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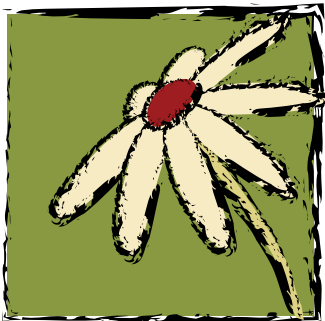
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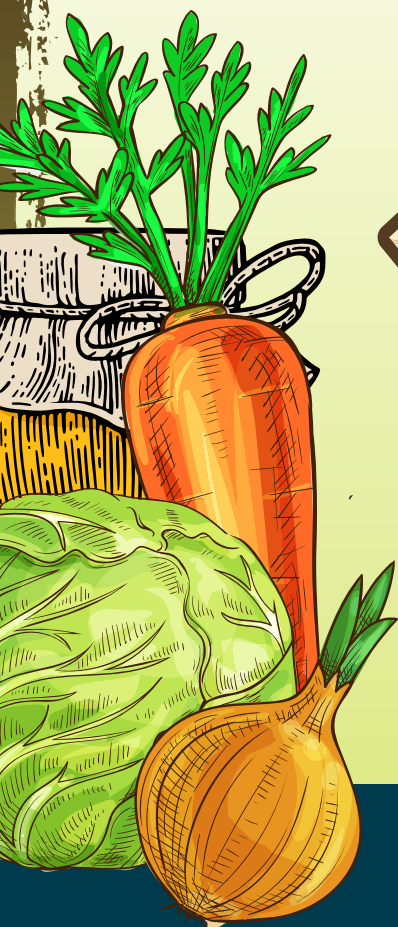
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City Clerk

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Community Development

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

Emergency

Management

1 E Main St, 3rd floor
253-876-1925

Engineering Services

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

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1 E Main St, 2nd floor
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253-804-5078

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Mayor's Office

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253-931-3041

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253-876-1924

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auburnwa.gov/play

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253-931-3080
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253-288-2121

Public Works

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

Records Clerk

253-931-3007

Utilities (Billing)

1 E Main St, 2nd floor
253-931-3038

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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

OTHER NUMBERS

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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
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Mountain View Cemetery

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

Senior Activity Center

808 9th St SE
253-931-3016
auburnwa.gov/seniors

Valley Regional Fire Authority

1101 D St NE (HeadQs)
253-288-5800
Call 911 in case of emergency
vrfa.org

White River Valley Museum

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

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Official City Council MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7pm.

Council Study Sessions are held on the second and fourth Monday each month at 5:30pm.

Meetings can be viewed live at auburnwa.gov/gatv.

From the Mayor

I know the cover of this magazine says summer, but from where I'm sitting, we've been in summer since mid-spring! That's just how the weather goes sometimes – as unpredictable as life itself.

Speaking of spring, it's been a busy one. We had our annual State of the City address in April, where I was able to share all the wonderful accomplishments we made over the year. I also talked about some pain points: areas of the city where we're really putting in a lot of focus and energy. Like homelessness, crime, and drug use. In fact, by the time you read this, I've already met with several businesses along Auburn Way South about crime in the area and some immediate and long-term solutions.

And on the topic of homelessness, I hope you take the time to read the profile of Kent Hay on page 16. Kent started working for the City of Auburn in April 2020 and in just three short years, he's revolutionized the work we do with our homeless population. He truly cares and strives to help everyone he meets, and I do mean everyone – he's out in the places most people don't venture, every day, offering services. As you'll see, he's so dedicated to his job that his goal is for it to no longer exist.

I also hope you check out our stories on pages 23 and 24 about biking! May was Bike Everywhere Month and we wanted to celebrate by offering an update on Cedar Lanes Park, which is well on its way towards a new bike skills course. We also included some information on ways to commute, exercise or just have fun on a bicycle while remaining safe!

This year we're also hoping for some great feedback on our Comprehensive Plan Update,

which is set to release next year! With a plan as wide-ranging and inclusive as this, it's important to gather as much community input as possible, especially because this plan looks well into the future

at the next 20 years. We've got a QR code to scan that takes you to our city website for more information, and staff will also be at the Auburn Farmer's Market this summer on July 23 and August 13, so please come say hello!

And this summer, it's important to remind everyone to please be safe as the days get longer and hotter. We've already experienced a few 90-degree-plus days this year and more are certainly to come. Remember to drink plenty of water and wear sunscreen before venturing outside – even if it's just a short trip to the store!

It's also important to practice good stewardship of our outdoors by prioritizing wildfire safety. I know you're as concerned as I am with wildfire smoke each summer and there are ways we can help. Such as avoiding activities with open flames, avoiding power equipment that creates sparks, obeying burn bans, properly discarding cigarettes, and keeping vehicles off of dry grasses. Remember to 911 to report smoke or fire and let the proper authorities handle it from there.

I hope you have a safe and vibrant summer! Don't forget to attend one of our amazing summer events like Juneteenth or the Farmer's Market! Check our city website for more information, auburnwa.gov.



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What's stressful about being an outstanding teen? *Literally everything.*

By Jonathan Glover

When 17-year-old Kaitlyn Gallo walks outside on an unseasonably-warm spring day, she stops to smell the flowers – literally. She might grab a dandelion, its seeds aching for release by the wind, and give them an early out.

She might daydream about primitive humans and the simplicity of it all. How back in the “caveman” days, nobody cared about what you wore, how you applied concealer, or whether the selfie lighting was on point. No judging, no pressure, no social media.

That's how life and stress and anxiety go when you're a teenage girl: despite your external, your internal every day is tied to a device with access to just about everything. As you stare out, infinity stares back in – it's important that what it sees is curated. Perfect and flawless, no matter the cost. Please like, share and subscribe.

It's no wonder the kids these days are a little stressed. Can you blame them?

“I want my message to be noticed,” the Auburn Mountainview High School senior says of her campaign to help everyone stress less. “When more people are involved and more people are paying attention, things can really start to change.”

And who better to know that than Kaitlyn, a homegrown Auburn wunderkind.

Because for someone who has already accomplished more than most of us do in a lifetime, managing stress is a have to, not a want to. As the current Miss Auburn's Outstanding Teen, she's already making a name for herself as the sprightly, beaming force committed to community service; her sparking personality and impressive talents ensure everyone bears witness.

Kaitlyn's journey to pageant success didn't start overnight. In fact, it began when she was just six years old, inspired by her aunt's involvement in the pageant world. From the start, Kaitlyn was determined to learn the ropes and become a successful competitor herself. A few short years later, she was on her way, competing for outstanding teen awards across the region. Last year, she was crowned Miss Seattle, a major accomplishment for any young woman in the pageant circuit.

But for Kaitlyn, winning the crown was just the beginning. As a lifelong resident of Auburn, it's not the personal accomplishment that keeps things moving. It's the people

around her – her family, friends and classmates – that reinforce. “The city of Auburn has already given me so much,” she says. “There are so many skills I've picked up.”

And that commitment means sharing ways to combat a large negative in her life: stress and anxiety, sometimes both. What kind of stress? Every kind – the type that attacks your temples when there aren't enough hours in the day. The kind counting sheep can't topple. The kind enveloped around social media, embracing you like humidity.

The kind every kid can spot a mile away, especially the ones internalizing an outsized and global expectation. Which is why one of Kaitlyn's favorite methods is to visit local schools and work with students from elementary to high school on stressing less. They hear her story, and they make a friend – she encourages all of them to reach out to her if they need an extra set of ears.

She remembers one time after a speech, a young girl approached and asked if they could talk. She didn't have anyone in her life who would simply listen. No judgement, no criticism. Just listen. “That really made me cry,” Kaitlyn says. “That was very emotional.”

Not every stress-busting routine is the same, though. For Kaitlyn, her favorite tension-free tonic is music, particularly upbeat 80s hits. Or playing her ukulele with her dad.

She even writes her own love songs, a fact she doesn't share with ease. While she employs all the idiosyncrasies of her always-online generation – “that's so slay” and “bet” are common repertoire, and if you don't get it, then “OK, boomer” – she's also quite shy when the screens are away, and the conversations are analogue.

And yet, what 17-year-old girl isn't obsessed with love and heartache? One of her favorite tunes to practice on the ukulele – which she's self-taught, btw – is Jason Mraz's “I'm Yours,” a pop sensation released when she was just two years old.

“The things I've been able to find and learn have really helped me over the years,” she admits.



When she's not busy with her pageant duties, Kaitlyn is also a dedicated dancer, specializing in jazz. And like any typical teenager, she enjoys staying active and healthy, whether through yoga, working out, or meditation.

What's next for her in the pageant world is uncertain, but what's foreseeable is moving to Arizona, where she'll attend Arizona State University. That puts her closer to her mom and brother, the always-summer, and a business degree.

After that, she hopes to move back home – to Auburn – and start a coffee shop. Her dad, a baker by trade, can make the pastries.

Perhaps her ukulele will come as well. After all, who can be stressed when the caffeine is flowing, the sugar is rushing and the chords are soothing?

"That would be really exciting," Kaitlyn says of the plan. "Who wouldn't enjoy that?"

"The city of Auburn has already given me so much, there are so many skills I've picked up."



An Interview with Artist Allyce Wood

2023 Mary Olson Farm Artist in Residence



Allyce Wood weaving on her four-shaft loom in the studio.
All photos are courtesy of the artist

The City of Auburn and the Auburn Arts Commission are thrilled to welcome artist Allyce Wood to serve as the 2023 Mary Olson Farm Artist in Residence! This unique program was started in 2018, creating an opportunity for artists to draw inspiration from, and create artwork at, the beautiful setting of the Mary Olson Farm in Auburn, Washington. The residency lasts two months during June and July, providing the artist with a large indoor barn studio, a stipend, and access to the beautiful 67-acre farm.

For the program's sixth year, artist Allyce Wood was enthusiastically selected by a jury of panelists and City staff. Allyce Wood lives and works in Seattle and using digital and handmade processes, makes textiles with a focus on digital jacquard tapestries.

We had the pleasure of interviewing artist Allyce Wood to learn a bit more about her as an artist and her upcoming residency at the Mary Olson Farm:

What excites you most about being the Artist in Residence at the Mary Olson Farm?

There's so much I am excited about! I can tell this residency will be a very special experience for me. I was born and raised here in the Pacific Northwest and look forward to connecting with a site which aligns with elements of my family history and experiences of self-sufficiency.

As an artist and weaver, I am most excited to spend time in Mary Olson's dedicated weaving shed. It's sort of a dream space. Filled with objects from the original owners, I felt a sense of focus and possibility as soon as I stepped inside. Weaving is a process that balances meditative repetition with practical concentration; access to such a functional, beautiful workspace will support great weaving.

Can you please tell us about the artwork you are hoping to create during the residency?

I aim to create work that speaks to Olson's legacy, weaving in response to the traditional rag rugs they made as part of their industry and homemaking. This series of soft artworks will speak to our community's shared history and an unlimited future of woven potential.

My work tends to blend abstract imagery with recognizable symbols: elements like ribbons and native plant species inlaid on color gradients and misty patterns. This type of image-tapestry will be informed by the braided and woven textiles in the White River Valley Museum's archive, as well as my drawings of the Farm.

My hope is that my new weaves will speak to the specialness of this place and the continued traditions of women responsible for their own livelihoods, their ingenuity, and resourcefulness.

What is so special about this artist in residence opportunity compared to others?

There are many unique elements to the Mary Olson Farm residency: the beautiful site with its amazing views, the farm animals (!), and the freedom for artistic expression is all very special. One aspect that I'm particularly impressed by is the intimacy the program fosters between artist and artifact.

Being able to not just enter, but use the weaving shed as it was originally intended, is a very special privilege. The opportunity to connect with the White River Valley Museum and the Olson's preserved home is a rare thing; to have the chance to explore not just the rich exhibitions but view elements from the original site up close and personal has already taught me so much!

In what ways are you excited to engage with the community and share your artwork and processes with them?

As an artist I enjoy the chance to connect with others and share stories. There will be a few special events through this program that I am especially excited about, including the free weaving workshop, and the two open studio days in which the public is invited to come and see my work and chat about my influences and experiences.

How will your art practice will be informed and advanced by this opportunity?

I weave for a sort of softness, for connection, and to create stories bridging my experiences with those of generations past. In this instance, my work will be making a deeper and more personal connection to that past through the ephemera of Mary and Anna Olson and my own family lineage. It can be a vulnerable thing, to create and share work so close to myself, but it is something I have been interested in pursuing for a long time. I look forward to seeing how my concepts around continuation and legacy evolve.

To have the dedicated time to produce work, to experiment, and the space to take it all in will undoubtedly help my creative process and allow my work to make strides in unexpected directions. I am so excited to see where this opportunity takes me!

As the Artist in Residence, Wood will lead a variety of free public programs. Visitors to Mary Olson Farm will have the opportunity to meet Allyce Wood and experience and get a glimpse into her artistic inspiration and processes while viewing the beautiful farm with a whole different perspective!



2023 Artist in Residence Public Programming:

OPEN STUDIO DAYS

July 1 & July 29, 2023

The Mary Olson Farm Artist in Residence Allyce Wood will host two open studio days during her time on the Mary Olsen Farm as part of her residency. The artist was available to greet visitors, talk about her artwork in progress and techniques, and show examples of inspiration found during the residency.

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Thursday, July 13, Noon – 4 pm

Cardboard Loom Weaving: Learn the fundamental elements of weaving through the use of simple household tools! Visual artist Allyce Wood will guide you step by step in creating a unique tapestry of your own design, exploring texture effects, striping, and color blocks.

FINAL EXHIBITION:

WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM

September 20 – December 30, 2023

An opening reception and artist talk with the artist will take place on Wednesday, September 20th from 5-7 pm.

For more information about the artist Allyce Wood, please visit her website at www.allycewood.com

This art program is coordinated in partnership between the City of Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department and the White River Valley Museum, with the support of the Auburn Arts Commission.

come join in on the fun!

AUBURN AIRPORT DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023
10AM-4PM - AUBURN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

FIRST RESPONDERS

K9 & SWAT VRFA Airlift Northwest

FOOD TRUCKS



HELICOPTER RIDES

\$60 per person (2 person minimum)



Bring the whole family!

BOUNCY HOUSE



YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS

Free for ages 8-17 - Youth only



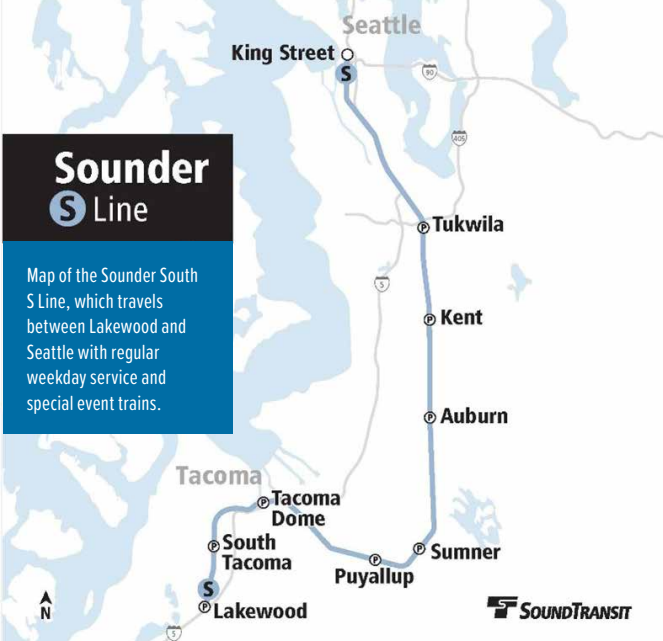
Register here:

<https://youngeaglesday.org?6128>

Pre-registration only - Free flights for first 200 registered!

AND MUCH MORE!





Picture of crowded platform at King Street Station in 2019



Picture of two riders standing next to a Sounder train

Envisioning a new future for Sounder South

In the last issue of this magazine, City of Auburn Communications Manager Jonathan Glover shared his exploration of the Sounder South train with you. He found that Sounder worked pretty well for his mid-morning trip to Tacoma though it lacked options for time of day. Sound Transit now has exciting news about Sounder – we’ll be updating our Strategic Plan this year, and considering whether to prioritize new trips, potentially including mid-day, evenings, or weekends.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, Sounder South (S Line) trips had high ridership during peak commuting periods - northbound to Seattle weekday mornings and southbound weekday afternoons - and we had every reason to think that trend would continue. Our Sounder South Strategic Plan, drafted in 2019, thus prioritized longer trains over potential new trips, to ensure we would have enough capacity to carry riders during rush hour.

Flash forward to 2023, and it’s clear the commuting patterns of 2019 have changed significantly, with more hybrid and work-from-home schedules reducing travel demand during peak periods.

This gives us an opportunity to take a look at reimagining Sounder South - can it serve more travel needs and types of trips? Whether that be the UW-Tacoma student who lives in Auburn, the Sumner warehouse employee commuting from Lakewood, the Kent resident with an appointment at Auburn Regional Medical Plaza, or the Puyallup family wanting to go to Pacific Science Center on the weekend

That’s why we will be updating the Sounder South Strategic Plan this year. Through research, peer comparisons, public outreach, and discussions with our partners at BNSF and WSDOT, we will consider whether potential additional trips should be prioritized over longer trains.

We’ll also evaluate whether any new trips could run mid-day, in the evenings, or on weekends, bearing in mind that any new trips or changes to the existing schedule require approval and negotiation with BNSF Railway, which owns most of the tracks Sounder operates on. Unlike with Link light rail, where Sound Transit owns the tracks and can run trains all day, adding a single Sounder trip is a significant expense.

“Public transportation projects are as much about planning for the future as meeting present needs,” said Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus. “I’m excited to hear more from the public and our partners about how we can better prioritize Sounder investments moving forward while ensuring it works for our Auburn residents and businesses.”

Stay tuned for public outreach later this year, where you can share your input about priorities for Sounder South. Sign up for updates at soundtransit.org/sounder-capacity.

In the meantime, don’t forget that Sounder serves select Mariners, Sounders FC, and Seahawks games. Upcoming trains include:

- Jun 24: Sounders FC vs. Orlando City SC
- Jul 2: Mariners vs. Tampa Bay Rays
- July 10: MLB Home Run Derby
- July 11: MLB All-Star Game
- July 16: Mariners vs. Detroit Tigers

Learn more and view schedules: soundtransit.org/how-to-ride

And remember all youth 18 and under now ride transit for free! Learn more at FreeYouthTransitPass.com.



Feature Capital Project:

Coal Creek Springs Transmission Main Replacement Project (CP1603)

Project Description:

About half of the City's potable water comes from Coal Creek Springs which is located in southeast Auburn near the White River and Game Farm Wilderness Park. A two-foot diameter transmission main conveys this water approximately two miles from Coal Creek Springs to the City's water treatment and storage facilities. This transmission main runs underground through Game Farm Wilderness Park, the White River, and then Game Farm Park on its way to the storage and treatment facility. This critical transmission main was originally built in the 1920s and most of it was replaced in the 1960s. However approximately 870 feet of pipe under the White River and in Game Farm Wilderness Park was never replaced and is reaching 100 years of age.

The Coal Creek Springs Transmission Main Replacement project will replace the section of pipe underneath the White River. This pipe would be extremely difficult or impossible to repair if it were to break. The City analyzed numerous alternatives to determine the best method to get the new pipe across the river including drilling underneath the river, digging a trench through the river bottom, lining the existing pipe, and installing a bridge over the river. In coordination with numerous government agencies, it was ultimately determined a bridge was the most viable option. Since the project is located over and next to the White River, a high priority for this project was to minimize the impacts to the river and shoreline. As part of this project, all large trees that are removed during construction will be placed at the edge of the river at a separate mitigation site to create fish habitat. The project will also plant new trees and native vegetation to restore any habitat along the river that is impacted by construction activities.

The bridge being located between Game Farm Park and Game Farm Wilderness Park presented a great opportunity to connect these two popular City parks

by constructing pedestrian facilities on top of the water utility bridge and extending the existing paved trail systems in both parks to connect to the bridge. The new transmission main will hang underneath the bridge walkway. The bridge will also provide flexibility for potential future utility connections across the river if needed.

Funding

The City has received a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to partially fund the design and construction of this project. This is a low interest loan administered by the Washington State Department of Health. This loan will be combined with City Water Utility and Parks Funds to fully fund the project as shown below:

\$3,935,000	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan
\$1,170,000	City of Auburn (sourced from City Water Fund)
\$210,000	City of Auburn (sourced from City Parks Fund)
\$5,315,000	Total Project Funds

Project Schedule

The project design is being finalized with construction anticipated to begin in Summer 2023 and be completed by Fall 2024.

Who to contact for more information?

For more information on this Project, please contact:

Seth Wickstrom, P.E., Project Engineer at 253-804-5034 or email at swickstrom@auburnwa.gov.

For information on all Capital Improvement Projects, please visit our website:

auburnwa.gov/city_hall/public_works/capital_projects

**Project Location
(Bridge Site)**

**Game Farm
Wilderness Park**

**Auburn Game
Farm Park**

**Transmission
Main**

AUBURN TRAFFIC ADVISORY - JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2023

EVENTS AND CONSTRUCTION THAT MAY CAUSE TRAFFIC DELAYS

Information is subject to change. For the latest information, visit auburnwa.gov.

To help with your summer travel plans, here are the dates for some of these major events that are expected to create significant impacts to transportation:

Sundays, June - September

Auburn Farmers Market | 10am-3pm

Les Gove Park, 1140 Auburn Way S

Please expect higher than normal traffic volumes surrounding the market location.



Sunday, June 18

Juneteenth Celebration | 12pm-5pm

Les Gove Park, 910 9th St SE

Please expect higher than normal traffic volumes surrounding Les Gove Park.

Friday, June 23

KidsDay | 11am-4pm

Les Gove Park, 910 9th St SE

Please expect higher than normal traffic volumes surrounding Les Gove Park.

Tuesday, July 4

Auburn's 4th of July Festival | 11am-4pm

Les Gove Park, 910 9th St SE

Please expect higher than normal traffic volumes surrounding Les Gove Park.

Saturday, July 8

Auburn Airport Day | 10am-4pm

Auburn Municipal Airport - 2143 E Street NE

Please expect higher than normal traffic volumes surrounding Auburn Municipal Airport.

Sun, Jul. 30 - Sun, Aug. 6

Paddle to Muckleshoot

Muckleshoot Reservation, 17300 SE 392nd St

Please expect higher than normal traffic volumes on Auburn Way South/SR164.

Friday, August 11

Almost 5k Poker Fun Run & Walk | 7pm-8:30pm

Les Gove Park, 1140 Auburn Way S

Please expect higher than normal traffic volumes surrounding Les Gove Park.

**For up-to-date
event information visit
auburnwa.gov/events**

The city is coordinating with the event venue's, the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and with King County to manage the traffic impacts as safely and efficiently as possible. Weekday events will cause the most significant traffic impacts and we recommend planning ahead for these dates if you are in the most impacted areas of the City along Auburn Way South. Additional information will be provided in advance of each event. To receive traffic alerts from the City of Auburn please register on the city website at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAAUBURN/subscriber/new>.

Pierce County will be painting City streets this Summer!

Please give plenty of room to the County Paint crews, and watch for wet paint signs. Roadway paint should dry in under 5 minutes depending on the weather. Please avoid changing lanes near any wet paint and it is against State Law to drive thru wet paint. If you do get paint on your vehicle, we suggest washing it off quickly because after about an hour it may be very difficult to remove. Crews will also be refreshing crosswalks, stopbars, and installing roadway reflectors. *Thank you for your patience!*



CONCERTS -

White River Amphitheatre

Expect higher than normal traffic volumes

06/30/23	Doors open at 5:00pm
07/06/23	Doors open at 3:30pm
07/08/23	Doors open at 5:30pm
07/09/23	Doors open at 4:30pm
07/15/23	Doors open at 6:30pm
07/16/23	Doors open at 5:00pm
08/01/23	Doors open at 5:30pm
08/04/23	Doors open at 6:00pm
08/05/23	Doors open at 5:00pm
08/20/23	Doors open at 5:30pm
08/22/23	Doors open at 4:00pm
08/26/23	Doors open at 5:30pm
09/20/23	Doors open at 4:30pm
09/23/23	Doors open at 6:00pm

*Gates may open 30 min. prior to scheduled times.
Concert shuttles will be provided on some concert nights from the Outlet Collection to the White River Amphitheatre.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

• 2023 Arterial Preservation (CP2233)

This project will replace concrete pavement panels on 8th Street NE between Harvey Road/M Street NE and R Street NE. Lane restrictions are necessary and traffic impacts are expected. It is anticipated that this work will begin in June.

• Auburn Way South Southside Sidewalks (CP2129)

This project will construct curb and gutter and sidewalk along the southside of Auburn Way South (SR-164) to connect sidewalk from Howard Road to Muckleshoot Plaza. Traffic impacts are expected in the eastbound direction of Auburn Way South. Construction is anticipated to begin in June.

• A Street Loop (CP2117)

This project will construct a new one-way (eastbound) roadway connection between A Street SW/S Division Street and A Street SE. Traffic impacts are expected in the southbound direction of A Street SE near the SR-18 overpass. Construction is anticipated to begin in July.

• Lake Tapps Pkwy/Sumner Tapps Hwy E Preservation (CP2231)

This project will preserve the roadway pavement along Lake Tapps Parkway/Sumner-Tapps Highway E from Lakeland Hills Way to 16th Street E (Auburn City limit). Lane restrictions are necessary and traffic impacts are expected. It is anticipated that this work will begin in August/September.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Participate in the Survey
and learn more:

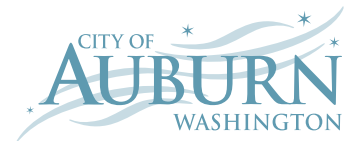


Scan QR Code, or visit
auburnwa.gov/ctp
For more information contact:
ctp@auburnwa.gov

Visit our booth at the Auburn Farmer's Market
Sunday, July 23, 2023 & Sunday, August 13, 2023



What will
Auburn look like
in 20 years?



WM Recycle Right Collection Event

WHAT

Free drop off for select recyclable items.
For residential customers who live within
the city limits of Auburn.

WHERE

Rainer Middle School
30620 116th AVE SE
Auburn, WA 98092

WHEN

Saturday, July 22, 2023
9 am - 3 pm*

*Or until trucks fill up

ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- **Clothing/Linens**
(any condition except wet)
- **Polystyrene Foam**
(blocks, carry out containers, cups, coolers and plates,
packing peanuts bagged or boxed - must be clean
and dry).
- **Electronics**
(computers, laptops, printers, cell phones, keyboards,
mice and microwaves, AV equipment)
- **Paper for Shredding**
(Limit one medium box of paper per person.)





Auburn's Director of Anti-Homelessness is Working His Way Out of a Job OR Working Yourself Out of a Job

The first thing you notice when talking to Kent Hay is what isn't there. There's no fluff, no beating around the bush and certainly no banality.

What is there is hard to crack. He's a man of few words, and the little said is hardly minced. He prefers action with proper planning and despises meandering. He has tools and he's going to use them; if you don't like it, that's between you and you.

And most importantly, he wants to end homelessness and he wants it done yesterday.

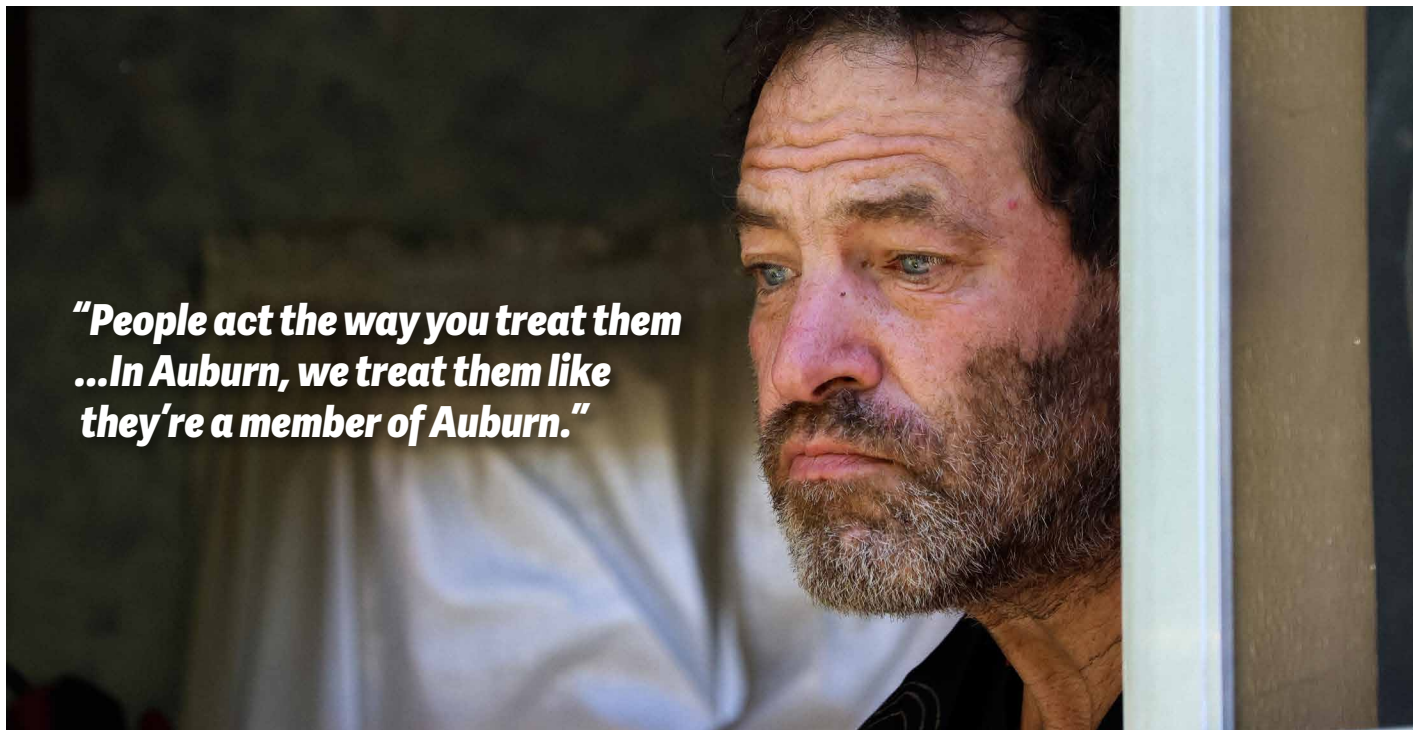
"We've made a lot of progress," he says while driving to a camp along Green River on King County property between Kent and Auburn. It's an exceptionally hot Friday morning and he's taking a group of service providers out to meet people staying outside and convince them to come inside. "People forget because it's still visible. Three years ago, compared to now, a lot has changed."

It certainly has. Kent laments when he first began working at the City of Auburn in the fledgling outreach program – then in May of 2020 as the administrator of the new department, and until just last month, as the Director of Anti-Homelessness – that he didn't document either through photos or videos what he found out there.

Three years ago, finding a camp in certain areas of the city was common. And certainly, in the vast forested areas surrounding the city, where a hodgepodge of confusing property boundaries keeps doing from being done.

But today, things are a bit different. As he takes a group of workers from We Care Daily Clinics and an outreach coordinator at Orion Industries on a tour of hotspots, the camps are few and far between. And the people who are there have heard of him. They know him well and there's a reason for that.

In contrast to prevailing nationwide outreach procedure – which tends to rely more on offering than forcing – Kent operates a bit differently. He prefers to offer services and help, and he does it habitually. He can be persistent. But when those services are declined and that help is rejected, then it's no longer an ask.



***"People act the way you treat them
...In Auburn, we treat them like
they're a member of Auburn."***

And sometimes that means employing accountability – like asking them to leave if they don't want to be a part of the community, he says. And sometimes that means using jail as a resource.

As a former probation counselor at Seattle Municipal Court and then an Outreach Program Administrator at the City of Redmond, Kent knows what it looks like when the criminal justice system and service providers work in tandem. Jail shouldn't and isn't the first option, but it must be on the tool belt. Because nobody gets a pass. Not when their life is on the line.

Kent knows that better than most. A few weeks ago on LinkedIn he shared the story of a man named Jeremy, who went from smoking 20-30 fentanyl pills a day to using powder because the pills weren't strong enough to meet the high he wanted to achieve.

Jeremy had kids and a fiancé who he loved and wanted to be with but his addiction was too strong. "This man was begging for his life," Kent wrote. "Begging, so that he could be in his daughter's life though he could not physically follow through no matter how much he wanted to."

Jeremy was eventually hospitalized and given strong antibiotics to fight infection spreading across his body due to the heavy drug use. Those were stolen and when Kent found him again weeks later, he was in horrible shape.

A few days later, Kent got a call from ICU nurse asking if he could "identify a male admitted to the hospital." When he arrived, he hardly recognized him – all his facial hair was gone, and the only way he knew it was Jeremy was by the tattoo on his hand of a pony and his daughter's name, and

the sores on his body. He was hooked up to machines cleaning his blood. He was in a coma.

An MRI later showed that in order to save his life, both of his legs and his "unicorn hand" would have to be amputated. That never happened because Jeremy died. "Shame on us for contributing to people's misery and death," Kent wrote. "These laws or lack thereof are killing people."

It's the stories like Jeremy's that keep Kent going. They're the ones that motivate him in the morning, when there's not much positive happening outside.

They're why when the temperature reaches 90 degrees on an unseasonably warm spring day, he's walking through the forest with a backpack and a plan. He's going to talk to everyone he sees – most he knows, some he doesn't. The couple sleeping surrounded by a wandering dog and a pile of garbage are going to know his name and they're going to hear the same talk every day, whether they want to or not. Same as the man on the side of the road darting through traffic holding up an orange traffic cone.

Is he single-handily going to fix homelessness? Nobody is that naïve. But you can bet it's going to tap out before he does.

"People ask me if I like my job, and I say no," he says, headed to the next camp, the next person staying outside. "There's nothing about my job I like. My job shouldn't exist. There's nothing nice about it."



White River Valley Museum History Spotlight: Diamond Mineral Springs

Naturally occurring springs have been tourist destinations in the United States since the early 1800s. Marketed as good for health and beauty, mineral and hot springs were advertised as valuable places for soaking. Water from springs was bottled and sold as a treatment for diseases and as a general health tonic. The springs craze lasted well into the 20th century – and in Washington state places like Sol Duc Hot Springs remain popular tourist stops on the peninsula.

South King County once boasted its own local mineral spring – Diamond Mineral Springs. Uncovered by Irish American farmer Thomas G. Spaight in 1904, the springs were located on his 80-acre cattle ranch located on the Green Valley road, nine miles east of Auburn and four miles from Black Diamond. Water testing at Washington State University confirmed the spring waters contained small amounts of dissolved minerals and gasses, impurities which would inspire the name of the business. Diamond Mineral Springs was named for sparks in the water when it was ignited. The phenomenon was due to underground sources of methane gas that similarly created the nearby Flaming Geyser, which was also a popular tourist resort.

The springs reportedly flowed 800 gallons in 24 hours. Spaight built a steam-powered bottling operation on the property and began to market the mineral water as a treatment for a variety of ailments including rheumatism, liver problems, and catarrh, an archaic term for nose and sinus congestion. They sold water as individual bottles and also in pressurized seltzer bottles for sparkling water. At a time of increased development in the region, Spaight was able to capitalize on the services of the railroads to transport goods and people. The ranch became a prominent recreation area in King County, operating as a resort from 1914 to 1921. Spaight built a dance hall, tents, tennis courts, and other resort amenities on the property which attracted picnickers and other visitors from as far away as Seattle.

Athletics and outdoor recreation was an important part of the activity at Diamond Mineral Springs. The Springs built a baseball diamond and sponsored a baseball team, a common practice for successful local businesses. The resort was also the destination of a 1915 bicycle race sponsored by Adolph Jorgenson, owner of the Crescent Machine Shop in Auburn. The race began on Division Street in downtown Auburn, went down Green Valley

Road, and ended at Diamond Mineral Springs.

Although Thomas G. Spaight died in 1926, the beverage business continued under his son Thomas Spaight, Jr. The property stayed in family hands until the late 1960s when it was divided into residential plats. Nearby Flaming Geyser was preserved as part of Flaming Geyser State Park, though the pocket of methane that helped create the spectacular effects of the area's springs has been largely depleted.

White River Valley Museum

918 H Street SE, behind the Auburn Library

Open Wednesday – Sunday, Noon – 4PM

Admission is FREE!

Wrvmuseum.org

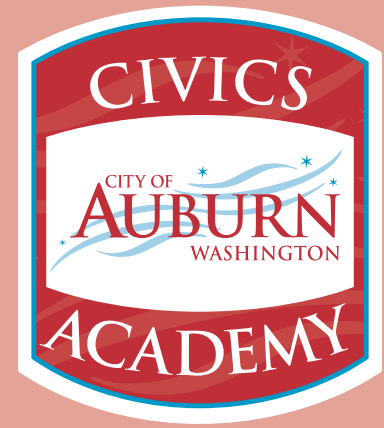


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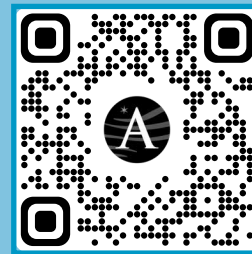
City of Auburn Government

THURSDAYS: 6 PM – 8:30 PM | SATURDAYS 9 AM – 12 NOON

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.



**Fall 2023 registration
will open July 3**



TO APPLY

Scan QR Code

OR VISIT

[auburnwa.gov/
civicsacademy](http://auburnwa.gov/civicsacademy)



Benefits

- 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.
- Learn about boards, committees, and commissions and how to join them.
- Provide feedback to the city regarding municipal services.
- Connect with other residents, students and/or business owners in this interactive and dynamic class.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you have barriers that would prevent you from attending Civics Academy we offer financial aid.

For more info contact:

Chris Lovings
Neighborhood Programs Coordinator
clovings@auburnwa.gov
253-876-1988

Thank you for giving Auburn a bit of Spring cleaning!

The City of Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department would like to give a huge and sincere thank you to the volunteers that donated their time and support during Auburn's 2023 Clean Sweep in celebration of Earth Day. We are extremely grateful for your hard work and energy to help beautify and clean up our streets and parks.

Over 450 individuals from community groups, service clubs, businesses, faith-based organizations, scout troops, schools, social service agencies, families and individual citizens volunteered to help beautify Auburn.

This year, our amazing volunteers worked on 18 projects across 16 separate sites. With the help of Auburn Parks Maintenance, volunteers spread hundreds of yards of

beautify bark, woodchips, and mulch around Auburn parks. Volunteers led by the Auburn Garden Club and WSU Master Gardeners, planted hundreds of flowers around town. Volunteers down Main Street spruced up the flowerpots, groups around town picked up litter, beautification projects were completed, and hundreds of yards of invasive plants were removed from parks.

We love our community and are grateful for your willingness to volunteer. We are in awe of your community spirit, pride and dedication to Auburn.

We strive to make these community volunteer events valuable to participants and beneficial to the community. Thank you again for your work to beautify Auburn.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Tuesday, August 1, 2023



It's back this summer and better than ever – get ready for National Night Out in the City of Auburn! National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie while making our city a more caring place to live. The event takes place each year on the first Tuesday in August.

Join thousands of neighborhoods nationwide and numerous communities across Auburn for the 40th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1. 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, staff, and police.

The goal is simple: get better acquainted with neighbors and promote a more connected Auburn.

If your neighborhood will be hosting an event, register online at auburnwa.gov/nno before Friday July 14 to receive promotional items such as postcard invitations, flyers, bookmarks, and an event banner free of charge to help promote your event. Events that register prior to the July 14 deadline can also request a City representative to make an appearance at your event to meet community in your neighborhood and connect with residents.

Auburn's NNO event is a part of a larger National effort to build up community and increase connectedness. Learn more about National Night Out at natw.org.

Get Ready to Rec n Roll!

The parks department will be bringing back the Rec n Roll program this summer! The Rec n Roll van will be pulling up to parks and elementary schools around the City of Auburn.

Staff will set up exciting games, activities, and crafts for children. Due to last year's success, we have added an additional six locations, as well as two more weeks of programming!

The Rec n Roll van will be at a different location Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., from June 26 to Sept. 1. A full schedule of locations can be found or by visiting auburnwa.gov/recnroll.

Rec n Roll will be visiting all parts of Auburn to bring a fun, camp-like experience to all parts of the community. Each week will have a unique theme that activities will revolve around. Themes include water play, sports, science, art, and physical activity. Concepts will be taught and explored through hands-on activities, crafts, and demonstrations. Children also will be able to learn from guest instructors and presenters. In addition to the structured activities, there will be plenty of free play opportunities.

There is no registration required for the program. Just show up to any of the locations and play! Rec n Roll is geared towards elementary aged children. The parks and recreation staff are looking forward to seeing you at the Rec n Roll program this summer! For more information about the Rec n Roll program visit auburnwa.gov/recnroll, call 253-931-3043 or email play@auburnwa.gov.



FREE!
10AM - 2PM

**Rec n Roll Mobile
Recreation Program**

FREE!
10AM - 2PM

The Rec n Roll program brings recreation to you! Throughout the summer, the Rec n Roll van will visit several different parks and schools across Auburn. Parks staff will lead various games, sports, and craft activities.

June 26-30

- M** Auburndale Park
- T** Lea Hill
- W** Washington Elementary
- Th** Brannan
- F** Shaughnessy

July 10-14

- M** Terminal Park
- T** Lea Hill
- W** Dick Scobee
- Th** Les Gove
- F** Game Farm

July 24-28

- M** Cedar Lanes
- T** Lea Hill
- W** Indian Tom
- Th** Brannan
- F** Dorothy Bothell

August 7-11

- M** Terminal Park
- T** Lea Hill
- W** Washington Elementary
- Th** Brannan
- F** Shaughnessy

August 21-25

- M** Cedar Lanes
- T** Lea Hill
- W** Auburndale Park
- Th** Brannan
- F** Game Farm

July 3-7

- M** Holiday - No Program
- T** Holiday - No Program
- W** Evergreen Heights
- Th** Indian Tom
- F** Sunset Park

July 17-21

- M** Fulmer
- T** Lea Hill
- W** Dykstra
- Th** Gaines Park
- F** Shaughnessy

July 31-August 4

- M** Fulmer
- T** Lea Hill
- W** Evergreen Heights
- Th** Les Gove
- F** Game Farm

August 14-18

- M** Fulmer
- T** Lea Hill
- W** Dykstra
- Th** Gaines Park
- F** Sunset Park

Aug 28-Sept 1

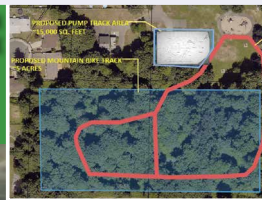
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CITY OF AUBURN | CEDAR LANES PARK
PUMP TRACK & MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK



PROPOSED MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK



PROPOSED PUMP TRACK



A park so nice you'll want to bike it twice

The Bike Skills Zone at Cedar Lanes Park is well on its way with construction this spring of 3 skills areas and a flow track. The three skills areas include a Drop-Zone with four “drops” of varying difficulty and a one-way return track. The second skills area includes Skinnies for riders to practice bike control and maneuvering through technical terrain. The final skills area is a jump track that offers a series of jumps and tabletops for varying skill levels and a pump trail to practice technical maneuvering over rollers and berms. The final element of this phase of the skills park is the flow track that is a dirt, single track that flows through the park outside the existing paved pedestrian track.

The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance for construction of the skills park. This is phase one in a multifaceted park improvement project that will also include construction of an asphalt pump track, a restroom facility and a picnic shelter. Use of the phase one skills park will kick off with an opening day event on Saturday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Summer programming will be offered at the park beginning the end of June with summer camp offerings, field trips and a twice weekly **FREE** program, Summer Ride at Cedar Lanes. Summer Ride will offer drop-in instruction and activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m., July 11 through August 17. This **FREE** program is offered in partnership with Cycle Therapy and is open to youth of all ages; bikes and helmets will be available for check-out. Staff will be on hand to provide instruction and programming for youth ages two-and-half and up. A daily sign-in is required and a parent or guardian must remain on site.

In addition to the programming that is offered at the bike park, the skills park is open to the public to ride and enjoy during regular park hours. The bike park is a unique amenity in our Park system. Mountain Biking offers people of all ages an exciting sport that promotes healthy activity and social emotional learning, leadership development and environmental stewardship.

Auburn Country, let's ride!

Bike Safe, Every Time

Bicycling is a great way to commute, exercise, or just have fun. And if you're a cyclist, it's important to ride responsibly, take safety seriously, and remember that all states require bicyclists to follow the same rules of the road as motorists.

Helmets

Every bike ride should begin with putting on a properly-fitted bike helmet. Cyclists wearing helmets reduce their risk of head injury by an estimated 60% and brain injury by 58%. That statistic makes sense when you consider the first body part to fly forward in a collision is usually the head, and with nothing but skin and bone to protect the brain, the results can be fatal.

Helmets must meet federal safety standards and should fit securely. Before you ride, take the helmet fit test:

Eyes: Put the helmet on your head and look up. You should see the bottom rim of the helmet. You can also put two fingers above your eyebrow, the helmet should touch your fingers.

Ears: Make sure the straps form a 'V' under your ears with the adjuster at the bottom of the 'V.'

Mouth: Tighten the chin strap for a snug fit. Open your mouth as wide as you can. Does the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten the straps.

There were 938 bicyclist fatalities in 2020 according to the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration. Most of these fatalities involved a collision with a vehicle. Both bicyclists and motorists can take steps to prevent these incidents.

Safe Riding

- Buy a bike that fits you correctly and know your bike's capabilities
- Check your bike often to be sure that the brakes work well, the gears shift smoothly, tires are properly inflated, the seat is adjusted correctly, and your reflectors are secure
- Ride in the same direction as traffic, just like a vehicle on the road

- Ride single-file and watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Obey traffic signs, signals, and lane markings; signal all turns, and follow local laws
- Be predictable; ride in a straight line and use hand signals when changing lanes or turning
- Stay focused; look ahead for traffic and obstacles in your path
- Be visible: wear bright colors, reflective materials, and use lights on your bicycle at night
- A horn or bell and a rear-view mirror are great additions
- Stay alert and put electronic devices away
- Children should only ride in good weather and during the day. They should stay on sidewalks and paths – not roads – until at least age 10

Tips for Motorists

- Pass bicycles on the road with care; allow at least three feet of clearance
- Look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space
- Yield to bicyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals
- Look for bicyclists before making turns
- Respect designated bicycle lanes; they should not be used for parking, passing, or turning

The Valley Regional Fire Authority has a limited number of free bike helmets available thanks to a grant from the Auburn Fire Medic Campaign. Call 253-288-5800 or email at info@vrfa.org for more information.





K9 Unit: Welcome Apollo

K9s, also known as police dogs, have long been a crucial component of law enforcement in the United States. These highly trained animals assist officers in a variety of tasks such as detecting narcotics, tracking suspects, and apprehending criminals. In Auburn, K9s have played a critical role in keeping the community safe, and the recent addition of a new K9 named Apollo has further strengthened the team.

On January 26, the Auburn Police Department (APD) welcomed a 16-month-old shepherd from the Czech Republic into their ranks. Officer Andrew Bryant and Apollo graduated handler school on April 27 and are now an integral part of the team, which already consists of two other K9s named Dexter and Ike. Apollo, Dexter, and Ike are all considered “generalist” patrol dogs and are utilized for tracking suspects, locating evidence, and handler protection. They also have a Lab named Ginger who is a drug dog and owned by the DEA.

“Whether searching for evidence or suspects, K9s greatly enhance the ability of law enforcement to keep our community safe,” said Chief Mark Caillier.

Keep the community safe” feels like an exact repeat of Chief’s quote immediately prior to this. Maybe “The addition of Apollo to the APD K9 team is doing just that - keeping the community safer. These skilled dogs can perform tasks that would be impossible for a human officer alone. Each K9 must successfully complete an initial 400 hours of training and maintain accreditation through the Washington State Police K-9 Association.

APD takes great care to ensure that their K9s are always trained and ready for duty. The K9s provide an added layer of protection for officers, which allows them to do their jobs more effectively and with greater confidence.





Free Outdoor Summer Fitness is coming to Auburn Parks this July!

Free Fitness in the Park is back this summer with new classes and locations! Join the team of instructors from Auburn Community Fitness for two free class options in the month of July. Pre-registration is not required, sign in with the instructor when you arrive.

Beginning Wednesday, July 5 we'll offer Yoga Flow at Sunset Park from 7 to 8 p.m. This introductory Yoga class is appropriate for all fitness levels. Bring your mat and enjoy the summer evening in the park with a relaxing Yoga practice. Yoga will run July 5 through 26.

Then, join us Thursday mornings at the City Hall Plaza for QiGong and Tai Chi. These movements are practiced in a slow, focused manner with deep breathing. It is a self-paced program of gentle, physical exercise and stretching that improves, balance, stability and flexibility. Beginners are welcome! QiGong and Tai Chi will be offered on Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m., July 6 through 27.

For more information on Free Fitness in the Park and all of the Auburn Community Fitness programs, visit www.auburnwa.gov/fitness.

Looking for ways to give back?

The Auburn Senior Activity Center is looking for volunteers. Several opportunities are available.



Shifts range from 1-5 hours per shift. Opportunities are available once a week to twice a week to once monthly. There is something to fit all schedules, Mondays thru Fridays. The Senior Activity Center is starting to return to pre-covid attendance numbers, which is great news. This also means we need to increase our number of volunteers to meet the demand.

We are recruiting now to fill several open positions. Whether you are interested in becoming a new volunteer or are a returning volunteer, we'd love to have you. All interested need to apply either electronically www.governmentjobs.com/careers/auburn/jobs/3063451/volunteer-senior-center or paper applications can be picked up at the Senior Center.

Immediate Needs

Kitchen Volunteer: Volunteers assist staff with preparing food (approximately 40-60 meals a day), serving food, dish washing, set-up, and clean-up. All positions require a food handler's permit. Ability to be on your feet and lifting/bending. Volunteer commitment can be 1-5 days a week. Shifts ranging from 1-4 hours or once a month for Special Events.

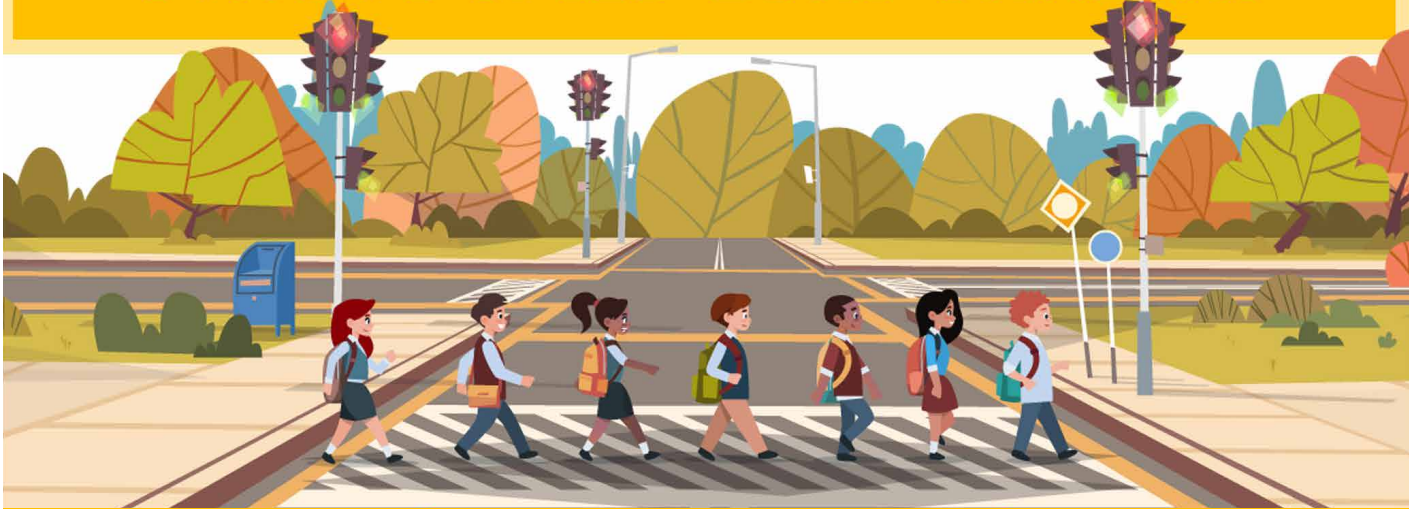
Respite/Adult Day Care: Assist staff in providing companionship, activity support and assistance to participants and families.

Coffee Barista: Assists in running the Coffee Bar including preparing/selling drinks and snacks, refilling supplies, and maintaining a clean workspace and lobby area. Registers and orients newcomers, provides a listening ear, etc. Must be very social, outgoing, and friendly.

For questions or additional details

Call 253-931-3016 or contact Rocky Kirwin at rkirwin@auburnwa.gov.

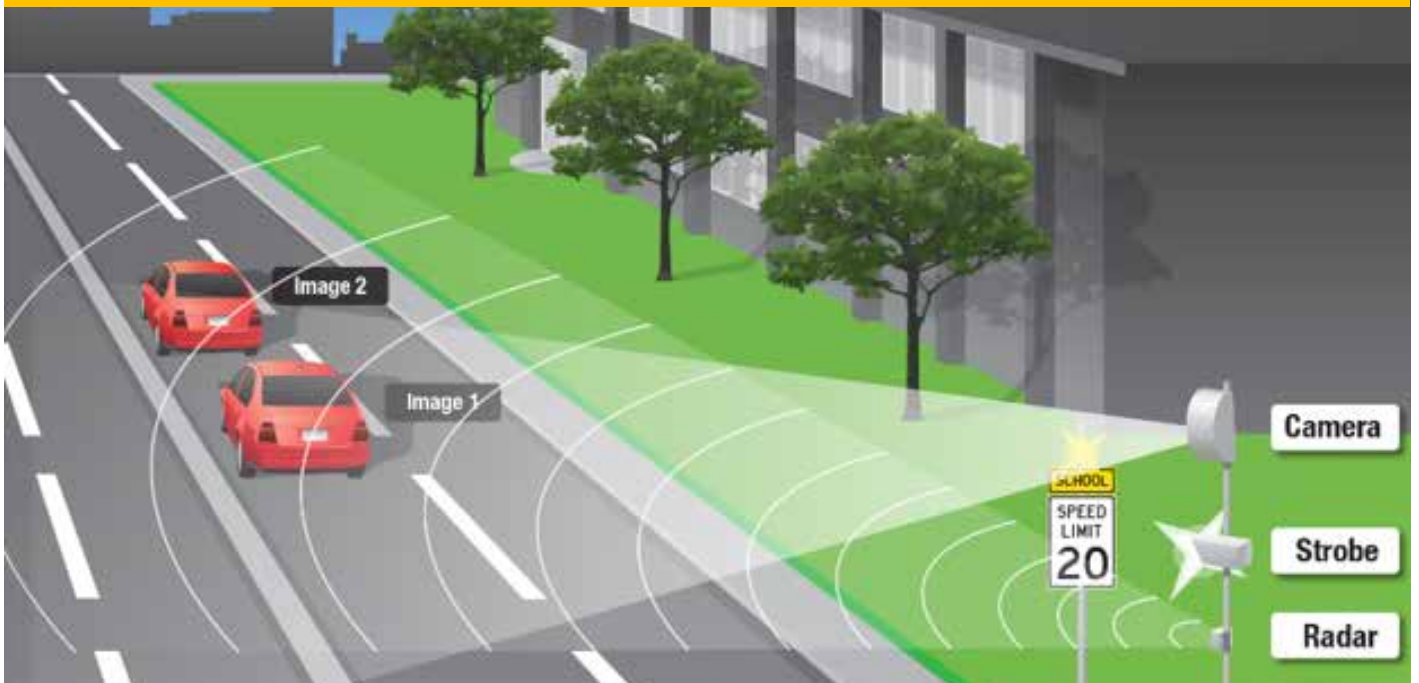
Photo Enforcement: School Speed Zones



To help bring awareness and improve student safety, the City of Auburn installed school speed zone cameras near some schools, which started issuing warning notices on April 17th, 2023.

On May 17th, 2023, the cameras began issuing **\$200 tickets for speed infractions.**

Remember to slow down and respect the 20 MPH speed limit during the times the school zone flashers are on and look out for children.



**SLOW DOWN!
PUT KIDS FIRST**



More information about the program and locations:

Scan QR Code, or visit:
auburnwa.gov/photoenforcement

Upcoming Events

Saturdays & Sundays, June 17-August 13 | 11am-4pm

MARY OLSON FARM SUMMER OPEN HOURS

MOF | wrvmuseum.org/the-farm

It's a park and a landmark! Take your family to the Mary Olson Farm this summer. It's the perfect location to take in a little history, have a picnic, and feel far away from the modern world. Admission is **FREE**.

Sundays, through September 17 | 10am-3pm

AUBURN FARMERS MARKET

LG PARK | 253-931-3043 | auburnfarmersmarket.org

The Market provides a convenient venue for local farmers and artisans to provide access to healthy, fresh, locally sourced food and products to area residents. The Market serves as a vibrant gathering place where visitors can enjoy live entertainment, gardening presentations, cooking demos, fresh fruits, veggies, flowers, crafts and more!

Tuesday, July 4 | 11am-4pm

AUBURN'S 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

LG PARK | 253-931-3043 | auburnwa.gov/events

Celebrate our country's birthday at Les Gove Park in Auburn. This hometown event features live entertainment on two stages, numerous inflatable rides and other children's attractions including a climbing wall, euro-bungy trampolines, trackless train rides, pony rides and more. The event also includes a car show, laser tag, mini golf, over 40 craft artists, food concessions, a spray park and much more! There's something for everyone! The naturally shaded park will keep you cool during the afternoon. Purchase a \$10 wristband for unlimited rides/attractions. Festival entry and entertainment is **FREE**.

EVENT LOCATIONS

ACEC	Auburn Community & Event Center, 910 9th St SE
AMA	Auburn Municipal Airport, 2143 E St NE
APAC	Auburn Performing Arts Center, 702 4th St NE
ART	Auburn Riverside Theatre, 501 Oravetz Road
GFP	Game Farm Park, 3030 R St SE
GOLF	Auburn Golf Course - Bogey's Public House Banquet Room, 29630 Green River Rd SE
GRCC	Green River College - Student Affairs Building (Cascade Hall)
LG GYM	Les Gove Gymnasium, 910 9th St SE
LG PARK	Les Gove Park, 910 9th St SE
MOF	Mary Olson Farm, 28728 Green River Rd SE
TTAM	The Theatre at Auburn Mountainview 28900 124th Avenue SE



4TH OF JULY
Festival

**TUESDAY
JULY 4**

11am-4pm
Les Gove Park
910 Ninth Street SE

\$10
WRISTBAND
=
UNLIMITED
RIDES

CITY OF
AUBURN
WASHINGTON

Tuesday, July 4 | 11am-4pm
AUBURN'S 4TH OF JULY CAR SHOW

LG PARK | 253-931-3043 | auburnwa.gov/events

The Car Show is held in conjunction with Auburn's 4th of July Festival. **FREE** dash plaque to first 200 paid participants. Awards in 15 categories. Festival features live entertainment on two stages, children's activities (inflatable rides, train rides, pony carousels, rock wall and more!), food vendors, over 75 vendors, bocce, spray park and much more. \$10 in advance or \$20 on event day.

Wednesdays, July 5-26 | Sunset Park | 7-8pm
Thursdays, July 6-27 | City Hall Plaza | 10-11am

FREE OUTDOOR SUMMER FITNESS

More information at auburnwa.gov/fitness

Join the Auburn Community Fitness Team for four weeks of **FREE** fitness classes in the park! Try out Yoga Flow on Wednesdays at Sunset Park; bring your yoga mat for an hour-long evening class that is appropriate for all fitness levels. Then, join us on Thursday mornings at the City Hall Plaza for Tai Chi and QiGong. These classes offer slow movements to focus on balance, stability, and relaxation. Pre-registration is not required; daily sign in is required.

Saturday, July 8 | 10am-4pm

AUBURN AIRPORT EVENT DAY

AMA PARK | 253-333-6821 | auburnmunicipalairport.com

Come learn more about aviation and the Auburn Airport at this **FREE** event while enjoying great food, great company and the chance to be up close and personal with the people, planes and helicopters that make flight possible. Register for a Young Eagles flight online in advance to be one of 200 kids (ages 8 – 17) to fly for **FREE**. We look forward to seeing you!



Wednesday, July 12-August 16 | 12pm
KIDS SUMMERSTAGE

LG PARK | 253-931-3043 | auburnwa.gov/events

Exciting performances designed just for kids! This 'kid-approved' series is enjoyable for wee ones through tweens! Pack a lunch and enjoy the amenities Les Gove Park has to offer, including a state-of-the-art playground and a refreshing spray park, a paved walking trail, the White River Valley Museum, the Auburn Library and more! This entertainment series will be held at the park shelter beside the Discovery Playground.

July 12	Reptile Isle
July 19	Louie Foxx's One Man Side Show
July 26	Eric Ode
August 2	Eric Herman and the Puppy Dogs
August 9	Matt Baker's Comedy Stunt Show
August 16	The Magic of Jeff Evans

Thursdays, July 13-August 17 | 6:30-8pm

SUMMER SOUNDS

LG PARK | 253-931-3043 | auburnwa.gov/events

The perfect summer entertainment series the whole family will enjoy! Pack up a picnic blanket and dinner and enjoy the various performances. The series will be held at the parks shelter beside the Discovery Playground.



July 13	Slim Wizzy – Country, Blues & Rock
July 20	Ranger and The Re-Arrangers – Hot Club Swing
July 27	Michael Powers – Contemporary Instrumental Music
August 3	Auburn Symphony Brass Quintet
August 10	Kim Archer Band – Local singer song writer
August 17	Wally & The Beavs – Rock 'n' Roll Classics

MARY OLSON FARM

LUSIO LIGHTS FESTIVAL

*festival of light, art, and
sound for all ages*

**AUGUST 18 & 19
7-11PM**



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Friday, July 28 | 7pm
Saturday, July 29 | 2pm
Saturday, July 29 | 7pm
Sunday, July 30 | 2pm

AUBURN COMMUNITY JR. PLAYERS:

JUNIE B, JONES JR.

ART | Tickets: 253-931-3043 or auburnwa.gov/theater
Regular: \$16, Student/Senior: \$12

Laugh yourself silly with Junie B. Jones in this hilarious Broadway Junior adaptation of Barbara Park's beloved series. Join Junie B. on her first day of first grade, where many changes are in store: Junie's best friend Lucille has found new best friends - and Junie B. makes friends with Herb, the new kid at school. While in Mr. Scary's class, Junie has trouble reading the blackboard — and she may need glasses. Add in a friendly cafeteria lady, an intense kickball tournament and a "Top-Secret Personal Beeswax Journal," and first grade has never been more exciting.

Fridays, July 28, August 4 & August 11

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

Various parks in Auburn | 253-931-3043 | auburnwa.gov/events

A **FREE** outdoor movie on a 50' inflatable movie screen make Friday nights in Auburn a real treat for the whole family! Movies start at dusk. *Lea Hill and Les Gove Park events sponsored in part by King County Parks.*

July 28	Lea Hill Park, 12305 SE 316th St Movie: Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG)
August 4	Sunset Park, 1306 69th St SE Movie: Turning Red (PG)
August 11	Les Gove Park, 910 9th St SE 6:30pm: Catch A Wave - Disneyland's preferred Beach Boys Tribute Band 7pm: 'Almost 5K' Poker Fun Run Movie: Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13)

Friday, August 11 | 7pm

ALMOST 5K POKER FUN RUN & WALK

LG PARK | 253-931-3043 | auburnwa.gov/events

The Almost 5K Poker Fun Run & Walk is an easy run around Les Gove Park. This fun run will utilize the big loop at Les Gove Park. Five loops around is "almost" a 5K (short of a 5K by 1,138 feet). For each lap around the loop, participants will stop, choose a card, and try to get the best poker hand with the five cards drawn. The route is flat, easy and enjoyable for all ages and ability levels. Registrants with the highest poker hands in each age category will win a fun prize! Register early for a discounted registration fee — just \$12 if registered before July 14! Early registration includes a t-shirt and medal.



August 18 & 19 | 7-11pm

LUSIO LIGHT FESTIVAL

MOF | lusiolight/events

Experience the Mary Olson Farm like never before. Dozens of incredible artists will illuminate the Farm with spectacular and interactive light art. Part light event, part family-friendly dance party, LUSIO will amaze and delight all! Details at wrvmuseum.org.

Friday, August 25 | 7 pm

Saturday, August 26 | 2 pm

Sunday, August 27 | 2 pm

AUBURN COMMUNITY JR. PLAYERS: THE MANY DISGUISES OF ROBIN HOOD

TTAM | Tickets: 253-931-3043 or auburnwa.gov/theater
All Tickets: \$12

In merry ol' England, the townspeople are overtaxed and overwhelmed. Luckily, the mysterious outlaw Robin Hood is giving them hope by stealing from the rich and giving to the poor. With many clever disguises, Robin continually tricks the greedy sheriff of Nottingham, his nasty daughter, Luciana, and the evil Prince John. Among the disguises is a minstrel costume to steal Prince John's silver plates and excellent cook. Robin also dresses as an old man and enters the archery contest to win the golden arrow. When a young girl from Nottingham joins Robin's band of outlaws, she discovers Robin's secret: Robin Hood is actually a woman. Eventually, Robin needs her merry band of outlaws and her childhood friend, the brave Maid Marian, to use all of their quarterstaves, swords, arrows and wits to save her from the gallows.

Saturday, September 16 | 12-6pm

HOPS & CROPS MUSIC AND BEER FESTIVAL

MOF | wrvmuseum.org/hopsandcrops

Fun, sun, music, and brews! This 21 and up event is a South Sound favorite with live bands, dozens of beers to taste, and the most 'chill' beer festival experience in the region. Tickets go on sale in June – buy yours early for a discount! Details at wrvmuseum.org.



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FREE **OUTDOOR** **SUMMER** **FITNESS**

WEDNESDAYS
July 5th-26th

7:00 PM | Sunset Park - Yoga

This introductory Yoga class is appropriate for all fitness levels. Bring your mat and enjoy the summer evening in the park with a relaxing Yoga practice.

THURSDAYS
July 6th-27th

10:00 AM | City Hall Plaza
QiGong/Tai Chi

QiGong & Tai Chi consist of movements that are practiced in a slow, focused manner with deep breathing. It is a self-paced program of gentle, physical exercise and stretching that improves, balance, stability, and flexibility.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
auburnwa.gov/fitness