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**Auburn Municipal Airport**  
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253-333-6821

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808 9th St SE  
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1101 D St NE (HeadQs)  
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**Council Study Sessions** are held on the second and fourth Monday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Meetings can be viewed live at [auburnwa.gov/gatv](http://auburnwa.gov/gatv).



## Dear Auburn Magazine Readers,

First, I want to thank everyone who attended either in person or online, our State of the City address this year. The attendance was among the highest it's ever been and it's always so great to see so many of you engaged in local politics and ready to hear a progress report on our great city. We were able to share so much in just a little over an hour. If you didn't get the chance to attend or watch, you can read the full transcript and watch our videos at [auburnwa.gov/sotc](http://auburnwa.gov/sotc).

A lot has happened since the last Auburn Magazine found its way to your mailboxes in late December, and so much to come. Those who've lived here a while know – we're about to enter the busy season for Auburn area events! We've got Clean Sweep right around the corner in April, Petpalooza (May), the Farmers Market (June - September), Kids Day (June), and more. Before you know it, the flowers will start sprouting, the leaves will turn green, and our outdoors will be filled with the beauty of all it and of you.

In this issue, our Parks staff share the heartwarming story of the Pioneer Bike Club – an important after-school program for Pioneer Elementary School students. It not only teaches kids how to learn to ride a bike, but also how to gain life-long friends.

Our White River Valley Museum gets to brag a bit about being chosen as one of 24 museums in the nation to attend the Racial Justice and Museums Convening, a program developed by the Smithsonian Institute that's held in Minnesota in April. This prestigious invite is thanks in no small part due to the diverse and interesting histories the museum covers each and every day in our exhibits and public programs. One such exhibit still on display is called "Where Castoffs Go to Heal and Grow: The Art of Marita Dingus." It features 40 pieces spanning her long career, where she reflects on what it means to see black faces in historic spaces where they've traditionally been excluded.

In this issue we're also sharing some information about the Auburn Avenue Theater, and its planned demolition later this spring. By the time you read this, it's possible it's already happened – that's how quickly things are moving! As I mentioned at our State of the City, the demolition is very bittersweet for me. So many fond memories of times spent at that theater.

And lastly, our cover story this issue is about Z Street Coffee, a wonderful local brewing company run by Jeff and Diane Pechacek. This amazing couple swooped in just in the nick of time after our Senior Activity Center found itself in a bind in February 2023, when the center's longtime lunch vendor began longer providing coffee for our seniors. Out of the goodness of their hearts, Jeff and Diane filled the gap immediately. And they didn't charge a dime. I really hope you stop and take a moment to read this uplifting story about Auburn companies helping Auburn neighbors!

Thank you for reading our magazine and thank you for calling Auburn home. I hope you find a story within these pages that speaks to you, brings you joy and a sense of belonging, and I hope you're already looking for our next issue in the summer!

**With warm regards,**

*Nancy Backus*



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# Learning lifelong lessons at Pioneer Bike Club

*By Jonathan Glover, Communications Manager*

Some things in life are never forgotten. When it comes to a seat, handlebars, pedals, two wheels and a chain, a sense of balance and momentum -- a childlike wonder transitions into adult fascination, ubiquitous with longevity. After all, anything can be like riding a bike. Especially the exact thing.

Just ask the peppy group of 3rd through 5th graders at Pioneer Elementary School, who soon this spring, will spend several afternoons a week riding the trails, bumps and curves of Cedar Lanes Bike Park. It's all part of the City of Auburn's Pioneer Bike Club, an after-school program meant to not only give kids something to do after school, but also teach them how to ride. And how to ride well.

"It means happiness," said 8-year-old Obed, who minutes earlier was winding his way down a tricky s-curve.

The program is funded through a King County Youth Sport Grant. The KCYSPG supports additional free bike programming at Cedar Lanes including: Summer Ride program, REC Riders, Pedal Power Learn-to-Ride program for the Auburn School District ECEAP Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten and community events.

Cedar Lanes Park – tucked away in South Auburn behind homes and aptly named elementary school – is a unique combination of native woodland, well-kept lawn, and lively playground. Dominating the landscape for many months, a multi-phase, under-construction bike park, set to be finished in the spring.

The bike park includes a new bike skills park, constructed by the City of Auburn in partnership with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance. The clever system of trails and skills courses blend masterfully with the bushy green and dense foliage. If you didn't know what it was, you'd assume it had always been there.

Phase one was completed last summer, with phase two – the pump track set to open in April. And then, a new restroom facility and picnic shelter later this summer.



## How to sign up?

At this time, Bike Club is open Pioneer Elementary School students only. Online sign up information is provided to 3rd-5th grade teachers to share with their students. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Check out the rest of the Bike Program lineup this Spring at [auburnwa.gov/bike](http://auburnwa.gov/bike)

## Where?

Online registration only, online forms are available in multiple languages

## Who to contact?

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Along the same time as the park's new bike course, the City of Auburn premiered the Pioneer Bike Club, featuring about 40 kids from Pioneer Elementary. Staff meet with kids at school and then walk them to the park each day of the program. All participants are given a journal and record how they feel that day, what goals they want to work on, and how they might get there.

And then from about 3:15 to 5:15 p.m., they can be found out and about mastering the curves.

Many of the kids had never ridden a bike before, especially not on dirt trails.

"Most of the kids were not great riders," said Recreation Coordinator Kjerstin Lange, who manages the program. "And as you can see, they are now easily circling the trails." She continues, "Getting kids active in the park is great; especially for those who are learning to ride a bike for the first time. But that's not all that Bike Club is about. It builds confidence in kids and empowers them to try new things. It gives them a community outside of their family and their school where they belong. And it lets them just be kids!"

The program is set to pick back up in spring, with additional courses this summer, meant for kids two and a half to 17. They'll teach bike safety, how to ride, and how to master everything in-between.

For Lori Hawkins, mother of spry 9-year-old Connor who just "loves riding bikes," the program makes sense – help parents get their kids' energy out after school? And teach them a lifelong skill? Something this sensible is hardly forgotten.

"I love it," she said, turning her head to glimpse the passing of neon green helmets half a football field away. "He can come here and just ride."

Bike programs will be available to the entire Auburn Community this spring and summer. Join Auburn Parks as the Pump Track officially opens on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m.-noon. Coaches will be available for instruction, bikes and helmets will be available for check out, vendors and more! Check out Summer Ride- a free drop-in program held in partnership with Cycle Therapy Racing, July 9th-Aug. 16 on



Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. Summer Ride will offer a free 30-minute skills workshop and open riding in the park with coaches on

hand to offer instruction. Bikes and helmets will be available for check out with the completion of a waiver. For the full program lineup visit [auburnwa.gov/bike](http://auburnwa.gov/bike)





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ACTIVITY & EVENT GUIDE | SPRING/SUMMER 2024

Digital guide online at [auburnwa.gov/play](http://auburnwa.gov/play)  
 Printed guide no longer mailed, but available  
 to pick-up at Auburn Community & Event Center

SCAN QR CODE

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→ **Summer Camps!**  
 Registration Opens March 4



→ **Auburn Farmers Market**  
 Sundays, June-September



→ **Free Summer Fun**  
 Festivals, outdoor  
 concerts & movies,  
 fitness in the park  
 & more!



# Including Diverse Voices at the White River Valley Museum

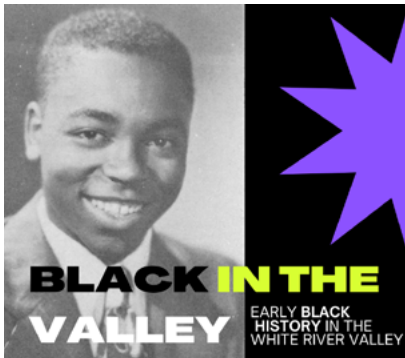
By Rachael McAlister, Museum Director

The White River Valley Museum was recently chosen as one of 24 museums in the nation to attend the Racial Justice and Museums Convening developed by the Smithsonian Institute and held in Minnesota in April 2024. The White River Valley Museum features the diverse and interesting histories of Auburn through exhibits and public programs.



## Racial History of Auburn Tours

These tours center around the diverse history of Indigenous peoples, immigrants, and colonist settlers in the Valley. The Museum explores topics like Japanese incarceration during WWII, the formation of Indian reservations, redlining, and racist labor union practices on a hyper-local level – using primary documents, maps, and photos from the Museum's collection. Since beginning these tours in 2021 the Museum has toured all City of Auburn employees and much of the Auburn Police Department. The tours continue now for outside agencies and businesses and is offered as a public program throughout the year.



## Black in the Valley Online Exhibit

Is there Black History in Auburn? Yes, yes there is. Black settlers came into the region as early as 1870 working alongside immigrant laborers in hops and potato fields. Black Americans in the region did not have it easy; they were exploited as scabs in the railroad industry, pushed out of the housing market by redlining, and forced to live amongst the Ku Klux Klan. See the full online exhibit to learn more about Black History in the Valley at [wrvmuseum.org](http://wrvmuseum.org).



## Sea to Stream Field Trip Program

Every fall the Museum tours over 2000 students at the Mary Olson Farm. On Sea to Stream field trips students learn about salmon and conduct field science alongside trained naturalists from the Environmental Science Center. This program moves outside of typical STEM by incorporating Native voices and traditional ways of knowing. Students learn about Native fishing practices, the gifts of native plants, and get to sample traditional nettle tea and make nettle cordage. These field trips are offered free of charge thanks to funds raised at the Museum's annual gala and funding provided by 4Culture and the King Conservation District.





## Where Castoffs Go to Heal and Grow: The Art of Marita Dingus on exhibit through May 26, 2024

The Museum partnered with nationally recognized artist and Auburn native Marita Dingus for their current exhibit. The exhibit features 40 pieces spanning Dingus's career. These sculptures fill the Museum's gallery space reflecting both the indoor and outdoor experiences of visiting Dingus's family home, now turned artist's studio in Auburn. Dingus's art is also displayed in the Museum's permanent exhibits inviting visitors to contemplate what it means to see black faces in historic spaces where they have traditionally been excluded. Conversely guests can ponder what histories the Black community shares with the historic people they are placed beside.



## Dancing with our Ancestors on exhibit June 19 - Oct. 13, 2024

The Japanese community has played a large role in the history of our region and their culture is woven into the fabric of the Valley today. One of the largest cultural celebrations for the local Buddhist community is Obon, or just Bon for short. This festival celebrates the deceased and is a way for participants to connect with their ancestors through dance. This summer the Museum will feature a new exhibit in partnership with the White River Buddhist Temple that explores the food, fashion, and dances of Obon right here in Auburn.



### Museum Hours:

Open Wednesday-Sunday | Noon-4 p.m. | **Admission is FREE!**

### Farm Hours:

Open June 22 - August 18 | Saturdays and Sundays  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. | **Admission is FREE!**

For full program details visit our website: [wrvmuseum.org](http://wrvmuseum.org)

# Downtown Auburn Revitalization Efforts Main Street Infrastructure and Auburn Avenue Theater Reconstruction

By Julie Krueger, Arts and Events Manager

Over the course of the next few years, the City of Auburn will continue efforts to re-vitalize Downtown Auburn with the Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project.

This project will replace **infrastructure on Auburn Avenue and East Main Street** that is at or near the end of its useful service life, make streetscape improvements that help create a welcoming environment, and start the planning and design process to replace the **Auburn Avenue Theater**. Replaced infrastructure includes water, sewer, and storm utilities, roadway pavement, and sidewalks on East Main Street from Auburn Avenue to B Street SE (B Street Plaza) and on Auburn Avenue from 1st Street NE to East Main Street. The project will also replace the traffic signal at East Main Street/Auburn Avenue.

The existing Theater was structurally damaged at the end of 2021 and subsequently condemned in January 2022. The damage was due to the demolition of an adjacent building, which was the result of a fire in July 2021 that destroyed the apartment building and several businesses. Significant structural issues have resulted in the decision to demolish the existing Auburn Avenue Theater and rebuild a new Theater.

In fall of 2023, as part of the overall downtown infrastructure project, Auburn requested proposals for design services from qualified consultant firms. After a thorough review and evaluation of the proposals Otak Inc. was selected to provide architectural and engineering design services for delivering this project.

## Business Impacts:

Auburn is committed to limiting inconveniences and impacts to residents and local businesses because of construction. During construction, access to downtown businesses will be maintained.

## Auburn Avenue Theater Project Components:

- Theater Demolition:** The City is preparing a separate contract to demolish the existing Theater. Demolition likely occurs in the spring of 2024.
- Theater Redesign:** Otak will advance the City’s current conceptual design to a preliminary design document for a new 290-310 seat (up to 10,300 SF) performing arts theater. This will allow the design team to develop an opinion of probable construction costs for future budget planning purposes.
- New Theater Construction:** Full design and construction costs to rebuild the Auburn Avenue Theater is not secured or part of this current project; however the City will continue to seek additional funding sources as this project progresses.

## Funding:

### Theater Demo and Schematic Design:

\$228,200 (insurance claim reimbursement)  
\$100,000 (King County Grant)

### Theater Detailed Design & Construction – Secured Funds:

\$1,498,650 (WA State Grant)

### Additional Theater Funding Options/Opportunities – Ongoing Efforts

- Additional Grants
- Park Impact Fees
- ARPA Funding Reallocation
- Real Estate Excise Taxes
- Bond Issuance

## Timeline:

- Existing Theater Demolition: Spring 2024
- New Theater 30% Design: Summer 2024
- New Theater Cost Analysis: Summer 2024

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## Downtown Infrastructure Components:

- Utility work includes approx. 600 LF of new sanitary sewer, 500 LF of new water main, 150 LF of underground overhead power and communications facilities, replaced traffic signal, 3300 SY of full roadway, sidewalk, and plaza areas, pedestrian scale decorative street lighting, downtown standard street lighting, and an enhanced pedestrian crossing.

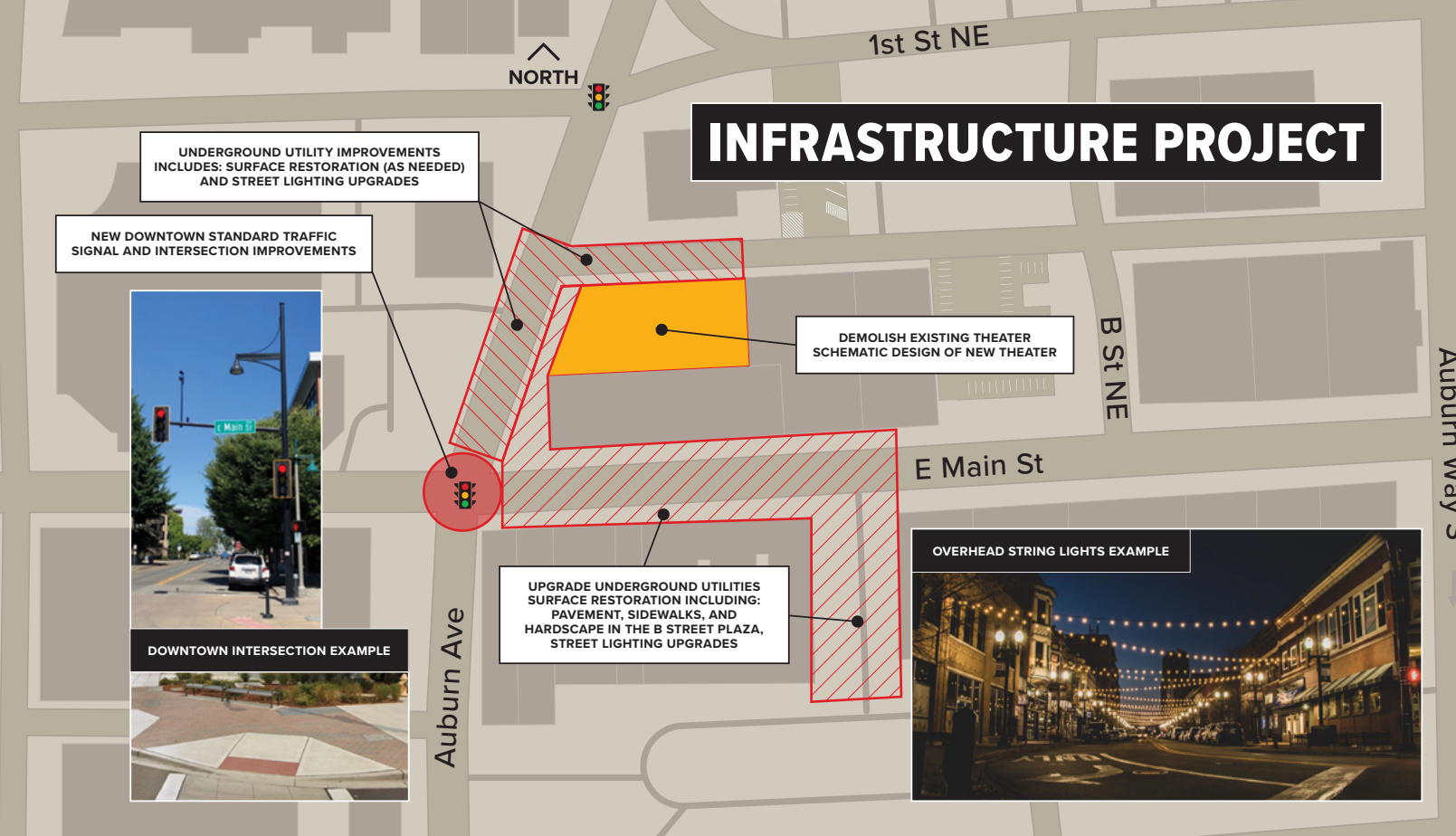
## Timeline:

- Infrastructure Design Completion: Fall 2024
- Infrastructure Construction: Winter 2024/2025-Summer 2025

## Funding

\$1,100,000 (new traffic signal)  
\$2,881,866 (utility and roadway/plaza improvements)







# SENIOR *Activity* CENTER

Age  
50+



## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Dine Outs • Local Tours • Theatre  
Day Trips • Extended Travel  
In-house Recreational Classes

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Kayaking • Hiking • Walking  
Zip Lining • Bike Riding  
Snowshoeing

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Card Games • Book Club • Games  
Weekly Movies • Volunteering  
Billiards • Music • Dancing  
Table Tennis

## NUTRITIONAL SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Daily Lunches • Cooking Classes  
Senior Savers Pantry  
Meals on Wheels

## HEALTH & WELLNESS SERVICES

Blood Pressure Checks • Foot Care  
Massage • Wellness Committee  
Dental Cleaning • Workshops • Lectures

## AUBURN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

808 9th Street | 253-931-3016 | auburnwa.gov/seniors



## FITNESS

Silver Sneakers • Aerobics • Yoga  
Tai Chi • Table Tennis • Volleyball  
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

Themed Parties • City Events  
Holiday Celebrations  
Wellness Fair

## Best Deal in Town!

### Weekday Lunch Program

*Operated and managed by  
Catholic Community Services*

Nutrition Site Manager:  
Deborah Fager

### Hot Lunch Mondays - Thursdays

The Auburn Senior Activity Center  
hosts a weekday lunch program  
on site that is operated and  
managed by Catholic Community  
Services.

Chef Deb serves delicious,  
cooked from scratch, balanced  
meals in a welcoming dining room  
setting. Lunch is held Monday-  
Thursday in the dining room.

11:30 a.m. | Dining Room Opens  
Noon | Meal served

\$ \$4.50 suggested contribution;  
\$6.50 for those under 60

### Soup and Bread Fridays | Noon

Enjoy a hot bowl of soup with  
bread on Fridays.

\$ \$2.50 suggested donation



# AUBURN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

## Upcoming Special Events

### Easter Lunch

Join us for Easter fun. There will be egg and cookie decorating plus fun games for all to play. We will also host an Easter egg hunt for the daycare down the street and Seniors at 11 a.m.



Doors to the lunch room will open at 11:30 a.m. for Egg and Cookie decorating and lunch.

\$ \$4.50 suggested contribution 60 and older, \$6.50 fee for those under 60 | Please register in person by March 21, as space is limited

DAY	DATES	TIME
Thursday	March 28	11:30am-1pm

### Mother's Day Lunch

Come share a spoonful of sugar and have a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious time celebrating the Mothers in our lives. Mary



Poppins will be performing a wonderful Cabaret show with all her favorite hits. Doors open 11:15 a.m. and show starts at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served around noon.

\$ \$4.50 suggested contribution 60 and older, \$6.50 fee for those under 60 | Please register in person by May 2, as space is limited

DAY	DATES	TIME
Thursday	May 9	11:15am-1pm

### Father's Day Lunch



Let's play ball and honor the Fathers in our lives. We'll have fun games and amazing giveaways. Enjoy a delicious Hot Dog lunch with Root Beer Floats for dessert.

\$ \$4.50 suggested contribution 60 and older, \$6.50 fee for those under 60 | Please register in person by June 5, as space is limited

DAY	DATES	TIME
Thursday	June 13	11:30am-1pm

### JOIN US FOR

OLDER  
AMERICANS  
MONTH



POWERED BY CONNECTION: MAY 2024

### Social Dinner honoring Older Americans Month

May is Older Americans Month. Come to the Senior Center for a tour, dinner, and live entertainment. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about our Center, invite friends, and be celebrated. Tours will be held 2:30-4:30 p.m. Dinner is prepared by our Wellness Team and begins at 4:45 p.m. It is a \$8.00 fee. Dinner will be Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, steamed veggies, Caesar salad and ice cream. Reservations required before May 10th. You can register in-person or over the phone. When registering, please indicate if you would like a tour.

\$ \$8 | Reservations required before May 10

DAY	DATES	TIME
Monday	May 13	4:45pm

### Older Americans Month Brunch

Enjoy Brunch & Bubbly (sparkling cider) to celebrate Older Americans Month. This is another great opportunity to learn more about your local Senior Center or invite friends to see how much fun we have. Staff will prepare a delicious Brunch made special for you.

\$ \$4 suggested donation

Please register in person by May 23, as space is limited.

DAY	DATES	TIME
Friday	May 31	10:30am-12pm

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

AUBURN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER | 808 9TH ST SE | 253-931-3016

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## Brewing Community: The Heartfelt Journey of Z Street Coffee Roasters



By Special Events and Farmers Market Coordinator Amanda Valdez

**F**or Jeff and Diane Pechacek, the journey of Z Street Coffee Roasters is a tale of love, family, and the pursuit of excellence in every cup. With over a decade of experience under their belt, this dynamic duo has mastered the art of custom coffee roasting, catering to each customer's unique preferences with precision and care.

What began as a humble countertop roaster in the cozy home of Jeff and Diane has blossomed into a beloved local business, fueled by passion, dedication, and a deep-rooted commitment to serving others. Their story is one of grassroots growth and unwavering community support. From experimenting with roasting techniques in their kitchen, to proudly showcasing their craft at the Auburn Farmers Market since 2016, Jeff and Diane have remained steadfast in their mission to provide a local, artisanal alternative to mass-produced coffee.

"Coffee is a challenging business to be in because the 'hard core' bigger

companies have a huge loyalty" Jeff explains "We create custom orders, people can pick the bean, the roast and the grind."

### From garage to market

Roasting coffee beans at home was purely a fun hobby. Jeff & Diane had always enjoyed making things from scratch so, why not coffee? Fun soon turned into gift giving for the holidays. Before long a full-time job and a new business was underway. Starting a business was no easy feat. Lots of trial and error, research, Auburn incubator classes, and help from Green River College. Searching for the right roaster, then a bigger roaster to meet demands,

led to Farmers Markets to spread the word about their unique product. And then eventually moving online to make custom orders for people all over the country.

After success at the Auburn Farmers Market, Jeff & Diane branched out to other local Farmers Markets including Maple Valley and Enumclaw. Not only are they the best custom coffee around, they are also wonderful vendors everywhere they go. They strongly believe that word of mouth is the best way to spread their message and share their positivity and coffee with the community.





You'll see them regularly at local Farmers Markets, giving out samples, talking with customers and referring to other vendors in the area. They actively support their neighboring businesses and thrive off sharing the wealth. They've experienced firsthand the power of people and kindness. They love overhearing comments from passersby, regardless if they make a purchase or not. "Those are the people with the coffee", "Remember them, that was really good coffee" Or another favorite "I was told I should come see you." Z Street is quick to return the compliment to other businesses. They don't see other vendors as competition. They believe we're all in this together and the best way to be successful is to support each other.

### An unlikely hero

Beyond the pursuit of business success, the heart of Z Street Coffee Roasters lies in their unwavering commitment to giving back – for no other reason than it's just the right thing to do.

Back in February 2023, Auburn's Senior Center Manager Radine Lozier was notified that Catholic Community Services – the center's longtime lunch provider – would no longer provide coffee as part their program. That meant for the first time in over 45 years, at a place where seniors have come to gather for lunch and converse over something warm, coffee wouldn't be part of the picture.

Radine explains "When you come for lunch, one of the unexpected benefits is socialization. Which is crucial to people's well-being. Enjoying coffee over a meal provides a social connection for this generation."

The significant cultural impact of coffee for Senior Center participants is immense. Radine knew "I had to find a way to bring coffee back to the lunch meal."

Knowing the importance of coffee, Lozier reached out to local roasters asking if they could help. Jeff and Diane answered Lozier's email request within 15 minutes. Jeff replied "You got it. When do we start? We'll provide our top shelf stuff. We might even join the group from time to time, as both my wife and I are over 60." Jeff started delivering fresh roasted beans once a week for the lunch program and the seniors love it!

There was no hesitation about providing for the lunch program, Jeff responded with "Absolutely, seniors need a good cup of coffee too!"

The Senior Center also has a coffee bar in the lobby. For the last 20 plus years, coffee had been purchased from a well-known commercial hospitality company. Coffee was delivered every other month by the case. Lozier noticed that the cost had been increasing rapidly since Covid. She reached out to Jeff for a quote on Z Street Coffee for the Coffee Bar. Their price for weekly delivered locally roasted coffee was substantially less. The Senior Center began purchasing Z Street Coffee in January 2024. It is a hit. Participants love the fresh taste and the fact that it is roasted locally. Jeff is getting to know the seniors as he comes in weekly. Tommy Swanlund, coffee bar volunteer, and Jeff have developed a great relationship.

Radine states, "We are grateful to Jeff and Diane for answering our email and working with us to provide local, fresh roasted coffee at a reasonable price."

### A giving heart

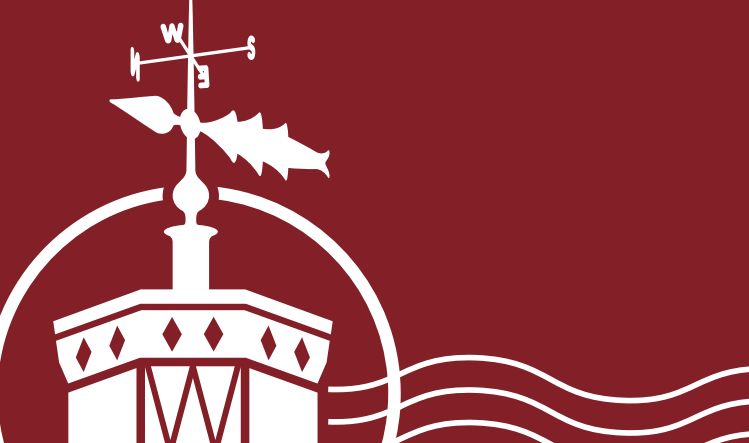
Jeff & Diane's dedication to community outreach is matched only by their passion for the perfect roast. With each batch carefully curated to meet the individual tastes of their customers, Z Street Coffee Roasters stands apart as a beacon of quality and customization in an industry dominated by mass production.

As they look towards the future, Jeff and Diane remain driven by their shared vision of spreading joy, one cup of coffee at a time. With plans to expand their reach through wholesale accounts and larger customer bases, they remain committed to upholding the values of integrity, compassion, and top-tier customer service that have guided them from the very beginning.

In a world where coffee culture often feels impersonal and industrialized, Z Street Coffee Roasters serves as a refreshing reminder of the power of passion, community, and a really good cup of coffee. As Jeff and Diane continue to pour their hearts into every roast, their legacy of generosity and excellence is sure to leave a lasting impression on all who have the pleasure of tasting their brews.

Jeff and Diane agree, "We hope to leave a 'good taste' with people," they said. "And hope that inspires others to want to make someone else feel good."





# Auburn's Postmark Center for the Arts: New Free Arts Programming!

*By Allison Hyde, Arts Program Supervisor*

In September of 2023 the City of Auburn joyously opened the doors to a new downtown arts and culture center, Postmark Center for the Arts. The red brick building was once home to the Auburn Post Office, a historical 1937 landmark building. Programming at the space has included music and dance performances, visual arts exhibitions, literary arts events, art education classes, and other cultural gatherings since its opening.

The Postmark Center for the Arts recently rolled out some exciting new community arts programs! On Wednesday mornings, the Postmark hosts "Artist Drop-in Hours" and on Fridays, hosts both "Drop-in Drawing" and "Drop-in Chinese Gongbi Painting." These two-hour programs are free to the public and aimed at creating a welcoming gathering space for artists and appreciators to connect, create art, and grow through the shared language of the arts.

Another new arts program is "Poetry at the Postmark," a free poetry reading series on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8pm, including monthly featured readers followed by an open mic opportunity for those wishing to share their creativity with the audience.

Soon there will be even more opportunities to go to the Postmark for community arts programs! The City of Auburn

is looking forward to hosting Second Saturdays at the Postmark - free creative workshops and activities for all ages on the second Saturday of each month. Starting in May 2024, these free hands-on activities will be taught from 1-3pm, with occasional guest artists and performances. As more exciting things take shape, the City of Auburn's Postmark Center for the Arts aims to make the economic, educational, cultural, and civic benefits of the arts available to all communities by broadening public access to the arts. Please come join us!

Postmark Center for the Arts provides a welcoming space for the community to come together and inspire, collaborate, and grow.

## Postmark Center for the Arts Free Arts Programming:

- Poetry at the Postmark - First Wednesday of every month 6:30-8 p.m.
- Second Saturdays - Second Saturday of every month, starting May 2024, 1-3 p.m.
- Artist Drop-in Hours - Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Drop-in Drawing - Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Drop-in Painting with Amy Sie - Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



### For more information

Scan QR Code, visit [auburnwa.gov/postmark](http://auburnwa.gov/postmark) or call (253) 931-5100

### Find us on social media!

 Auburn Arts and Events |  @auburn.arts

### POSTMARK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

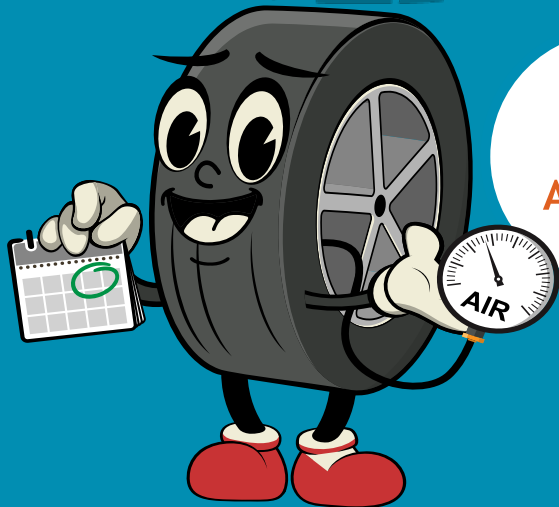
20 Auburn Avenue | Auburn, WA 98002

### Gallery and Gift Shop Open Hours:

Wed 12-4 p.m. | Thu 12-6 p.m. | Fri 12-4 p.m.



# Don't Wait to INFLATE



## Seasonal Spring Tire Care Tip

By Auburn Public Works Department

Put a spring in your car's step with proper tire care! Properly inflated tires help you stay safer on the road when driving on Puget Sound roadways this spring...no winter...no summer...oh, it's spring again! No matter what our indecisive weather does, it's important to check your tire pressure monthly & add air if needed ASAP.

Find a nearby air station & learn more at:  
[pugetsoundstartshere.org/DontwaittoInflate](https://pugetsoundstartshere.org/DontwaittoInflate)

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Join hosts Jonathan Glover and Chester Boyd every other week as they talk about the things every Auburn resident should know.

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# AUBURN COMMUNITY YARD SALE



**FRIDAY  
JULY 19**

**SATURDAY  
JULY 20**

**SUNDAY  
JULY 21**

**HOURS (MAY VARY): 9AM-4PM**

**REGISTER SOON! Sign up between May 15-June 30**

Register by June 30 to have your address listed on the City of Auburn website.

**[auburnwa.gov/yardsale](http://auburnwa.gov/yardsale)**



**Download a Yard Sale Kit that includes:**  
How-To-Tips, Donation Locations,  
Inventory Sheet, Yard Sale Sign

**CITY OF  
AUBURN  
WASHINGTON**

Yard sale signs available at the Customer  
Service Center,  
1 E Main St, 2nd floor after July 1, 2024.

*Funding provided by grants from the  
Department of Ecology and King  
County Solid Waste, and funds from  
City of Auburn Solid Waste & Recycling*

*Please join us for a special annual*

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

*Monday, May 27 at 10am*

### Memorial Day Hours

Saturday, May 25	Sunday, May 26	Monday, May 27
8am-4:30pm	12-4pm	8am-4:30pm

**MOUNTAIN VIEW  
CEMETERY**

2020 Mountain View Drive, Auburn | 253-931-3028 | [mtviewcemeteryauburn.com](http://mtviewcemeteryauburn.com)

## 2024 Utility Discount & Rebate Program



The City of Auburn offers reduced utility rates or rebates to seniors 62 years of age or older whose annual income level does not exceed the amount allowed for very low income as defined by the Department of Housing & Urban Income Limits. This discount is also provided within the same financial limitations for customers who are permanently disabled as verified by a physician.

The City of Auburn will be accepting discount and rebate applications during the month of May. Residential customers who pay their utility bill directly to the City should fill out a discount application. Residential customers who do not pay their bill directly to the City, such as a mobile home park resident or apartment resident, should fill out a rebate application.

Applications can be found at [www.auburnwa.gov/utilities](http://www.auburnwa.gov/utilities) or call 253-931-3038 Option 2.





## Spring Cleaning Reminder – Use Your Free On-Call Bulky Item Collection

Don't forget that City of Auburn residential customers can receive a free annual pickup of four bulky items! Acceptable items include appliances, furniture, yard equipment, exercise equipment, and more. Visit [wmnorthwest.com/auburn](http://wmnorthwest.com/auburn) for more information and call 253-939-9792 to schedule your pickup. Mobile home park residents need to contact their property manager to schedule a pickup.

For City of Auburn  
Single-Family  
Residents



# Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31st, 2024 at 6:30am

Refreshments will be provided!

For more information please call us at 253-931-3028

The public is cordially invited to attend a special Easter Sunrise Service at Mountain View Cemetery on Easter Sunday at 6:30am. This service is open to all faiths. Rev. Chuck Harris of Messiah Lutheran Church will preside over the service, which will include music and Easter message. Holy Communion will be served and everyone in attendance will be welcome to partake.

  
**MOUNTAIN VIEW  
CEMETERY**  
2020 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE  
AUBURN WA 98001



# Before You Commute: Bike Safety Tips from VRFA



By Kelly Hawks, VRFA Public Information & Education Officer

Bicycles are increasingly being used to commute to work or school, for exercise, or simply for leisure. While cycling is a convenient mode of transportation, it comes with risk. The two bike-related accidents we see most often are falls and collisions with vehicles. You can prevent injuries and minimize the risk of collisions by taking a few precautions.

It is important to know the rules of the road before riding your bike. Ride with traffic and stay as far to the right as possible. Make sure to use the appropriate hand signals, obey traffic lights, come to a complete stop at all stop signs and stoplights, remain alert, and watch for cars and trucks.

It is also important that your bike fits you. It is much harder to control a bike that is too big for you. Your feet should touch the ground when you are sitting on the seat. Check to make sure everything is working properly, including brakes and gears. Be sure tires are tightly secured and properly inflated. Avoid wearing long or loose-fitting clothing that can get caught in chains or wheel spokes. Most importantly, always wear a properly fitted bike helmet to protect your head in case of a fall.

A helmet should sit on the top of the head in a level position. It should not rock forward, backward, or side to side. The



rim of the helmet should be one to two finger lengths above the eyebrows. The helmet straps should form a "V" under your ears, with the bottom of the "V" just below the earlobe. The helmet straps must always be buckled when riding and should be snug and comfortable. Open your mouth as wide as possible; if the helmet doesn't feel snug on your head, tighten the straps, and ensure the buckle is flat against your skin.







## Jean Price

July 14, 1963-January 6, 2024

# A legacy of love, dedication and selflessness

*By Auburn Police Department*

The Auburn Police Department is mourning the loss of a beloved member of its team, Records Specialist Jean Price, who passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2024, after battling cancer. Jean's dedication to her work and her commitment to the Auburn Police Department left a mark on everyone who worked with her.

Born on July 14, 1963, in Walla Walla, WA, Jean's life was one of commitment and compassion. In 1988, she married her husband, Steve, with whom she shared 39 years of love and companionship. Together, they raised two daughters, Tamarra and Alexis, who brought immense joy to their lives. Jean's family expanded further with the arrival of five wonderful grandchildren, who she cherished dearly.

Jean's professional journey led her to become a Records Specialist at the Auburn Police Department in 2006. Her dedication to her work was unparalleled, and even as cancer took its toll on her health, Jean remained determined in her commitment to serving her community. Her colleagues often heard her express her desire to return to work, a testament to her strong work ethic and passion for her role.

"No matter what type of day Jean was having, she always had a smile on her face," said Detective Mike McNabb. "Anytime I came to her with a Records-related task or question, she always greeted me by saying, 'Hello Nabby!'"

Despite her demanding job, Jean always prioritized her family and personal interests. She found joy in spending time with her husband, riding her Spyder motorcycle, and listening to Elvis. Her affection extended to her two potbellied pigs, Mater and Maxwell, who she adored, alongside her five grandchildren in which she spoiled with love and affection.

Within the Records Unit, Jean was the backbone, known for her personality and unwavering dedication to her duties. Her presence will be sorely missed, leaving a void that cannot be easily filled.

"I will remember Jean for many things, but the one that stands out is that she was fiercely dedicated to the tasks and projects in her care," said Crime Analyst Joe Ryan. "If she wasn't going to complete something that she normally did, usually for reasons beyond her control, and she knew someone was depending on it, she took it very hard. She was a consistent, reliable presence at our department."

As the Auburn Police Department mourns the loss of Jean Price, they also celebrate the legacy she leaves behind a legacy of love, dedication, and selflessness. Jean's memory will forever remain in the hearts of her family, friends, and colleagues, serving as a beacon of inspiration for all who had the privilege of knowing her.



# MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

## Mountain View Cemetery Marker Clean Up Day

**Friday | May 10 | 9 a.m.-Noon**

Mountain View Cemetery's annual Marker Clean Up Day is Friday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Families are invited to clean and care for their markers in advance of Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Markers are considered private property and normal care and maintenance is the responsibility of the respective families. However, cemetery staff will be on hand during the event to lend assistance and basic tools.

For more information please call us at 253-931-3028.



### MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

2020 Mountain View Drive | Auburn, WA 98001

Gates open at 8:00 a.m. and close at dusk every day.

Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

### For more information:

Scan QR Code, visit  
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or call 253-931-3028







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2024 Petpalooza  
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# Petpalooza



**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 18**  
**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Game Farm Park • 3030 R Street SE**

**Live Animal Entertainment • 130+ Vendors**

**Petting Zoo • Agility & FlyDog Demos**

**Pony Rides • Children's Activities**

**Agility Area • "Unleashed" Pet Contest**

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**3K/5K  
DOG TROT**

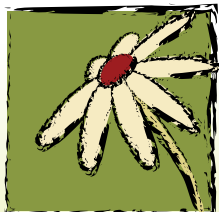
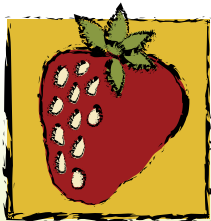
\$20 per person by March 31  
\$25 per person late registration  
\$30 per person on event-day

Includes t-shirt,  
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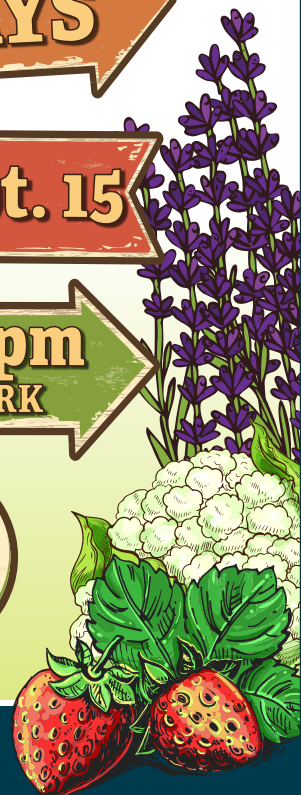
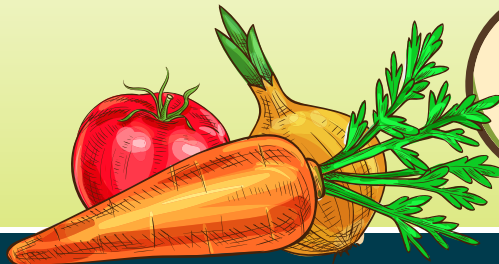
## Auburn Farmers Market



**SUNDAYS**

**Jun. 2 - Sept. 15**

**10 am - 3 pm**  
**LESGOVE PARK**



[auburnfarmersmarket.org](http://auburnfarmersmarket.org)



# Upcoming Events



Mar. 29-Apr. 1

## PETER COTTON TRAIL

253-931-3043 | [auburnwa.gov/events](http://auburnwa.gov/events)

Grab your peeps and hop around Auburn in search of the elusive bunny, who's been hidden in various parks and trails. Find 10 bunnies and complete the on-line Bunny Scorecard for your chance to win some great prizes! Dawn to dusk.



Planting begins the first Saturday in April

## COMMUNITY GARDEN - 8TH STREET NE

Ages: 18 & Over | Fee: \$55/\$63 | [auburnwa.gov/play](http://auburnwa.gov/play)

Get one or two 10 by 20 foot Community Gardens to grow your spring, summer, and fall vegetables. This is an environment friendly garden area with sociable gardeners, red-wing blackbirds, and all the water you need (water is turned off the last weekend in October and turned on the first Saturday in April), provided by the City of Auburn. We're asking for a chemical free, GREEN environment. Planting begins on the first Saturday in April. You must make proof of planting by May 1 or we will have the option of re-renting your garden. for questions contact us at [communitygarden@auburnwa.gov](mailto:communitygarden@auburnwa.gov)



Saturday, Apr. 6 | 7:30 p.m.

## WHISKEY RIVER - LYNYRD SKYNYRD TRIBUTE

GRCC | Tickets:\$20, Student/Senior:\$17 | 253-931-3043

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

For almost four decades Whiskey River's musicians have thrilled audiences across America playing the music of the legendary southern-rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd. Whiskey River not only plays Lynyrd Skynyrd, they personify the group onstage by re-creating the image and the music that took the world by storm in the 1970's. You will enjoy classics like "Sweet Home Alabama", "Gimme Three Steps", and many more, plus their phenomenal note-for-note performance of Lynyrd Skynyrd's live guitar opus "Freebird"!

## 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
CITY	Auburn City Hall, 25 W Main St
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) Building 12401 SE 320th St
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
PCA	Postmark Center for the Arts, 20 Auburn Ave
TTAM	The Theatre at Auburn Mountainview 28900 124th Avenue SE
WRVM	White River Valley Museum, 918 H St SE





Saturday, Apr. 13 | 7:30 p.m.

## KALIMBA - THE SPIRIT OF EARTH WIND & FIRE

APAC | Tickets:\$30, Student/Senior:\$25 | 253-931-3043

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

Kalimba - The Spirit of Earth Wind and Fire provides an experience so satisfying it transports audiences back to the excitement of the first time they heard these unforgettable songs. The show authentically replicates the signature high notes of Philip Bailey, the thick vocals harmonies of Maurice and Ralph Johnson, along with the grooving bass lines of Verdine White. Kalimba has the soul, spirit, musicianship, love and talent of the original – their energetic performance will leave you completely satisfied!



Friday, Apr. 19 | 7:30 p.m.

## ZAN FISKUM

PCA | Tickets:\$20, Student/Senior:\$17 | 253-931-3043

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

Zan Fiskum's angelic voice soars over her soulful and ethereal storytelling. Reminiscent of artists Lana Del Ray and Brandi Carlile, she blends the lines between indie/pop and americana/folk as she writes about childhood trauma, the intricacies of family dynamics, connection to the natural world as well as a fan-favorite: love. While staying true to her folk/pop songwriting she incorporates sounds of soul, dream pop, world percussion and indie rock into her music that is sure to captivate both fans and artists for years to come.



Saturday, Apr. 20 | 9 a.m. - Noon

## CLEAN SWEEP

ACEC | 253-931-3043 | [auburnwa.gov/events](http://auburnwa.gov/events)

An annual community volunteering effort. Volunteers and community groups will work on various projects to beautify Auburn. Register in advance to be assigned to a project. Welcome and breakfast at the Auburn Community Center prior to projects starting.

Saturday, Apr. 20 | 7:30 p.m.

## APRIL COMEDY AT THE COURSE

GOLF | Tickets:\$20, Student/Senior:\$17 |

253-931-3043

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

Comedy at the Course will keep you laughing all night long as three comedians work to twist your funny bone. Ages 18 and over only.



Saturday, Apr. 27 | 7:30 p.m.

## YESTERDAY ONCE MORE - A TRIBUTE TO SONGSTRESSES OF THE 1970S

GRCC | Tickets:\$23, Student/Senior:\$20 | [auburnwa.gov/events](http://auburnwa.gov/events)

"Yesterday Once More" brings you groovy songs of the 1970s originally made hits by THE CARPENTERS, ANNE MURRAY, LINDA RONSTADT, and OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN! Treat yourself to a full "lite rock" experience with piano, sax, violin, flute, and full band! If you miss the simpler times as much as we do, then put on your bell bottom jeans - let's roll back the clock and get ready to bring back the good stuff you haven't heard in Far. Too. Long!





Saturday, May 4 | 2 p.m.

### BRAVO KIDS: LITTLE MERMAID

LG GYM | Tickets:\$12, Student/Senior:\$12 | [auburnwa.gov/theater](http://auburnwa.gov/theater)

Life underwater isn't easy for Sirena, a little mermaid who dreams of running and dancing. In StoryBook theater's production of Hans Christian Andersen's classic, the audience decides whether Sirena should keep her legs or high-tail it back to the sea. StoryBook Theater's musicals are 55-mins geared to ages 3-10. Based on familiar fairy tales, each show focuses on a life lesson and has a happy ending. With catchy songs and clever stories, Little Mermaid is fun for the whole family!



Friday, May 10 | 7:30 p.m.

### CHAMPAGNE SUNDAY

PCA | Tickets:\$20, Student/Senior:\$17 | 253-931-3043  
[auburnwa.gov/events](http://auburnwa.gov/events)

Husband and wife Jessi and Jared Fredeen tear up stages and crowds nationwide with their unique upbeat, roller coaster style shows. They fire off gypsy-punk rock songs alongside everything from intimate tear-jerkers to anthemic foot-stompers, and pepper their sets with compelling stories behind their music. Champagne Sunday is a rare original act that performs with stadium-level energy, regardless of whether it's for a festival crowd, a club, a or group of coffee shop patrons. With a show that packs the power of an entire orchestra, Jessi and Jared have created a sound that is totally unique, fun, emotional, and captivating. This act has a ton of showmanship, heart, and talent that make it a powerful musical experience.

Saturday, May 11 | 7:30 p.m.

### MAY COMEDY AT THE COURSE

GOLF | Tickets:\$20, Student/Senior:\$17 | 253-931-3043

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

Comedy at the Course will keep you laughing all night long as three comedians work to twist your funny bone. Ages 18 and over only.



Saturday, May 18 | 9:30-11 a.m.

### DOG TROT – 3K/5K FUN RUN

GFP | 3030 R St SE | Ages 5 and up

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

Registration Fee:\$20/person through Mar 31; \$25 (Apr. 1-May 14); \$30 (On-site Fee)



A pet/owner 3K/5K Fun Run that kicks off the annual Petpalooza event. The routes will take you from Game Farm Park and along the White River Trail. FREE incentive item to first 100 pre-

registrants!! Registration includes T-Shirt (size guaranteed with early registration), race bib and finisher's medal. The course is flat, easy and enjoyable for all ages and ability levels. Water will be available on the course for both human and dog participants. Registration is per person. Each person participating on the course (other than children in strollers) must register and pay. Join us at Petpalooza after the Dog Trot from 10am - 5pm!





Saturday, May 18 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## PETPALOOZA

GFP | 3030 R St SE | FREE  
[auburnwa.gov/petpalooza](http://auburnwa.gov/petpalooza)



An event for pet lovers and a special day for your four-legged family member or other furry friend. The event kicks off with a Dog Trot Fun Run at 9:30am. The event also includes live entertainment, an agility area, pet contests, face painting and other children's activities, loads of vendor booths, pet adoptions, pet services, give-a-ways, food vendors and lots of activities to keep both humans and pets entertained.



Saturday, May 18 | 1-3 p.m.

## MARITA DINGUS ART STUDIO OPEN HOUSE

Dingus Art Studio | Free | [wrvmuseum.org](http://wrvmuseum.org) | Ages: All Ages

Free Event! See the art of Marita Dingus in place during open house hours at her studio property. Parking available at the Mountain View Cemetery with shuttles running throughout the day. Note: The property is not wheelchair accessible. Visitors will be walking over uneven ground outside and through crowded hallways.

Sundays, June 2-Sept. 15  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## AUBURN FARMERS MARKET

LG PARK | FREE | 253-931-3043  
[auburnfarmersmarket.org](http://auburnfarmersmarket.org)

The Auburn Farmers Market hosts a variety of farm, food, and craft vendors every Sunday, June 2 – September 15. Browse over 50 vendors in a beautiful park setting! Check out the season schedule including live entertainment, gardening talks, and more! See you on Sundays!



Wednesday, June 12 | 6-7:30 p.m.

## UNWIND AND WINE

MOF | Ages: 21+ | Cost: \$25

The Mary Olson Farm + Yoga Flow + Wine + Cheese? Yes, please! Join us at the Mary Olson Farm for a gentle yoga class held in the historic barn. class to be followed with local wine and cheese tasting! Grab a friend and your yoga mat, no yoga experience necessary.



Tuesday, June 25 | 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

## KIDSDAY

LG PARK | FREE | 253-931-3043  
[auburnwa.gov/events](http://auburnwa.gov/events)

The perfect day for any child! Live entertainment, inflatable rides, mini golf, hands-on ArtRageous activities, face painting, activities and information fair featuring over 100 vendors, vehicle/equipment display, food concessions and more.





**Thursday, July 4 | 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**AUBURN'S 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL**

LG PARK | 253-931-3043

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

Free entertainment and event admission. Unlimited rides/activities for \$10 (Wristband sales begin at 10:00am)

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, a book sale, food concessions, a spray park and much more! There's something for everyone! The naturally shaded park will keep you cool during the afternoon.



**Thursday, July 4 | 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**AUBURN'S 4TH OF JULY CAR SHOW**

LG PARK | FREE | Entrance off 8th Street

Tickets: \$10/advance | \$20/event day

[auburnwa.gov/events](http://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. The 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, book sale, bocce, spray park and much more.

**Wednesdays, July 10 – Aug. 14 | Noon**

**KIDS SUMMERSTAGE**

LG PARK | FREE | 253-931-3043

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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!

**Line-up:**

**July 10** - Reptile Isle

**July 17** - Ian Dobson's Steel Drum Dance Party

**July 24** - Kelli Welli

**July 31** - Brian Vogan & His Good Buddies

**Aug. 7** - The Magic of Jeff Evans

**Aug. 14** - Charlie Williams, The Noiseguy

**Wednesdays, July 10 – Aug. 14 | 6:30 p.m.**

**SUMMER SOUNDS**

LG PARK | FREE | 253-931-3043

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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.

**Line-up:**

**July 10** - 80's Ladies – The Best Rock n Roll from the Women of the 80's

**July 17** - Darren Motamedy – Contemporary Jazz Saxophonist

**July 24** - The Latin American Jazz Experience – Latin Jazz

**July 31** - Hook Me Up Band – Pop, Rock, Blues & more

**Aug. 7** - Auburn Symphony Woodwind Quintet – Pops and Classical

**Aug. 14** - Army 1st Corps I-5 Rock Band – Rock N Roll



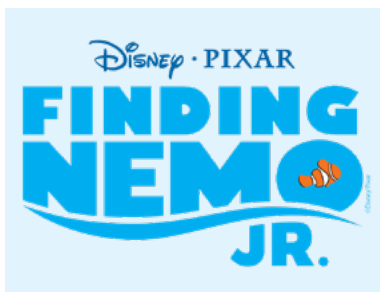


Friday, July 26 | 7:00 PM  
 Saturday, July 27 | 2:00 PM  
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 Sunday, July 28 | 2:00 PM

## AUBURN COMMUNITY JUNIOR PLAYERS: FINDING NEMO JR.

ART | Tickets: \$16, Student/Senior: \$12 | [auburnwa.gov/theater](http://auburnwa.gov/theater)

Dive into the big blue world of Disney and Pixar's Finding Nemo JR.! This lively 60-minute musical adaptation of the beloved 2003 Pixar movie Finding Nemo features all your favorite characters: Nemo, an adventurous young clownfish; Marlin, Nemo's anxious and over-protective father; Dory the relentlessly optimistic fish; the laid-back sea turtle Crush; and the supportive Tank Gang. When Nemo longs to explore the area beyond his home he is captured and taken away to Sydney. Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic rescue adventure across the ocean with the help of their friends. Featuring memorable songs such as "Just Keep Swimming," "Fish Are Friends Not Food," and "Go With the Flow," Finding Nemo JR. brings a vibrant underwater world to life on stage in a story full of family, friendship, and adventure.



## Fridays, July 26-Aug. 9 FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

Various Parks in Auburn  
 FREE | 253-931-3043  
[auburnwa.gov/events](http://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! Fridays at dusk (August 9; entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Line up:

July 26 | LEA

Movie at dusk: The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)

Aug. 2 | SUNSET

Movie at dusk: Elemental (PG)

Aug. 9 | LG PARK

6:30 p.m.: Live entertainment from: Prom Date Mixtape – energetic, authentic renditions of top 80's classics

7 p.m.: 'Almost 5K' Poker Fun Run

Movie at dusk: The Wizard of Oz (G)



Friday, Aug. 9 | 7-8:30 p.m.

## ALMOST 5K POKER FUN RUN & WALK

LG PARK | 253-931-3043 | [auburnwa.gov/events](http://auburnwa.gov/events)

The Almost 5K Poker Fun Run & Walk is an in-person fun run perfect for all ages and abilities! 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. Registrants with the highest poker hands will win a fun prize!

Early Registrations (on or before July 10)

\$12/entry (includes event T-Shirt, participation medal)

Late Registrations (July 11 – Aug. 7)

\$15/entry (includes event T-Shirt, participation medal, while supplies last; no registrations accepted Aug. 8)

On-site Registration (Aug. 9)

\$20/entry (includes event T-Shirt, participation medal while supplies last)

Wednesday, Aug. 21 | 2-3 p.m.

## GALLERY TALK: BON ODORI

WRVM | Free | [wrvmuseum.org](http://wrvmuseum.org)

Presented by: Reverend Cyndi Yasaki, Auburn Buddhist Temple

Free Program! Every year Buddhist communities in Japan and American come together in a summer festival called Obon. Obon is a time for us to remember all those who have passed before us. As part of the festivities, we dance a mixture of traditional and modern Japanese dances to welcome back all of those who have gone before us. Please join us as we explore the Buddhist and Japanese culture surrounding this summer festival and enjoy the museum's new exhibit.





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