

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens  
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## Is Your Child's Car Seat Installed Properly?

The City of Auburn, in conjunction with the Alabama Safe Kids Coalition, will be hosting a Car Seat Check Up Event sponsored by Dyas Automotive Group on Saturday, June 8 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. next to Dyas Nissan and in front of the old Wal-Mart on South College Street.

This event is the third child passenger safety event hosted by the City to provide life-saving child passenger safety information and hands-on car seat installation assistance as a free service to Auburn residents. The City of Auburn has hosted several training sessions with the Alabama Safe Kids Coalition to train and certify City of Auburn personnel and other public safety officials from surrounding areas who will serve as child passenger safety technicians throughout Lee County.

Mayor Bill Ham stated, "Due to the overwhelming response we received from our past



Car Seat Check Up events, I am glad that we will be able to provide this service again to our citizens. This event allows parents to have a trained technician evaluate the installation of their car seats and make sure they are properly installed to fit the needs of their child. This year, I'm especially pleased to learn of the corporate sponsorship of Dyas Automotive Group. The safety of our children is truly a community concern, and I encourage Auburn families to stop by on June 8th."

Research has shown that approximately 30 percent of children still ride unrestrained and 85 percent of car seats continue to be used incorrectly in some way. The safest way for a child to travel in a vehicle is to be properly restrained in a rear seat. Parents should secure infants in a rear-facing car seat until they reach at least one year and 20 pounds, toddlers in a forward-facing car seat, and older children in a belt-positioning

booster until they can comfortably wear the vehicle seatbelt while sitting all the way back in the seat.

Due to variations of car seats, vehicle seats, and safety belt systems, the best way to make sure your child's car seat is installed properly is to read thoroughly both the car seat manual and your vehicle owner's manual and to have the installed seat inspected by a certified technician. Even if your car seat was checked at last year's event, your child's restraint needs may have changed due to the age of your child or the purchase of a new family vehicle. For more information on car seat safety, visit [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org). For more information on this event, call Assistant City Manager Wendy Hassett at 501-7262.



# New Wheel Manufacturer Breaks Ground in Auburn



Stahlschmidt & Maiworm USA, Inc., a subsidiary of ATS Beteiligungs GmbH,

officially broke ground for its new aluminum alloy wheel manufacturing facility in late April. When all three phases of construction are completed, the company will create 310 skilled and semi-skilled jobs and capital investment will be approximately \$40 million.

Construction began in May on the 250,000 square foot facility that will occupy a 46-acre site in Auburn's new Technology Park North. Upon completion in 2003, the facility will produce in excess of two million wheels a year of various sizes up to 22" in diameter.

The company, which supplies wheels to Daimler-Chrysler, GM, Ford, Volvo, Porsche, Audi, VW, BMW, Nissan, Skoda, Saab and others, has wheel manufacturing facilities in Germany, Poland, and South Africa, as well as distribution facilities worldwide.

The company expects to cooperate with Auburn University's Center for Casting Technology in the College of Engineering in developing and operating the most advanced alloy wheel manufacturing facility in the U.S.

For additional information on the company, call Stahlschmidt & Maiworm at 502-9400. For employment information, individuals may contact the company at P.O. Box 3290, Auburn, AL 36831-3290 or fax 502-9494.



*Pictured from left to right: Norm Caldwell, Chairman of the Auburn Industrial Development Board; Todd Strange, Director, Alabama Development Office; Ken Kinsinger, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama; Greg Socks, C.O.O. Stahlschmidt & Maiworm; Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr.; Siegfried Teichert, Chairman and CEO of ATS Beteiligungs GmbH.*

## It Is Illegal to Attach Signs to Telephone Poles

Section 13-7 of the The Code of the City of Auburn states that it is unlawful to attach signs and posters to public utility poles or traffic signs. Please help keep Auburn clean by refraining from attaching written material to utility poles, traffic control signs, or other structures in the rights-of-way. By working together, we can all do our part to keep Auburn clean and attractive.



## Auburn on the National Scene



Three articles about the City of Auburn have been accepted for publication in national journals. An article on citizen newsletters featuring Auburn's *Open Line* appeared in the April 2002 issue of *Public Management*, the publication of the International City-County Management Association. The City's biennial budget will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Government Finance Review*, the publication of the Government Finance Officers Association. Finally, the City's efforts in providing wastewater treatment will be the focus of an article, "Capital-Intensive Privatization: Returning to Public Ownership" in the Fall edition of *Public Works Management & Policy*.

These publications have thousands of subscribers so Auburn's reputation as an innovative local government will be enhanced through these staff efforts.

## Board Vacancies

Two vacancies on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** will be announced at the June 18th City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 16th City Council meeting.

One vacancy on the **Planning Commission** will be announced at the July 2nd City Council meeting and will be filled at the August 6th City Council meeting following nomination by the Mayor.

*Citizens interested in serving are encouraged to contact one of their City Council members or notify the City Manager's Office.*

## Summer Swim Schedule

### Recreation Swim at Samford and Drake pools:

Monday - Friday: 1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: 1:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Recreation Morning Swim at Samford Pool only:

May 28 - June 8  
June 25 - July 6  
July 23 - July 27  
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

### Lap Swim (all ages) at Samford Pool only:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.  
(closed Wednesday morning for cleaning)

### Adult Lap Swim (19 or older) at Samford Pool only:

Every day during season: Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### \*This schedule is subject to change

Fee: admission is \$2.00 per person (Children age 1 year and younger are free.)

Swim passes: Now on sale at Dean Road Recreation Center. \$50.00 individual - \$100.00 family (parents and children).



# Earth Day 2002

Students from all five of Auburn's elementary schools learned the importance of preserving the various elements of the environment at the Fourth Annual Earth Day 2002. Auburn second graders attended the Earth Day Celebration at Kiesel Park this Spring. Children enjoyed learning about the importance of trees, animal control, recycling, and water treatment.

The event was hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Roy F. Weston, Inc. J & M Bookstore and Auburn Bank also supported this event.



Roy F. Weston, Inc. provided a learning station equipped with a trailer housing equipment that demonstrated the measurement of various environmental pollutants and toxins.



Students made homemade stain glass windows with an Earth Day theme using melted crayon shavings.



Animal Control Officer Krista Bergmann discusses pet care, dog tags and licensing, and related City ordinances with Earth Day participants.

## Shell Toomer Bike Path

**Where can I park to ride or walk the Bike Path?** There is parking designated at the South College end of the bike path. The State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - State Parks Division is not allowing parking for the bike path anywhere else along the Trail and is issuing tickets. Parking is available to those who pay admission to Chewacla State Park.

**Do I need to wear a helmet?** Alabama State law 32-5A-283(1) states that helmets are required for all children under the age of 16 years who ride bicycles.

**Who is responsible for maintaining the Bike Path?** The State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - State Parks Division is responsible for maintaining the Bike Trail.

**Is there anything I need to watch out for on the Bike Path?** Because the trail is adjacent to a residential area, all bikers and walkers should be on the alert for vehicles crossing the path on roads and driveways that intersect the Bike Path.

**Have fun while enjoying the City's first off-road Bike Path.**



## General Municipal Election

The City of Auburn needs workers in all the election wards during the upcoming municipal election on August 27, 2002. Election officers must live in the ward in which they work.

Persons interested in serving as election officials may contact Election Manager Earline Cobb at 501-7263. Inquiries must be received by June 14 in order to be considered for posts in their respective wards.

To find out if your ward has changed since the recent redistricting based on the 2000 U.S. Census, visit the City of Auburn website at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org) or stop by Auburn City Hall to pick up a color map of the new ward lines.



### 2002 MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES

Voters Apply for Absentee Ballot .....	June 3 – August 22
Voters Cast Absentee Ballots .....	July 17 – August 27
Candidates May Qualify.....	July 5 – 16
Last Day to Register to Vote.....	August 16
Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots.....	August 22
<b>Election Day.....</b>	<b>August 27</b>
Run-off Election Day (if required) .....	September 17

## MEETING SCHEDULE

- Cemeteries Advisory Board** - June 3, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
  - Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - June 3, 6:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
  - City Council** - June 4, 7:30 PM, City Hall Annex.
  - Board of Zoning Adjustment** - June 5, 4:30 PM, Development Services Building (Planning Conference Room).
  - Tree Commission** - June 6, 4:00 PM, City Hall Annex.
  - Water Works Board** - June 10, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 N. Donahue Drive.
  - Greenspace Advisory Board** - June 11, 11:30 AM, City Hall Annex.
  - Historic Preservation** - June 11, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.
  - Board of Education** - June 11, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.
  - Planning Commission** - June 13, 5:00 PM, City Hall Annex.
  - City Council** - June 18, 7:30 PM, City Hall Annex.
  - City Council** - July 2, 7:30 PM, City Hall Annex.
  - Board of Zoning Adjustment** - July 3, 4:30 PM, Development Services Building (Planning Conference Room).
- Special Note: During renovation to the Council Chambers, several regularly scheduled meetings will be held in the City Hall Annex located on Tichenor Avenue next to City Hall.*

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

### Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day. Garbage, trash, and recycling on Thursday's route will be collected on Friday, July 5. All other collection days will remain on regular schedule.

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## up COMING EVENTS

**Summer Invitational 2002** displaying recent works by area artists and craftspersons will be open to the public until June 30 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.



The theme of the **Summer Library Program** this year is "Summer of Mystery." Kickoff for the program will be Monday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The reading programs begin that week. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.



**Salmagundi**, offered to children in grades K-5th will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Services area of the Auburn Public Library. During the months of June and July Salmagundi will meet every Wednesday beginning June 5 from 2:00

p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

The **Young Adult Coffeehouse** will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on June 6 and July 1 in the Youth Services area of the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.



The City of Auburn will host a **Car Seat Check Up**

**Event** sponsored by Dyas Automotive Group in front of the old Wal-Mart on South College Street on June 8 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Have your child's car seat inspected for safety by certified child passenger safety technicians. For more information, contact Wendy Hassett at 501-7262.

Auburn Parks and Recreation's **X-Cell Club Trip** to Atlanta Braves vs. Florida Marlins Baseball Game will be on Thursday, July 18. Participants leave from Dean Road Recreation Center at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 and participants should bring a brown bag lunch. Spaces are limited and registration for this trip must be completed by June 21. The X-Cell Club is a program designed to provide middle school youth with an opportunity to enjoy fellowship through activities and field trips. For additional information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.



A **Children's Visual Art Workshop** for ages 7 years and older will be held July 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. A variety of art activities will be offered. Classes will be conducted by area artists and art educators. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. The fee is \$40.00 per week and special family rates are available. Please call the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938 for more information.

A free **Research Mysteries @ Your Library Summer Camp** will be held on Saturday, June 15 for students in grades 5 - 8. The camp will introduce youth to research methods for reference materials and teach computer skills using unsolved mysteries as a theme. A second session will be held on July 20. Students must be registered for these sessions at least 3 days in advance. For more information or to register your child, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

The **Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration** will be held at Duck Samford Football Stadium on July 4. There will be live music from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. followed by the fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. Join your Auburn neighbors in celebrating Independence Day with the most spectacular fireworks display in Lee County. For additional information, contact Donna Forbus at 887-4930.



**Auburn Summer Ballet Workshop: Dance in America**, sponsored by Auburn DanceWorks, Auburn Arts Association, and the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department, will offer dancers ages 8 through 18 the chance to focus on the foundations of dance in America. Inspired by the intensive ballet workshops found in large cities, this two-week session will focus on classical ballet and include classes in technique, pre-pointe, pointe, stage make-up, and the history of Classical Ballet in America. Tap Dance and Square Dance will also be a part of the Workshop. The fee for the two-week workshop is \$150.00 and the workshop will conclude with a public performance. Workshop instructors include local and guest instructors. The Workshop will be held July 8-21 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Early registration is recommended because space is limited. For more information, contact Cindy Coleman Davino at 887-5717 or the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.



**A call for volunteers!** The City of Auburn and the 2002 Dixie Youth State Tournament Committee will host the 2002 Dixie Youth Majors State Tournament on July 28 - August 3 at Duck Samford Sports Complex. Volunteers are needed to assist in coordinating the tournament. If you or your organization would like to volunteer, contact Julie Wall at 887-4930.

