

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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Bike Bash 2006

In conjunction with Auburn University's Sesquicentennial Celebration, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Auburn Bicycle Committee will present Bike Bash 2006 on Saturday, March 18 on the Auburn University campus. Bike Bash is a community event designed to inform citizens about bicycle safety and promote biking as a fun and healthy leisure activity, in addition to emphasizing local bike-friendly facilities in and around Auburn. This year's Bike Bash consists of three bike routes highlighting the rich history and architecture of the Auburn campus. The routes include a short ride (approximately 3 miles), a medium ride (approximately 9 miles), and a long ride (approximately 19 miles). All routes begin and end at the Auburn University Intramural Fields off of Biggio Drive. Participants are required to wear a helmet.



During the event, there will be free bicycle safety inspections, helmet fittings, and information booths, as well as live music from the returning crowd pleaser, KOOSTICO. Door prizes will include a bicycle provided by The Bike Shop, fun goodies from Bike Friday and Rivendell Bicycle Works, and much more. A rest stop will be provided along the medium and long rides, courtesy of Chick-fil-A. Sponsors of the event include the Auburn Civitan Club, The Bike Shop, Briggs and Stratton, Eagle Tire, Fat Daddy's, Magnolia Cleaning, Niffer's Place, Prestige Properties, Dr. Robert McAlindon, and Weidmann Plastics.

Registration information is now available at Dean Road Recreation Center and on the Auburn Bicycle Committee's web site at www.auburnalabama.org/cycle. The deadline for pre-registration is Wednesday, March 8. All participants that pre-register are guaranteed a t-shirt and will receive a 20% discount on their next bike tune-up at The Bike Shop. Last minute bikers can also register the day of the event. Registration will continue through the morning of the event; however, only participants who pre-register will receive a t-shirt and discount.

For more information about Bike Bash 2006, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930, or visit www.auburnalabama.org/cycle. Happy cycling!

Registration Information

Pre-Registration (now through March 8)	Registration (after March 8)	
Youth 12 & under	\$7	\$9
Adults 13 & older	\$10	\$12
Family Rate*	\$20	\$25

*The family rate is for two or more people living in a household. Limit, 4 t-shirts per family.

2006 Bike Bash Schedule Saturday, March 18

8:00-8:45 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Long Bike Ride begins
9:15 a.m.	Medium Bike Ride begins
9:45 a.m.	Short Bike Ride begins
10:45 a.m.	Drawing for Door Prizes, must be present to win

Looking for Income Tax Forms and Information?

Tax day is just around the corner. A variety of income tax forms are available at the Auburn Public Library. Federal tax forms, information, and frequently asked tax questions are also available on the Internal Revenue Service website at www.irs.gov.



Change Your Clock - Change Your Battery

Daylight Saving Time begins April 2. Remember to move your clocks up one hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



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Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Water Works Board** was announced at the February 21 City Council meeting and will be filled at the March 21 meeting. The incumbent is eligible for reappointment.
- Two vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission** will be announced at the March 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 4 meeting. The incumbents are eligible for reappointment.
- One vacancy on the **Library Board** will be announced at the March 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 4 meeting. The incumbent is eligible for reappointment.
- One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced at the April 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 2 meeting. The incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.



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

Residential Occupancy Regulations in the City

Before you renew your lease or sign a new lease on a rental property, contact the City's Planning Department at 501-3040 to see if you and your roommates will be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The City's Zoning Ordinance defines the term family as "two or more persons residing in a single dwelling unit where all members are related by blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship up to the second degree of consanguinity, plus one unrelated person in the LDD, NC, and DDH zones." In all other zoning districts where residential units are permitted, RDD, CDD, US, and UC, the term "family" may include up to five unrelated persons occupying a single family dwelling. The enforcement procedures entail observation of alleged violators, which can lead to a search warrant being issued for the residence and/or a hearing in Municipal Court. For more information, please log on to www.auburnalabama.org or contact the Planning Department at 501-3040.



Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at openline@auburnalabama.org.



Job Vacancies

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. Some of the current temporary, part-time job openings include:

- **Senior Lifeguard**
(\$6.76/Hour)
- **Lifeguard**
(\$6.47/Hour)
- **Traffic Signal Technician**
(\$9.81/Hour)



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

Register for Computer Classes at the Auburn Public Library

The Auburn Public Library will offer a series of computer classes beginning Tuesday, March 14 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am and alternating Tuesdays. Classes will be taught at a beginner level and will cover topics such as using Microsoft Word and Excel, exploring the Internet, writing resumes, working with files and folders, and other basic computer skills. To register for classes, contact Dianne at the Auburn Public Library at 501-3194 or via e-mail at weblibrary@auburnalabama.org. For more information, including a class schedule, visit www.auburnalabama.org/library/computer_class.htm.



Street Safety Clarification

To clarify the story included in the February edition of *Open Line*, per a prior Attorney General's opinion, license plates are not to be issued for a motor vehicle manufactured as an "off-the-road vehicle." Therefore, license plates will not be issued for golf carts or ATV's, making these vehicles illegal on public streets in the City of Auburn.

For more information on street legal vehicles, contact the Public Safety Department-Police Division at 501-3100.

Auburn Softball Complex Named ASA Complex of the Year

The Auburn Softball Complex was recently awarded the 2005 Alabama ASA Complex of the Year Award at the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Hall of Fame Banquet in Dothan on January 14. In addition, the Cities of Auburn, Anniston, Cullman, Decatur, Dothan, Gadsden, and Montgomery were each honored with Parks of the Year Awards. The Parks of the Year Award recognizes the championship softball tournaments hosted by Alabama cities. The awards were presented by Alabama ASA Commissioner G. Pat Adkison, who recently retired from the organization. All seven cities who received the award have hosted a majority of the more than 300 ASA National Championships held in Alabama during Adkison's 37 years as State Commissioner. These tournaments have played a huge role in the success of the ASA during the past 31 years.



ASA is the oldest and largest amateur softball organization in the United States and is the national governing body of amateur softball. The ASA has become one of the Nation's largest and fastest growing sports organizations and now sanctions competition in every state through a network of 87 local associations. It has grown from a few hundred teams in the early days to more than 250,000 teams today, representing a membership of more than four million. All international play in the United States goes through the ASA, including the Women's Olympic Team and all US world teams.

Auburn City Council to Hold April 11th Referendum

The City Council will hold a referendum on Tuesday, April 11, for Auburn residents to vote on using the Five Mill Tax Fund for an expansion of the City Library and for the construction of the Yarbrough Tennis Center off Richland Road.

This referendum does **not** involve the addition of new taxes.

Of the property taxes collected each year, the City places five mills of the property taxes into the Special Five Mill Tax Fund. By law, this money can only be used to pay for projects that have been approved by Auburn voters in referenda. The City Council saves these funds for major projects. The Soccer Complex on Wire Road and Town Creek Park were constructed using the Special Five Mill fund.

The City of Auburn will be accepting applications for absentee ballots through April 6. Voters may cast absentee ballots through April 11. The last day to register to vote for this referendum is March 31, 2006. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall, the Auburn Public Library, and the Lee County Board of Registrars.

For more information on the Special Five Mill Referendum, contact the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260.



Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop

On December 14, 2005, the Water Resource Management Department hosted the City of Auburn's fourth annual Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop at Kiesel Park as part of the City's Phase II Storm Water Management Program. The purpose of the workshop was to educate and interact with engineers, developers, and contractors who are governed by the City's Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Ordinance and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's (ADEM) storm water regulations. More than 70 participants attended this year's event.

A local erosion and sediment control consultant conducted a presentation on the Qualified Credentialed Professional (QCP)/Qualified Credentialed Inspector (QCI) construction site inspection process, in addition to typical problems that inspectors are encountering as a result of poor or improper maintenance of erosion and sediment control best management practices (BMPs). ADEM requires that all permitted construction sites be inspected after each 3/4-inch rainfall event or a minimum of once a month by a registered QCP/QCI. Davies Erosion Control and Environmental Supply provided field demonstrations on the latest technologies in erosion and sediment control as well as the proper installation of existing erosion and sediment control best management practices.

Watershed Division Manager Matt Dunn gave an overview of the City's Erosion and Sediment Control Inspection program, focusing on the City's Erosion and Sediment Control inspection enforcement mechanisms that were adopted by the City Council in December 2004. Mr. Dunn also highlighted the City's water sampling program which was initiated in December 2004 to provide a measure of the performance of BMPs on active construction sites. The presentation also stressed the importance of maintenance of erosion and sediment control BMPs as well as the City's seeding and mulching requirement, which states that areas that are cleared of vegetation and will remain so for 15 days or longer without appreciable construction activity should be seeded and mulched within 5 days of being disturbed.

For additional information regarding the City's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance, contact Matt Dunn at 501-3077.



Keep Auburn Beautiful Committee Roadside Cleanup Event

In an effort to educate the Auburn community on the importance of litter prevention while promoting beautification throughout Auburn, the Keep Auburn Beautiful Advisory Committee and volunteers from the Cary Woods Elementary school district will hold a roadside clean-up activity scheduled on Saturday, March 11 from 8:00 a.m.-noon in the Cary Woods school district. Volunteers will comb the right of way throughout the district in an effort to collect and dispose of roadside litter and recycle appropriate items through the City's *RecycleAuburn* program. In order to ensure the safety of program participants, drivers in this area are advised to use caution the day of the event.

To volunteer, contact Paul West at 502-4857 or via e-mail at traciewest@bellsouth.net. In the event of inclement weather, the clean-up will be postponed until Saturday, March 18 from 8:00 a.m.-noon. For information on the roadside clean-up, contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



Telephone Book Recycling

Residents participating in Auburn's Curbside Recycling Program may recycle their old telephone books by placing books in the curbside recycling bin marked for magazines. Please remember to remove any plastic covers from the books before recycling. Residents may also leave their phone books at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. For more information, contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



Meeting Schedule

Board of Zoning Adjustment – March 1, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission - March 3, 11:30 a.m., Auburn Chamber of Commerce

Cemeteries Advisory Board – March 6, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – March 7, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - March 7, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Planning Commission - March 9, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Water Works Board – March 13, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board – March 14, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission – March 14, 4:00 p.m., Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Board of Education - March 14, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

City Council - March 21, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Library Board - March 23, 1:15 p.m., Library Conference Room

Bicycle Committee - March 28, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Cemetery Advisory Board - April 3, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Park & Recreation Advisory Board – April 4, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - April 4, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment – April 5, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission - April 7, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

- Meeting times and places are subject to change -

Register for the Spring Reading Program

Youth ages 3-11 may register for the Auburn Public Library's Spring Reading Program, Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds, at the Youth Services desk. Participants will receive a prize from the treasure chest for every 5 books they read. In addition, readers are encouraged to set a goal for the spring when registering. All those who meet their goal will receive a special prize.



Registration will be held March 1-31. The program ends May 19. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/library/YouthServices.htm.

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The Auburn Public Library presents **Preschool Story Time** for children ages 3-5 years every Wednesday from 10:00-10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time

Toddler Time each Thursday from 10:00-10:30 a.m. Toddler Time is a free story time offered by the Auburn Public Library for toddlers, ages 18 months-3 years, and their caregivers. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Young Adult Coffeehouse, for students in grades 6-12, will meet on March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library for a movie night. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

First Fridays for Homeschoolers will meet on March 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This program is offered to homeschooled children in grades K-5. This month, students will discuss Clara Barton. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Have you ever been to Neverland? The **Auburn Area Community Theatre** (AACT) presents *Peter Pan*, directed by Tricia Oliver, March 4 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Admission is \$2/person and \$5/family. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

Mark your calendar for the following **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, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



- **Winter Invitational 2006:** through March 4, an exhibit featuring still life images in a variety of media by regional artists.
- **Student Art Exhibition:** March 6-25, works by Auburn High School Advanced Art Students

The **Auburn Community Orchestra** will perform with the Auburn Civic Chorale on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Auburn United Methodist Church. The concert will celebrate the 250th birthday of the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The concert is free to the public. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



The **American Girls Club** will meet on March 10 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The program is open to youth in grades K-5. This month's featured character is the American Girl of Today. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Let's go sailing on the **X-Cell Field Trip III** for youth ages 12-15 years on March 11 from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Join the Parks and Recreation Department and Lanier Sailing Academy for an afternoon of sailing on beautiful Lake Martin. This adventure will introduce you to the basic principles of sailing and give you a taste of what sailing is really like. Participants will meet at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The cost is \$40, payable in cash on the day of the trip. All sailors must wear sneakers. Snacks will be provided. Space is limited, so sign up soon. Participants must be registered by March 3. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



The **Auburn Public Library** will host a puppet show entitled *The Wheels on the Bus* on March 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. All ages are invited to attend. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Jazz guitarist **Keith Williams** will perform at the Auburn Public Library on March 15 at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers to assist in coaching athletes for the **2006 Special Olympics**. Coaches are needed to assist with bowling, bocce, swimming and track and field events. Volunteers interested in coaching may contact Alison Hall, Lee County Special Olympics Director, at 501-2940.

Mark your calendar for **Bike Bash 2006** on Saturday, March 18 from 8:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. at the Auburn University Intramural Fields. The City of Auburn and the Auburn Bicycle Committee will host Bike Bash 2006 in conjunction with the Auburn University Sesquicentennial Celebration. For more information, see this month's cover story in *Open Line*, contact Dee Watson at 501-2962, Alison Hall at 501-2940, or visit www.auburnalabama.org/cycle.



The **Library Book Club** will meet on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss books relating to women's history. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

The **Auburn Area Community Theatre** (AACT) presents *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue, directed by Andrea Holmes. Charlie Baker is The Foreigner, a very shy Englishman in Georgia. The locals are led to believe he doesn't speak or understand English, so he becomes the center of the hopes and dreams of some, and the lies and schemes of others. It's non-stop laughter when Charlie starts "learning" and teaching the bad guys a lesson. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Reservations are recommended for the performance and may be made by calling the Auburn Arts Association at 887-2832. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

Performance times are as follows:

- March 24, 25, 30, & 31 and April 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- March 26 and April 2 at 2:00 p.m.



Be sure to pick up your copy of the **2006 Parks and Recreation Calendar** at any number of City facilities or online at www.auburnalabama.org. This free, 12-month calendar lists special events, program quarters, brochure release dates, Auburn City School holidays, facility closings, athletic registration dates, City holidays and events, and much more. For more information, contact Ali Wilson at 501-2936.

Auburn CityFest presented by the Opelika-Auburn News is right around the corner. Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 29 to attend Auburn's largest FREE outdoor arts and crafts festival at Kiesel Park. The day will include artists and crafters from around the Southeast, a juried art show, live musical entertainment, delicious food, children's activities, and much more. Be sure to look for a detailed article in next month's issue of *Open Line* with a list of activities and entertainers. For more information about CityFest 2006, please visit www.auburncityfest.com.

