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2005 Citizen Survey Results



The City of Auburn has conducted its annual citizen survey to determine how Auburn residents feel about City services. The survey was conducted by ETC Institute of Olathe, Kansas. A representative of ETC presented the results to the City Council and the public on April 19th. The survey has proven to be a great asset to the City Council as a measure of the quality of City services and a gauge for establishing budget priorities for the future.

Eighty-nine percent of responding residents were satisfied with the quality of police, fire, and ambulance services; 88% were satisfied with the quality of the City Library; and 79% were satisfied with the quality of City parks, programs, and facilities. Survey questions also asked about the overall quality of life in Auburn. Eighty-three percent of responding residents indicated they were satisfied with the quality of life in Auburn and 93% felt Auburn was a great place to raise children. Of the citizens surveyed, 75% were satisfied with the quality of the City's newsletter, Open Line, and 65% were satisfied with the availability of information about City programs and services.

Residents felt that the City should continue to place a high priority on improvements to traffic flow, street maintenance, and code enforcement for the second year in a row. These three areas were noted as "very high" or "high" priorities. Citizens also noted they would like to see an increase in efforts to stop speeding in neighborhoods and continued efforts to improve the City's walking and biking trail system.



Results of the survey are posted online at www.auburnalabama.org under "News Bulletins." Copies of the results are also available at City Hall. The City wishes to thank all citizens who participated in this year's survey.



Street Lights

Citizens experiencing problems with street lights, such as a bulb not burning, should report those issues to Alabama Power's customer service number at 1-800-245-2244. Reporting maintenance issues to this number will ensure that a work order is generated and repairs are scheduled as needed. If the maintenance issue is not addressed within two weeks, contact Brandy Ezelle in the City's Public Works Department at 501-3029 to determine the cause of the delay.

To request the installation of a new street light, contact Brandy Ezelle in the Public Works Department at 501-3029.



Job Vacancies

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. One of the current regular, full-time job openings is:

- **GIS Programmer/Analyst**
(\$3,001.34-3,583.76/month)



For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, contact Alabama's Career Center System, or call the City's job line at 501-7250. The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer.

The City's Walking and Biking Trails

Currently, the City has several walking and biking trail projects underway or scheduled for construction.

Wire Road Bikeway is an 8 foot wide multiuse path currently under construction on the northwest side of Wire Road from Cox Road to Talheim Street. An 8 foot wide bikeway is currently being designed for Highway 14 (Martin Luther King Drive) from Webster Road to Chadwick Lane. These two bikeways are aimed at facilitating bicycle traffic to Kiesel Park.

A multiuse path is being designed along Summertrees Drive stretching from the Cloverleaf neighborhood pool to the new Town Creek Park on South Gay Street. Upon completion of the resurfacing of East University Drive, bike lanes will be striped along the road in new areas to connect the existing bike lanes. The City plans to stripe several other streets for bicycle lanes, including Boykin, Bedell, and Foster Streets, in the next few years.

For more information on bicycling or to view the future network plan, visit www.auburnalabama.org/cycle.

Need a City Map?



Stop by City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., to pick up a free City map. For more information, contact City Hall at 501-7260.

Auburn Training Connection Hosts Open House

The Auburn Training Connection (ATC) hosted its Open House and Dedication of the Alabama Power Interactive Computer Lab on May 5 at the Auburn Center for Developing Industries, located at 1500 Pumphrey Avenue. Representatives of Alabama Power, including Executive Vice-President Alan Martin and Vice-President, Southern Division Gordon Martin, and City officials were on hand for the ribbon cutting. The lab was made possible through a generous contribution from Alabama Power. The lab will provide training and simulations for various facets of industry and manufacturing and is available for use by ATC members.

The ATC is a joint partnership between City government, local industries, and Auburn City Schools designed to create and implement a comprehensive and accountable workforce development system to benefit Auburn residents and local industries. For more information on the ATC, contact Cary Cox at 821-2595 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/econdev.



Board Vacancies

The following vacancies will be announced at the July 5 City Council meeting and are expected to be filled at the August 2 meeting:

- One vacancy on the **Greenspace Advisory Board**. The incumbent has served one term.
- One vacancy on the **Planning Commission**. The incumbent has served one partial term.



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

Meeting Schedule

Tree Commission – June 1, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Board of Zoning Adjustment – June 1, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Cemetery Advisory Board – June 6, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board – June 7, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - June 7, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Planning Commission – June 9, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board – June 13, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

Greenspace Advisory Board – June 14, 11:30 AM, City Hall Conference Room.

Historic Preservation Commission – June 14, 4:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education – June 14, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

City Council – June 21, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Auburn Bicycle Committee – June 28, 7:00 PM, Development Services Building Conference Room, 171 North Ross Street

City Council – July 5, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission – July 6, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Board of Zoning Adjustment – July 6, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

- Meeting times and places are subject to change -

Recycling in Auburn

The City of Auburn's Environmental Services Department collects recyclable items each week through the *Recycle Auburn* curbside collection program and at the Drop-off Center located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. The program is offered on a weekly basis and collects seven recyclables at curbside: aluminum cans; brown glass; clear glass; cardboard; newspaper; steel or tin cans; and #1 PET, PETE, and #2 HDPE plastic bottles. All items placed out for recycling must be separated, clean, and placed out prior to 6:00 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day.

Recently, the *Recycle Auburn* program made a change in the collection of plastic bottles, only accepting #1 and #2 plastic bottles. This change was necessary due to changing demands in the recycling market.

For a complete list of recyclables, stop by City Hall or the Environmental Services Department to pick up a copy of the Community Reuser Resource Guide or download a copy at www.auburnalabama.org/esd. This guide will provide details on the City's recycling efforts as well as a Community Reuser-Recycler Directory. For additional information on the *Recycle Auburn* program contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/esd.



13th Annual Fishing Rodeo

The Parks and Recreation Department presents the 13th Annual Fishing Rodeo for children 12 years and younger on Saturday, June 11 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Auburn Technology Park-South Lake. All children must be accompanied by a parent or an adult. This year's rodeo will be held in conjunction with the 2005 Wal-Mart Kids All-American Fishing Derby Program and the Water Works Wonders National Fishing and Boating Week. Bring your lucky fishing pole and Parks and Recreation will provide the bait. Prizes will be given for the smallest, largest, and most fish caught in the following age groups: 3-5 years, 6-8 years, and 9-12 years. Don't miss out on your chance to reel in the biggest catfish of the year. There is a fee of \$5 per child, payable to the City of Auburn, and a limit of 5 fish per child. Registration and payment will be accepted the morning of the event. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



Summer Reading Programs

The Summer Reading Program at the Auburn Public Library is underway. Register until July 9 for the "Read to Me" program for preschool children, "Funtastic Reading" for elementary students, and "READiculous Reading" for middle school and high school students. For more information contact Youth Services at the Public Library at 501-3196.



2005 Auburn Soccer Association Summer Camps

The Auburn Soccer Association summer soccer camps are designed to offer players four days of professional soccer training in a fun environment. The curriculum aims to promote soccer development. Players will train and play games within their specific age groups. Every player attending soccer camp will receive a 2005 Auburn Soccer Association camp t-shirt and soccer ball. Shin guards are mandatory for all campers.

Rising Tiger Soccer Camp

Ages: 4-8

Time: 9-11:30 a.m.

Camp I: June 6 - 9, Camp I Registration Deadline: May 27

Camp II: July 11 - 14, Camp II Registration Deadline: July 1
Fee: \$70

Jr. & Sr. Soccer Camp

Jr. Camp Ages: 9 - 12

Sr. Camp Ages: 13 - 18

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Camp I: June 6 - 9, Camp I Registration Deadline: May 27

Camp II: July 11 - 14, Camp II Registration Deadline: July 1
Fee: \$85

Advanced Soccer Camp

Ages: 10-18

When: August 1 - 4, 9 a.m.-Noon

Registration Deadline: July 22

Fee: \$95

Goalkeeper Soccer Camp

Ages: 10-18

When: August 1 - 4, 9 a.m.-Noon

Registration Deadline: July 22

Fee: \$95



All camps will be held at the Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road. Camp fees are payable to the Auburn Soccer Association. A \$20 late fee will be assessed for registration received after the corresponding camp deadline. For registration and more information, go online at www.auburnalabama.org/soccer or contact Louis Richard at 501-2943.

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The **Parks and Recreation Summer Quarterly Brochure** is currently available at all City facilities and on the Parks & Recreation web site at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. Get your copy to learn about classes, programs, day camps, and special events that will be offered this summer. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Mark your calendar for upcoming **Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions**. The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, call 501-2963.



- **Summer Invitational 2005:** through June 25, recent works by Margee Bright Ragland and small sculpture by area artists
- **Earth/Sky/Water:** June 29 – July 29, Invitational Photography Exhibition featuring works by Jennifer Alam, Mike Kenney, James Purves and Olivia Lee Shafer

Verna Gates will present a program on the **Language of Flowers** at the Auburn Public Library on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. Victorians used flowers to talk of love, marriage, admiration, hate, envy, and war. Come learn about the language of flowers and how not to commit a flower faux pas at your next special occasion. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



The **library book club** will meet at the Auburn Public Library on June 21 at 6:30 p.m. Participants may read either a fiction or non-fiction book about flowers. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

The Young Artist Studio is a new program that will offer museum and studio experiences to young artists ages 12-15. This program is a collaborative art program provided by the Jule Collins Smith Museum, the City of Auburn's Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and the Auburn Arts Association. Experiences at the museum may include, but are not limited to, age appropriate lectures, videos, slides, gallery talks, and art activities utilizing the museum collection. Studio experiences will be held at Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and will be taught by Auburn University professors, local artists, and art educators. Enrollment is limited. The cost is \$40 per camp, payable to the Auburn Arts Association. Pre-registration is required for the remaining sessions. For more information and to register, contact Sara Hand at 501-2963.



Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday · 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

- Session II: June 21 - 23
- Session III: July 19 - 21
- Session IV: Aug. 2 - 4



Parks and Recreation invites youth ages 12-15 years to an **Atlanta Braves game** July 10 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. as they take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Participants must bring a brown bag lunch and be registered by July 1. The cost is \$25. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



Celebrate **Independence Day** at the City's Annual Fourth of July Celebration, sponsored by Briggs and Stratton. Enjoy great food, live music, and fireworks on Monday, July 4 behind the home side of Duck Samford Stadium. Entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by fireworks at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free. Bring your blanket, family, and friends and enjoy an evening of celebration. The rain date is set for Tuesday, July 5. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

The Auburn Public Library will present **Jazz Story — African Roots, American Branches** with Charles Suhor, PhD on July 14 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Suhor will trace the development of early jazz from its African roots to the American scene, debunking some popular myths along the way. Aided by vintage recordings, a photo exhibit, and an authentic African "talking drum," Suhor uses non-technical language to bring the sense and sound of early jazz into the 21st century. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



Auburn City Pools

Samford Pool: 328 Samford Avenue (Behind Samford Middle School)

Drake Pool: 653 Spencer Avenue (Behind Drake Middle School)

Fee: Admission is \$2.00 per person
(Children 1 & under free)

Season Passes: On sale at Dean Road Recreation Center
\$50.00 Individual & \$100.00 Family (Parents & Children)