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Did you know?

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

Licensing your pet provides protection in the event that they go missing.

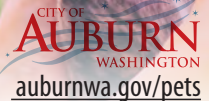
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ON THE COVER: City of Auburn staff add some summer color around park entrances throughout the city.

Get on the move! Participate in Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation's Sizzlin' Summer virtual 5K series. See page 20 for details.

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Unless otherwise noted, departments are located at City Hall, 25 W Main Street

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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

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auburngolf.org

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

King County District Court—South Division

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

Mountain View Cemetery

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

Senior Activity Center

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

Valley Regional Fire Authority

1101 D St NE (Headquarters)
253-288-5800
Call 911 in case of
emergency
vrf.a.org

White River Valley Museum

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253-288-7433
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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.

From the Mayor

With the summer months upon us and vaccinations now available to both adults and children as young as 12, it feels as though we have rounded the corner and are headed in the right direction in the fight against COVID for our city, state, country, and indeed, the world.

In the past few weeks, we have seen the governor lift restrictions for those who are fully vaccinated and I am excited to announce that beginning in July, we will be reopening City Hall and some of our other City facilities to the public with safety protocols in place to ensure the continued health of both staff and visitors.

Although we have made strong progress in combating the spread of this deadly virus, south King County continues to face challenges both in increasing our vaccination rates and lowering our new case count. As I write this, the Auburn-Kent-Federal Way tri-city area shows the lowest numbers of vaccinated individuals, across all age groups, with a total vaccination rate of around 60 percent. Auburn is also home to one of the highest rates of new infection in the region.

Protecting our community and moving forward with regular life is entirely within our reach, but it will take us all working together to make a significant impact. If you, or someone in your family, has not yet been vaccinated, I encourage you to make an appointment. We are so fortunate to have one of the mass vaccination sites right in our own backyard at the Outlet Collection. If you prefer not to make an appointment, Mondays are available for drive-thru. I know that mobility and transportation challenges can also make scheduling an appointment a challenge, and for those that aren't able to come to one of the vaccination sites, there are mobile vaccination options available as well. Ride share services such as Lyft and Uber are also offering free rides for those are headed to their appointments.

I know you have heard me say this endless times in the past year, but it remains true now more than ever – we are all in this together, Auburn! We are Auburn Strong.

*Find a vaccination site or schedule an appointment:
kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/vaccine/distribution*

*For assistance by phone: 1-833-VAX-HELP (1-833-829-4357), then press #
6 a.m.-10 p.m. (Monday), 6 a.m.-6 p.m. (Tuesday-Sunday)*



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Mayor of Auburn

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1101 Outlet Collection Way, Suite 1333, Auburn, WA 98001
Vaccination without an appointment is available Sunday-Tuesday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

"Park and vaccinate" service offering vaccination in your car is available on Mondays only, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more locations and appointment scheduling visit
yourcovidvaccine.kingcounty.gov/
vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/

PLAY IT SAFE IN OUR RIVERS AND LAKES

Each year as we enjoy the warm days of spring and summer, many of us plan to escape the heat by participating in water-related activities in our rivers and lakes. Although these activities can be fun, it is important to take appropriate precautions. The Washington State Department of Health preliminary data for 2020 indicated over 150 unintentional drowning deaths, with approximately 33 of those deaths in King County. The highest percentage of deaths occurred in rivers.

Following proven water safety guidelines can ensure that you have a great experience.

Know the Water

Washington's lakes and rivers are cold enough to cause hypothermia, even in the summer. This cold water can impact even the strongest swimmers. Water in the Green and White Rivers is cold even in the summer months. It remains at temperatures close to 50 degrees all year long. Cold water takes the heat out of the body 32 times faster than cold air and even quicker if you exert yourself through physical exercise, such as swimming. As your body temperature decreases, so does your ability to make decisions. When you're cold, you don't think as quickly, your muscles won't work as well, and you can start to panic. Statistics have shown that in over 50% of drowning incidents, cold water is a factor.

In addition to the cold, the current in our rivers can quickly overpower a swimmer. Fast-moving water, such as we have in the Green and White Rivers, can press a swimmer or boat against a log, rock, or other obstacles with such force that it may trap or pin them there. Large rocks and logs can also quickly tip over rafts, canoes, and kayaks. Other hazards, such as new channels or freshly fallen trees, can present hazards at any time. These same conditions can make rescue efforts equally hazardous.

Know Your Limits

Watch out for the dangerous "too's" – too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity. The VRFA recommends wearing a life jacket while swimming or boating. Set water safety rules for the whole family based on their swimming ability. Swimmers should stay hydrated to avoid muscle cramps and refrain from consuming alcohol.

Wear a Life Jacket

Wear a life jacket on a boat, raft, inner tube, or when swimming in open water. In addition to being a flotation device, life jackets are a layer of protection that can keep you warmer as you wait for rescue. If you fall into the water, the cold often triggers a gasp reflex which can mean inhaling water. A life jacket keeps your head above water to give you a fighting chance. Children should wear a life jacket while in or near water, like on a beach, dock, or riverbank.

Adults responsible for supervising kids in the water should consider wearing a life jacket. They need to be ready to rescue a child who goes into the water. Each year, parents drown trying to save their children. Also, adults are the best role model for wearing life jackets. It is more likely that your child will wear one if you do.

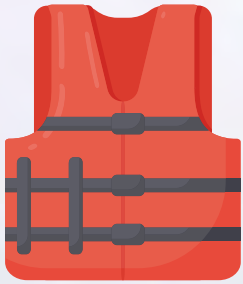
Buying a Life Jacket

- Check labels for U.S. Coast Guard approval.
- Check for a good fit. Size and weight guidelines are listed on the labels. Do not buy a life jacket for your child to "grow into" as it may easily slip off.
- A fastened life jacket should be snug, yet comfortable. If fitting a child, fasten and snug the jacket. To check the fit, lift the child by the shoulders of the jacket. The child's chin and ears should not slip through.
- For younger children, choose a jacket with both a collar for head support and a strap between the legs.
- Pick a brightly colored life jacket. They are easier to see in the water.
- Encourage your child or teen to help pick out a life jacket that appeals to them, so they are more likely to wear it.



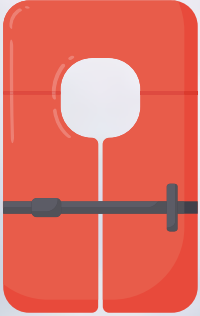
The Valley Regional Fire Authority is part of a regional, multi-jurisdiction water-rescue response team that provides SCUBA rescue personnel cross-trained as swift-water rescue technicians.

This dual role allows response to water rescue incidents in both still and swift water environments. With specially equipped boats, water, and rope rescue equipment, certified rescue technicians are ready to respond at all times.



Types of Life Jackets

- Life jackets are also called life vests, personal floatation devices, or PFDs. There are different types of life jackets. Type II and III jackets work best for near-shore boating and other water activities.
- Type II jackets are good for new swimmers and people who cannot swim. They can be found in smaller sizes with neck collars to help keep a child's face out of the water.
- Type III jackets are good for children and teens at ease in the water who want more comfort and freedom to move.
- Child life jackets with foam bands around the arms are designed for use in pools when a child is under close supervision. If you use this kind of life jacket, make sure it is U.S. Coast Guard-approved.
- If you are looking for a swimsuit with a built-in life jacket, be sure to check the label. Some are not U.S. Coast Guard-approved. When any part of this type of suit fades to the color of the inside label, it must be replaced because it no longer meets the Coast Guard strength requirement.



Life Jacket Tips

- Fasten all straps, zippers, and ties.
- Check jackets each year for fit, wear, and tear. Throw them away if you find air leakage, mildew, or rot.
- If a child were to panic in the water and thrash about, they might turn onto their face. Take time with your child to practice wearing a life jacket and leaning back in the water.
- As children grow, make sure life jackets fit and appeal to them.
- Never make changes to a life jacket, like taking off or adding parts.
- Water wings, rafts, or plastic rings are not designed to keep swimmers safe. Never use them in place of a life jacket.
- Life jackets that self-inflate are an option for adults or teens that are at least 16-years-old.



Auburn starts a new solid waste contract

The City of Auburn will start a new solid waste contract on October 1 with Waste Management. The process to create a new solid waste contract started three years ago with extensive research and planning. In 2018, the City hired a consultant specializing in solid waste contracts to assist in the new contract process. In 2020 the City participated in a competitive proposal process to obtain a new multi-year contract. Two companies submitted proposals to the City for consideration. After reviewing, interviewing, and nearly a year of negotiations, the City signed a new contract with our existing hauler, Waste Management. The new ten-year contract ends September 30, 2031. We are excited to continue the great relationship with Waste Management and its south sound crew located here in Auburn.



Below are some of the highlights of the new agreement.

For more information, please visit wmnorthwest.com/auburn.

Service Highlights

- All areas within the city limits of Auburn will be collected by one solid waste hauler.
- Waste Management will serve as the billing agent and provide customer service.
- Waste Management will provide street litter crew services (started January 1, 2021).
- On-call bulky item collection will be offered for residential customers.
- Unlimited commingled recycle collection will be offered for all customers, including businesses.
- A 45-gallon garbage cart option will be added.
- The service fleet will be comprised of all new clean-energy vehicles.
- All new carts and front-load dumpsters will be provided with updated guideline labels.
- Five Big Belly public place garbage and recycle containers will be provided.



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MATERIALS MUST BE LOOSE

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wmnorthwest.com/auburn

Contract Highlights

- Dedicated phone number for Auburn (253-939-9792).
- New comprehensive and educational website for Auburn customers
- Online services for missed collections.
- Contamination Reduction Plan to promote clean recycling and a stronger recycling market.
- Two special recycling events per year.
- Code enforcement clean-up support.
- Three free City-designated storm event set outs for yard waste per year.
- Recycle All Stars Incentive Program to encourage clean recycling.

New PaintCare™ Collection Program in Washington

On April 1, 2021, Washington state launched PaintCare™, a new product stewardship program to recycle latex paint, stain and varnish.

Residents and businesses can now find over thirty locations in King County to safely recycle their paint. This new program is a major step in protecting our local environment and diverting waste from the landfill. In its first year, this program is expected to recycle more than 1.3 million gallons of paint.



PaintCare, an industry-led program, reports annually to the Washington State Department of Ecology. A small fee, called the PaintCare fee, is applied to sales of eligible products, which funds all aspects of the program. Learn more about the PaintCare™ program, items accepted, and paint smarter tips at paintcare.org/WA.

Accepted Products:

- Latex, acrylic, water-based, oil-based paint
- Primer, sealer, undercoater
- Shellac, lacquer, varnish

Containers must be five gallons or smaller and some types of paint are not accepted. Visit paintcare.org/WA for guidelines.

Local Sites in Auburn:

Call store or visit paintcare.org/WA

- Habitat for Humanity Restore
1407 Auburn Way S, 253-329-5532
- Rodda Paint
1501 15th St NW, 253-249-2090
- Sherwin-Williams
4210 B St NW, 253-395-2407
- Other locations available on PaintCare™ website.

Due to evolving conditions related to COVID-19, please contact all drop off sites to confirm their hours and availability before dropping off paint.



**REUSE
REDUCE
RECYCLE**

King County Fall Recycle Event

Recycle and disposal event for Auburn residential customers who live in King County and Auburn Pierce County.



Visit auburnwa.gov/solidwasteevents for details.

AUBURN GOLF COURSE

29630 Green River Rd. SE, Auburn
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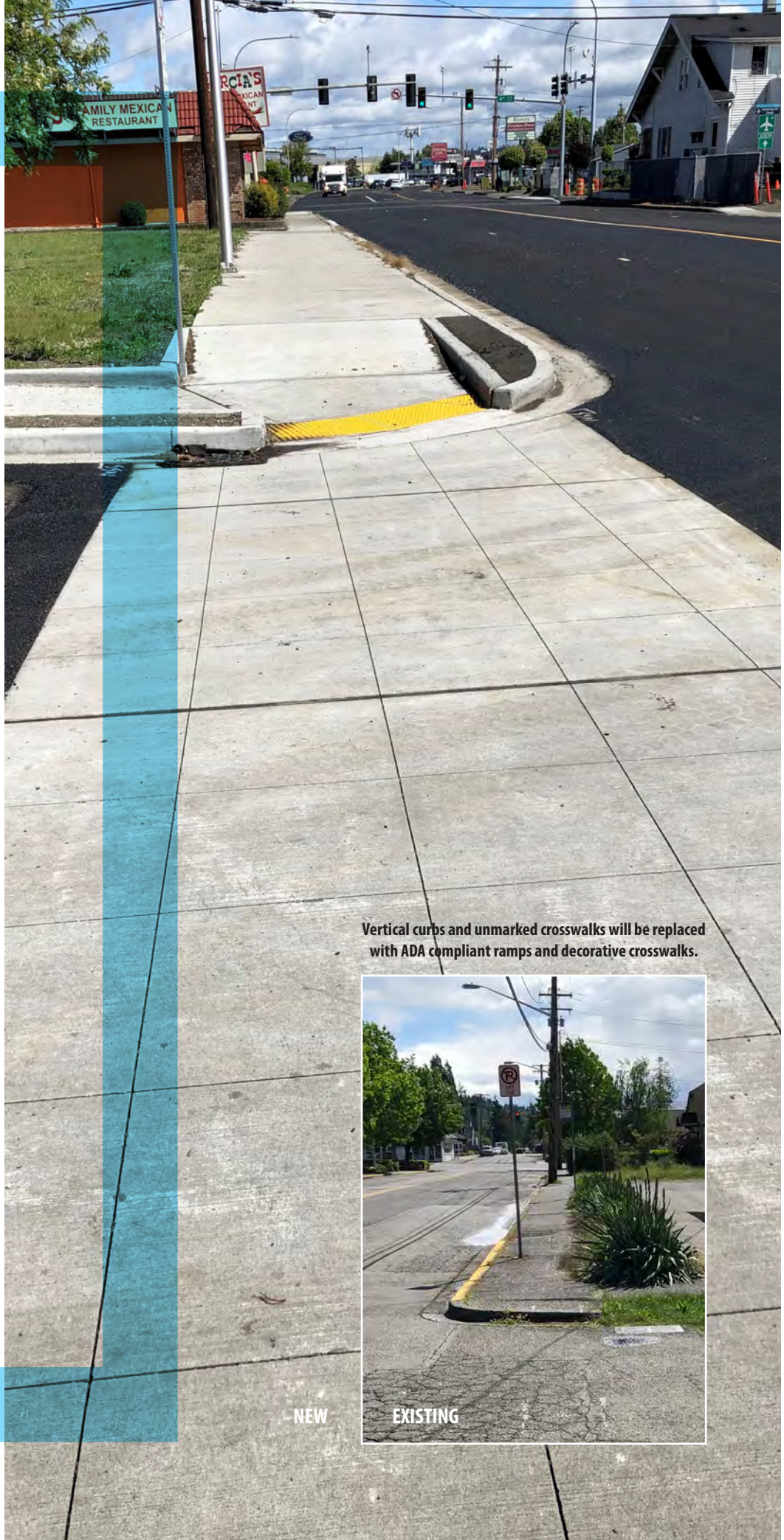
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2020

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- Merchants League, Couples League & Summer Fun League
- Men's Club & Ladies Club
- Subscribe to email list at auburngolf.org for special offers throughout the year
- On-site restaurant & bar

FEATURE CAPITAL PROJECT

2nd Street SE
Reconstruction
Project



Vertical curbs and unmarked crosswalks will be replaced with ADA compliant ramps and decorative crosswalks.



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EXISTING

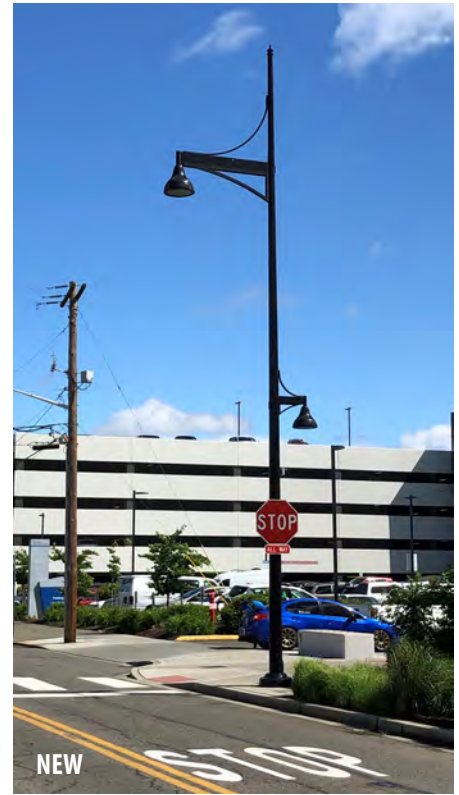
Project Description

Those who have driven downtown on 2nd Street SE near the Spunky Monkey and Safeway know that the roadway is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced. Reconstructing roadways in this condition is very expensive and often can only fit within the City's budget with the support of grants. The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) is a State agency that distributes vehicle fuel tax revenues to agencies through competitive grant processes. In the near future, those driving on 2nd Street will experience a freshly paved road as TIB has awarded the City of Auburn a grant to fund the reconstruction of 2nd Street SE between Auburn Avenue and Auburn Way South.

The 2nd Street Reconstruction project will rebuild the existing pavement, repair damaged sidewalks, curbs, and driveways, upgrade curb ramps to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), install new street lights, and replace an existing sewer main under the roadway. In implementing the project, the City will also coordinate with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and other utilities to relocate or remove utility poles to provide additional separation from the roadway and to provide an unobstructed sidewalk.

Street Reconstruction: an Innovative Approach

For this project, the City is pursuing an innovative approach towards pavement replacement that is expected to be more cost effective and result in less construction impacts. The City's contractor will reconstruct the pavement using the Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) method of construction. The FDR method starts with the contractor pulverizing the existing roadway in place and blending it with the existing material beneath it (subgrade). The contractor will then remove enough material to accommodate a new pavement depth. Next, the contractor will add a stabilizing cement concrete slurry to the roadway base. Finally, a hot mix asphalt will be added to create the pavement surface. Use of the FDR process will reduce the duration of construction, reduce the use of raw materials, and save the City approximately 20 to 30 percent in roadway reconstruction costs.



Street lights on utility poles will be replaced with decorative street lights.

Downtown Urban Center (DUC) Aesthetics

The 2nd Street SE Reconstruction Project lies within the Downtown Urban Center (DUC) zone. Specific design standards have been established for the DUC zone to produce a uniform and aesthetically pleasing appearance to the City's downtown area. This project will incorporate those standards as follows: Concrete crosswalks with 2'x2' scoring pattern at the A Street SE and B Street SE intersections with 2nd Street SE and new street lighting with decorative poles and fixtures.

Replaced Infrastructure Means Lower Maintenance Costs

This new roadway will be constructed with the strength to support existing and future car, transit, and truck traffic. It will also reduce long-term maintenance costs to fill pot holes, especially through the winter months. Replacing the sewer main will reduce long-term maintenance costs and will help prevent backups and leaks. The new sewer main will have the capacity to support existing and future development in the downtown area.

Project Costs and Funding

The estimated cost of this project is \$1.185 million and is funded by a Transportation Improvement Board Grant and City moneys (Arterial Preservation and Sewer Utility Funds).

Project Schedule

Construction will begin in the summer of 2021 and will likely continue into 2022. The long construction schedule is mostly attributed to coordination of Puget Sound Energy and other non-City utility relocation. There will be times during construction when the roadway will be closed to general traffic. However, access to businesses will be maintained.

For more information

For more information on this Project, please contact Jai Carter, Project Engineer, at 253-804-5086 or via email at JCarter@auburnwa.gov.

STEP BACK IN TIME
AT THE
MARY OLSON
FARM

The Farm is the perfect spot for a family picnic, leisurely stroll, or a little me-time. Escape the hustle and bustle and unwind in this postcard perfect setting.

DOES ANYONE LIVE IN THE FARMHOUSE?

While we all dream of living in the Farmhouse, no one but the occasional farm mouse lives there today. The Farm's caretaker lives in another building on the property.

WHEN WAS THE FARM BUILT?

The Farm was purchased by Alford Olson in 1879, but was restored to look much like it would have in 1902 which coincidentally was the same year Mary Olson and her children were held hostage by notorious Western outlaw and alleged heart throb Harry Tracy.



ARE THOSE DONKEYS BABIES AND WHY ARE THEY SO SASSY?

Don't judge a donkey by his size! Our donkeys are not young, they are full-grown miniatures. As to their sassiness? Who can say – they were just born that way!

2021 FARM EVENTS

Sunday & Chill

July 25, August 15, and September 12

Doors at 5:30pm, music at 6pm

Lowkey concert series at Mary Olson Farm

Bring your family, friends, and a picnic for a super chill series of summer music at the Farm. All-ages event, beer and wine garden 21 & up only.

Tickets are free–low cost, information at wrvmuseum.org.

LUSIO LIGHTS AT MARY OLSON FARM

Free, all ages

August 27, 7-11pm

August 28, 6-11pm

6-7pm is Family Hour

Enjoy the art with "lights on" in case you have small kiddos or want to make it home early!

Explore the Mary Olson Farm like you've never seen it before -- filled with light art installations sourced from a variety of local artists! LUSIO is a two night event showcasing innovative light art and sound stages set against the backdrop of a historic farm. There is something for everyone at LUSIO!

Made possible with funding from 4Culture. To learn more visit wrvmuseum.org/lusio.

But where is the Hops & Crops Music and Beer Festival???

Due to COVID, we are unable to have the festival this year, but don't worry this popular event will be back in September 2022!

ARE ALL THE BUILDINGS ORIGINAL?

There are three modern buildings on the Farm property: two livestock shelters and the Farm caretaker's home.

The livestock shelters were designed to resemble the "Japanese neighbor sheds" that once stood at the Farm. These sheds were erected to hold the belongings of the Olson's Japanese neighbors that were sent to Japanese Incarceration Camps during WWII.



Mary Olson Farm
is open every
Saturday & Sunday
11am-4pm
June 19-August 29
ADMISSION IS FREE!

THE FARMHOUSE AND
WEAVING SHED WILL BE
CLOSED THIS SUMMER –
WHICH ONLY GIVES YOU
MORE REASONS TO VISIT
IN THE FUTURE!



ARE ALL THE PEOPLE THAT LIVED AT THE FARM DEAD NOW? (A VERY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION BY CHILDREN)

Hmmmm, a little morbid,
but here it goes. Mary
Olson and her children
are no longer with us. For
many years before the
property was restored,
various people rented and
lived in the farmhouse.
They may or may not still
be alive.

MARY OLSON FARM

Artist in Residence

Coming up this summer, visitors to Auburn's beautiful Mary Olson Farm will get to see and experience the artwork of talented Artist in Residence Neely Goniodysky. She will be creating artwork inspired by the farm and beautiful surroundings. Visitors can meet the artist, see works in progress, and even attend a free animation workshop!

The Mary Olson Farm Artist in Residence offers artists the opportunity to pursue their work in, and to be inspired by, the unique and beautiful setting of the Mary Olson Farm in Auburn, Washington.

Currently in the fourth year of the program, the City of Auburn has welcomed some very talented artists for this unique opportunity, and out of 42 applications this year from Northwest artists, Neely Goniodysky was enthusiastically selected by a panel of jurors and staff. The artist was born in Russia and has lived in Israel, Canada and the UK. Her past work includes video installations, paintings, drawings and collage, with a concentration on animated films. In addition to being awarded with many grants to support her work, her films have been screened at many local and international film festivals.



During the residency at the Mary Olson Farm, the artist plans to make a short animated film about the history of the farm and the Olson Family "using traditional animation techniques such as frame by frame drawing on paper with a quill ink pen, and stop motion animation of objects."

When possible, she plans to "use objects found on site to create a deeper connection to the farm," noting how "this should create an immersive and dynamic narrative about the history of the farm and its inhabitants embracing both the sense of the antique and the contemporary." The artist hopes that by allowing the film to "highlight how the Olson family had to adapt to various changes in order to make a living, first selling hops, making rags, raising cows" she can "draw a parallel to the current situation of global change and uncertainty and the potential for adaptation, flexibility and inspiration." The Mary Olson Farm's seven historic buildings and 67 beautiful acres will be an ideal setting at which the artist can create this exciting animated film!

The residency will last two months, during June and July, during which time the artist will utilize the large barn as an indoor studio space, and will receive a stipend for her time. As the Artist in Residence, Goniodysky will also lead a variety of free public programs. So, come on down to the Mary Olson Farm this summer to meet Neely Goniodysky and experience a whole new artistic perspective on one of Auburn's most beautiful places!



Public programming for the Artist in Residence include:

Saturday, June 26
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Open Studio Day

Saturday, July 10
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Stop-Motion Animation Virtual Workshop

Free with pre-registration online

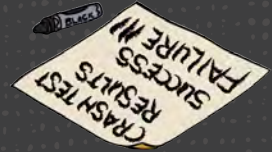
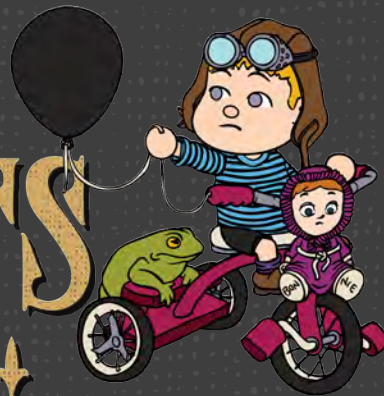
In this fun virtual workshop, Mary Olson Farm Artist in Residence Neely Goniodysky will lead participants in animating found objects under the camera using the stop-motion animation technique. The session will start with a brief overview of the artist's work during the residency and the animation techniques she used to create her film. The artist will introduce students to a free animation app "Stop Motion Studio" and demonstrate the basics of animation. Participants will be able to dive into animating, experimenting with movement and composition, creating their own unique animations!

Saturday, July 31
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Open Studio Day

For more information, please visit
auburnwa.gov/artistinresidence



CLOSETS OF CURIOSITY



WHITE RIVER MUSEUM REOPENS ON JULY 7, 2021, WITH A BRAND NEW EXHIBIT THAT IS FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Open Wednesday-Sunday | Noon-4pm

Peer into the closets of some wacky, weird, and wonderful characters in this new exhibit featuring hundreds of artifacts sure to pique the curiosity of visitors of all ages. Closets of Curiosity brings out hundreds of artifacts from the Museum's collection – some that have never been on display before! In the Museum you'll find the closets of fascinating characters created just for this exhibit by artist Jason Reese Jones. You'll meet Creepy Clyde and his collection of dreadful dolls, peek into the Atom's Family closet to see some truly groovy 60s items, and meet a pre-cursor to the REI gearhead, Miss Emmaline who will inspire you to reach new heights. Kids will receive a special exhibit activity book to guide them as they explore historic artifacts from many different cultures that represent various careers, hobbies, and collections. There's a dash of "wink wink, nod nod" humor just for the adults and interesting tidbits about some of the Museum's most and least curious objects.



For more information on Museum exhibits and events, visit wrvmuseum.org or follow us on Facebook @wrvmuseum.

It's been a rough couple of years, so until the end of 2021 the Museum will be FREE for EVERYONE, EVERY DAY! Of course, if you are felling benevolent there is a box for cash donations in the lobby and all kinds of items for purchase in the Museum Gift Shop!

AUBURN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

We're Back!

The Auburn Senior Activity Center is open again on a limited basis and by appointment only.

In-person programs are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

AM sessions are 10am-noon & **PM** sessions are 1-3pm



LINE DANCING

Thursdays **PM** session

\$5 drop-in fee, one free class for first time participants



BILLIARDS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

AM & **PM** sessions



TABLE TENNIS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

AM sessions



MOVIES

2nd Wednesday **PM** session

1pm check-in



MEET-UP WALKS

2nd & 4th Mondays

AM sessions at Les Gove Park



COMPUTER LAB

Tuesdays & Thursdays

AM & **PM** sessions

Senior Golf League

Interested in Senior Golf League on Thursdays?

Call the Senior Center to register.

Green fees are paid at the golf course.

Other on-going services by appointment only at the Senior Center

- Foot care
- Dental care
- Catholic Community Services hot lunch (pick-up or delivery)
- Resource Navigator 1:1 appointments

How to make an in-person appointment

- You can make a reservation online at auburnwa.gov/play or by calling the Senior Center directly at 253-931-3016.
- You may only make 1 reservation per program a day. Reservations can be made 2 weeks in advance.
- You must wear a mask at all times in the building and follow social distancing guidelines to the best of your ability.
- Enter through the north entrance & check-in with staff. You will be asked to complete a health screening questionnaire & given new building rules.

More details about programs, services, & drive-thru events can be found at auburnwa.gov/seniors or by calling 253-931-3016

CLEAN SWEEPERS HELP BEAUTIFY PUBLIC SPACES IN AUBURN



Auburn celebrated Earth Day in style in 2021 and welcomed nearly 300 volunteers who headed out and about in the community to work on environmental, beautification, and litter-pick up projects as part of the City's annual Clean Sweep event on Saturday, April 24.

This year, there were 22 projects across 12 separate sites. Volunteers worked on a handful of environment projects around town, including projects at Lewis Lake Nature Park, Auburndale Park, Cedar Lanes Park, Mary Olson Farm, and Mill Pond Park. Volunteers worked in and around Les Gove Park to weed around facilities, clean out the sandbox at the playground, spread bark around the Senior Activity Center, and help remove the surfacing at the spray playground.



Thanks to the following groups for their participation in Clean Sweep in 2021

- #AveryStrong Volunteers
- April Brown
- Auburn Food Bank
- Auburn Noon Lions
- Auburn Police Volunteers
- Ayo-Wehman Family
- Bob Holt
- Bohako Family
- Bridget Tracy
- Cardinal Health
- Centro de Amistad Cristiano
- City of Auburn Legal Dept.
- Dacca Michaelis
- Danny Hurst
- Dickey Family
- Dirty Gardeners
- DottiAnn Blakemore
- Frick Family
- Gentry Family
- Georgia Sifagaloa
- GFWC Sokico
- HealthPoint Auburn North
- Jacksons
- Jan M Gould
- Kathy Holt
- Kennedy Family
- Kiwanis Club of Auburn
- Michael Heller
- Michelle Bouchard
- Mooney Family
- Nathan Bosen
- Nielsen Family
- Omolade Family
- Phil Hernandez
- Pond Neighborhood Group
- ProAmpac Auburn
- Ray of Hope
- Rebutiaco Family
- REVIVE
- Sarah Edwards and Friends
- Satguru Ram Singh Satsang
- Schneider Family
- Scott & Linda Sterling
- Team Norris
- The Russells
- Toledo Family
- Tom Shjerven
- Tony Gregg
- Vesselin Velikov
- Walker Family
- White River Estates



Beautification projects took place at the Auburn Justice Center, Mountain View Cemetery and at the 8th Street Community Garden. Volunteers also spruced up the landscape areas around the #AveryStrong playground at Lakeland Hills Park. Dozens of volunteers worked on litter pick-up projects along the A/B Corridor from 3rd to 37th and along I Street NE from Harvey Road to 37th.

Community groups, service clubs, businesses, faith-based organizations, scout troops, schools, social service agencies, families and individuals worked together to help beautify Auburn. We are grateful for their willingness to volunteer and are in awe of their community spirit, pride, and support of Auburn.



If you are interested in additional volunteer efforts, Auburn's Adopt-A-Park allows individuals, groups, churches, businesses, and other organizations to show pride in their community by working to beautify and clean a park or open space in Auburn!

As volunteer stewards, groups or individuals will have the opportunity to enjoy the results of their hard work. The program's mission is to enhance community involvement, pride, and ownership through the general care, maintenance, and beautification of Auburn's parks and trails.

Adopt-a-Park volunteers help enhance and maintain our public parks and trails by picking up litter, pulling and raking leaves, sweeping courts and walkways, removing invasive plants, planting trees, spreading playground wood chips, reporting park hazards, and other special projects.

For questions and more information, call Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation at 253-931-3043 or email events@auburnwa.gov.

Sizzlin' Summer virtual 5K series

The Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department has been hosting monthly virtual 5K events since Thanksgiving of 2020. From the Peace Out 2020 virtual 5K to celebrate the New Year and February's LOVE to Move virtual 5K to March's LUCKY You virtual 5K, participants have been enjoying the 'no pressure' incentive and comradery these virtual events have offered.

As we inch closer to summer, we want to make sure you keep moving and stay healthy! The June and July events are FREE and prizes are available! Join us for these upcoming 5Ks:



Auburn's Summer Solstice virtual 5K	Auburn's Emoji Fun virtual 5K	Almost 5K Poker Fun Run & Walk
<p>Facebook event page: facebook.com/events/205563791237199 It's FREE! Confirm your attendance by clicking 'going' on the event page</p> <p><i>Complete a 5K (walk/run/hike/bike/swim) between June 15-20</i></p> <p>Submit a screenshot of your route and/or photos to events@auburnwa.gov or to the Facebook event page by noon on 6/21 to be entered to win prizes.</p>	<p>Facebook event page: facebook.com/events/303238301377614 It's FREE! Confirm your attendance by clicking 'going' on the event page</p> <p><i>Complete a 5K (walk/run/hike/bike/swim) between July 13-18</i></p> <p>Submit a screenshot of your route and/or photos to events@auburnwa.gov or to the Facebook event page by noon on 7/19 to be entered to win prizes.</p>	<p>Saturday, August 14, 9am-3pm at Les Gove Park \$12 early registration fee (by 7/16) \$15 (July 17-August 12)</p> <p>The perfect fun run for all ages and abilities! The Almost 5K Poker Fun Run & Walk 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. To reduce contact with others, only Poker Run volunteers will touch the playing cards. Participants will select their card from a safe distance.</p>

Healthy Futures



In 2016 Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation was awarded a Washington Service Corps grant to begin a Healthy Futures program. This has provided an AmeriCorps volunteer to serve 1,700 hours each year focusing on facilitating programming that addresses common health concerns, primarily inactivity, nutrition and health education. Fast forward to 2021 and we are in the midst of

our fifth AmeriCorps term of service. Each year has brought a fantastic volunteer, full of enthusiasm and innovative ideas to offer the Auburn Community.

Healthy Futures has brought a host of new programs through the years depending on our AmeriCorps member's area of expertise and passion. Our first year saw a big push for increased exercise. Our AmeriCorps member ran couch to 5k training programs for families, built a supportive community of new runners and hosted a Super Hero 5k. The next year was all about nutrition as we hosted ongoing healthy cooking classes for kids and adults. Participants learned how to take their favorite foods and swap out the unhealthy ingredients for

nutrient-dense choices with the objective of teaching people to use a variety of new ingredients so that the foods they loved could be transformed into healthy options. As the years have gone on, nutrition and healthy cooking has remained at the forefront. From pre-school kids to teens to adults, time and again we've found that when we get people into the kitchen experimenting with ingredients they are far more likely to try and like healthy options.

This year we are excited to have a new focus to add to Healthy Futures. Our AmeriCorps member for 2021 is Brandi Reano. Brandi comes to us from New Mexico and has a passion for health education for all ages and gardening! Brandi has been busy coaching our Girls On The Run team, teaching girls in 3rd-5th grades social-emotional skills and training for a 5k run. She has also launched a new program at the Auburn Community Garden called Kids Dig It! This program gets kids into the dirt as they plan, plant and care for their own garden. The kids have had a great time cultivating their seeds, prepping their 600-square-foot garden and planning out what they want to plant. Giving kids the opportunity to be involved in the growth of their own food builds their interest in trying new healthy foods! We look forward to all the growth in this program, both in the garden and in the kids.

For more information about Healthy Futures programs look for the Healthy Futures icon next to select programs at auburnwa.gov/play.

A squirrely summer scavenger hunt is headed your way, Auburn!

Scamper around Auburn's parks and trails in search of the elusive squirrel who's packed his bags and is ready for a sizzlin' summer!

This nutty squirrel will be hidden in various parks and trails in Auburn beginning July 1 through July 11. Find the squirrel, have a chance to win prizes, and have a blast while doing it!

This is a safe and FREE event for families, Seniors, our Specialized Recreation Community or anyone looking for an opportunity to get outside and get active in an outdoor setting.

Before you start your search, you'll want to print a 'Nutty Scorecard' or bring something on your search to track your squirrels such as a notepad and pen, a phone, or tablet. Scorecards are available at auburnwa.gov/events. Scorecards may also be picked up at local businesses listed below.

Each squirrel will have a unique number. When you find a squirrel, write the corresponding number on your scorecard or tracking device. You'll need to find at least ten (10) squirrels. Printed scorecards are for tracking purposes only. Scorecards do not need to be emailed. Complete the online Nutty Scorecard Submission Form, which will be available on July 1.

Since this event is held over eleven days, it is important to leave the squirrels in their location so that they are safe from mowers and other maintenance equipment. Please don't take or move the squirrels so everyone can enjoy this activity.

Complete and submit your scorecard (one per person, please) by 11:59 PM on Sunday, July 11, to be entered into the random drawing for prizes. Sorry, no late entries; no emailed entries. Winners will be selected at random and emailed by July 14.

To help maintain social distance and to keep this a safe activity, squirrels will be hidden in a variety of Auburn's parks and trails. Locations will be announced at 8am on June 30. Grab your posse and have fun searching!

Nutty Scorecards can be picked up at the following locations:

Auburn Community & Event Center

910 9th Street SE (in a pamphlet holder, June 30-July 11)

Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro/Smuggler's Deli

18 Auburn Way S (starting June 28, during open hours)

Auburn Grocery Outlet

102 Cross Street (starting June 28, during open hours)



Prizes!?!? That's right!

There's a bushel of prizes including:

- Four (4) Auburn Golf Course Gift Cards (value of \$100 each)
- Eight (8) \$50 Haggen Food & Pharmacy Gift Cards
- Five (5) \$40 Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro Gift Cards (may also be used for Smuggler's Deli)
- Four (4) \$40 Auburn Grocery Outlet Gift Cards
- Four (4) VISA Gift Cards, compliments of Sound Credit Union
- Three (3) Painting With a Twist Gift Cards
- Fourteen (14) \$20 Jimmy John's Gift Cards
- Four (4) 3-in-1 Tailgate Combo
- Two (2) 16-foot Splashy Shark Slide
- Two (2) Gopher Bob Splash Table
- Three (3) Wigglin' Water Spinkler
- Five (5) Duck Duck Splash Water Pad
- Eight (8) Take & Make Kits from Auburn's Maker Space

Check the website for updates auburnwa.gov/events

A special thank you to our event sponsors and supporters



Haggen Food & Pharmacy
Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro
Auburn Grocery Outlet
Sound Credit Union
Jimmy John's

Stormwater ponds protect our rivers and streams

Have you ever wondered why there is a pond in your neighborhood?

The rain that falls on the streets, sidewalks, and roofs in your neighborhood is collected in pipes that carry the rain (also called stormwater) to ponds that were specially designed just for your neighborhood. These stormwater ponds store and provide some treatment for rainwater runoff before gradually releasing it to local streams and rivers, called the “watershed.”

There are two basic types of stormwater ponds.

Stormwater detention ponds are open basins typically built by excavating below existing ground or by constructing above-ground embankments if the pond is on a slope. A detention pond temporarily stores stormwater runoff during rain events and slowly releases it or infiltrates the water into the ground. Typically, detention ponds are designed to drain completely within 24 hours after a storm event.

A stormwater wetpond works like a detention pond to slowly release runoff, except it retains a permanent pool of water (wetpool) year round or during the wet season. The wetpool allows sediment and other pollutants to settle out of the runoff where the natural biological processes cleanse the water.

City-owned and privately-owned stormwater ponds are maintained according to standards established by the Washington State Department of Ecology and adopted by the City. City-owned and operated stormwater ponds are located in neighborhoods served by public streets. Privately-owned stormwater ponds are typically located in neighborhoods or commercial properties served by private streets and are maintained by the homeowners association or the responsible property owner(s).

Stormwater ponds are inspected and maintained by City staff annually to determine overall maintenance needs. Throughout the summer months, the City Vegetation Division crews mow and clear vegetation along fence lines and structures at City-owned storm ponds. During the winter months, the City crews perform tree trimming and tree removal activities inside City storm facilities.

City-owned stormwater ponds that retain a permanent pool of water are treated monthly during the mosquito breeding season weather to reduce the mosquito populations.

These ponds are storm facilities with a specific purpose, not City parks, and the roads and paths are not designed for public access. If you have any questions about these ponds, please send us your request using the City's SeeClickFix mobile app.

We also ask that you do not throw your lawn clippings into City Storm facilities. These can create unsafe and hazardous conditions for our crews, damage our equipment, and affect the operation of the facility.



Help restore & preserve our natural areas

Stewardship opportunities are available to help restore our natural areas. Volunteer projects such as invasive species removal, native planting and plant maintenance are available in Auburn and across the region. If you are interested in participating in one of these projects, here are links to local organizations that coordinate stewardship events.

Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
midsoundfisheries.org

Green River Coalition
greenrivercoalition.org

King Conservation District
kingcd.org/get-involved/volunteer

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
mtsgreenway.org/get-involved/volunteer

City of Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation

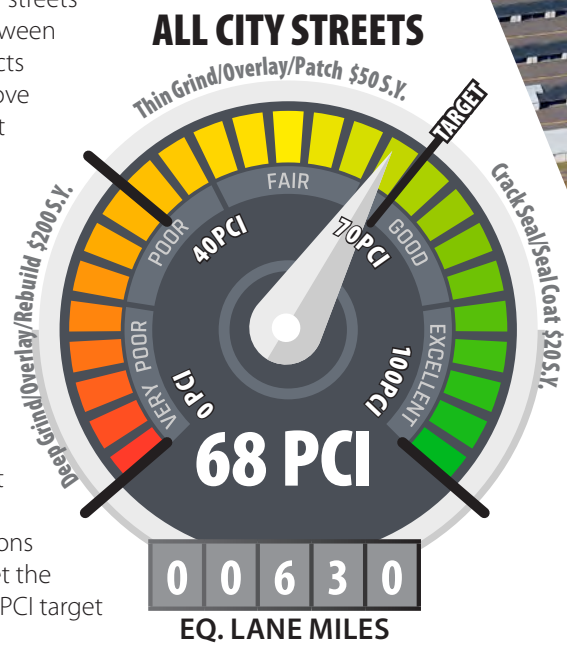
If you are interested in volunteering to conduct a stewardship project in one of Auburn's parks, please contact Jamie Kelly at jwkelly@auburnwa.gov.

Thank you for your help in preserving these important facilities for the health of our natural environment.

2020 STATE OF OUR STREETS

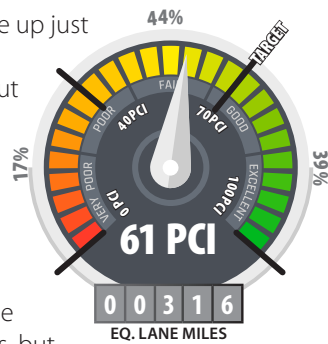
The annual streets report for 2020 was recently presented to the Auburn City Council. The report summarizes the condition of pavement throughout the city and the status of the City's pavement preservation programs. The City has two programs for street preservation, which divide streets into categories by the type of road. The Local Streets Program funds projects on local streets, while the Arterial Streets Program funds projects on higher volume collector and arterial roadways. The condition of a street's pavement surface is rated by a Pavement Condition Index (PCI), which is a 0 to 100 score that reflects the overall condition of roadway pavement. A PCI of 100 is brand new pavement and a PCI of 0 is a roadway where the pavement has turned into gravel and dirt. The PCI gives an indication of what types and degrees of maintenance, repair, and preservation activities are needed. The City's goal is to achieve and maintain an average PCI of 70 for both the Arterial and Local street preservation programs. Periodically, the City performs citywide inspections to determine the pavement condition index (PCI) for each roadway it maintains. The annual streets report addresses the condition of city streets as of year end and predicts conditions based on investments moving into the future.

During 2020, the City improved approximately 6.7 equivalent lane miles of roadway. Despite the impact of those projects, the overall condition of streets in the city degraded slightly between 2019 and 2020. Pavement projects programmed for 2021 will improve another estimated 15 equivalent lane miles of road. Additional projects through 2024 are in varied stages of planning and design. Accounting for the predicted impact of these projects, modeling indicates a slow decline of the overall average roadway PCI over the coming years at the current anticipated funding amounts. The data suggests that additional funding is needed to prevent overall roadway conditions from declining further and to get the roadways back to the overall 70 PCI target and keep it there.



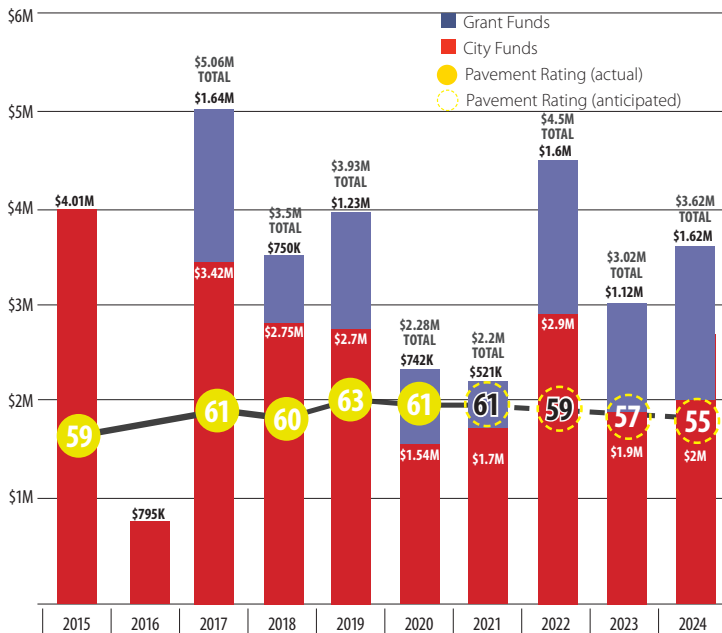
ARTERIAL AND COLLECTOR STREETS

Arterial and collector streets make up just over half of the total equivalent lane miles of roadways throughout the city (approximately 316 lane miles). The average PCI for collector and arterials has been close to 60 since about 2015. This indicates that reconstruction and preservation efforts have been adequate to maintaining the average condition of these streets, but are not extensive enough to improve the overall condition or make progress towards the target PCI of 70.



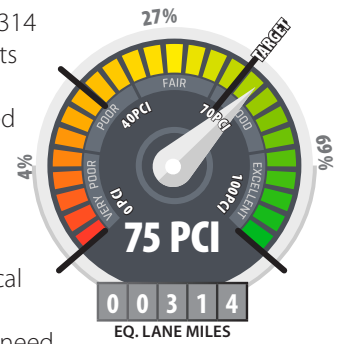
The planned 2021 and 2022 projects include the reconstruction of 2nd Street SE between A Street SE and Auburn Way S, and 4th Street SE between Auburn Way S and L Street SE. Both projects utilized grant funding awarded from the Transportation Improvement Board. Despite the investment in these projects, the citywide average PCI is forecasted to decline.

Over the next five years, an estimated 60 lane miles of road are expected to deteriorate beyond the point where they are able to be preserved and would require more expensive reconstruction. Based on the current funding levels and anticipated grant funding, there is only funding available to preserve approximately 15 of these 60 lane miles. This leaves approximately 45 lane miles of arterial and collector streets that will continue to deteriorate. These roadways will eventually require reconstruction at a cost that is over four times higher than preservation treatments. Simulations indicate that approximately \$5 million per year for 15 years would be required to bring the overall PCI for arterials and collectors up to an average of 70 PCI. The average expenditure on arterial and collector streets between 2017 and 2020 has been approximately \$3.7 million per year.

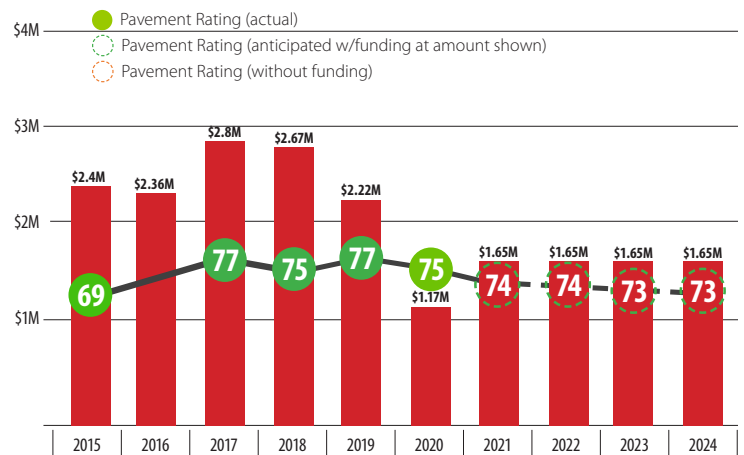


LOCAL STREETS

There are currently approximately 314 equivalent lane miles of local streets in the city. Local streets have an overall average PCI of 75 (compared to 77 in 2019). Despite exceeding the City's PCI target of 70, there are still many local roads in need of preservation and reconstruction. Roughly 69% of local roads are in good condition, 27% are in fair condition, and 4% are in need of a full rebuild. Since 2015, the overall average PCI for local streets has increased from 69, due to the City's preservation and re-building projects as well as the addition of new local roads from development activity.



From 2013 to 2019, the local streets program was funded by new construction sales tax. Since 2019, the program has received Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds. The program has a current annual budget of \$1.65 million, but a funding source has not yet been secured beyond 2022. Simulations indicate that maintaining current funding levels results in the average PCI holding stable in the low 70's (assuming no other changes), but will fall below 70 after 10 years. It is estimated that, approximately \$2.0 million per year would be needed to reach a stable equilibrium at 70 PCI. If a sustainable funding source is not identified for 2023 and beyond, it is predicted that the average PCI for local streets will drop to the low 40s by 2040.



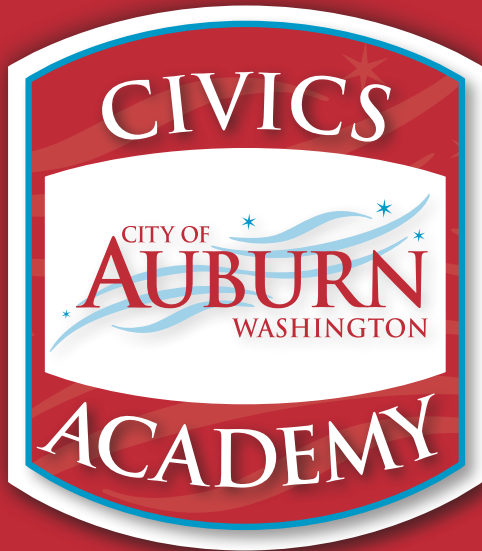
NEXT STEPS Moving forward, as funding allows, the City will continue with projects to address the backlog of needed preservation. The City continues to pursue grant opportunities to bring in additional funds in support of City projects. This summer, the City will be collecting pavement condition data for all city streets, which will support ongoing pavement management efforts.

How does the city repair potholes?

How does the city build and maintain parks?

How does the City budget and spend its money?

Join us to learn the answers to these questions and more through the Auburn Civics Academy.



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

FREE TO PARTICIPANTS | AGES 16 & UP



Get better acquainted with the city you live in.

Meet your local elected officials and city staff.

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

Become an active community member.

Provide feedback to the city regarding municipal services.

Connect with other residents, students and/or business owners in this cohort style class.

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

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

Classes meet once each week from 6:30-8:30pm online via Zoom

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

September 9-November 18, 2021

One Saturday session on October 9 from 9am-12pm

Eligibility

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

For more information and to apply visit auburnwa.gov/civicsacademy

Questions? Contact the Community Services Division at CommunityServices@auburnwa.gov | 253-288-3168

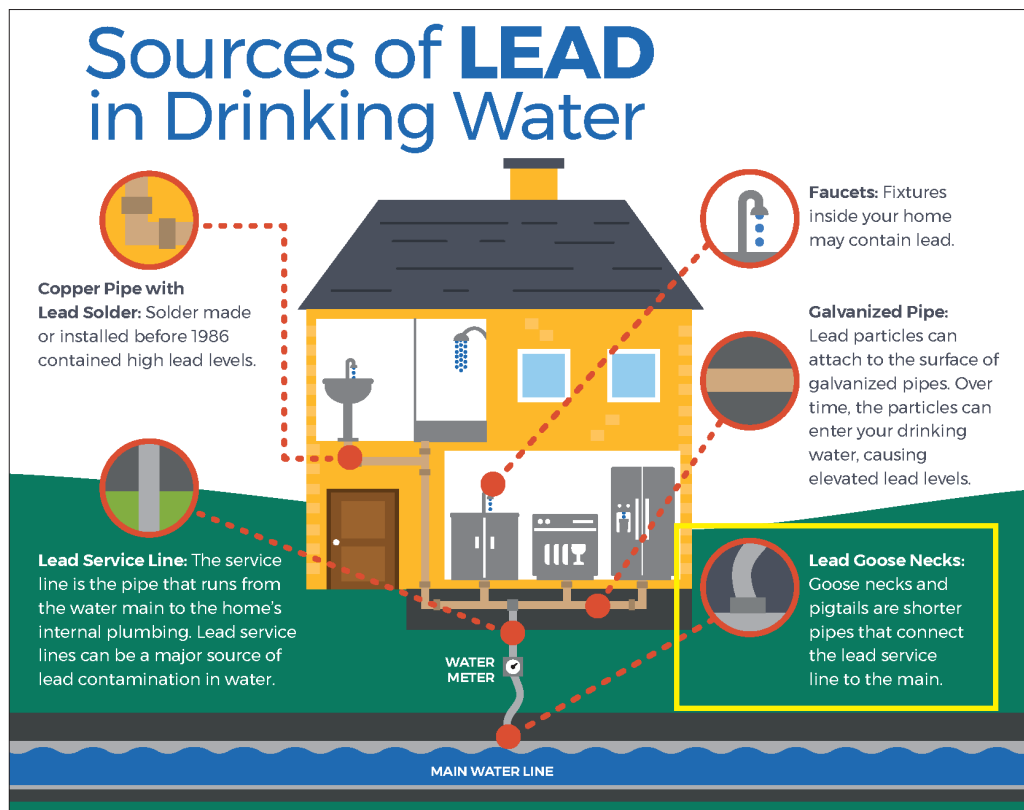
Protecting the quality of your drinking water



In 1991, the Federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) went into effect, establishing allowable limits at the customer's faucet for the amount of lead and copper that is allowed in drinking water. For over 20 years, the City of Auburn has been adjusting the pH of its water supplies to ensure that our water is not corrosive to your home's plumbing, in compliance with LCR. Corrosive (low pH) water is what caused the customer's lead pipes in Flint, Michigan, to corrode, releasing high levels of lead into their drinking water. Fortunately, lead pipes are very uncommon in Washington and there are no known lead pipes in the Auburn's water service area. In homes built before 1986, there may be small amounts of lead present in the solder used to connect copper piping, in the brass in some faucets or fixtures, and in some isolated fittings that connect the customer's water service to the public water mains. Every three years, water samples from the homes of over 60 customers throughout the water system are sent to an independent laboratory to ensure that the pH treatment is working and that the water is meeting drinking water standards for lead and copper levels at the customer's faucet.

The City of Auburn is taking additional steps to further minimize the risk of lead exposure in your drinking water. This summer, the City will begin construction of the Lead Gooseneck Replacement Project. A "lead gooseneck" is a fitting that was sometimes used before 1960 to connect the customer's water service line to the public main. Most lead goosenecks have been

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replaced over time as part of Auburn's water main replacement projects or customer service upgrades and repairs. Auburn has identified approximately 200 lead goosenecks remaining in the system that will be replaced along with replacement of the water mains and street restoration. This work is being funded through a \$2.7 million loan from the Washington Department of Health and \$1.8 million from the Water capital construction fund. In early June, we will contact those customers in the project areas regarding the project schedule.

For more information about this project, and other capital projects underway, please visit our [Interactive Capital Project map at auburnwa.gov/capitalprojects](http://auburnwa.gov/capitalprojects) or contact Jai Carter, the City's Project Engineer assigned to manage the project at jcarter@auburnwa.gov or 253-804-5086.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently adopted revisions to the 1991 Lead Copper Rule (LCR). These revisions are intended to reduce the risk of lead exposure to customers

by removing lead service lines, educating customers about the risks of lead exposure in their water plumbing, optimizing corrosion control to reduce the likelihood of lead leaching into the water, and protecting children's health by monitoring for lead in school drinking water. The new revisions give water suppliers three years to develop programs for meeting these goals.

An important goal of the LCR revisions is to protect children's health by monitoring for lead in school drinking water. One of our programs will be to work with our child care customers to collect and analyze water samples at their facilities once every five years, starting in 2024. The LCR revisions also require sampling at schools, but the Washington State Legislature recently passed House Bill 1139 that will put the Washington Department of Health in charge of the school sampling program.

We need your help to develop and implement two required programs.

Service Line Inventory

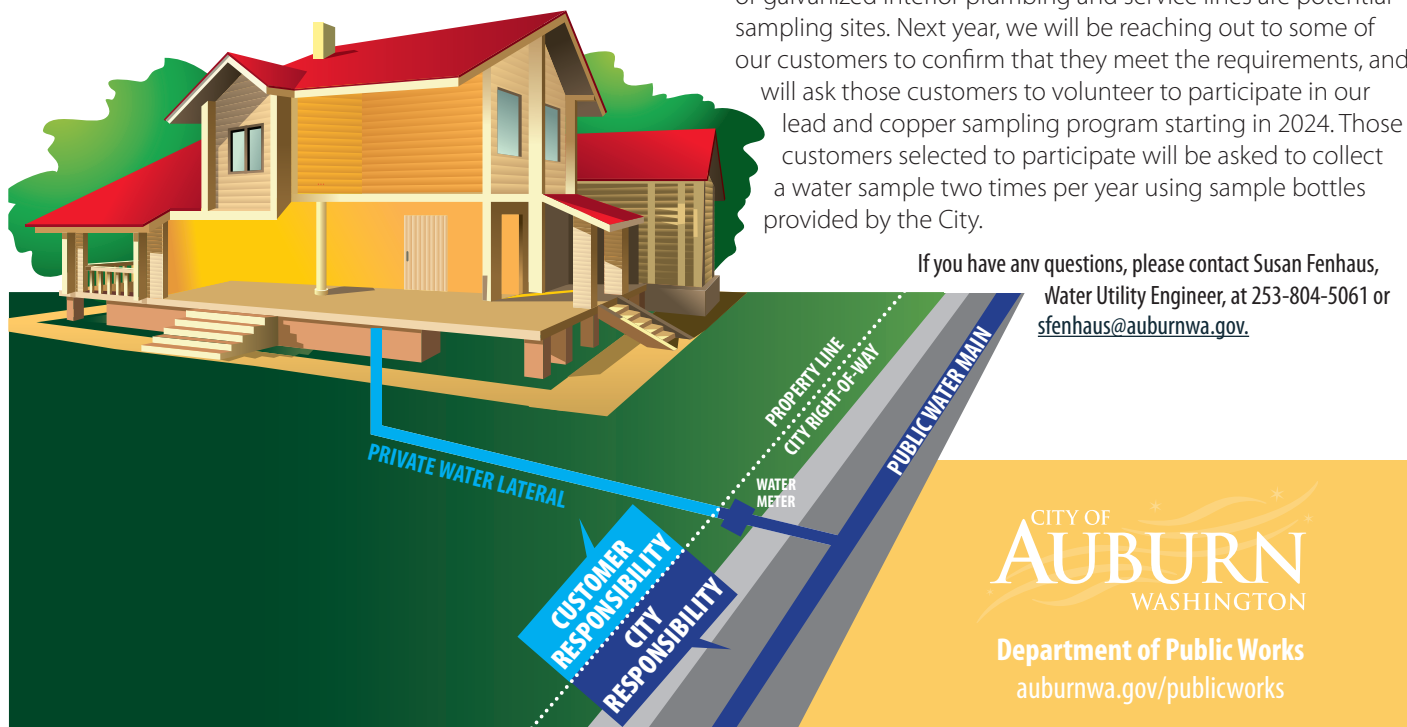
The City is required to identify the material used in the water service line from the public water main to the house so that the City can determine if the LCR revisions require replacement of the service line. Replacement would only be required for identified lead service lines. The City would replace the utility/City-owned portion (from the main to the meter) and the customer would be responsible for replacing the customer-owned portion (from the meter to the house/structure) of the service line. However, the customer would have the option to choose whether or not, and when, they would replace their portion of the service line. The City will be conducting an inventory to determine if the utility/City-owned portion of the service line requires replacement. For the customer-owned portion of the service line, the City will be contacting all of its customers to ask them to provide any known information

regarding their service line that they may have. Information being collected includes year of installation and material type and will help determine if the service line should be replaced. If this information is not known or not reported, the City is required to notify the customer each year that the service line information is unknown and that the service line may not meet current LCR requirements. Your assistance in providing information that you may have will help the City meet its goal of collecting all service line information over the next 3-year period.

Revised LCR Sampling Plan

The LCR has specific requirements for where a utility needs to establish sampling locations. Newer homes that have interior plumbing and a water service line made of polyethylene or PEX will generally not be sampled. Homes that have copper or galvanized interior plumbing and service lines are potential sampling sites. Next year, we will be reaching out to some of our customers to confirm that they meet the requirements, and will ask those customers to volunteer to participate in our lead and copper sampling program starting in 2024. Those customers selected to participate will be asked to collect a water sample two times per year using sample bottles provided by the City.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Fenhaus, Water Utility Engineer, at 253-804-5061 or sfenhaus@auburnwa.gov.





SUNDAYS | JUNE 6-SEPTEMBER 19
10AM-3PM | LES GOVE PARK

The Auburn Farmers Market opened its 13th season on Sunday, June 6. We have a full season safely packed with over 35 vendors each week! Customers can visit us every Sundays through September 19 for their favorite fruits, veggies, cheeses, wine, baked goods, coffee, handmade crafts and more!

The Market will again be held adjacent to the 12th Street Parking lot on the Les Gove Park campus. The Market will continue to follow King County Public Health guidelines and make modifications as allowed over the course of the season. Current guidelines require vendors to have six feet of space between each booth and create a controlled entrance and exit, allowing Market staff to maintain a safe number of customers inside the Market at any given time. The modified market layout also encourages customers to follow a one-way traffic pattern while inside the Market. There will be bright orange arrows to guide you through the Market to the exit on the far side. Vendors will continue to practice social distancing to be as safe as

possible while working with the public. On a quick trip to the Market, you'll notice vendors have barriers to protect themselves and customers from spreading germs. They will be bagging your items for you to reduce the amount of times something is touched. You will see many familiar vendors and a few new ones as well. We encourage everyone entering the Market site to wear a mask to protect our community. Eligible vendors will continue to accept EBT and Snap Market Match currency. Stop by the information booth to obtain your currency before shopping at vendor booths.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website for special giveaway days! We're looking forward to celebrating Pride, the 4th of July and more this season! With the help of our Market volunteers and partners at King Conservation District, WSU Food \$ense, and the American Heart Association, we will be giving away Kid Activity Kits on the second Sunday of each month. Supplies are limited, so be sure to grab your kid kit early.

Market shopping guidelines at auburnfarmersmarket.org





Open Every Saturday and Sunday from 11am-4pm, June 19-August 29

Step back in time to the Mary Olson Farm. The Farm is the perfect spot for a family picnic, leisurely stroll or a little me-time in nature. Get away from the hustle and bustle and unwind in this postcard perfect setting. Admission is Free!



Squirrely Summer Scavenger Hunt
July 1-11

Jump around Auburn's parks and trails in search of the elusive squirrel who's packed his bags and is ready for a sizzlin' summer! This nutty squirrel will be hidden in various parks and trails in Auburn beginning July 1 – July 11. Find the squirrel, have a chance to win prizes, and have a blast while doing it! This will be a fun and safe event for families, Seniors, our Specialized Recreation community or anyone looking for an opportunity to get outside and get active in an outdoor setting.

CLOSETS OF CURIOSITY

ON DISPLAY JULY 7, 2021-JUNE 2022
WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM

Peer into the closets of some wacky, weird, and wonderful characters in this new exhibit featuring hundreds of artifacts sure to pique the curiosity of visitors of all ages. The Museum will be FREE for EVERYONE though the rest of 2021!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
9AM-3PM
LES GOVE PARK

The Almost 5K Poker Fun Run & Walk returns to Les Gove Park on Saturday, August 14th, from 9AM – 3PM. This in-person run is 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). Interval starts will be offered in groups of 25 participants, every 15 minutes from 9AM until 2PM, with the run closing at 3PM. Participants will select their preferred time at registration. 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. To reduce contact with others, only Poker Run volunteers will touch the playing cards. Participants will select their card from a safe distance. Awards will be distributed to the top poker hands in eight age categories and announced the following Monday.

Register early for a discounted registration fee! On-site registrations will be available, early registration includes a tshirt and medal. For registration details and info on the event, visit us online at auburnwa.gov/events.



Music + movies in the parks!

253-931-3043 | auburwa.gov/events



Wednesdays, July 14-August 18
12pm | Les Gove Park

An exciting children's outdoor concert series that will be LOADS of fun!

July 14	Johnny Bregar - Kids/family music that's sure to please
July 21	Ruth & Emelia - A mother daughter duo who rock!
July 28	Eric Herman and the Puppy Dogs - Eric and his amazing band will play cool tunes for kids!
August 4	Eli Rosenblatt - Deeply rooted rhythms, heart centered experience
August 11	Eric Ode - Award-winning children's singer/songwriter
August 18	Dani & The Bee - Seattle-based musical duo playing music for kids (and kids at heart!)



Summer Sounds

Thursdays, July 15-August 19
6:30pm | Les Gove Park

Get out and enjoy a summer evening and listen to some great local Northwest bands on Thursdays this summer! The City of Auburn present Summer Sounds over the course of six weeks at Les Gove Park. Grab a blanket or lawn chairs and come support local musicians and enjoy a wonderful evening.

July 15	The Gothard Sisters Celtic Music
July 22	Darren Motamedy Smooth Jazz Saxophonist
July 29	Danny Vernon Illusions of Elvis
August 5	Eli Rosenblatt - Deeply rooted rhythms, heart centered experience
August 12	The Dueling Crooners A swingin' time
August 19	Wally and The Beaves 50's, 60's & 70's rock n' roll

Friday Night Flicks

Fridays, July 30-August 13
9pm | Various Parks in Auburn

Blockbuster movies viewed outdoors on a 50' inflatable movie screen will make Friday nights in Auburn a real treat for the whole family!



July 30	Onward (PG) – Lea Hill Park
August 6	The Sandlot (PG) – Sunset Park
August 13	The Goonies (PG) – Les Gove Park

Sunday and Chill

July 25, August 15, and September 12
Doors at 5:30pm, music at 6pm

Bring your family, friends, and a picnic for a super chill series of summer music at the Farm. All ages event, beer and wine garden 21 & up only.

Tickets are free | Information at wrvmuseum.org



LUSIO LIGHTS

AT MARY OLSON FARM



Explore the Mary Olson Farm like you've never seen it before - filled with light art installations sourced from a variety of local artists! LUSIO is a two night event showcasing innovative light art and sound stages set against the backdrop of a historic farm. There is something for everyone at LUSIO!

AUGUST 27, 7-11PM

AUGUST 28, 6-11PM; 6-7PM IS FAMILY HOUR

FREE | ALL AGES WELCOME

VISIT WRVMUSEUM.ORG/LUSIO TO LEARN MORE



Mary Olson Farm

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

Anything that
leaves the ground or
produces a report or
explosion is illegal.

Any combination of
two or more effects is
also illegal.

CITY OF ALGONA

 Discharge of all fireworks is illegal

CITIES OF AUBURN AND PACIFIC

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

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

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

INCREASED ENFORCEMENT

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

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



IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS:

- No. 1 firework safety tip: attend a public display
- Buy and use only legal fireworks
- Follow directions and safety recommendations printed on the fireworks
- Maintain adult supervision and keep all fireworks out of the hands of children
- Use fireworks in an area clear of materials that can burn (grass, bark, trees)
- Keep garden hoses ready
- Wet down firework display area
- Light one item at a time, move away quickly and keep a safe distance
- Dispose of used fireworks by first soaking them in water
- Trim any tall grass close to buildings or fences
- Clean all gutters and move burnable materials away from homes
- Place minor burns in cool water, call 911 if you need further assistance