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FN **What Would YOU Like to See in Our Next City Manager?**

The City Council and our executive search firm invite your input at the next City Council meeting, in Auburn City Hall on Monday, February 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

FN **What to Do with Those Piles of Natural Vegetation**

With the exception of last week's rain, our recent lack of rain, warm temperatures, and breezy days have caused almost a complete shutdown of the open burning period. Meanwhile, backyard piles of natural cuttings such as branches and pruning debris are stacking up. Now that we are experiencing a little bit of that welcome rain, burn days are once again on the horizon. However, even with the rain, the natural vegetation is at its driest point in years, creating very vulnerable wildfire conditions. Here are some helpful tips to keep you and the community safe under these conditions, if you are able to burn your vegetation:

- Remember that a burn permit is required if you live in the City limits of Auburn & only residential burning is allowed
- Keep burn piles small, no larger than three feet in size
- A small hot fire, continuously fed, will reduce smoke and will consume more of your trimmings
- Keep a shovel and hose nearby
- Burn at least 50 feet away from any buildings
- Use extreme caution when burning & stay with your fire at all times *until it is completely out*

The mild weather we have been enjoying is also a great time to get a jump start on creating defensible space around your home or business, and prepare for what may become a very active wildfire season ahead. If pile burning is not an option to dispose of your cuttings, try these alternatives:

- Local green waste pick-up in some areas
- Free drop off of natural cuttings at designated locations
- Placer County Chipper Program

To find out more about burning regulations and alternative methods of disposing cut natural vegetation, contact the Auburn Fire Department at 823-4211 or the Placer County Air Pollution Control District at 745-2330.

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Upcoming February Dates

Chamber Forum Meeting 18th at 7am

Planning Commission 18th at 6pm

City Council Meeting 24th at 6pm

Chamber Forum Meeting 25th at 7am

City Hall Closed for Holiday:

Monday, February 17th



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F_N It Just Rained—Is the Drought Over?

Not by a long shot! Continuing with the drum beat of the importance of necessary water conservation, we are still reviewing City practices to do our part and strongly encourage residents and businesses to do the same. Check out updates on the drought at Placer County Water Agency's website <http://www.pcwa.net/drought-updates/> as well as tips for saving water both indoors and outdoors.

F_N Public Works Projects Around Town

Repairs are currently being made on High Street between the Fairgrounds and Pleasant Avenue to fix damage resulting from a Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) waterline rupture last month. Residents may expect delays for the next month or so while the sidewalk, curb, gutter and pavement replacement activities are underway.

The City is currently selecting a consulting firm for the engineering and design for construction of sidewalk improvements along Nevada Street from Fulweiler Ave south to the I-80 onramp. Design is anticipated to begin in 2014 with construction beginning in 2015.

F_N "Bucks for Bikes" is Back!

"Bucks for Bikes" is a program of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) aimed at assisting individuals willing and committed to commuting to work or school by bicycle. The program seeks to reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion by subsidizing commuter bicycling efforts.

Applications are currently being accepted up until March 10, 2014. Successful applicants will receive reimbursement of 50% (up to \$200) towards the cost of a new commuter bicycle, and if needed, a bicycle helmet, light, lock, and/or rack. (Accessories alone will not be funded.)

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, work or attend school in Placer County, and be willing to commute to work or school by bike. They must also attend a one-hour cycling clinic and be willing to log all cycling miles in May through the www.mayisbikemonth.com website.

Full details of the program and the application can be found [here](#) or you can contact Scott Aaron at PCTPA, 530-823-4029 or saaron@pctpa.net.