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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 Dates

Chamber Forum April 30th at 7am

Chamber Forum May 7th at 7am

Historic Design Review Commission Meeting May 7th at 6pm

City Council Meeting May 13th at 6pm

Chamber Forum May 14th at 7am

Economic Development Commission May 15th at 5pm

F_N What's So Special About a "Quasquicentennial"?

By definition, it's "a 125th anniversary." In Auburn, we call it our history, and it's been a colorful one! What is now Auburn was originally established in 1848 shortly after the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill in Coloma, and the area quickly attracted gold seekers. An act of the State Legislature in 1861 incorporated the City and a Board of Trustees was installed to act as a City Council. In anticipation of a railroad coming through Auburn, the City pledged \$50,000 in support but the railroad was never constructed. The city disincorporated in 1868 to avoid the debt incurred to fund the failed railroad project. Although Auburn remained as the Placer County seat all that time, the city went without a formal government until it was reincorporated 20 years later in 1888... 125 years ago.

Celebrating a "Quasqui" is pretty colorful too, and you will hear of several events over the next few months to mark the passage of time in our town. Next up -- the Annual State of the Community on Friday, May 10 at The Ridge Golf Club and Event Center, where we'll be "Celebrating Community, Connecting with our Heroes, and Cultivating Stewardship." Wine tasting and cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and awards at 7:00 p.m., including the City's special tribute to our "Quasqui"... not to be missed. Tickets are available up to May 6 through the Chamber of Commerce: 885-5616.

F_N We Look Forward to Your Calls (But Please Be Patient)

You've heard about our plans for a new phone system at City Hall for the better part of the past year. Our talented and hard-working volunteer Technology Commission has been working diligently with staff, and the wait is almost over! After an extremely thorough process by the Commission, we're currently training staff and will "flip the switch" at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29. Please be patient with us as we work through any unexpected bugs that could pop up, as the new system not only has to work well for you, but also has to integrate effectively with all emergency communication and data systems.

F_N Now You CAN "Bloom Where You are Planted"

The School Park Preserve's Community Garden is getting ready to open this season, and calling for local gardeners and "foodies" to apply for the opportunity to grow your own food alongside other like-minded Auburnites in one of the 26 planting beds. You can get your application at www.auburncommunitygarden.org. The cost is \$60 per season and a lottery will be held if more people apply than there are beds available. If you miss out but still crave those homegrown crudites, stay tuned to your FastNews for the debut of another community garden on Lincoln Way that's still in the planning stages. In the words of a well-known food celebrity—yummo!

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F_N Auburn Arts in the Park—What Fun!

Bring family, friends and neighbors to the second annual Auburn Arts in the Park, a free one-day visual and performing arts festival organized by the Auburn Arts Commission to foster and promote our community's vibrant visual and performing arts. Local artists will be selling their works, and the day will be filled with music, actors portraying famous artists, art demonstrations, art-related activities for children, and wine, beer & food booths.

WHEN: Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

WHERE: Auburn School Park Preserve at 55 College Way
between High Street and Lincoln Way

MORE INFO: www.auburnartsinthepark.info

F_N Become One of Auburn's Bicycle Champions

May is "Bike Month" and you can become one of our local champions by posting your bicycle miles for errands, commuting, training and recreation at www.mayisbikemonth.com. The website is geared to area cyclists (no pun intended!) and supported by public agencies, businesses and volunteers who want to promote the communitywide and personal benefits of cycling. Rack up some kudos for Auburn and help the Sacramento Region reach a goal of 2 million miles logged in the month of May. Questions? Contact Solvi Sabol at Placer County Transportation Planning Agency-ssabol@pctpa.net or 530-823-4029.

F_N The New Guy

For the first time in almost two years, the Auburn Airport will again have onsite help and a direct connection to City Hall. Starting in May, the City will contract with local resident Walt Wilson for part-time services as the Airport Operations Technician. A pilot and already very familiar with the Auburn Airport, Walt will coordinate with Public Works staff, airport users and businesses for daily operations, and will represent the City in regulatory and flight safety issues. If you see him around the airport, stop and say, "Howdy!"

F_N Who's the Boss?

YOU can be! A conference for individuals and groups interested in becoming franchise business owner-operators or investors will be held Friday, May 3 in Auburn. The Auburn Foothills Franchise Conference will take place from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Holiday Inn Auburn. There is no cost, but seating is limited, so call the Chamber of Commerce today to reserve your spot! 885-5616

F_N Yes, We Told You Before...

... but here's your last reminder for this important opportunity to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications at our Free Medication Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. You can drive through but must: 1) empty pills from bottles into a plastic bag and seal it, and 2) keep all liquids in original bottles. Please call 823-4211 x 145 for more information.