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F_N In Case You Haven't Heard Yet... New City Manager Named!

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.

At the beginning of June, you can come by City Hall to welcome new City Manager Tim Rundel on board. Tim comes to us with experience as Assistant City Manager of Midwest City, OK, a suburb of Oklahoma City with a population a little over 50,000. He brings a strong background in public finance and economic development, and understands the value of community involvement. Tim and wife, Brandy, selectively chose certain California cities to explore for this career move, and it warms our hearts that Tim described Auburn as "the friendliest city" he has experienced in California. We're looking forward to folding him in, so stay tuned for more **FastNews** about the newest member of our City team.

Upcoming May Dates

Chamber Forum Meeting 6th at 7am

HDRC Meeting 6th at 6pm

City Council Meeting 12th at 6pm

Chamber Forum Meeting 13th at 7am

F_N City Coffers Temporarily Spared from State Raid

As previously reported, SB983 is major legislation that threatens to reduce the City's revenues by as much as 30% or over \$2.0 million. If the measure remains in its current form, the City will be faced with layoffs and a drastic reduction in services effective January 1, 2015.

At the April 30, 2014 hearing before the California Senate Governance and Finance Committee, Chair Senator Lois Wolk, working with the bill's author Senator Hernandez, was able to secure a commitment from Senator Hernandez to amend his bill. Amendments agreed to *in principle* at the hearing would protect existing contract card-lock sales tax agreements. In essence, the amendments would result in the City not losing over \$2.0 million in sales tax revenues.

Auburn's City Attorney is playing a key role in helping draft the amendment language. There are several more steps that need to take place to secure the protections needed so the City will not lose over \$2.0 million annually to meet service demands. The situation is still guarded but appears to be moving in a direction that will be significantly less onerous for Auburn's near future.

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F_N More on Bikes around Auburn—AMGEN is Coming

Our last edition gave lots to think about and do because May is Bike Month, and we hope you are rising to the challenge. If you are interested in watching great biking, you don't have to go farther than our own downtown Auburn where the second sprint of Stage 1 of the AMGEN Tour of California starts on Sunday, May 11. The peloton is expected to arrive between 12:50 p.m. and 1:25 p.m., depending on the speed of progress. The race will enter the city on Indian Hill Road, head downtown on Auburn-Folsom Road, and turn right on High Street. Cyclists will make a right turn on Lincoln Way at the clock tower and the sprint line will be right in front of the Victory Velo bicycle shop. Then they will continue up Lincoln Way and turn right onto Highway 49 into the American River Canyon. Mark your calendars... the AMGEN Tour of California returns to Auburn!

F_N Struggling to Grow Your Own Business?

Sierra Economic Development (SED) Corp is offering free Business Owner Survival Strategy (BOSS) workshops, and the first takes place on Thursday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Ridge Golf Club & Events Center in Auburn. Expert small business professionals will present ways to improve marketing, financial management, and relationship skills, as well as how to access capital and other resources. BOSS workshops will also be held at Roseville's Brandman University on Tuesday, May 13 and at Lincoln City Hall on Thursday, June 12. Space is limited and reserved by e-mailing SEDCorp at info@sedcorp.biz or calling 530-823-4703.

F_N Your (Kids') Ticket to Summer

Summer Youth Bus Passes are now on sale—\$10 buys unlimited rides from June 1 through August 31! The fixed route rides are good on four South Placer Transit lines—Auburn, Placer County, Roseville and Lincoln. This is a safe and convenient alternative to get around town to summer activities, and helps reduce vehicle emissions during the summer months when air quality is most unhealthy. Learn more at www.sptransitinfo.org or call South Placer Transit at 530-745-7560.

F_N And the Winners are...

A few months ago, we mentioned that the City Hall Art Gallery would have a juried student art show for our community pleasure. It's now installed and worthy of a trip. First place prize went to Royce Aggarwal for "Barracuda," second place to Jamuna Fulton for "Jessica," and third place to Erik Stevens for "Ancient Vase." The Arts Commission is deeply grateful to an anonymous group of local women who donated a total of \$1,000 prize money so the students could compete for \$500, \$300, and \$200 prizes. The show will be up until June 2.