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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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Council Adopts New Stream Buffer Requirements

In May, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance amending the City's Zoning Ordinance that provides further protection for the City's waterways. Upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, the Council approved new streamway buffers and steep slope regulations that provide for a three-zone, managed-use buffer along streamways and sets forth parameters for the development of steep slope areas within 600 feet of perennial and intermittent streams. The increase in buffer width is intended to reduce land development impacts on stream water quality and flows, as well as provide for the environmentally sound use of Auburn's land resources. Required stream buffer widths vary based on the size of the drainage area (watershed) that the stream is located within. Different activities can occur and different uses can be located within each zone. Regulations are more stringent closer to the stream and become less restrictive moving away from the stream. Buffers are required on each side of all perennial and intermittent streams as defined in the Zoning Ordinance.

The City of Auburn and the City Council are committed to protecting our water resources and preserving our excellent water quality for citizens. For more information on the new stream buffer requirements, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org and click on **City Council Packet Online** to view the presentation given to the Council at the May 2 meeting. For questions concerning the new regulations, please contact Matt Dunn in the Water Resource Management Department at 501-3077.



July 4th Celebration featuring the Alabama Blues Brothers...

Mark your calendar for the City of Auburn's Annual July 4th Celebration on Tuesday, July 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the home side of Duck Samford Stadium. Don't miss the City's largest fireworks extravaganza, sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation and hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Annual July 4th Celebration is a family event that is free to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair. This special event will also include live musical entertainment from the Alabama Blues Brothers. Gates open promptly at 6:00 p.m. The first several hundred attendees will receive giveaways from Briggs and Stratton, including Frisbees, 3-D fans, light-up necklaces, and other goodies. Spectators will also have the opportunity to purchase Country's Barbecue for dinner. At 7:00 p.m., the Alabama Blues Brothers will kick off the evening's entertainment with a performance including many crowd favorites. The fireworks show will begin at 9:00 p.m.



Join us on Tuesday, July 4 as we celebrate our Nation's 230th birthday. In the event of rain, the fireworks display will be held on Wednesday, July 5. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

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Auburn's Sign Regulations

The following information provides a brief overview of the City of Auburn's regulations for signs on utility poles and in the public rights-of-way, real estate signs, and the placement of political signs. By working together, we can all do our part to keep Auburn clean and attractive.

Signs on Utility Poles

Pursuant to Section 13-7 of The Code of the City of Auburn, 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.

Real Estate Signs

Section 603.15 of the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance states that only one real estate sign is permitted to face each street adjacent to the property that is for sale. Also, all real estate signs (realty companies as well as for sale by owner signs) shall be located only on the property that is for sale, lease, or rent. Off-premise real estate signs, such as directional signs to the property, are prohibited.

Signs on Public Rights-of-Ways

Section 604 of the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance states that the following signs are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts in the City: any signs, other than official traffic control devices, highway identification markers, warning signs, and other official signs, which are erected within the right-of-way of any street or alley. Signs erected on public utility poles, even if they are located on private property other than signs erected by a public authority for public purposes are prohibited.

Political Signs

Pursuant to section 23-1-6 of the Code of Alabama and Article Six of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance, the City of Auburn has the following regulations in place governing the placement of political signs:

- Signs may not be placed earlier than thirty days prior to the election date. *Political signs for the August 22 Regular Municipal Election may be placed beginning Saturday, July 22.*
- Signs may not be placed in the public right-of-way, on any structures in the right-of-way including power poles and traffic signs, in road medians, or on any property owned by the City of Auburn or the Auburn City Schools.
- Signs are limited in size to thirty-two square feet.
- It is the candidates' responsibility to ensure that the volunteers who distribute and erect political signs are doing so in compliance with this law.
- Signs must be removed within seven days after the election date, by Tuesday, August 29.

Veterans Brick Orders Due August 1

Each year, the City of Auburn provides citizens with the opportunity to honor a member of the military by purchasing a memorial brick to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument, located on the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Personalized bricks engraved with the veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and years of service may be purchased for \$100. For bricks to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in time for the Veterans Day 2006 Service, brick orders must be received no later than Tuesday, August 1. Brick order forms may be obtained at City Hall or on the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org.

For more information on the Veterans brick project, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



Auburn's Sales Tax Holiday Weekend

At its June 6 regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance authorizing Auburn's first ever sales tax holiday weekend. The sales tax holiday weekend will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 4 and end at midnight on Sunday, August 6. For a complete list of exempt and taxable items, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org and be sure to look in next month's issue of *Open Line*.



Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will be on their normal schedule. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of July 3-7 will change as follows:

Normal Collection Day

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Monday, July 3
Wednesday, July 5
Thursday, July 6
Friday, July 7

Blood Drive

The City of Auburn's LifeSouth Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 18 from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the City Meeting Room, located at 122 Tichenor Avenue. Citizens are invited to participate. For more information, contact Stephanie King at 501-7240.



Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** was announced at the June 6 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 5 meeting. The incumbent resigned.

One vacancy on the **Board of Education** was announced at the June 20 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 18 meeting. The incumbent has resigned.



Three vacancies on the **Planning Commission** were announced at the June 20 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 18 meeting. Two incumbents have served one term and one incumbent has served a partial term.

Two vacancies on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** will be announced at the July 5 City Council meeting and will be filled at the August 1 meeting. One incumbent has served two terms and one incumbent has served a partial term.

One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** will be announced at the August 15 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 19 meeting. The incumbent has served one term.

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

Summer Camps and Workshops

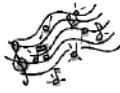
The City of Auburn offers a number of camps and programs throughout the summer for youth of all ages. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. A few of the camps and programs remaining this summer are listed below, along with related registration and payment information. To find out more about summer camp offerings, visit www.auburnalabama.org/leisure or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.

Small Fry Day Camp

Ages: 3-5 years (children must be 3 years by the first class)
This camp is designed especially for preschoolers. Children will enjoy hands-on activities, music in song and dance, and many other age-related activities. Field trips may be offered.
Children must be toilet trained to participate.

Dates: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Session E: July 10-14
Session F: July 17-21
Session G: July 24-28

Time: 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Location: Frank Brown Recreation Center
Contact: Melissa Weldon 501-2946
Fee: \$25.00 per session payable to the City of Auburn



Camp Kaleidoscope

Ages: 6-12 years
Join us for lots of fun this summer in day camp. Each week of camp will be filled with games, activities, special guests, and field trips. Campers can expect to discover new talents and abilities and make new friends.

Dates: Monday - Friday
Session D: July 10-14*
Session E: July 17-21*
Session F: July 24-28*

Time: Morning Session: 8:00 a.m.-noon
Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
Location: Auburn Junior High School
Contact: Melissa Weldon 501-2946
Fee: \$45.00 (A.M.), \$45.00 (P.M.), \$80.00 Entire Week, All Day, payable to the City of Auburn



There will be no Camp Kaleidoscope June 26 - July 7.

*Participants must be registered by 2:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the session they wish to attend.

Visual Art Workshops for Children

Ages: 7 years & older
These workshops are organized by Professor Chi Chi Lovett, and the AU Foreign Languages Department. A variety of age appropriate classes will be taught by area artists and art educators. Enrollment is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call 501-2963 to register.

Dates: Monday - Friday
Session III: July 10 - 14
Session IV: July 24-28

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center
Contact: Auburn Arts Association, 887-2832
Fee: \$40 per week per child \$35 for each additional child, payable to the Auburn Arts Association



Art for Young Children

Ages: 4, 5, & 6 years
Pre-school children will explore a variety of age appropriate art materials such as clay, paint, and fabric.

Dates: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
Session II: July 18 - 20

Time: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Location: Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center
Contact: Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, 501-2963
Fee: \$30 per week per child payable to the Auburn Arts Association



Young Artist Atelier

Ages: 12-16 years
This pilot program is a collaborative art program provided by the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, the Auburn Arts Association, and the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art and will offer studio and museum experiences to young artists. 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 the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and will be taught by Auburn University professors, local artists, and art educators. Enrollment is limited. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call 501-2963.

Dates: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
Session II: July 18 - 20

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center
Contact: Auburn Arts Association, 887-2832
Fee: \$45 per week per child \$35 for each additional child, payable to the Auburn Arts Association

Auburn Soccer Association

Summer Camps

The Auburn Soccer Association summer camps are designed to offer players four days of professional soccer training in a fun environment with a curriculum aimed at promoting soccer development. Players will train and play games within their specific age group.

For more information on camps, visit www.auburnalabama.org/soccer or contact Ryan Molt at 501-2943.

ASA Rising Tiger Soccer Camp

Ages: 4-8 years
Date: July 10-13
Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$70

Junior & Senior Camp

Jr. Ages: 9-12 years
Sr. Ages: 13-18 years
Date: July 10-13
Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$85

Goalkeeper Camp

Ages: 10-18 years
Date: July 31-August 3
Time: 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Fee: \$95

Advanced Camp

Ages: 10-18 years
Date: July 31-August 3
Time: 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Fee: \$95

Fall Soccer Registration

- **Online Registration** will begin Monday, July 24 and continue through Wednesday, August 9. To register, visit www.auburnalabama.org/soccer.
- **Mail-In Registration** is due by Friday, August 4. Registration forms may be mailed to:
Auburn Soccer Association
PO Box 1533
Auburn, AL 36831
- **Walk-In Registration** will be held on Saturday, August 5 from 10:00 a.m.-noon and Wednesday, August 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road.

For more information on soccer registration, visit www.auburnalabama.org/soccer or contact Ryan Molt at 501-2943.

Meeting Schedule

*City Council - July 5, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment - July 5, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission - July 7, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Water Works Board - July 10, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board - July 11, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission - July 11, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street.

Board of Education - July 11, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

Planning Commission - July 13, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

City Council - July 18, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee - July 25, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Library Board - July 27, 1:15 p.m., Library Board Room

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - August 1, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - August 1, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment - August 2, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission - August 4, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

***Please note that due to the 4th of July holiday, the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting of July has been changed to Wednesday, July 5.**

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up COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for the following **Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition**. The exhibit is 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.
• **Summer Invitational:** through August 18, works in a variety of media by regional artists and craftsperson

Preschool Story Time, for children ages 3-5 years, will meet each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's themes include:

- 7/5 Giants Rule
- 7/12 Dinosaurs Roamed the Land
- 7/19 We All Loved Baseball
- 7/26 Fantastic Voyages

For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Salmagundi, for rising youth in grades K-5, will meet on Wednesday this month at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's themes include:

- 7/5 Special guest children's author Kim Dozier
- 7/12 Saber Tooth Tigers and special guest Auburn University mascot Aubie
- 7/19 We All Loved Baseball
- 7/26 Fantastic Voyages

For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Join the Auburn Public Library for **Toddler Time** each Thursday this month at 10:00 a.m. Toddler Time is a story time for toddlers ages 18 months-3 years and their caregivers. This month's themes include:

- 7/6 Big and Little
- 7/13 Dinosaurs
- 7/20 Balls
- 7/27 Big Trips

For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Don't miss **Young Adult Coffeehouse** for students in grades 6-12 at the Auburn Public Library each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. This month's themes include:

- 7/6 X-treme Fashion
- 7/13 X-treme Murder Mysteries
- 7/20 X-treme Music
- 7/27 X-treme Careers

For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

The registration deadline for the **Summer Reading Program** at the Auburn Public Library is July 10. The program ends July 28. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Attention all paddlers...join Parks and Recreation and the staff of Camp Chandler for a day of **kayaking on the Coosa River** on July 15 from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.. The 6-mile course consists of moving flat water with Class I and II rapids. All paddlers must be able to swim. All river equipment will be provided. Participants will meet at the Dean Road Recreation Center and should bring a snack and drink in a soft-sided, waterproof container. **Registration is required by July 6.**

The cost is \$20, payable in cash on the day of the trip. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

The **Auburn Public Library Book Group** will meet on July 18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss books on the American Revolution. Books may be either fiction or nonfiction. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



The Auburn Public Library presents **Emmy Award Winner "Willastory"** on July 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Hollifield Room of the Auburn Public Library. This event is open to youth of all ages. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Family Story Time will be held at the Auburn Public Library on July 22 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

The Auburn Public Library is throwing a **Harry Potter Birthday Party** on July 28 at 2:00 p.m. Youth of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Housing Counseling Classes are available upon request to anyone interested in the home buying process. These courses are designed to equip prospective homeowners to better understand homeownership, from selecting properties to getting a home loan. These classes are offered at no cost by the Community Development Division of the City of Auburn and are scheduled upon request. For more information, please contact Todd White at 501-7277.



2006 Municipal Election Dates

Voters Apply for Absentee Ballots	June 5-August 17
Candidates May Qualify	July 6-18
Voters Cast Absentee Ballots	July 25-August 22
Last Day to Register to Vote	August 11
Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots	August 17
Election Day	August 22
Run-Off Election Day (if required)	September 19

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