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**F<sub>N</sub>** City Attorney's Office **FastFacts--Did You Know...**

Welcome to your online recap of City actions and vital stories for folks who care about Auburn. Found twice monthly at the corner of City Hall and your smartphone, tablet or computer.

The City Attorney's Office gives legal advice to the City Council and staff, and represents the City in court. In the municipal legal arena, experience and credentials are the best defense a City can have (pun intended) and Auburn is in very good hands...

**Upcoming April Dates:**

Chamber Forum 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 am

Historic Design Review and  
Planning Commission 16<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6 pm

City Council Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6  
pm

Chamber Forum 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 am

Chamber Forum 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7am

- Our part-time, contract City Attorney is Michael G. Colantuono, who brings with him the benefit of services from his firm of 14 lawyers throughout California, Colantuono & Levin. The firm acts as attorneys for five other cities, including Grass Valley, and Michael previously served in six other cities.
- Two-thirds of California's 478 cities and towns have contract attorney services, often found in smaller communities as a prudent business practice.
- Michael has argued in the California Supreme Court five times in cases involving city revenues. Last year, he won a case for 47 cities that financially benefited Auburn and most every other city in the state.
- In 2010, Michael was named Public Lawyer of the Year by the State Bar. In 2012, for the second consecutive year, he was named in the top 25 municipal lawyers in the state by The Daily Journal, California's leading legal newspaper.
- He has been practicing as a City Attorney for 22 years after graduating with honors from Harvard University and first in his class in law school at the University of California at Berkeley.

**F<sub>N</sub>** **Hitting the Top of the Blogs**

Last week, the San Francisco Chronicle's blogspot listed Auburn in the Top 20 small towns to visit and showed a peek at the iconic Courthouse as the first of the bunch-- <http://blog.sfgate.com/getlost/2013/04/04/reader-picks-20-must-see-small-towns/>

And, just in from the California County/City News, a blog reaching about 15,000 readers weekly that held a contest for photos of statues around the state: Auburn won Editors' Choice for the [picture of an Auburn prospector statue](#). Who knew the photo of Old Town's Claude Chana statue would draw such attention but readers were treated to a history lesson about the man credited with discovering gold in the Auburn Ravine and birthing the town of Auburn.

**F<sub>N</sub>** **Big Honors for "The Big Idea"**

The City of Auburn was honored on March 27<sup>th</sup> by Placer County's Economic Development Board for "The Big Idea"-- outstanding public service and making a significant contribution to the economic well-being of Placer County with the Auburn Industry 2012 event last fall at the Auburn Airport Business Park. Well done, all!

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## **F<sub>N</sub>** Workshop News

The City will host an important workshop and public forum on the “Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan” on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Auburn City Hall Council Chambers at 1225 Lincoln Way. In an open forum, interested residents and business owners are invited to help identify services and programs that disabled members of the community have difficulty accessing, and experts will be available to answer questions about building codes and requirements. Questions? Contact Carie Huff at [chuff@auburn.ca.gov](mailto:chuff@auburn.ca.gov).

## **F<sub>N</sub>** Mark Your Calendar & Clean Out the Medicine Chest

National Take Back programs all over the country keep children and the environment safe by providing a convenient way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications. Auburn Police and Public Works Departments are teaming up with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to offer a Free Medication Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. You can drive through but must prepare:

- empty pills from bottles into a plastic bag & seal
- keep all liquids in original bottle

The last event in September 2012 collected 570 pounds of medications in Auburn, part of the *244 tons* (or 488,000 pounds) collected nationwide! Please call 823-4211 x 145 for more information.

## **F<sub>N</sub>** There's Safety in (Higher) Numbers

One measure of safety in communities is constantly followed and talked about by residents, businesses and city staffers alike—the number of police officers per 10,000 residents. In a recent online Sacramento Bee story about the City of Lincoln coping with budget cuts, FBI statistics showed the following comparisons:

	<u>Officers/10,000 Residents</u>
Lincoln .....	5.1
Elk Grove .....	8.3
Rocklin.....	8.5
Davis.....	8.9
Roseville.....	9.8
Citrus Heights.....	10.1
Folsom.....	10.5
Woodland.....	11.0
West Sacramento.....	12.6
Galt.....	14.2
Sacramento.....	14.4
Winters.....	14.9
<b>Auburn.....</b>	<b>15.6</b>
Placerville.....	16.2
South Lake Tahoe.....	18.0