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Downtown Movie Theater to Open in July

Auburn Public Theater announced that their 70 seat independent movie theater, known as **Cinema APT**, will open very soon.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind will be showing every evening from Sunday, July 13th through Thursday, July 17th. Show time is 7 pm each night, and tickets are \$5.

In addition to showing second run movies such as this, APT plans to show classic films, children's movies, foreign films, and art films. They will also show silent movies with a live piano performance.

The theater is also available for rental. The space lends itself well for Power Point presentations and community dialogues. So, businesses can rent the space for corporate training and conferences.

Please check the APT website at www.auburnpublictheater.com for an upcoming schedule. If you'd like further information, please contact APT at info@auburnpublictheater.com or (315) 253-6669.

Downtown Auburn Summer Concert Series

This summer, the Downtown Auburn Business Improvement District (BID) will be hosting the Downtown Auburn Summer Concert Series. Seven (7) FREE outdoor public concerts will be held on consecutive Wednesday evenings during the months of July and August. The first three shows will take place at the State Street public performance area.

The last four shows will take place in Market Street Park. All shows will begin at 7 pm.

This series was made possible in part by public funding that the BID recently received from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Decentralization Program, which is administered locally by the Phelps Arts Center and the Phelps Historical Society.

These funds will help pay for the performance of the Mario DeSantis Orchestra on Wednesday, July 16th and the Kevin Dorsey Collective on Wednesday, August 13th. Local sponsors Wegman's, First Niagara Bank, NUCOR, the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, and the City of Auburn have also helped make this series possible.

In addition to the concerts, the Red Cross will be on hand each night selling hot dogs, drinks, and other concessions. Poppy's Ice Cream truck will also be there. And, there will some games and activities for the kids. So, bring your own chair, and plan on spending Wednesday nights this summer in beautiful Downtown Auburn.

Downtown Auburn Summer Concert Series Schedule

July 16th - Mario DeSantis Orchestra

Sponsors: NYSCA, Wegman's, First Niagara Bank

July 23rd - Salt Potatoes

Sponsor: Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center

July 30th - Teenager

Sponsor: City of Auburn

Aug. 6th - Dave Hanlon's Cookbook

Sponsor: NUCOR

Aug. 13th - Kevin Dorsey Collective

Sponsor: NYSCA

Aug. 20th - The Barrigar Brothers

Sponsor: Wegman's

Aug. 27th - Bob Piorun's Schweinfurth Workshop

Sponsor: Downtown Auburn BID



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Main Street Grant Money Assists Property Owners

The latest Downtown property owners to take advantage of the Downtown Auburn Main Street program are Jim Driscoll, who owns 123 Genesee Street, and Mike Antonnacci, owner of Eliminator Auto on 41 Market Street.

Mr. Driscoll is using the Main Street façade program to pay nearly half the costs of replacement windows in the upper two stories of his property. Mr. Antonnacci is fixing the roof and doing other interior renovations to his shop, along with cleaning up his façade. In total, he is making an investment of over \$50,000 in his property. And, he is able to do so because of the grant assistance.

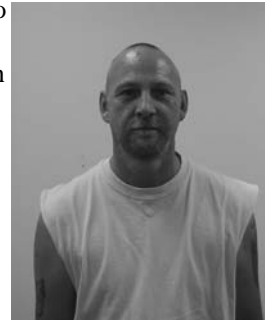
We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Antonnacci for their investment in Downtown Auburn.

If you own property within the BID and are contemplating doing any kind of renovations or façade work to your property, you should be aware that you, too, are eligible to receive a grant to pay for up to 50% of the cost of that work.

The BID still has Main Street grant money available for façade and renovation work to Downtown properties. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. And, the money must be spent by this summer. So, the time to act is now. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the BID office at 315-252-7874.

Summer Help for BID Beautification Crew

The BID has once again hired a seasonal employee to help John Panko keep up with the mowing and weeding in the Downtown area during the summer months. Jim Ward (*pictured at right*) began working with the BID the week prior to Memorial Day.



He will be working approximately 10 hours each week (or as needed) until mowing season ends in October. So, if you see Jim out there trimming the grass, give him a wave and welcome him aboard.

Daddabbo's Unveils New Menu

New owner, Guillermo Salinas, is now serving an array of French and Italian dinners at Daddabbo's - in addition to the pizza, subs, and wings that Downtown diners have come to love. Among the new items on the menu are pasta dishes and ravioli, seafood, steak, burgers, and paninis.

Guillermo has also added a bar area and in the near future will be getting his license to sell beer and wine.

In addition to the menu changes, Guillermo has also invested a great deal of money refurbishing and re-arranging the seating area and sprucing up the entrance to the restaurant.

Please stop by Daddabbo's at 105 Genesee Street in Downtown Auburn to pick up the new menu and see how the space has been renovated. For more information, please visit www.daddabbos.com or call Daddabbo's at (315) 255-3385.

Auburn Farmer's Market Now In Season

The Auburn Farmer's Market is a great venue to buy fresh, local produce and baked goods from our area's farmers. When you buy from the Farmer's Market, you help the local economy by ensuring that all money - from production to point of sale - stays within the community. You can also avoid the added fuel costs that are tacked on to produce shipped in from out-of-state.

The Farmer's Market accepts food stamps once again this year. And, they are now accepting VISA and MasterCard (debit or credit) and EBT benefit cards for payment.

The Farmer's Market (*pictured, right*) is located on Genesee Street between Loop Road and South Street (alongside Wegman's) in Downtown Auburn. The market is held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm during the months of June, July, August, September, and October.

For more information about the Farmer's Market, please contact Millie Bednarski at (315) 678-1622.



EVENTS in Downtown Auburn

SEWARD HOUSE

A National Historic Landmark

Located at 33 South Street in Downtown Auburn.
Call 315-252-1283 for more information. The Seward House is closed for the month of January.

Brown Bag Lecture Series

Series is held every other Wednesday during the summer months. All lectures begin at noon and last about an hour. Bring your lunch and enjoy FREE lectures on a variety of historical topics.

July 9th: David Quinlan discusses Frances Carpenter and the Emancipation Proclamation

July 23rd: Scott Van Arsdale discusses bald eagle preservation in New York State

August 6th: Ray Messenger discusses the Swards and other prominent families on Owasco Lake

August 23rd: Dan Hourde discusses a Civil War Soldier's Life

Speaking for Themselves: Women of Seward House

This special tour, held the first Saturday of every month, interprets the lives of the 19th-century Seward women through their letters and diaries.

Upcoming dates for the tour are August 2nd and September 6th.

The cost is the regular museum admission fee. To register, please call Seward House at (315) 252-1283.

Garden Party

Saturday, July 12th from 10 am to 5 pm

This year, the Seward House Garden Party blooms with music as singer Deborah Anne Goss revives rousing anthems, heartfelt ballads, and humorous ditties of the ante-bellum world.

In addition, visitors can enjoy refreshments, children's crafts and Victorian lawn games, along with self-guided tours through 15 historic rooms.

Musical performances are at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Admission to this event is FREE. For more information, call Seward House at 315-252-1283 or visit www.sewardhouse.org.

LIVE MUSIC AT SWABY'S

Swaby's, located on 6 South Street, has live music every Wednesday and Sunday nights. Sundays are always jazz acts. Wednesdays have blues acts one week and acoustic acts the next. A full tavern menu is available, and there is NO COVER charge.

Sunday Jazz Series - Music from 4 to 7 pm

July 13th: Neal Massa Jazz Piano Trio
July 20th: Anne Adessa with John Dare Trio
July 27th: Mabel Welch & Neal Massa
Aug. 3rd: Nancy Kelly Jazz Trio
Aug. 10th: Cookie Coogan & Julie Howard
Aug. 17th: Dee Specker & Tres Swing

Wednesday Schedule - 9 pm to Midnight

July 9th: Mojo Filter Acoustic Duo
July 16th: Stardust Lounge Blues Band
July 23th: Jamie Notarthomas
July 30th: Dr. Killdean
Aug. 6th: Shannon Rae & Marty Lee Flynn
Aug. 13th: Morris & the Hepcats
Aug. 20th: Paul Case

LIVE MUSIC AT PARKER'S

Parker's Grille & Taphouse, located on 129 Genesee Street, has live music every Thursday night this summer. A full tavern menu is available, and there is NO COVER charge.

Thursday Schedule - 8:30 pm to 12:30 am

July 10th: Cliff McCann
July 17th: Rhyne McCormick
July 24th: Mike Sims & Stan Presley
July 31st: Elephant Shoes
Aug. 7th: Paul Taylor
Aug. 14th: Elephant Shoes
Aug. 21st: Cliff McCann
Aug. 28th: Mike Sims & Stan Presley

Find Out More About Downtown Auburn Events...

To receive a weekly e-mail listing of Downtown events or to let us know about an event you are holding Downtown so that we can list it, please contact the BID office by calling 315-252-7874 or by e-mailing aubdpbid@CentralNY.TWCBC.com.



Auburn Public Theater

Performance Schedule

Located at 108 Genesee Street in Downtown Auburn. It's all happening Downtown...once again!

Auburn Public Theater in association with Seward House presents "Charlotte Cushman: A Considerable of a Woman," a one woman show performed by Deborah Anne Goss. Considered America's greatest actress at the height of her career, Charlotte Cushman challenged Victorian notions of gender by performing male roles on-stage and demanding equal pay to male colleagues off-stage. This first-person performance will explore the history, friendships, and philosophies of a forgotten 19th century superstar of the American stage...

Show is **Sunday, July 13th at 3 pm...** Tickets are \$7 at the door. Please come to the APT production of "A.L.I.C.E. in Wonder City," an original musical written, choreographed, and directed by Mario X. Soto and performed by the young people in APT's summer theater program. The theater program gives aspiring young actors an opportunity to work with THEATER PROFESSIONALS and experience life in the spotlight of a musical theatrical production based on a brand new play. It is made possible by grants from NYSCA and M&T Bank... Shows will be performed **Thursday, July 31st and Friday, August 1st** at times to be announced.

For more information and tickets, please call the theater at (315) 253-6669 or visit APT on the web at www.auburnpublictheater.com.



Property Owners Invest in Buildings & in Downtown

A number of property owners in Downtown Auburn have recently spent a great deal of money investing in their buildings, and we wanted to take this opportunity to recognize them for their efforts.

Lee Publications, Inc., owner of The Citizen newspaper on 25 Dill Street, is putting the finishing touches on extensive renovations at their property. The most visible improvements are the entrance way and new handicap accessible ramp at the front of the building. However, a new heating and air conditioning system was installed in addition to other major renovations.

Nick Sindoni, owner of the Lorraine Building on 130 Genesee Street, recently completed façade work at his property. The painting and repaired awning give the building a clean, new look (picture, right).

Dr. Nak Shim, owner the office building at 21 Lincoln Street, recently completed extensive work to his façade. The building is located at the busy intersection of Loop Road and South Street, across from City Hall. These improvements are therefore noticed by many people who pass through Downtown Auburn. So, the BID office has received some positive feedback about this particular project.



William Kahl, owner of the property at 30 East Genesee Street, has recently painted the exterior of his building, brightening up the streetscape on East Hill.

Mark DiVietro, owner of Silbert Optical on 97 Genesee Street, recently re-faced the brick and replaced windows in the rear of building. In the next couple of weeks, he will be painting the front of the building and replacing the awning.

The improvements listed above are just some of the work completed by property owners in Downtown this year alone. The previous edition of the newsletter mentioned the extensive renovations that the Pearsons have completed at Nash's Art Supply on State Street. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, Guillermo Salinas has made improvements at Daddabbo's Pizza.

The past few years have also seen a great deal of investment in property Downtown. The Main Street program (see article page 2) has now sparked over \$400,000 worth of investments into 13 different Downtown properties. And, last fall, Stryker Housing completed a multi-million dollar façade improvement project at its property on Loop Road.

We appreciate the investments that all these people have made in Downtown Auburn because not only do these projects greatly enhance the appearance of Downtown Auburn, but they also show that Downtown is on the rebound. All these property owners have shown they are not afraid to invest their money Downtown because there is money to be made here. So, hopefully these projects will entice neighboring property owners to make an investment as well.

If you have recently completed an improvement project to your Downtown property that has not been mentioned, please let the BID office know. We would like to recognize you for your efforts.

Community That Cares Blood Drive

On Wednesday, August 21st, the Cayuga County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding its "Community that Cares" blood drive. The drive will be held from 9 am to 7 pm at St. Mary's Church on 15 Clark Street in Downtown Auburn.

At the Community That Cares blood drive in 2007, the Red Cross collected 297 units of blood. In 2006, they collected 249 units.

This year, the goal for the Red Cross is to collect 350 units of blood in one day! Please help them reach that goal by donating. All donors will receive a coupon book from Downtown businesses, a t-shirt, goodies, and other freebies.

For more information on the blood drive, please see the flyer inserted in this newsletter or call the Red Cross at 315-252-9596.

A Taste for Community Action

The 13th annual "Taste for Community Action" will be held on Thursday, July 24th from 5 to 8 pm at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Auburn.

Hosted by the Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, this event features samples from the finest area restaurants, wineries, and breweries. Advance sale tickets are \$30. Cost is \$35 at the door.

For more information, call the Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency at (315) 255-1703.

Options for Independence Annual Conference

Options for Independence will hold its annual conference on Wednesday, July 23rd from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

The theme for this year's conference is "Project Independence: Constructing a More Independent Life." The keynote speaker will be Dr. Peter Blanck, a University Professor and Chairman of Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University. Dr. Blanck has written articles and books on the Americans with Disabilities Act, received grants to study disability law and policy, represented clients before the US Supreme Court, and testified before Congress.

The conference will once again host several workshops on topics of interest to consumers, their families, and human service agency representatives. Topics include disaster planning, healthy cooking, stress management, and much more.

Cost to attend is \$25, which includes workshops and lunch. Limited consumer scholarships are available. For more information, call Options for Independence at (315) 255-3447.

Dollar Days & Sidewalk Sales

The annual Downtown Dollar Days and Sidewalk Sales will be held from Monday, July 21st through Wednesday, July 23rd.

Spend the day shopping Downtown and check out the great deals offered by our Downtown retailers.

2008 Flower Program Is Bigger Than Ever

Through the help of many partners, this year's Downtown flower program is bigger than it has ever been. In years past, the BID has planted and maintained approximately 25 flower pots that were spread throughout the BID each year. We also maintained a couple of flower beds. This year the program has been expanded dramatically.

As part of the Downtown streetscape project (most of which was completed last year), the City of Auburn planted 51 new flower pots. These are the black ones that are, for the most part, located within the heart of Downtown inside the Loop Road. Outside of this area, the BID paid for the planting of an additional 14 flower pots (the concrete ones). The BID is responsible for ensuring that all 65 of these pots are watered and maintained throughout the season.

We are also maintaining three flower beds. The ones at Freedom Park and near the entrance to Market Street Park have been our responsibility for the last few years. New this year, we will also be fixing up and adding color to the flower bed near Crosman's Jewelers at the corner of Genesee and North Streets.

Also new this year is the addition of 56 hanging flower pots on the light poles on Genesee Street within Loop Road (*see picture, right*). These pots were purchased by the **Auburn Beautification Commission**, and the brackets for them were constructed and installed by the City's Department of Public Works. The BID then installed the pots and is responsible for their maintenance.



To maintain all of these flowers, the BID contracts with a local company called **Auburn Irrigations**, which is owned by Mike Vitteta. We would like to thank Mike and Auburn Irrigations for the work that they do. They do a tremendous job and have gone above and beyond the work called for in our contract.

In addition to these flowers which we maintain, there are many private businesses and property owners that add to the beauty of Downtown by maintaining their own flowers.

Wegman's has planted several flower beds around their property, as they do each year.

Kim Pearson at **Nash's Art Supply** maintains six (6) flower pots (which are actually City pots) in front of her store on State Street. She also has quite a few of her own pots in front of the store.

Mike Antonnaci, of **Eliminator Auto** on 41 Market Street maintains two (2) pots outside of his building.

And, the **Genesee Mall** maintains several large flower beds around its façade, as they have done for several years now.

So, through the collaboration of many - the BID, the City of Auburn, the Auburn Beautification Commission, Auburn Irrigations, and private business owners - there should be many more flowers Downtown this year than there have been in long, long time...perhaps ever!

We hope to keep this collaborative effort going next year and the years to come.

New Businesses Open on East Hill

The BID would like to welcome three (3) new member businesses which opened this spring on East Genesee Street in Downtown Auburn. Please stop in and welcome them to the Downtown Auburn community.

Universal Stylz Sportswear is located at 9 East Genesee Street, on the corner of Seminary Avenue and Genesee Street in Downtown Auburn. In addition to clothing, they sell a selection of CDs from local and national artists. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 noon to 6 pm. Please stop in and see owner Jermaine Jones. Or, call (315) 491-8924 or visit www.myspace.com/usswear for more information.

Everyday Heroes, located on 15 East Genesee Street (in the former East Hill News location), sells uniforms and accessories for nurses, paramedics, police, and other professionals. They are open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 am to 5 pm and Wednesdays from 2 pm to 5 pm. Please stop in and see owner Michelle Coyle or call (315) 258-4376 for more information.

Shear Illusion, located at 25 East Genesee Street, is a beauty salon specializing in updos, cuts, color, highlights, perms, chemical relaxers and facial wax. The stylists are Emily Fulkerson, Keisha Boothman, Jennifer Wojnar, Lindsay Stefanak, Angela Marr, and Jessica Kline - all formerly of REGIS. Salon hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm. Walk-ins are welcome, or call (315) 255-CUTS for an appointment.

A Letter of Thanks to Downtown Auburn

When something wonderful happens, it is due to a team of individuals working together with a specific outcome in mind. On May 22nd and 23rd, Downtown Auburn hosted the NY Digital Basins Forum 2008. This event attracted speakers from Houston, Texas, New York City and Durham, New Hampshire, students and faculty from eight colleges and universities, venture capitalists from Rochester, Syracuse and Glens Falls. In attendance were IT and software entrepreneurs. If you were not in attendance, you missed out.

Reviews and comments about this educational conference are very positive. As the organizer, I want to recognize the individuals and organizations that made this event a success. It stands as an example of businesses and organizations located in Downtown Auburn doing business with each other for profit.

- *April Amodei for providing transportation for an afternoon optional activity.
- *Dan Schuster and Connie Tallcot at the **Auburn Downtown Partnership (BID)** for providing parking stickers for the municipal parking garage.
- *Kathy and George Donovan at Auburn Discount Liquor for the wine tasting.
- *Carey Eidel and Angela Dadabbo, Janie McGlire, Pete Cramer, Chris Malloy and his harp playing, Shawn, Brian, Fay Barrette, Pam Anderegg and **Auburn Public Theater** for the great venue and inaugural use of the movie theater.
- *Jennifer Haines and the **City of Auburn** for posting an article about the Forum in the Operation Auburn Good News.
- *Terri Bridenbecker & Ginny Kent at the **Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce** for posting the event on their community calendar and promoting the Forum.
- *Meg Vanek, Jesse Kline & Maureen McEvers at the **Cayuga County Office of Tourism** for sending out info about Auburn & providing brochures for attendees.
- *Kevin Dautrich at **Daut's** for catering lunch.
- *Jackie Lewis and Sue Rose at the **Inn at the Finger Lakes** for providing lodging for speakers.
- *Mayor Michael Quill for his warm welcoming remarks.
- *Guy Cosentino and the members of the **Stardust Institute** Board for providing scholarships for area college students and faculty to participate.
- *Peter Wisby at the **Seward House** for providing tours as an optional afternoon activity.
- *Diana LaMattina of the **Post-Standard** for writing a story about the Forum.
- *Glen Churchill and Lisa Grinnell at **The UPS Store** for enlarged color sponsor signs and copies.

Excited about fulfilling on the promise of our potential,
Cynthia Aikman

The above letter was submitted to the BID for inclusion in this newsletter. If you ever have an article or letter that you would like to have included in an upcoming issue of this newsletter, please e-mail it to aubdpbid@CentralNY.TWCBC.com. As long as it happened Downtown or otherwise has something to do with Downtown Auburn, we will be happy to include it in the newsletter.

BOCES Student Helps Keep Auburn Clean

Scott Fenton is a BOCES student who spends a couple hours Downtown each day waiting for a bus. While waiting, Scott has taken it upon himself to volunteer for the Downtown BID. Just about every day, Scott can be seen with John Panko weeding the flower beds in Exchange Street or State Street - or doing other odd jobs around Downtown.

Thank you, Scott, for your help. Downtown looks a lot better thanks to your efforts!

BID Business Blurbs

This section of the newsletter provides brief snippets about BID businesses. If you would like to provide an item about your business for the next newsletter, please let us know ahead of time... **Parker's Grille & Taphouse**, located at 129 Genesee Street, has a newly designed menu. In addition to the new look, the menu has many new items. Come in and see what is different... The **Cayuga County Office of Tourism**, located at 131 Genesee Street, recently announced its summer hours. In addition to being open from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, as they are throughout the year, the office will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturdays from July through August 30th... **The Citizen**, located at 25 Dill Street, recently announced that it will become a morning publication, starting in August. Currently, the newspaper reaches homes and newsstands in the afternoon... At the end of June, **Auburn Public Theater**, located at 108 Genesee Street, will temporarily close its lobby/café and live theater spaces. Thanks to the generous support of the **Stardust Foundation**, located at 2 State Street, and the Fred Emerson Foundation, Auburn Public Theater (APT) is renovating and upgrading its existing facilities to provide an even richer theatrical experience. During this time, the Tuesday night Music Jam and normal theater programming will be suspended. However, the movie theater will open in July and the summer acting program/performance of "A.L.I.C.E. in Wonder City" will operate as normal. APT is looking for volunteers to help with the work. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Carey Eidel at (315)253-6669 or carey@auburnpublictheater.com.

Irish Band to Perform at McMurphy's

Pat Kane & the West O'Clare Band will perform live on Friday, July 11th at **McMurphy's Irish Pub at the Holiday Inn** in Downtown Auburn. Show starts at 8 pm. There is no admission charge. Make an evening of it - enjoy dinner, house-made Black & Tan draft, or one of the 30 brands of beer from around the world sold at McMurphy's. You can even spend the night. For more information, Call the Holiday Inn at (315) 253-4531 or visit www.hiauburn.com.

DOWNTOWN AUBURN BID CUSTOMER SERVICE FRIENDLY BUSINESS

Small businesses, like many of those in the Downtown Auburn BID, are often successful because of their commitment to quality customer service. They pay close attention to detail and to the needs of their customers.

The Downtown Auburn BID recognizes the "Customer Friendly Business" of each quarter in this space. A press release will also be sent to the local media. Information about the quarterly winner will be sent to our e-mail list.



The BID is pleased to recognize **Auburn Furniture Services**, located at 26 Osborne Street, as the "Customer Friendly Business" of this quarter. The folks at **Auburn Furniture Services** are known as the "wizards of wood" because in addition to crafting beautiful handmade pieces of custom furniture, they can also repair just about anything made of wood. Give **Auburn Furniture Services** a call at 315-253-8752 to see how they can help you. Or, visit www.auburnfurniturewizard.com for more information.

Auburn Furniture Services, like each winner of the award, was chosen based on the comments and feedback that we receive at the office. So, please contact the BID office at (315) 252-7874 to let us know your experiences as a Downtown customer so that we can choose the next winner. Thank you to **Auburn Furniture Services** - and to all our business owners - for continuing to make quality customer care a priority!

Please Help Us Keep Downtown Auburn Clean

Business owners and managers, please help us keep Downtown Auburn clean by reminding employees that the trash receptacles on the street are not meant to be a replacement for the weekly trash pick up. They are there so that pedestrians have a convenient place to throw cups, wrappers, and other small items on their person. This cuts down on littering and keeps the streets clean.

But, lately we have noticed that many Downtown employees are using the receptacles to throw out large quantities of business or personal items. When this happens, the receptacles fill up very quickly. This hurts the appearance of Downtown Auburn as a whole more than people may realize.

First of all, the person who empties the street receptacles is John Panko, the BID's Downtown maintenance person. If the street receptacles fill up too quickly, he must spend more time emptying all of them. This means he does not have the time to tend to the many other things he does to make Downtown Auburn look better.

Also, when the street receptacles get filled quickly and overflow before John gets to them, the garbage starts blowing around the street, which John then needs to spend time picking up.

So, please help the BID keep Downtown Auburn looking good. If you have bags of personal and business garbage, please do NOT place them in the street receptacles. If you simply wait for the weekly curbside pick up to throw these bags out, it will help immensely when it comes to the appearance of Downtown Auburn.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. And, please help us spread the word about this to others that work Downtown.

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The BID Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8AM in the Red Cross conference room, located on 11 State Street. Meetings are open to the public.

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OUR MISSION

The Downtown Auburn Business Improvement District (BID) is a membership organization of residents, business owners, property owners, not-for-profit organizations, and government entities. By means of research, advocacy, marketing, promotion, event planning and collaborative efforts, the BID is committed to enhancing the appearance, economic viability and quality of life of the community.