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**F<sup>N</sup>** A Timely Update on Fire Season and Mutual Aid

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 August Dates**

Chamber Forum Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> at 7am

City Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Chamber Forum Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> at 7am

To view agendas for all upcoming meetings please click [here](#)

Fire season in California is definitely here, and the Auburn Fire Department continues to assist in battling large fires throughout the state. Last month, we sent an engine and a Strike Team Leader to El Dorado County for several days to combat the Sand Fire, which destroyed 20 homes and 47 outbuildings while burning 4,240 acres! It's a reminder to us about the dangers of the season-- this fire was started by hot vehicle exhaust and dry grass.

On August 1, Auburn Fire Engine 1272 headed up to Lassen County to battle the Day Fire, where six structures were lost and over 13,150 acres were burned. After six days on the Day Fire, the engine was reassigned to the July Complex in Siskiyou County where four different fires with over 24,000 acres have burned to date. Engine 1272 remains assigned to the July Complex, which has very active fires and will grow significantly over the next week. The Day Fire and fires in the July Complex are just a few of the fires that were started by lightning during the first and second weeks of August—another dangerous example of dry vegetation at this time of year and continued drought conditions.

The response from the Auburn Fire Department is all part of the California Master Mutual Aid System, a time-tested plan for fire service that quickly mobilizes resources to assist whenever and wherever the need is the greatest. Our assistance in other communities today is our "savings account" that we can be assured of future help from other agencies when we need it.

**F<sup>N</sup>** Reminders from Your City Elections Office

You have heard by now that the filing period to run for a City Council seat was extended and officially closed on Wednesday, August 13. We are excited to have four candidates in the running for three of the City Council offices this November. While you can learn about candidates and issues from many other sources, the City Clerk's Office reminds you that you need to re-register to vote if you have moved since the last election. In addition, to vote in this year's general election on November 4, the last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 28. Questions about your polling place, how to register, etc. can be found at Placer County's Election website [here](#).

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## **F<sup>N</sup>** Another Reason We Love our Town

Check out the new photographic exhibit in City Hall by Placer Camera Club, an organization formed over 60 years ago who meets regularly in Auburn. This show "A Look Through the Lens" can be viewed through October 3, Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. As it is with many of the things we enjoy in Auburn, this one is the homegrown product of citizen volunteers, thanks to our City Arts Commission. To learn more about Placer Camera Club visit: <http://www.placercameraclub.org/>



## **F<sup>N</sup>** Notice Anything New Around City Hall?

You may have noticed that the City Council Chambers is sporting a lean and trimmed down look these days, and there are more changes on the horizon. An older model, partially dysfunctional television camera has been replaced, resulting in a more crisp-looking visual of the televised City Council meetings. After some internal electrical updates, the new camera will also be placed so that it can span to take in more of the speakers, whether at the dais, the public lectern or staff presentation table. Gone, too, is the outdated cassette recorder, replaced with a more efficient and reliable digital recorder. These new pieces of equipment *and* access to a new cloud-based content management system allow us to stream the archived videos of City Council meetings on the City's website within a few days of the meeting, linking the agenda items digitally for ease of viewing. Stay tuned for improvements in the near future as we tweak and fine-tune our equipment and capabilities... all in the name of better transparency!

## **F<sup>N</sup>** Charging Ahead

If you were among the many enjoying the August 14 Art Walk and stopped by the electric vehicle display at the Air Pollution Control District Office at Maple Street, we wanted to be sure you were up to date with what's happening with our new electric vehicle charging stations. We previously reported to you about receiving grant funding and City staff is currently receiving bids. We anticipate taking a construction contract to the City Council for approval in September, and work will begin shortly afterward.