Auburn BPW hosting open house on clean water

(KLZA)-- The Auburn Board of Public Works will host an open house for the public and property owners Wednesday, Sept. 21, to help the public learn about the City's Wellhead Protection Area through the Drinking Water Protection Program.

The wellhead protection area is an area of land above the aquifer contributing to the municipal wells along with the local area of influence from surface water.

During the open hose the those attending will have an opportunity to help improve the quality of their drinking water. The open house will be form 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn City Hall Council Chambers.

Auburn receives its drinking water from a wellfield on an aquifer along the Little Nemaha River. The source water area includes surface to groundwater contributions from the Little Nemaha River and multiple small perennial tributaries which provide recharge to the aquifer and are hydrologically connected to the groundwater. The connection has resulted in potential for increased nitrate concentrations in the groundwater and Auburn's drinking water supply.

The public and property owners in the city of Auburn and the WHP area are encouraged to attend the open house.

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