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**FN** **A Road (Report) by Any Other Name**

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.

Did you know that the City maintains approximately 67 centerline miles of roadway? A centerline mile is a measurement of the length of the road, regardless of the width. No matter how you describe it, we need a real “chunk of change” to proactively keep the streets in good shape. To assist with planning and efficiently maintaining our streets, the City Council recently approved the “Road Overlay Report for Fiscal Year 2013/14 - 2022/23.” Although it may not sound like a fascinating read for the average Auburnite, this comprehensive report includes information on existing roadway conditions, as well as both short- and long-term plans for street maintenance.

The Road Report also includes a prioritized list of roadways recommended for an overlay or surface treatment during the next ten years. Does this mean that the list will never change? Absolutely not. As with any prudent business practice, the City plans for the long term and then reviews the plans every year during the annual budget process, or as money becomes available that could be used on street-related projects including overlays. Click [here](#) to see the entire Road Report online.

**Upcoming August Dates:**

Chamber Forum Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> at 7am

Traffic Committee Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> at 830am

City Council Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Chamber Forum Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> at 7am

**FN** **Are You Serious About Finding Grant Money?**

If you or someone you know is one of the hundreds of dedicated volunteers or staff members in our local nonprofit organizations, the City can provide you access *at no cost* to an online grants research tool. Over the next year, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is subscribing to EfficientGov’s online GrantFinder tool and allowing member agencies to share the opportunity with community partners. EfficientGov is an independent, unbiased information service providing innovative solutions to fiscal and operational challenges facing cities and towns around the world. This user-friendly, comprehensive, web-based tool gives your organization instant access to more than 2,500 federal, state, corporate and foundation grants in real-time format. The only thing we require in return is your agreement to give feedback on your experience using this service, since that’s what SACOG needs to evaluate the benefits. Check it out at [www.efficientgov.com](http://www.efficientgov.com). If you are interested in establishing an account through the City of Auburn, contact Community Development Director Will Wong at [wwong@auburn.ca.gov](mailto:wwong@auburn.ca.gov) or 823-4211 x133.

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## *F<sub>N</sub>* "Adventure Auburn" Makes its Debut

What do ducks, music and parachutes have in common? They are all part of the exciting smorgasbord of events that await locals and visitors alike on Saturday, September 7. Adventure Auburn is a new event put on by the Chamber of Commerce. Some event highlights for this one-of-a-kind special day on the American River, include BASE jumping, fly fishing demonstrations, canyon river music, the American River Wild Duck Derby, and a family flotilla for kayaks and rafts. Mark your calendar now and look for more details in the near future or call the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 885-5616 as we get closer to the event.

## *F<sub>N</sub>* Before You Open Your Front Door, Please Read This!

Door-to-door solicitors can be more than an annoyance. Often Auburn Police Department officers are called to a residence because the homeowner has been approached by a salesperson that made them feel uneasy. Even worse, they have become the victim of a crime. The decision to open your door to strangers or to support door-to-door solicitors is ultimately a personal one. We want to give you tips to protect yourself and your family, especially when door-to-door sales may be used as a guise for committing fraud and theft.

- Focus first on determining if they represent a legitimate door-to-door company making sales for a business or charity
- Teach your children to never answer the door to strangers
- Never let strangers in, even for a glass of water or to use the telephone—you can always close the door and bring them a glass to drink outside
- Always ask to see a copy of the daily permit required by the City for door-to-door sales
- If you are doing business with them, do not give cash; if you give a check, insist on a receipt
- If you have already purchased something, paid by check, and no longer feel comfortable with the transaction, cancel the check as soon as possible
- We strongly recommend you do not hire anyone who comes to your door offering to clean your house, do home improvements, etc.—if you do, *do not* give them any money before they do the work!

If you don't feel comfortable answering the door, let them know that you do not wish to purchase anything and ask them to leave. Remember, door-to-door solicitation and your legitimate business with them is not against the law. However, it IS against the law if they will not leave your property when asked to do so, or fail to provide services for which they have been paid. Share these tips with your friends and neighbors, and do not hesitate to notify APD if you see a suspicious person in your neighborhood. Our non-emergency number is (530) 823-4234 or 9-1-1 in an emergency. Stay safe!