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F_N Transparency in Bargaining

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 has begun implementing the “Transparency in Bargaining” policy adopted by the City Council earlier this year. Under this policy, the public can see documents on the City’s website two weeks prior to the City Council’s final action that show each party’s opening requests, the final tentative agreements and the fiscal impact. The first documents subject to this policy were posted this week for negotiations with the Fire Department, Police Sergeant’s Unit, and the Mid-Management Unit. New tentative agreements will be posted on the City’s website for public review in the coming weeks as they are reached. Click [here](#) for easy access.

Upcoming Dates

City Council Meeting June 24th
6pm

Chamber Forum June 25th
7am

F_N City-County Cooperation Fixes Streets **FAST!**

The City recently coordinated with Placer County to capitalize on a very competitive bid price for a street maintenance application needed in neighborhoods around Oakridge and Shockley where City streets are in close proximity to the original County project. Although not new pavement, the treatment is designed to increase longevity of the roadways by sealing the cracks that can allow water to breakdown the asphalt and cause potholes. The City part of the project will be completed by June 26.

F_N Entertainment Under the Summer Stars

Just a reminder-- the City is partnering this summer with the Auburn Recreation District, Old Town and Downtown Business Associations, and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce to bring FREE outdoor movies at various locations around town. All movies begin at dusk (8:45-9:00 p.m.) so bring family and friends and chairs or blankets to sit on. Enjoy!

Summer begins this Friday!



Happy Auburn Summer!

- Wednesday, June 26—Central Square for “School of Rock”
- Friday, June 28—Recreation Park for “Skyfall” (NOTE: You must be 21 years or older)
- Wednesday, July 10—Regional Park for “The Amazing Spiderman”
- Wednesday, July 24—Central Square for “Les Miserables”
- Wednesday, July 31—Recreation Park for “The Lorax”
- Wednesday, Aug 7—Central Square for “Beach Blanket Bingo”

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F_N In the News

One of the most expensive pieces of equipment a City ever purchases is a fire truck. Auburn's vehicle replacement program has just come around to retiring one of the 1986 engines that has served the City well over the years. In this issue, we're breaking with the FastNews tradition of giving out short, bite-sized stories because sometimes you want to know more about really big things and buying a fire truck is a really big thing. We decided to invite you to meet this newest member of our City Fleet Family with a behind-the-scenes descriptive tour of what went into our decisions and what you're getting for the money. Follow us...

Behind the FastNews

The last time we purchased a new engine like this was in 2006. You might not think that the 2013 version could be that much better but our new engine truly has many features that will improve our Fire Department's ability to deliver emergency services more efficiently, effectively and safely for citizens and staff. We're seeing the practical result of bringing technology into the fire response field. Integrated communication systems using GIS and GPS information give immediate access to up-to-date information at any location or facility about critical factors like entrances, exits, fire sprinkler mains, alarm panels, hydrant locations, and special hazards such as chemicals, flammable and combustible materials onsite.

The new engine is also not as high as our others but it's not for reasons of style! Keeping the overall height slightly lower allows for driving Auburn's often narrow streets under low hanging obstacles like tree branches and utility wires without creating additional hazards or causing engine damage. Every bit of available space on the vehicle is wisely used and additional compartments have been added to store protective gear and equipment for personnel so that our firefighters can have the proper protection for the job right at their fingertips. Typically, engines need to be equipped with two sets of gear so firefighters can be ready to deal with structure, wild land, and vegetation fires, as well as vehicle accidents. Other features include:

- Full harness seat belt system in each seat with air bag system (new in fire vehicles!)
- Built-in self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)—the air tank and mask that firefighters put on to enter burning buildings allows them to be ready stepping off
- 500 gallon water tank and pump capable of pumping 1,500 gallons per minute
- Clean diesel engine maneuvers steep and curvy city streets with fewer emissions
- Light emitting diodes (LED) lights use less energy and they double to make the engine visible *and* illuminate nighttime scenes for maximum protection

Look for "1285" on the fire apparatus you see around town, and you'll know that's our new \$446,000 engine. See, we told you it was a *really big thing!*