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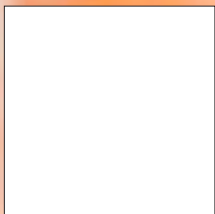
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#### Emergency Management

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253-876-1925

#### Engineering Services

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253-931-3040

#### Innovation & Technology

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

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#### Mayor's Office

(Mayor, City Council  
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#### Parks, Arts & Recreation

910 9th St SE  
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[auburnwa.gov/play](http://auburnwa.gov/play)

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253-931-3080  
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253-288-2121

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253-931-3007

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253-931-3047

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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

#### Auburn Golf Course

29630 Green River Rd SE  
253-833-2350  
[auburngolf.org](http://auburngolf.org)

#### Auburn Municipal Airport

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

#### King County District Court—South Division

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

#### Mountain View Cemetery

2020 Mountain View Drive  
253-931-3028

[mtviewcemeteryauburn.com](http://mtviewcemeteryauburn.com)

#### Senior Activity Center

808 9th St SE  
253-931-3016  
[auburnwa.gov/seniors](http://auburnwa.gov/seniors)

#### Valley Regional Fire Authority

1101 D St NE (Headquarters)  
253-288-5800  
Call 911 in case of  
emergency  
[vrfa.org](http://vrfa.org)

#### White River Valley Museum

918 H St SE  
253-288-7433  
[wrvmuseum.org](http://wrvmuseum.org)

## Official City Council MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

# From the Mayor

## September is a month of remembrance and celebration.

It is hard to believe that the attacks on 9/11 were 20 years ago. I released a statement that I won't put in its entirety here beyond the final part of my sentiments:

*"In the end, I wonder about what we can take from all that went into building the World Trade Center and all that went into destroying it and all that goes into recovering from that day two decades ago. And I have come to this:*

*There are both positive and negative forces in this world – equally strong. Each finding strength in the other, and awaiting the moment when the other fails."*

September is also the month that we remind our community to do all they can to prevent death by suicide. I encourage all residents to #BeThe1 to take the time to inquire as to the well-being of their family, friends, and neighbors and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

Another important part of September is National Hispanic Heritage Month. It is celebrated from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 and was expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary

of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, el Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

As you receive this edition of *Auburn Magazine* we are in the beginning stages of autumn. Winding down summer is often bittersweet. Saying goodbye to the sunshine and vacations - which I hope many of you were able to take that was safe, healthy, fun and relaxing! School getting back into session and getting closer to the fall and winter holidays.

What I love about Auburn is that there is so much to do and enjoy right here and you don't have to travel very far to find a beautiful setting for you and your loved ones or fun event for all ages to enjoy. Auburn has a lot to offer and I really hope that as we continue to move closer to coming out of the pandemic you will reconnect with those things that you enjoy right here in your own back yard!

As we move closer to winter with the cooler temperatures I urge all of our readers to continue to extend warmth and kindness to others. Winter brings the season of giving and we know that there are many people in our community that are suffering that could use your help and kindness. Or perhaps you are person in need – I sincerely hope that if you are that you have the courage to reach out for help. I say often that Auburn is place where we take care of our own and I know that we will take care of you if you need it.

Let's move towards the next season with love for community, love for each other and yourself. I love Auburn and I am honored and humbled to be your mayor!



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## General aviation soars at Auburn Airport

Auburn Municipal Airport, located two miles north of downtown Auburn, was founded by the City of Auburn in 1969. This public-use facility is a general aviation airport open to all pilots and offering flight training, recreational flying, law enforcement operations and charter flights to the South Puget Sound area with thousands of operations (take-offs and landings) each month.

According to a recent WSDOT economic study, the Auburn Airport creates 232 jobs and has an economic impact of \$43.1 million to the area annually. Relying on revenue generated by the airport, the facility is financially self-sufficient and receives zero tax revenue from the community for its operations. The airport also serves as a medical air transport and emergency-preparedness and disaster-response facility for organizations like Life Flight and Airlift Northwest.

The Auburn Airport has one runway for pilots operating in two directions: runway 16 on one end, with traffic departing and landing towards the south, and runway 34 at the opposite end, with traffic departing and landing towards the north. To land, airplane pilots begin by flying a racetrack-shaped pattern at 1,000 feet above the ground near the runway while helicopter pilots fly at 500 feet above the ground.

At the airport, we believe in being a good neighbor. To this end, we advise pilots to avoid noise sensitive areas to the best of their ability in order to limit and reduce noise. These noise sensitive areas include hospitals, schools, residential areas and directly above Emerald Downs. Because of the low-altitude flying necessary for landing and taking off, however, there is likely to be audible noise produced by aircraft and helicopters, especially from pilots who are practicing take-offs and landings.

When considering airport-related noise issues, it is also important to note that aircraft types and sizes vary. This can create various levels of noise due to different engine horsepower. Also, when taking off, aircraft must operate at a high RPM to produce the required power to climb. This climb produces more noise as compared to an aircraft in cruise. Although it may sound and feel as if a plane is directly over your home, it is very likely that they are at a safe altitude and simply flying through the area.

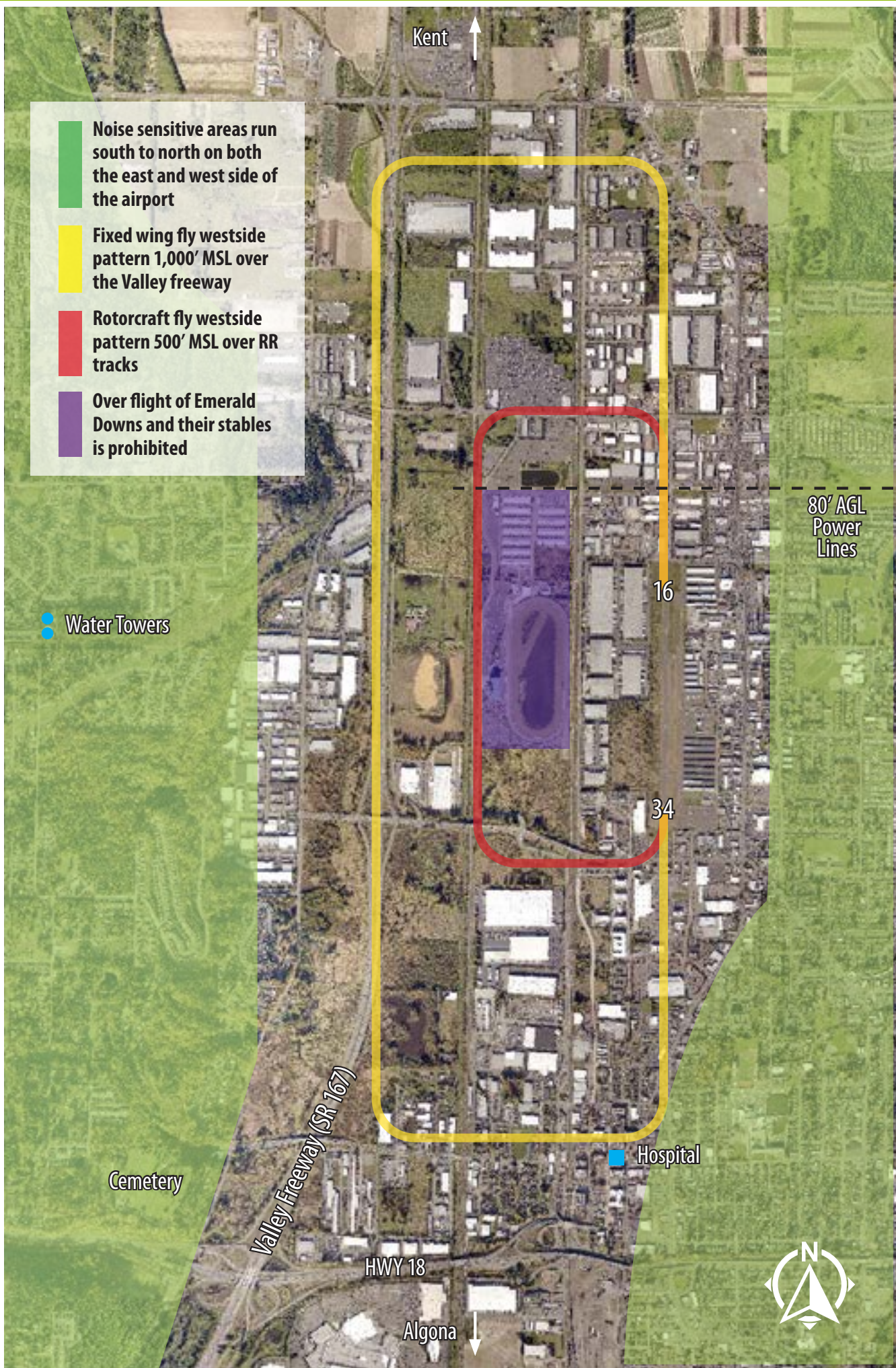
Additionally, there are several other airports within the Auburn vicinity, nearly 20 in all! These include SeaTac, Boeing Field, Pierce County and Renton, to name a few. Although an aircraft may be close to the Auburn airport, the plane you see

may not actually be operating from here. While we do advise pilots on courteous behavior to reduce noise for our airport neighbors, we do not have a control tower, and the airport's authority to address noise and flight issues ends once an aircraft takes off from the runway. Once in flight, pilots are subject to the requirements of the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) and held accountable to those requirements by the organization.

One last consideration: there are many hazards that can be present for aircraft when flying at low altitudes such as drone operations and the releasing of balloons. Earlier this year, there was an incident in which a large bunch of balloons was released that crossed the aircraft approach path and the aircraft had to act quickly to avoid the hazard and avoid a potential crash. To help avoid these hazards, please refrain from releasing balloons and coordinate any drone operations in the vicinity with airport staff.

If there are any concerns regarding noise or operations in your area, please give us a call! Useful information would include the date and time of the concern, location, aircraft tail number and the type of aircraft.







## 3rd Street SW Bridge Decks Preservation

# FEATURE CAPITAL PROJECTS



## Lea Hill Bridge Deck Preservation



Did you know that the City has a Bridge Deck Preservation Program? This program was created to implement preventative maintenance measures to City bridges as identified through routine bridge inspections that are conducted by King County. The program helps to prolong the service lives of bridges in hopes of avoiding costly bridge repairs or worse, complete bridge replacement. There are currently 16 City bridges that are in the Bridge Deck Preservation program.

In 2019, the bridge inspection reports identified certain City bridges that are in need of repair. To help address these repair needs, the City applied for and received federal grant funding through the Federal Highway Administration for two bridge deck preservation projects. The federal grant funding that was awarded to the City is covering 100% of the costs to design and construct these necessary improvements.

Due to the specialized work associated with completing these improvements, the City hired a consultant to help support the design and construction of the projects.



Photo A: 3rd Street SW Bridge - surface crack mapping

## Project Descriptions

The first of the two projects is the 3rd Street SW Bridge Decks Preservation, which actually consists of 3 separate bridges located between C Street SW and A Street SW. These bridges provide access to State Route 18 from downtown Auburn and a grade separated crossing of the BNSF Railway tracks.

The proposed Projects improvements for the **3rd Street SW Bridge Decks Preservation** include:

- Remove debris and clean each of the bridge decks
- Apply a polymer based protective sealer into the existing cracks and over the entirety of each bridge deck. The polymer protective sealant will provide up to 10 years of protection. (Photo A below shows the City's consultant mapping out the cracks on one of the bridges.)

The second project is the **Lea Hill Bridge Deck Preservation**, located on 8th Street NE spanning the Green River. This bridge provides access to downtown Auburn from the Lea Hill area.

The proposed Project improvements for the Lea Hill Bridge Deck Preservation include:

- Grind off the existing damaged top layer of the bridge deck
- Replace damaged expansion joints (see Photo B below)
- Apply a polymer based protective sealer into the existing cracks
- Apply a concrete overlay over the entire bridge deck



Photo B: Lea Hill Bridge expansion joint damage

## Project Benefits

The benefits of completing the work on each of these bridges includes:

- Preventing entry of moisture and debris into the cracks
- Providing a thicker cover over the rebar reinforcement (Lea Hill Bridge only)
- Providing a smoother riding surface
- Prolonging the service life of the bridges

## Project Costs and Funding

These projects are fully funded by a federal grant. The total current project estimate for both projects combined is \$1.4 Million.

## Project Schedule and Impacts

The design of this project was completed in August 2021 and the construction contract advertised for bids in September 2021.

It is anticipated that work on the 3rd Street SW bridges will begin and be completed in Fall of 2021. The construction will require around the clock full bridge closures to general traffic for one entire weekend.

It is anticipated that work on the Lea Hill bridge will begin and be completed in Spring of 2022. There will be times during construction when the roadway will be narrowed down to one single lane to the general traffic.

For more information on these Projects, please contact Kim Truong, Project Engineer at 253-804-5059 or via email at [kbtruong@auburnwa.gov](mailto:kbtruong@auburnwa.gov)



**Fall has arrived, with its shorter, darker days, it is a good time to remind ourselves of ways to stay safe while out walking or jogging. During dark and wet weather, visibility is limited, making it difficult for everyone to see each other.**

## **HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP MAKE SURE YOU SEE AND ARE SEEN SEE...**

Be careful at intersections. Watch for drivers turning left or right through the crosswalks. Drivers may be focused on oncoming traffic and may not see you.

Be aware of your surroundings. Remove your headphones and take a break from your phone while crossing the road.

## **...AND BE SEEN**

Wear light, bright or reflective clothing. Light or bright colors are seen farther away than dark colors at night, and reflective materials are seen even farther away.

If you don't have bright or reflective clothing, add a reflector to your bag, carry a flashlight or use your phone's flashlight to make yourself visible to drivers at night or in bad weather.

Only cross roads at crosswalks and follow pedestrian signs and traffic signals.

Be cautious and never assume that a driver has seen you.

# LEAVES, LEAVES, LEAVES!



**The sights and sounds of autumn – colorful leaves carpeting the grass, crunching under feet, raking a huge pile to jump into. It’s all part of the joy of the season, but after the fun is over, PLEASE don’t rake or blow them into the street!**

Throughout the year, the City’s street maintenance program removes leaves and debris from our streets that can clog storm drains, cause flooding and pollute our rivers and streams, but our crews do not have the equipment to gather up all the leaves from the streets and from our residents’ yards too.

You can enjoy the crisp autumn air, get some exercise, and help your community by putting your leaves into your compost pile or yard waste bin instead of the street. If you hire a landscape maintenance company, please ask them not to blow or sweep leaves and debris into the street. Please trim any low branches that stick out into the road or sidewalk. You can use a rake to clear leaves and debris from storm drains near your home or business so that rainwater can drain easily, but don’t ever try to remove a storm drain grate. They are heavy, and all that debris may clog the pipes, causing flooding.

Another way you can help our team out and keep your streets swept is by not parking in the street on the day it is scheduled to be swept.

From October 1 through March 1, the street sweepers are not on a set schedule because of fall/winter weather conditions. These conditions include rain, snow, freezing temperatures and heavy leaf accumulations. During this time period, street sweepers will be sweeping as often as the weather will allow.



Parking like this is one example of parking that impacts our ability to sweep your street.

For more information about the City’s street sweeping schedule, visit [auburnwa.gov/sweepingschedule](http://auburnwa.gov/sweepingschedule).

# CURIOUS HISTORY ON DISPLAY THIS FALL AT WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM

The Closets of Curiosity exhibit at the White River Valley Museum features 500 artifacts from South King County's history, many of them rarely displayed and each with its own unique story. Here's a sneak peak of five fascinating artifacts featured in the exhibit.



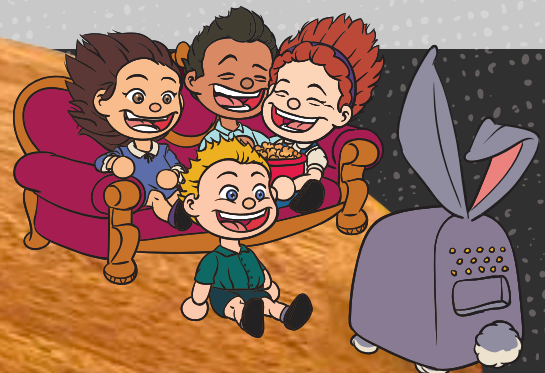
## **Brown's Celery & Phosphate Health Beverage, late 19th-early 20th century**

Many modern day sodas, including Coca-Cola and Pepsi, were originally created as early 20th century health beverages and patent medicines (sometimes with weird or even dangerous ingredients like cocaine or lithium). Similarly, Brown's Celery & Phosphate drink is actually the ancestor of the modern-day soda Cel-Ray, a kosher beverage sold almost exclusively in New York's famous Jewish delicatessens. Along with being kosher, the celery flavor was familiar to many Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, where savory vegetable drinks made with lettuce or beets were already well known.



## **"On Our Way to Paradise" sheet music, 1915**

Frederick Leber was an Auburn shoemaker who worked on the side as a composer of popular sheet music, most of which was self-published. Before the invention of recorded music albums, sheet music for piano with printed lyrics was the way pop music was distributed to the mass market. This song written by Leber, which was distributed nationally, advertised Paradise as a place of romance and natural wonder. "In vain would I describe the wonders / of Rainier Park and Paradise / Above the clouds on trail I ponder / On mountain's grandeur in the skies."



### Terracotta Walrus sculpture, 1916

This terracotta walrus is the last remaining original walrus from Seattle's Arctic Building, removed and restored after their heavy tusks became loose and started falling four stories to the sidewalk below. It was originally sculpted at the Gladding McBean factory in Renton, one of several local terracotta factories owned by the company along with sites in Auburn and Taylor. Terracotta was a major industry in Auburn in the 1910s and 1920s, employing several hundred workers as artists and laborers to create sculptures that still decorate buildings in downtown Seattle and Tacoma today.



### Wrapped Mokwon, c. 2010

Marshallese travelers on long canoe voyages would take bundles of dried and wrapped mokwon (pandan leaf paste) with them as a compact, stable, and high-calorie food. Pandan is an important food and flavoring in many Micronesian and Polynesian cuisines, as well as in Southeast Asia. It has a sweet, flowery taste often compared to jasmine, vanilla, and coconut and a vibrant green color used for making bright desserts and jellies.



### The Wolf & Seven Young Goats child's cup, c. 1900

Fairy tales were not always the friendly, Disney-esque stories we think of today. This child's cup shows a scene from the terrifying German fairy tale "The Wolf and Seven Young Goats," in which a mother goat cuts open a wolf with scissors to free her children from its stomach. According to the Grimm Brothers, who recorded the tale in 1812, the goat mother took it one step further and put rocks in the wolf's belly before sewing it shut again. It turns out, mama bears don't hold a candle to mama goats!

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# Puget Sound Energy's Storm Preparedness



In our world of modern technology, comforts and needs, power outages are, at the very least, inconvenient - especially in the cold of winter. To help limit outages, PSE spends its summers strengthening their electric system against storm-caused outages by trimming away trees that could fall into the lines and installing electric cable that is specifically designed to resist outages caused by branches. They are also investing in new technology and communications to keep you as informed as possible.

As they work on these system enhancements, crews continue to follow COVID-19 public health guidelines in order to ensure that their teams are there and ready for you when the power is out and that our community remains safe and healthy.

Many times residents have concerns about tree limbs that look to be threatening power lines. If you see a situation like this, please contact [vegetationmanagement@pse.com](mailto:vegetationmanagement@pse.com). PSE will determine if the lines are electrical and, if so, will evaluate if there is any public risk that needs to be addressed. However, many times the overhead lines are actually telecommunication lines (e.g., phone or cable) which do not belong to PSE. Since telecommunication lines are not energized by high voltage electrical current, there is a reduced public safety risk in those situations. There are many telecommunication providers within Auburn that have aerial facilities including Century Link, Comcast and numerous fiber systems.

One way you can stay up-to-date is by downloading the myPSE app which makes it easier than ever to access your account and be notified about power outages, even when you're away from home. The myPSE is self-service, allowing you to start or change your service, manage account preferences, view your energy usage, make a payment or setup a payment arrangement with just one click. Learn more or download the app at [pse.com/app](https://pse.com/app).

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### During a storm, if you see lines down or approach downed trees with wires intertwined, remember safety is a priority:

- Never touch downed power lines because they might be energized. Stay at least 35 feet away from any downed line and call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 and 911 to report problems.
- Limit driving if possible and remember, when thunder roars, go indoors!
- If driving, never drive through large areas of standing water.



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### Other Safety Tips Include:

- Do not use a charcoal or gas grill to cook indoors or to heat your home - both can cause a buildup of poisonous carbon monoxide gas.
- Always use flashlights instead of candles.

## Steps you can take to be prepared for outages

PSE crews are dedicated to the communities they serve and to keeping you safe and warm, but there are also steps you can take to be prepared if outages do happen. Find tips for being storm ready at [pse.com/storm](https://pse.com/storm) or use the check list below to get started:

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- ✓ Make sure to have emergency supplies on hand at home and in your vehicle, such as extra batteries, flashlights, water and food.
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- ✓ Check to see if prescription medications need to be filled.
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- ✓ Consider alternative sources of heat, such as blankets and sleeping bags.
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- ✓ Listen to weather advisories and heed weather warnings.
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- ✓ If you have pets, consider having emergency supplies for them.
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- ✓ Have a battery-powered radio ready to go.
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- ✓ Charge cell phones and mobile devices in case the power goes out.
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- ✓ Avoid opening and closing refrigerators and freezers more often than necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for up to 12 hours.
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- ✓ Turn off lights and unplug all appliances and sensitive electronic equipment, such as computers, to prevent an overload on your circuits when electric service is restored. Leave one light on to let you know when service returns.
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- ✓ Download the myPSE app to track and report outages, check status and get estimated restoration times, or visit [pse.com/outagemap](https://pse.com/outagemap).
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# Transit Update

Transit service is a key component of Auburn’s transportation system, providing mobility within, and access to and from, the city. The City of Auburn does not directly administer transit service. Rather, the City works with local and regional transit agencies to coordinate service in, to and from Auburn. The transit agencies are publicly funded and are responsible for providing transit service within their service boundaries.

Since March 2020, you may have noticed a reduction in transit service, limitations in ridership (reduced numbers of people allowed in one bus), and uncertainty about future projects for many of the transit agencies.

Here are some updates about three of the four transit agencies serving Auburn. Information regarding the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s transit services is anticipated to be available at a later date, as they work to return to their regular service.



## Sound Transit

Due to impacts from the pandemic on transit ridership, Sound Transit had reduced service on the Lakewood to Seattle Sounder Train route and placed a hold on most capital projects that had not already begun construction.

As of September 20, 2021, Sound Transit will restore train 1507 (2:35 pm from Seattle to Tacoma) and train 1520 (4:06 pm Tacoma to Seattle).

For up-to-date Sounder Train schedule information, visit: [soundtransit.org/ride-with-us/routes-schedules/](https://soundtransit.org/ride-with-us/routes-schedules/)

Additionally, following 17 months of discussion and engagement, the Sound Transit board adopted a realignment plan on August 5, which will affect the timeline for the completion projects that had been placed on hold. One of these projects is the second Sound Transit Garage for the Auburn Station, which was expected to be completed in 2024. The Sound Transit Board voted to keep this project a high priority and the expected delay is limited to one year, or completion in 2025. Although it is frustrating that this project has been delayed, it is great news for Auburn that the project is proceeding.

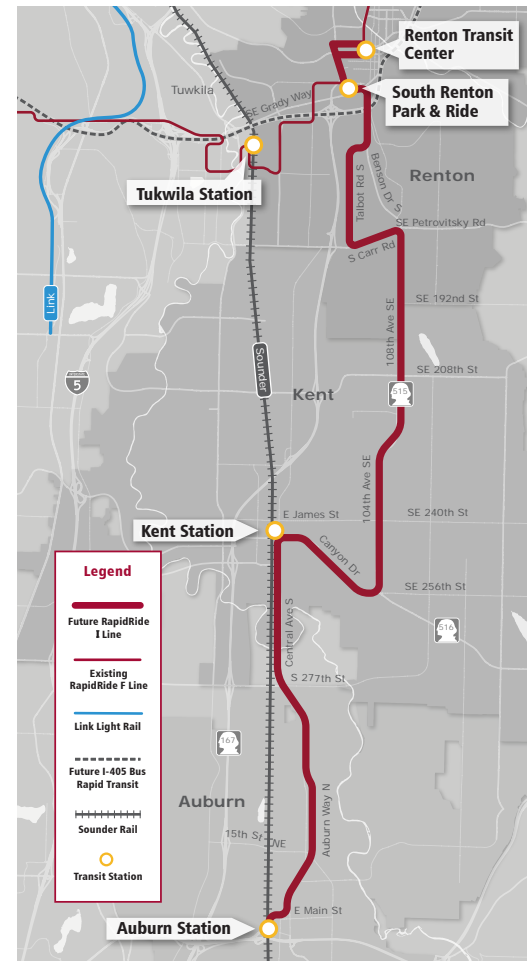
For more information about the Sound Transit Realignment and other project timeline, visit: [soundtransit.org/system-expansion/realignment](https://soundtransit.org/system-expansion/realignment)

## King County Metro Transit (Metro)

Due to impacts from the pandemic on transit ridership, Metro also reduced transit service throughout the county. Metro announced that by October 2 transit service will be restored to a 95% pre-pandemic level. While service was not reduced in Auburn (no routes were suspended) and additional service hours were provided last fall, the return of service in other areas is great news for residents who need to commute via transit to other parts of the county.

RapidRide I Line update: You may have heard that Metro is working on bringing the RapidRide service to Auburn. RapidRide service is a branded bus line with frequent (10-15 minutes), reliable, 24-hour service. You may have seen the red buses around other parts of the King County. The planned RapidRide in Auburn will replace the current route 160, connecting Downtown Auburn to Kent and Renton, via Auburn Way North.

This project relies in part on grant approval from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with the rest of the project cost already funded by Metro and other grants. Recently, the \$55.6 million FTA grant was added to the list of recommended projects to be funded in the 2022 federal budget. This project includes 23 diesel





electric hybrid buses, 1.95 miles of transit exclusive lanes, level boarding stations, off-board fare payment, transit signal priority and queue jumps. The I Line is planned to begin service in fall of 2023, although it could be delayed to 2024 due to a longer permitting process than expected during the pandemic. Stay tuned for more updates!

For more information about this project, visit: [kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/travel-options/bus/rapidride/i-line.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/travel-options/bus/rapidride/i-line.aspx)

## Pierce Transit:

Within Auburn, Pierce Transit operates Route 497, which is a commuter route between Lakeland Hills and the Sounder Station in downtown Auburn. This route connects riders to other transit routes, such as the Sounder train and other bus connections. This route was reduced while the Sounder cut back in operation, but service has resumed to meet each train, Monday through Friday. There are eight planned trips each morning and eight return trips each afternoon.

For schedule details, visit: [piercetransit.org/route-497-lakeland-hills/](http://piercetransit.org/route-497-lakeland-hills/)



## Additional Transit resources:

Find your best ORCA fare online tool (English) [kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/fares-orca/orca-cards/which-fare.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/fares-orca/orca-cards/which-fare.aspx)

Find your best ORCA fare online tool (Spanish) [kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/fares-orca/orca-cards/which-fare/es.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/fares-orca/orca-cards/which-fare/es.aspx)

Plan your next trip using our Puget Sound Trip Planner [tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/#/app/tripplanning](http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/#/app/tripplanning)

# Auburn Police Chief steadily increases diversity of department

Daniel O'Neil was named interim police chief in Auburn in November 2019 and appointed as chief by Mayor Nancy Backus in March 2020. Upon assuming the role in 2019, Chief O'Neil immediately began implementing positive changes to the department. One his primary areas of focus has been on recruiting high caliber individuals with the highest degree of character and integrity to add to our professional police department and on reaching diverse members of our community.



Auburn Police Department  
Chief Daniel O'Neil

Every day, the Auburn Police Department (APD) continues to adapt and learn. The summer protests of 2020 only served to validate the vision of Chief O'Neil and the Auburn Police Department to continue the path towards diversity and inclusion among the ranks.

In 2019, the diversity rate within the department was only about 10%. Since then, that number has significantly increased. Now, in 2021 the diversity rate sits at 23%. However, this is not an end point. Leaders in the Department are committed to ensuring that this number will only continue to increase.

What will the City of Auburn and the Auburn Police Department do to continue to grow this number? With the help of the Human Resources Department, we are broadening where and how we recruit officers to find the most qualified applicants whose diverse perspectives, skillsets, and experiences will make them valuable peace officers in Auburn.

Chief O'Neil has also implemented new methods when hiring, training and mentoring new officers. The Chief now requires that oral board panels are varied and diverse in nature in order to more closely reflect the diversity of candidates. After hiring, the candidate will be part of our new mentoring program that matches police candidates with an officer who has similar interests or background. That mentor is assigned to the candidate as they go through the hiring process, academy, field training and probation. There are also Internal Promotional Exams that have panels that match the diversity of each candidate.

Additionally, through the help of the Police Advisory Committee (PAC), which was established in 2020, a scholarship program was launched at Green River Community College. This scholarship will help create a recruiting pipeline for local students here in Auburn transitioning them into Auburn Police Officers.

The Auburn Police Department continues to adapt and learn. With that, we hope to continue to increase the diversity within the department as we proactively foster a culture where the role of diversity in effective policing is understood and valued.



Learn more about the Auburn Police Department changes, Police Advisory Committee and more with our YouTube library of videos. Visit [auburnwa.gov/police](http://auburnwa.gov/police)



## Waste Management now serving all of Auburn

All Auburn residents will now be served by one waste hauler. On October 1, 2021, all residential and business customers within the city limits of Auburn will have their solid waste services through one provider, Waste Management (WM). The City's decision to unify Auburn's environmental services creates an opportunity to realign collection routes for reduced environmental impact and greater efficiency.

Among other benefits, your new WM services include:

- new containers and a new color scheme
- unlimited recycling
- added 45-gallon garbage cart size option
- 35-gallon once a month pickup option
- updated easy to understand guidelines
- a new green fleet of collection trucks that runs on renewable natural gas (RNG) for cleaner air



### Residential Customers

#### Carts, collection days and expanded services

Customer cart swaps began July 26 and will run through September. Customers should use their existing carts until new carts arrive and old carts are removed. Your new carts will be the same size as your existing carts unless you have a 10-gallon can.

All residential customers will receive new easy-roll carts to improve safety and efficiency.

- **Garbage carts will now be grey**
- **Recycling carts will remain blue**
- **Yard+ food waste carts will now be green**



#### No more 10-gallon cans

If you currently have a 10-gallon can, WM will replace it with a 35-gallon cart with a 20-gallon black insert. This makes it a good choice for households that generate less waste, and yet it's stable and easy to roll – just like the larger capacity carts. The old 10-gallon cans will no longer be used because they are not compatible with the automated collection equipment on the new trucks.



#### Need a different cart size or multiple carts?

No problem! New size options and additional garbage, recycling, and yard+food waste carts will be available after October 1. All new solid waste rates can be found online at [wmnorthwest.com/auburn](http://wmnorthwest.com/auburn).

#### New Collection Days

Your collection day and/or recycle collection week may be changing. The City has grown significantly since the last reroute re-organization in 2012 and will be adding over 4,000 new customers to the collection routes. This increase in customer base requires collection routes to be reorganized. WM will be mailing reroute letters to those customers who will be affected by collection day changes.

## Expanded Services

- **Unlimited Recycling.**

Available for residential, multifamily, and now businesses. Place extra recycling next to the recycle cart in a box or paper bag on the morning of collection so it stays dry. Wet items can degrade paper and cardboard, making them nonrecyclable. Do not use plastic bags for extra recycle. Your first recycle cart (up to 96-gallons) is included in the cost of garbage service. Each additional recycle cart is \$3.00 plus tax per month. Check FAQs for new guidelines listing what is accepted.

- **Weekly Yard+Food Waste Pickup!**

New WM customers will now get yard+food waste service weekly instead of every other week. Yard+food waste service is a subscription-based service.

- **New On Call Bulky Item Collection.**

Residential customers can now call anytime throughout the year to have up to four bulky items picked up at no additional charge. Items accepted and program guidelines are located on the WM website, or you can call WM Customer Service.

- **Larger Temporary Garbage Dumpsters.**

Customers can now rent an 8-yard temporary dumpster. Other size options include: 2, 4, 6, 20, 30 or 40-yard.

- **Supporting Our Community.**

WM is partnering with the City of Auburn to help customers go green and help those in need at the same time. For every customer who signs up for paperless billing, automatic payment or contact preferences (how you would like to be contacted by WM), WM will donate \$1 to The Auburn Food Bank up to \$5,000. Paperless billing also reduces waste, and it's convenient!



## Multifamily & Business Customers

All multifamily and business cart customers will receive new easy-roll carts as described above for residential customers. Customers with 1-yard to 8-yard garbage, recycle, and yard+food waste containers will receive new containers – grey for garbage, green for yard+food waste, and blue for recycle. Container swaps began in June and will run through September.

**Unlimited Recycling.** All multifamily, and now business customers can have unlimited recycle collected at no additional cost in carts and front-load dumpsters (1yd to 8yd). This is a great benefit to encourage more recycling from the commercial sector. Reducing garbage by recycling more can help save money and the environment.

## Connection is Key

It will be easier than ever to communicate directly with WM. Auburn's new enhanced services include a dedicated Auburn customer phone number and an Auburn ambassador who is specially trained on the new Auburn services and unique characteristics of the Auburn area.

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### Website

[wmnorthwest.com/auburn](http://wmnorthwest.com/auburn) is the go-to site for information about all WM services.

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### New MyWM App

View service schedules and request services, all from the palm of your hand.

- Live Chat (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Get a heads-up on when you can expect service
- Choose new billing options: Apple Pay, automatic payments, and paperless billing
- Guaranteed security – The app uses the latest technology, complete with facial recognition and fingerprint login

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### Email

[pnwrsservices@wm.com](mailto:pnwrsservices@wm.com)

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### Phone

253-939-9792 (new dedicated Auburn phone number)

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### Extended Customer Service hours

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. for our Auburn customers

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### Social Media

Join WM on Facebook and Twitter.  
Watch our YouTube videos.

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# AUBURN'S 56TH VETERANS PARADE

## ★ ★ ★ *our* ★ ★ ★ HEROES



## ★ ★ ★ *our* ★ ★ ★ PARADE

**NOVEMBER 6, 2021 ★ 11 AM ★ MAIN STREET**

**7:00am | American Legion Breakfast**

**11:00am | Parade, *Main Street***

**1:30pm | Auburn Noon Lions Club Luncheon, *Merrill Gardens***



# Since 1965, the City of Auburn has honored our veterans.

Once again, Auburn's Veterans Parade & Observance has been recognized by the National Veterans Day Committee and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as one of the few Regional Sites for the celebration of Veterans Day in the United States.

The 2021 parade marks the 56th anniversary of this signature event in our city. The parade typically boasts nearly 6,000 participants and over 200 units, including military vehicles and equipment, military and veteran units, over 25 marching bands, ROTC Units, antique military vehicles and classic cars, community groups and more.

In a typical year, the day would start bright and early with an American Legion-sponsored community breakfast, followed by a Remembrance Ceremony and Lighting of the Flame. A Static Display and Exhibit Showcase is also shown on city streets close to the parade route. Over the years, the display has included military vehicles and equipment, the Washington National Guard's Rock Wall and a variety of booths. An Auburn Noon Lions-sponsored lunch is held directly after the parade and is a joint effort between the City of Auburn and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, where they recognize their Outstanding Service to Veterans Award Winners. A VFW Open House and the state's largest marching band competition conclude the day.

The City of Auburn invites a variety of dignitaries to participate in the parade. These dignitaries are the Commanding Officers for each branch of the local military, the State Commander for the congressionally chartered Veteran Service Organizations and various elected officials. The event staff works with local car dealerships to secure parade vehicles for the 50+ participating dignitaries, as they are acknowledged by the thousands of spectators as they make their way down the parade route.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 event was held as a five-day 'Salute to Veterans Celebration,' which included both virtual and in-person events including a Veterans Vehicle Procession, a Sweet Treats for Vets event, a virtual Veterans Tribute Program and more.

The City of Auburn is planning for the 2021 event to take place on Saturday, November 6. In our current circumstances, it is hard to know what this year's Veterans Parade & Observance will look like. Sadly, some of the typically scheduled events have already been canceled including the Static Display & Exhibit Showcase, the Remembrance Ceremony and the Marching Band Competition. At this time however, the City of Auburn has no plans to cancel this year's parade.

With that said, event organizers are in the midst of planning a safe and memorable event for 2021. Auburn is committed to celebrating our veterans, active military, veterans service organizations and so many others. Eligible groups can register for the parade at [auburnwa.gov/vets](http://auburnwa.gov/vets) and spectators are encouraged to check back frequently to see how the event will unfold in November.

The Veterans Parade will follow all current mandates from King County Public Health that may be in place on November 6, 2021. As of the most recent King County Public Health order (effective September 7, 2021), we will be requiring all spectators aged 5 and older to wear a mask while attending the parade, regardless of vaccination status. Parade participants are required to wear a mask in the parade line-up area. Parade participants may remove their masks if inside a vehicle with only their direct household members. All employees are also required to wear a mask. The only exceptions are for people with medical conditions and when guests are eating and drinking. **Stay tuned for more details as the 2021 event unfolds at [auburnwa.gov/vets](http://auburnwa.gov/vets).**

**Over the years, Auburn's Veterans Parade has become one of the largest parades of its kind in the United States.**

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## White River Disc Golf Course is popular destination in Auburn

According to the Professional Disc Golf Association, disc golf is played much like golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc or Frisbee®. The object of the game is to complete each hole in the fewest throws. The sport was formalized in the 1970s with official courses and tournaments across the country. And, it's been said the origin of the game goes way back with pie tins used as discs.

To play the game, a golf disc is thrown from a tee area to a target or "hole", typically an elevated metal basket. As a player progresses down the fairway, he or she must make each consecutive throw from the spot where the previous throw landed. The trees, shrubs, and terrain changes located in and around the fairways provide challenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the "putt" lands in the basket and the hole is completed.

While disc golf may share the same joys and frustrations of golf, whether it's sinking a long putt or hitting a tree halfway down the fairway, there are a few differences: disc golf is most often free to play in public parks and there is no need to rent a cart.

In Auburn, the popular White River Disc Golf Course is located at Game Farm Wilderness Park, 2401 Stuck River Drive SE. The course was established in 2005 with a grant and land from the City of Auburn, and it is run by the non-profit, White River Disc Golf Association (WRDGA.) The original builders of the course, Tom Bontempo, Danny Delgado, Ming Vang, Big Dog Werth, Kid Cain, Phinney Brothers, Blaine Klingler, and many others, were some of the best players in the State and you are likely to still run into them at the course.

Auburn's popular course weaves through both wooded and open terrains, giving disc golfers a great experience. As an added challenge, one of the holes is adjacent to the White River. The course is also unique within the state of Washington as it is adjacent to the Game Farm Wilderness Campground, making

the course a vacation destination for disc golfers. Over the course of the year, it's estimated that nearly 30,000 rounds are played at the course.

The WRDGA maintains the disc golf course with a large volunteer corps, runs tournaments and open play nights, and is working on expanding its partnership with the Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department to offer Disc Golf classes in the future. The group is currently creating some new holes along with adding wood chips to the sand and river rock fairways to control erosion and help the health of all the greenery.

The non-profit organization also has welcomed aboard some new leadership, with Trevor Schneklath and Rocky Cox taking leadership roles in the organization. Their continued passion for the sport and their investment as business partners in Mando's Disc Golf Pro Shop are a perfect match for the organization.

Almost all ages and abilities can play disc golf, making it a great fitness activity. The sport is easy to learn and players can match their pace to their capabilities and proceed from there. A casual round takes one to two hours and may be played alone, eliminating the difficulty of scheduling tee times. And, of course, there's the sheer fun of the game - no matter what your age or skill level.

Perhaps the greatest attribute of the sport is the low barrier to entry. A professional quality disc costs roughly \$15, and it only takes one for basic play. (Make sure to check out Mando's Disc Golf Pro Shop in downtown Auburn, located at

502 E. Main Street, to get started with equipment and to chat about all things Disc Golf and White River Disc Golf Course).

For more information about the White River Disc Golf Association call Mando's Disc Golf Pro Shop at 253-338-6257 and look for their Facebook Page coming soon.





# City's BRAVO Performing Arts season creates magnificent moments on stage

Lights on! Stage set! Theater is ready! The City of Auburn is excited to open the Auburn Avenue Theater for an incredible lineup of music, comedy, theater and kids' programming that will take the stage for the 2021-2022 BRAVO Performing Arts Season.

The Auburn Avenue Theater sustained some water and smoke damage as a result of the downtown fire in July that devastated residents and business owners that were neighbors of the theater. Abatement work at the Theater has been ongoing since the end of July and will be completed in time for the Theater to open to the public in mid-September.

Season spotlight performances include the harmonic dynamic quartet, The Modern Gentlemen, the urban "Stomp" style music and dance of Vocal Trash, the hilarious and entertaining Ron Stubbs Rock N Roll Hypnotist, and two preliminary nights of the popular Seattle International Comedy Competition.

Experience live musical theater with the Auburn Community Players productions of "Little Women" in late September and October, "Elf the Musical" in December, "Matilda The Musical" in March, and "Big The Musical" in June. Marvel at the charming youth productions of Disney's "Aladdin Jr." next spring and Disney's "Frozen Jr." next summer. Celebrate the holiday season with An Inspirational Christmas with Elvis or celebrate with a sweetheart near Valentine's Day with Joey Jewell's Tribute to Frank Sinatra and Friends.

Bring the kids to catch adorable renditions of the classics like "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and "Winnie the Pooh" or fun magic and mayhem shows with Matt Baker or Science Circus. Take in a tribute to Patsy Cline with Amanda Bacon, Neil Diamond with Cherry Cherry, the Rolling Stones with Stonesy, Rush with Anthem, John Denver with Ted Vigil, and Janie Joplin with Janis Lives. Make sure to catch The Premier Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival with Randy Linder who was the winner of the Auburn Ave Theater's 2020 Best of the Pacific Northwest Band Quarantine Contest. With over 70 performances this season, there is exceptional entertainment to suit every taste.

Most performances are held at the Auburn Avenue Theater, located at 10 Auburn Ave. in the heart of downtown Auburn, and a few performances will be held at the Auburn Performing Arts Center at the campus of Auburn High School, located at 702 4th St. NE.

Individuals interested in receiving up-to-date information, special deals and announcements about upcoming performances and other events, can sign-up for the Auburn Arts & Events e-newsletter at [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts) or become a Facebook fan of Auburn Arts and Events.

You can also find full details and ticket prices for each show, and purchase tickets on-line at [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts) or by calling 253-931-3043 on Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. or Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

# The REC Teen Center re-opening in September!

**Check out the Teen Center Monday-Friday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for activities, games, and good times and meet our new teen program coordinator Keisha Taylor!**

Keisha comes to us from North Carolina where she earned her bachelor's degree in Community and Therapeutic Recreation at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She previously worked for the YMCA; City of Raleigh and Town of Morrisville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department. She also worked at this little place called Disney World! In her free time, Keisha likes to enjoy shopping, sewing, eating, reading and photography - especially of wildlife.

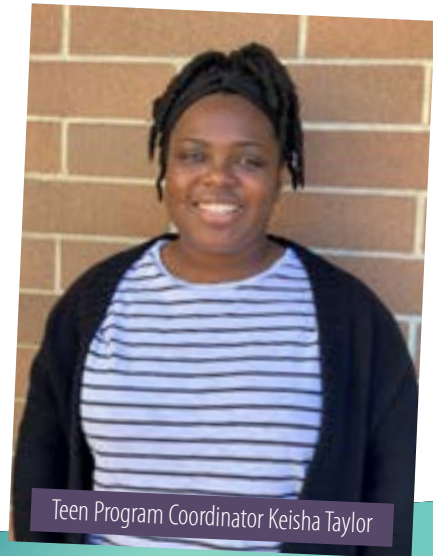
The REC is the best place to hang out after school. We welcome all teenagers in grades 6-12 that attend the Auburn and Dieringer School Districts or live in Auburn. We are open Monday – Friday from 2-5 p.m. and you already know it is supervised by the coolest staff in town!

Need a ride? No problem! Teens can take a bus from their school to The REC and then take a bus home at 5 p.m. The REC is happy to partner with the Auburn School District to provide transportation to this awesome program.

Boredom is not an option here at The REC. We have open gym, video games, a lounge with foosball, air hockey and ping pong. Add to that one of the area's best makerspace rooms - a unique room at The REC that includes a 3D printer, laser cutter, and much more to create cool projects.

Stop by The REC to learn a new skill or improve your skills in the gym, lounge, or makerspace. Annual and monthly memberships are available now.

Give us a call today and find out more at 253-931-3043 or visit [auburnwa.gov/therec](http://auburnwa.gov/therec)



Teen Program Coordinator Keisha Taylor

**TEENS | GRADES 6-12**

# THE REC

AUBURN TEEN CENTER

**OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 2-5 PM**

**GRAND RE-OPENING SEPTEMBER 13**

**SEPTEMBER 13 - JUNE 17 MEMBERSHIP RATES**

Monthly Membership	\$15
Full Year Membership	\$100

**DID YOU HEAR?! Full-year memberships are only \$75 before September 30!**

**DROP-IN RATES**

Teen Center Daily Drop-In	\$1
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*Participants must be enrolled in an Auburn Middle or High School, live in the City of Auburn or attend a Private School in Auburn.*

**Maker's Room**  
 3D Printer  
 Laser Cutter  
 Robotics  
 Jewelry Making  
 Inkscape  
 Custom Decals  
 Arduino  
 Digital Embroidery  
 Photoshop  
 2D to 3D Design

**TECH LAB**  
 Tutoring & homework help

**PING PONG | FOOSBALL | AIR HOCKEY  
 TEEN LOUNGE | VIDEO GAMES**

**Transportation**  
 The Auburn School District will be providing transportation from the four middle schools to The REC between 2:30-3pm Monday through Friday and back to the four middle schools at 5pm Monday through Friday.  
 Permission slip is required to ride the bus to The REC. Visit the Middle School Administration Offices for a form.

**THE GYM**  
**DROP-IN BASKETBALL**  
 Monday-Friday  
 2:30-5pm



# Summer Fun SEEKers had a blast with STEM

A significant expansion to our youth program this summer was made possible thanks to grant funding from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) in partnership with the Washington Recreation & Parks Association (WRPA). AWC presented a grant opportunity at the end of June through the Summer Expanded Enrichment for Kids program (SEEK). The purpose of the SEEK funding program was to increase access to summer enrichment programming for underserved youth, particularly those from communities that have been most impacted by COVID-19.

After the application process, Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation was awarded \$90,000 to conduct outdoor enrichment programming for school-aged youth – aptly named Summer Fun SEEKers. Summer Fun SEEKers served over 85 youth ages 5-12 at two sites this summer, Game Farm Park and Lea Hill Park. Participants in this free program had a blast with hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) experiments and activities. Youth got in on the action mixing and pouring concoctions, making guesses about what would happen next and checking their results. Summer Fun Seekers allowed the youth involved to get in touch with their learning, quite literally! Special activities were planned to keep the youth in the program active in fun games and activities that provided an opportunity for social interaction that had been in short supply during the COVID-19 pandemic. By combining youth of all ages, kids were able to interact with their peers and also kids that were in different age groups, practicing important social skills like positive communication; conflict resolution; confidence building; grit and more, all through play!

Positive, caring mentors were on hand each day to lead activities, check-in with kids and to ensure safety and a beneficial experience for all the youth in the program. Daily journaling practice and discussion provided opportunity to share and learn from one another's experiences. Special activities were planned with the King County Library System through Librarian visits which brought each child in the program a free book for home. The Parks & Recreation REC Riders program brought bikes out for special bike days with instruction and skills courses. Several youth in the program even learned to ride a bike for the first time! The Auburn Police Department Bike Patrol came out to lend a hand encouraging kids to challenge themselves and keep riding. Both programs wrapped up the season with an end of summer BBQ and water slide celebration.

All-in-all it was a fast and fantastic program that passed much too quickly. Thanks to the SEEK funding many more youth in Auburn were able to participate in summer enrichment programs, making new friends, creating new experiences and learning skills that will last them long into the future.





3 drivers delivered up to 100 meals a day to the homes of Auburn seniors.



## September is National Senior Center Month and Auburn Senior Activity Center Turns 20

This year, senior centers were a beacon to many across the country — probably more than ever imagined. We are showing the entire region how vital senior centers are to the health and well-being of our community.

When the pandemic hit, we transformed our center to virtual activity centers overnight and, in so doing, provided continued means of social engagement and activity during bleak times, turning the table on ageist stereotypes about older adults and technology use. The Auburn Senior Activity Center Zoom events were epic!

- We provided countless hours of support and encouragement and delivered numerous meals.
- We became even more integral to health care delivery by providing COVID-19 guidance, vaccine education, and vaccinations appointment assistance to those without computers.
- We played an outsized role in addressing an issue that we knew was important even before the pandemic: social isolation.

Today's senior centers are delivering vital connections to help all older adults age well. Senior centers offer a vibrant combination of recreation, resources and education for healthy aging, and special events.

This month, we held a Grand Re-opening week and 20 year celebration September 13-17. We had special activities, games, and prizes in addition to a 20th anniversary celebration. Our facility opened on September 10, 2001. The celebration finale was on Friday, September 17 with our *Plan to "Get Back on Track"* at our 2021 Wellness Fair, with lunch and entertainment for everyone that attended. We had a great time welcoming you back and celebrating with you! We are proud of what we accomplished and are thrilled to be OPEN again. We look forward to seeing you soon and continuing the good work we do.

Our members are finding opportunity and strength every day," said Radine Lozier, Senior Center Supervisor. "They demand the opportunity to continue connecting. We serve them and this community the best we can with fun and engaging programs, while also providing practical tools and resources to help them stay healthy and independent."

Each year, Senior Center Month emphasizes the tremendous potential that senior centers deliver in their communities, including programming that empowers older adults to holistically age well and strengthen mind, body, spirit, and community connections.

We hope you will visit us soon at 808 Ninth St. SE or check out our webpages at [auburnwa.gov/seniors](http://auburnwa.gov/seniors).

*Content for this article provided by The National Council on Aging (NCOA), The National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) and the staff at the Auburn Senior Activity Center*

## Hot Lunch Program Pivots with the Help of our Partners: Catholic Community Services and Hyde Shuttle

The Auburn Senior Activity Center has had a hot lunch program since the 1970s. When we closed due to covid in March 2020, we knew we needed to keep seniors fed, but we had to figure out a new way.

Thanks to partnerships with Hyde Shuttle and Catholic Community Services, we quickly transitioned to take out and delivered hot meals. Hyde Shuttle drivers would normally bring seniors to us for lunch. Instead, they reversed things and brought the lunches to the seniors.

This proved to be a better idea than we originally planned. We went from serving approximately 75 meals in house daily to delivering and passing out 120 – 140 hot meals a day. Sharon VanBlaricom, the Catholic Community Services cook, went from having 6-8 volunteers helping her daily to having a paid assistant come in for few hours a day. Sharon has only taken one day off in 16 months.

Catholic Community Services has not returned to in house dining yet. We are hopeful this will change soon, but for now, hot meals can be picked up at the Auburn Senior Activity Center located at 808 Ninth St. SE, Monday – Friday at 12 p.m. Meals may be taken home to eat or tables are informally set up in the dining room for those who want to sit down and enjoy their takeout meal on site. Meals are \$4.50 suggested Contribution for those age 60 and over.

We are so thankful for our amazing partners and how we came together during a crisis to support one another for the greater good of our community. We are Auburn Strong!



Sharon VanBlaricom, Nutrition Site Manager,  
Catholic Community Services



808 9th Street SE, Auburn, WA 98002

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

253-931-3016 | [auburnwa.gov/seniors](http://auburnwa.gov/seniors)

The Auburn Senior Activity Center enhances the quality of life of senior adults in our community through social, recreational, health and wellness, educational, and nutritional services and programs.

### RECREATIONAL

- Extend Travel
- Golf
- Hiking & Walking
- Pool Tables
- Trips & Tours
- Pickleball
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball

### EDUCATIONAL

- Art Classes
- Book Club
- Computer Lab
- Drivers Safety
- Look Who's Talking - Lecture Series

### SOCIAL

- Bridge
- Bunco
- Canasta
- Coffee Bar
- Mexican Train Dominoes
- Movies
- Music and Dancing
- Pinochle
- Puzzle Table
- Scrabble
- Special Events
- Volunteer Opportunities

### NUTRITIONAL SERVICES & PROGRAMS

- Lunch Monday through Friday
- Meals on Wheels
- Monthly Low Cost Food Pantry
- Monthly Social Dinner

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Blood Pressure Clinic
- Dental Cleaning
- Fitness Room
- Footcare
- Massage
- Respite Care
- SAIL (Staying Active & Independent for Life)
- Silver Sneakers Exercise Classes



# Fire Prevention Week: Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™



Every October, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) promotes a theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9. The message for 2021 is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety,™” and it includes the important goal of educating everyone about the sounds of their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—it does it for a reason. Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer’s instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online.

“Knowing when you need to escape versus when you need to change the battery is an important distinction that can save you, your home, and your family,” said Valley Regional Fire Authority Deputy Chief Dave Larberg.

While some products may have slight differences, there are a few things everyone should know about the sounds smoke and CO alarms make:

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life, and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Smoke alarms and alert devices are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices include strobe lights that flash to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds. Pillow or bed shakers designed to work with your smoke alarm also can be purchased and installed.

If your alarm is chirping due to a low battery or some other issue, it is extremely important to return the unit to full working order as soon as possible. Hearing a continuous chirp can lead some people to hesitate or ignore the warning sounds of an

alarm when there is an actual emergency. Additionally, if the unit is faulty, it needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

The Valley Regional Fire Authority can offer free replacement nine-volt batteries for smoke alarms; and free alarms in some cases. The batteries are supplied through a grant from the Energizer Company and the alarms from World Vision and Costco Corporation.

To learn more about smoke alarms and fire prevention, please visit [vrfa.org](http://vrfa.org).

## Additional Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Tips

Replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries annually to avoid low battery "chirping"

- To replace the battery, unscrew the alarm from the mounting bracket, open the battery compartment, remove the old battery and insert a new one, checking to ensure the polarity (plus+ and minus-signs) are correct.
- Press the test button on the front of the alarm to be sure it works, then replace the alarm in the mounting bracket.



- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms with non-replaceable batteries (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If these alarms chirp, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire alarm as soon as possible.
- Replace smoke alarms after 10 years, even if they appear to be working
- When purchasing alarms, be sure they are approved by a nationally recognized third-party testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Intertek (ETL).
- Install alarms with both photoelectric and ionization sensing technology. Photoelectric alarms are best for detecting smoldering fires and for false alarm prone areas. Ionization alarms are best at detecting flaming fires.

# Arts | upcoming events | upcoming events

September 24, 25; October 1, 2, 8, 9 | 7:30pm  
September 26; October 2, 3, & 10 | 2pm

## AUBURN COMMUNITY PLAYERS – LITTLE WOMEN

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$18/\$15 pre-sale; \$23/\$20 at the door  
[auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

Even war cannot quench the aspirations and dreams of the March sisters. Struggling to achieve her dream of becoming a published author, Jo March has received rejection letters from 22 publishers! Her friend, Professor Bhaer, encourages her to ditch the “blood-and-guts” of her current stories and focus on telling the story of herself and her sisters as they experience life growing up in America during the Civil War. Little Women is based on Louisa May Alcott’s life. Experience the hope and indomitable spirit of Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March in this musical brought to you by the incomparable Auburn Community Players.

Friday, October 15 | 7:30pm

## JET CITY IMPROV

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$18, Student/Senior \$15 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

Every show is a blast of brand new scenes, games, and songs, all based on audience suggestions and crafted into pure comedy by our seasoned improvisers. Jet City Improv, our flagship show for 28 years and counting, is Seattle’s own brand of short-form improv comedy. They do not disappoint!



Saturday, October 16 | 7:30pm

## BORROWED TIME & THIRD STAGE

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$23/\$20 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

Two powerful Rock tributes featured on one stage in the same night! Borrowed Time is a rocking and melodic band that faithfully recreates the magic of Styx classics like Come Sail Away, Renegade, and Mr. Roboto. Third Stage, a tribute to the music of Boston will bring you the huge guitars, vocals, and of course, polyester that made Boston such a household name. “Yer gonna dig it!”



Saturday, October 23 | 2pm

## AVEKIDS: THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$10 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

Shepherd-boy Sam is tired of watching sheep all day, and wants some excitement in his life. So one day, he decides to shake things up by yelling “Help – a wolf!” just for fun. The villagers come running, only to discover that Sam has pulled the wool over their eyes. Was his “fun” lie worth it? And what will happen when a wolf really does appear?

## HALLOWEEN HARVEST FESTIVAL & LES GOVE PARK TRUNK-OR-TREAT



SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 30  
1-5 PM

Auburn Community & Event Center & Les Gove Park  
FREE | [auburnwa.gov/events](http://auburnwa.gov/events)

This fun-filled fall afternoon will include games, crafts, face painting, scary cookies, cauldrons of punch. Be sure to check out the Trunk-or-Treat around the trail at Les Gove Park. Your little goblin will not want to miss this event! Bring a can of food for admission to support the Auburn Food Bank.

# events | upcoming events | upcoming

## Saturday, October 30 | 7:30pm **'80S NIGHT! INVINCIBLE - A PAT BENATAR TRIBUTE WITH SPECIAL GUEST SUNDAY GIRL A TRIBUTE TO BLONDIE**

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$25/\$22 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

As we approach Halloween, celebrate in pure '80s style with two great tribute bands! Invincible - A Pat Benatar Tribute will perform all her greatest hits. Followed by special guest Sunday Girl, with a tribute to Blondie. "One Way or Another" you'll want to get "All Fired Up", so come dressed as your favorite 80's character or musician for the costume contest! Prizes will be awarded for the people's choice and most creative costume.

## Friday, November 5 | 7:30pm **SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY COMPETITION - WEEK 1**

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$23/\$20 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

The Seattle International Comedy Competition is an annual event that welcomes comedians from around the world to the Pacific Northwest for an entire month of extraordinary comedy shows... and a winner is crowned at the end of it all. 2021 marks the 41st annual competition. The Auburn Ave Theater will host preliminary events as a horde of comedians compete to become the newest champion!



## Saturday November 6 | 7:30pm **AMANDA BACON - PATSY CLINE TRIBUTE**

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$25/\$22 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

Amanda Bacon's love of music absolutely shines with her powerful vocals and soulful harmonies. You may recognize Amanda as Ted Vigil's incredibly talented back-up singer. Now Amanda has a show of her own paying tribute to one of the pioneers of the country music industry, Patsy Cline. Join Amanda and her band as they perform some of Patsy's greatest hits including, Walkin' After Midnight, I Fall to Pieces, Sweet Dreams, and Crazy. This is sure to be a great night of music.

## Friday, November 12 | 7:30pm **SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY COMPETITION - WEEK 2**

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$23/\$20 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

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## Saturday, November 13 | 2pm **AVEKIDS: VOCAL TRASH "THINK"**

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$10 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

This up-beat performance is encouraging, empowering and energizing! The "Think" program uniquely promotes green sustainability and anti-bullying through popular music and urban dance, a sure inroad to our youth. The cast is made up of young award-winning professionals utilizing their craft for meaningful and lasting results. You've never seen anything like it!



## Saturday, November 13 | 7:30pm **VOCAL TRASH**

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$23/\$20 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

Vocal Trash will electrify young and old alike with their tight a cappella harmonies, industrial "Stomp" style drumming and break dancers. It's like a variety show LIVE from Central Park with an urban feel, Broadway appeal, grand effect, and high, contagious emotions. Vocal Trash Street Show is an evening of music, dance, and comedy theater dotted with light hearted audience participation!

## Saturday, November 20 | 7:30pm **STONESY - THE MUSIC OF THE ROLLING STONES**

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave  
Tickets \$23/\$20 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

STONESY is a Seattle based band faithfully reproducing the timeless music of the Rolling Stones on stage! Riotous rock 'n' roll like only the Rolling Stones and Stonesy can deliver. Hold onto your top hat!

# Oh What FUN IN AUBURN

December 1-17

## GINGERBREAD CONTEST

Auburn Community & Event Center

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

Details on how to apply:

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

Gingerbread is back at the Auburn Community & Events Center! Gingerbread masterpieces will be on display from December 1-17. Everyone is welcome to view the displays at no cost. Vote on your favorite by December 17th. We have space for 8 adult entries and 8 youth entries.



Saturday, December 4

## COOKIES, CRAFTS & CAROLS!

Auburn Community & Event Center | 1pm & 3pm

Fee per session: \$8 resident/\$10 non-resident

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

Get in the holiday spirit with this cozy hour of cookie decorating, holiday crafts and festive carol music! Bring the family for sweet treats and a crafty good time. Two sessions available. Ages 2 & up.



Saturday, December 4, 2021 | 4:30pm

## SANTA PARADE & TREE LIGHTING EVENT

Parade down Main Street in Auburn

FREE | Commercial/businesses \$50 entry fee

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

Auburn's annual Santa Parade & Tree Lighting event returns Saturday, December 4. Live music will be playing at City Hall prior to the parade start time. The Parade proceeds west on Main Street from J Street NE to A Street NW in Auburn. We ask that all entries be lighted as much as possible. Floats, classic cars, community groups, non-profits, families and more are welcome to join the parade. All groups must register in advance. Following the parade at City Hall with more live music and a visit from Santa. Stick around to see one lucky Auburn child light up the big tree at City Hall Plaza!



Friday, December 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18 | 7:30pm

Saturday, December 11, 12, 18 & 19 | 2pm

## AUBURN COMMUNITY PLAYERS - ELF THE MUSICAL

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave

Tickets \$18/\$15 pre-sale; \$23/\$20 at the door

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

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Saturday, December 11

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Auburn Community & Event Center

Two Breakfast Options: 8:30-10am or 11am-12:30pm

Adults: \$8/\$10; Child: \$7/\$9 | Space is limited

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

Join us for a holiday Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast will be served by Santa's elves at two breakfasts, one beginning at 8:30am. and one beginning at 11am. You will also enjoy special entertainment. Preregistration required.



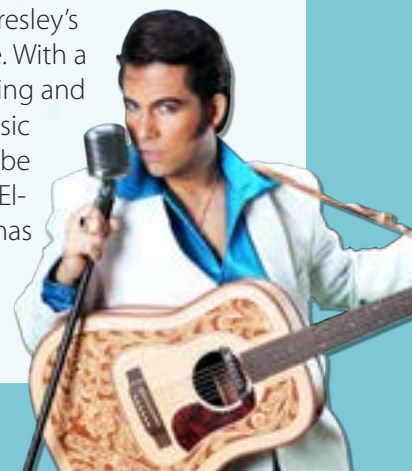
Wednesday, December 15, | 7pm

## AN INSPIRATIONAL CHRISTMAS WITH ELVIS

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave

Tickets \$25/\$22 | [auburnwa.gov/arts](http://auburnwa.gov/arts)

Elvis Presley's voice, soul and presence would always cut through the deepest of scratched RCA records. This is what Danny Vernon found at a very early age when he began singing along with his Father's discarded albums unaware of Presley's vast impact in American culture. With a devout passion, Danny would sing and dance along with the King's music trusting that one day he would be recapturing his own "Illusion of Elvis" show on stage. Join Danny as he presents classic Elvis along with some great traditional Christmas selections as well.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

1-5pm

Auburn Community & Event Center

Les Gove Park

910 9th St SE

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