that will lead to improved health, stronger financial security, and overall well-being. Each level of mastery is based on consistency and duration, allowing participants to set individual goals. Another key element of the program is the reward system, designed to both motivate and encourage ongoing participation.

Why is AMP Important?

Life expectancy has increased dramatically over the past 50 years, yet societal expectations of older adults have changed little. Moreover, people are generally unprepared for this increased longevity. AMP offers an innovative approach to guide individuals through this phase of life. The program incorporates evidence-informed materials, expert speakers, group discussion, peer support, and small rewards to give participants the skills and tools they need to achieve measurable improvements in managing their health, remaining economically secure, and contributing actively in society. All program materials and resources align with the goal of helping people enjoy self-sufficient lives.

Victorian Tea Party with the Etiquette Expert of 1890

Thursday, July 30th at 10:00am Ladies, raise your skirts (ankle - high only, please) Gentlemen, tip your hats - we are stepping into Victorian America! Sip on tea and nibble on delicacies, as Mrs. Russell Parsons, a proper Victorian lady, escorts you on a promenade through the age of calling cards, carriages and decorum. You are certain to chuckle, sign and gasp as you learn about the essentials that ladies and gents need in order to conduct themselves gracefully in the Age of Gentility. Topics included tea etiquette, fan language, fashion, calling-card protocols and more. Come, be a guest in Mrs. Parson’s parlour!

Get dressed up and bring your favorite tea cup! Refreshments sponsored by Fallonhealth Summit ElderCare. Please call to register 508-832-7799.
Weekly Knitting Group Every Monday at 11:00 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Drop in, all skill levels welcome!

Drop-in Craft for Children Every Tuesday all day while supplies last. Most projects are designed for ages 5 and up, younger children may need assistance.

Toddler Dance Party Every Tuesday at 11:00 AM. Toddlers and Preschoolers with their families are welcome to attend. Come put on your dancing shoes! Bring your own instruments or use ours for this upbeat and fun program.

Auburn Mobile Public Library At the Senior Center every other Tuesday at 10:00 AM (Beginning July 14th). We bring a selection of materials to browse and check out! You can also sign up for a library card.

Summer Reading Program: Every Hero Has a Story Children, teens and adults earn prizes for reading this summer! Registration is open throughout the program. Log books, book marks and book bags available while supplies last.

Scavenger Hunt Each week all summer long help our heroes find their villain in the library and win a prize!


Storytime Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Stories and a craft for children up to age 5. Registration is required for each session.

Pajama Storytime July 6th & August 6th at 6:30 PM. Come in your jammies and bring your favorite teddy bear for bedtime stories!


Coupon Club July 18th and August 15th at 11:00 AM. Love saving? Come to our Coupon Club to swap secrets, tips and of course coupons. All are invited from new couponers to extreme couponers. Bring scissors!

Gadgets to Goulash: A Cook’s Club July 20th at 6:30 PM: Summer Side Dishes

Sign up to receive electronic information from the Auburn Public Library by clicking here or contact Library Director, at (508) 832-7790
**Recreation and Culture Events**

**Kids Book Club**
July 25th at 10:30 AM. A reading from the book Powerless by Matt Cody. Ages 9+. Books will be available to check out after the program. Please register if you would like to receive a book.

**Bingo**
July 27th at 10:00 AM, August 6th at 1:00 PM and 10th at 10:00 AM. Win prizes!

**Lunch Bunch**
July 27th and August 10th at 12:00 PM. Join us for lunch and stories by the pond. Bring a bag lunch and a lawn chair or blanket. A special treat will be provided. Registration is required.

**Write a Letter to Our Heroes!**
July 28th. Celebrate our military heroes by writing a letter to send to those serving overseas. Letters will be collected and sent together. Adults: drop-in anytime, we supply the paper and writing implements. Supervised letter time for teens and children 4–6 pm and 7–8 pm.

**Kids Crafts**
July 30th at 1:00 PM Sand art. August 3rd 1:30 Duct tape flip flops. August 17th 1:30 PM Origami spinning top.

**Author Visit: Mary Nelen from the Valley Locavore**
July 30th at 6:30 PM Western Mass writer and "locavore" Mary Nelen comes to talk about eating and buying locally within your community.

**Lego Challenge**
August 1st and 8th at 10:00 AM. Come see if you can win our special Lego challenges! All ages welcome.

**Science Experiment**
August 13th 1:00 PM Design tinfoil boats and see whose can hold the most pennies!

Contact the Auburn Public Library to register and for more information on these programs!
To subscribe to the quarterly municipal newsletter, *The Auburn Account*, visit our website to submit an electronic sign-up form or [click here](#). Our next edition will be released in October 2015.