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FN Building Activity is Up!

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.

Upcoming April Dates

Chamber Forum Meeting 22nd at 7am

City Council Meeting 28th at 6pm

Chamber Forum Meeting 29th at 7am

It's probably no surprise that, a few years ago, our building activity was the worst we had seen in a decade. To put numbers to it, we measure from July through June each year so that performance tracks with the City's fiscal year, and things have definitely improved since 2011/12! From that year to the next (2012/13), we saw a 40% increase in the value of construction permits, and 2013/14 activity looks promising. We monitor and record this activity as stages of completion in the permit process that is necessary ensure a safe project that meets the City's standards. For example, you bring your plans in for "plan check" and they are reviewed in the office and routed to other City departments as needed. We give you specific notes on needed corrective actions, and the permit is issued when the plans have been resubmitted and everything is complete. Then you can start construction. This year to date, we have:

- Five new homes in the plan check process
- Twelve single-family dwellings under construction, and
- Six units completed!

Permits for certain types of work can be issued over the counter, such as water heater change-outs, mechanical units, re-roofing project, and sewer repairs. If you have any questions about your plans or ideas, don't hesitate to call the Building Department at 530-823-4211 x122 and x123.

FN Want to Understand the June Ballot Propositions?

The League of Women Voters of Placer County (LWVPC) will present a balanced discussion of arguments for and against the items on the June 3rd ballot at their monthly lunch meeting on Thursday, May 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Max's at the Holiday Inn, 110 Grass Valley Highway. Topics covered will include Propositions 41 (a bond for homeless veterans) and 42 (a constitutional amendment on open meetings) as well as an explanation about the meaning of the new "Top Two" primary election. The public is welcome, reservations are not necessary and lunch is available for \$15.

Can't make it, but still confused by the ballot? If you have as few as five people and around half an hour to spare, the LWVPC will come and present to your group of friends or associates. For more information, visit www.lwvplacercounty.org or contact Randi Swisley at president@lwvplacercounty.org or Bernadette O'Keefe at bgog@gmail.com.

Update on City Manager Recruitment:

The recruitment is now closed and we are still on track to have a new City Manager by early June. The City Council will hold a special (closed) session on the 21st for discussion and interviews will follow.

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F_N Time to Throw your Two Cents In?

The Auburn Economic Development Commission (EDC) has a vacancy. The EDC is comprised of five community volunteers and two Council Members, and its goal is to enhance the City's business environment and economic base while preserving and enhancing the social, natural, and financial resources of the community. Once appointed, a Commissioner serves a two year term with the opportunity to continue through a reappointment. Meetings are held in the evenings on an as-needed basis. If this fits your desire to serve your community or you have questions, please contact Amy Lind at 823-4211 x 112 or alind@auburn.ca.gov.

F_N Auburn is Big on Bikes...

We've told you before but here's a reminder that "**May is Bike Month.**" Pledge miles and learn more at Mayisbikemonth.com. Last year, Auburnites accounted for more miles ridden per capita than any city in the region! Questions? Contact Scott Aaron at saaron@pctpa.net. **But that's not all...** In preparation for Bike Month, the Sierra Foothills Cycling Club will host the second annual Auburn Bike Festival on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Auburn Recreation Park. This is a **free** fun-filled day of riding and events put on by Auburn's Sierra Foothills Cycling Club and will rally bicyclists of all ages with organized rides, prizes, bike shop booths, and a BBQ lunch. PCTPA will be on hand for May is Bike Month registrations if you haven't done it yet. For more information on this event, visit sfcyclists.org. **Still want more** on bikes? Stay tuned for the next edition of **FastNews!**

F_N "City Employee of the Year" to be Honored at State of the Community

Just when you thought you might not see him again around our parts-- the City's Management Team has named former City Manager Bob Richardson as the "City Employee of the Year," an honor given at the annual State of the Community dinner on May 9. Held in early spring every year, the Auburn State of the Community event includes a review of our community by representatives from the City of Auburn, Placer County, and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. It is followed by an awards ceremony to recognize dedicated citizens who have contributed much to Auburn in many different capacities and from various avenues such as the arts, agriculture, education, healthcare, recreation, local government and the Auburn Business of the Year Award. The evening ends with the Auburn Journal's prestigious McCann Award for exemplary volunteer service. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 885-5616 to get your tickets. And while you're congratulating the honorees, don't forget to stop by the City table and say hello to Bob!