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City to Break Ground on Phase 1 of Northwest Village Subdivision June 5

The City of Auburn's Community Development Division administers public assistance through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Auburn is one of a select number of cities in Alabama that receives these funds directly from the Federal government. Funds are available on June 1 each year and may be used for utility assistance, mortgage assistance, housing rehabilitation, rental assistance, and demolition and clearance. In addition, the City has allocated CDBG funds to various non-profit agencies that provide services to the elderly and youth. Funds for the 2007 fiscal year will be available beginning Friday, June 1. In order to qualify for assistance, a household must meet HUD income requirements.



Crews continue to pour curb and gutter and clear lots at the Northwest Village Subdivision site located off Foster Street.

One of the biggest projects currently underway in the Community Development Division is the Northwest Village Subdivision. In January 2006, the City of Auburn, in conjunction with the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation, broke ground on the Northwest Village Subdivision, Auburn's newest affordable housing subdivision. Located off Foster Street in northwest Auburn, the Northwest Village Subdivision was created to give all Auburn residents the opportunity to become homeowners. Since 2006, crews have



Rendering of Northwest Village Home

been working to install infrastructure improvements, including water and sewer, drainage, curb and gutter, and roads. On Tuesday, June 5, the City will break ground on the first phase of homes, to include four new homes. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Four applicants have been approved for mortgage loans for these homes. The City of Auburn and the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation anticipate building a total of nine homes by the end of the year.

Northwest Village Subdivision

Making Homeownership Affordable for Everyone



Partners:
North Auburn Housing Development Corporation
AuburnBank
BannerSouth
Charter Bank
Compass Bank
First American Bank
Peoples Bank

For more information on public assistance, CDBG programs, or the Northwest Village Subdivision, please contact the Community Development Division at 501-7280.

You are cordially invited to the Groundbreaking Ceremony
for the Northwest Village Subdivision-Phase I

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Foster Street

Going on Summer Vacation?

If your summer plans include a family vacation, be sure to protect your home and its contents while you are out of town. The Auburn Police Division has a number of safety tips for residents traveling out of town. The most important and easiest safety precaution you can



take is to lock your doors and windows. According to the Police Division, unsecured door and window locks are the #1 cause of home burglaries in Auburn. Also, before traveling out of town, be sure to contact the Police Division and ask

that your home be placed on a "House Check" list for extra patrol. To make this request during regular business hours, contact the Auburn Police Division at 501-3150. For after hours or weekend requests, please call the City's 24-hour non-emergency number at 501-3100. For more information or safety tips on how to keep your home safe while traveling, visit www.auburnalabama.org or contact the Auburn Police Division at 501-3150.

Register for the Summer Reading Program

Registration for the summer reading program at the Auburn Public Library is going on now. Summer programs will begin on Monday, June 4. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/library or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Theme: Get a Clue @ Your Library

Ages: Preschool through incoming 5th Grade

**Theme: YNK @ Your Library
(You Never Know)**

Ages: Incoming 6th-12th Grades



Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Indian Pines Recreation Authority** was announced at the May 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the June 5 meeting. The incumbent has served two terms and is not eligible for reappointment.
- Two vacancies on the **Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority** will be announced at the June 5 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 10 meeting. Both incumbents have served two terms and are not eligible for reappointment.
- Two vacancies on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** will be announced at the June 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 24. One incumbent has served two terms and is not eligible for reappointment and one incumbent has served one partial term and one full term and is eligible for reappointment.



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

Veterans Brick Orders Due Friday, June 29

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. All proceeds go to the Veterans Memorial Fund. For bricks to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in time for the 2007 Veterans Day Ceremony, brick orders must be received no later than Friday, June 29. Brick order forms are available at City Hall or online at www.auburnalabama.org

Meeting Schedule

Tree Commission

June 1, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Cemeteries Advisory Board

June 4, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

June 5, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council

June 5, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment

June 6, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Water Works Board

June 11, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board

June 12, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission

June 12, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building

Board of Education

June 12, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

Planning Commission

June 14, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

City Council

June 19, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee

June 26, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Board of Zoning Adjustment

July 5, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission

July 6, 11:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

July Holiday Schedule and City Council Meeting Changes

City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of July 2-6 will change as follows:

Normal Collection Day

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Monday, July 2
Tuesday, July 3
Thursday, July 5
Friday, July 6

The **July City Council meetings** will be held on **Tuesday, July 10** and **Tuesday, July 24** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located at 141 North Ross Street. A resolution passed by the City Council at their February 20 meeting authorizes the change in schedule as a result of the July 4th holiday. City Council meetings will resume their regular schedule on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in August.

For more information on holiday schedules or City Council meetings, please contact City Hall at 501-7260.

Cast Into Summer with the 15th Annual Fishing Rodeo

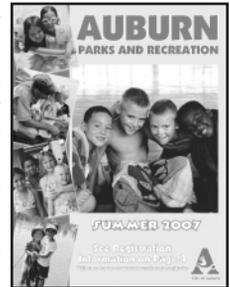
Don't miss the 15th Annual Fishing Rodeo, presented by Parks and Recreation and sponsored by Evans Realty, on Saturday, June 9 from 8:00 a.m.-noon at the Auburn Technology Park-South Lake. Children ages 12 years and under are invited to participate and must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Bring your lucky fishing pole and we will supply the bait. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish and the smallest fish caught. The first 200 children will receive a Zebco rod and reel, courtesy of Evans Realty.



The cost is \$5 per child, payable to the City of Auburn, and there is a limit of 5 fish per child. Registration and payment will be accepted the morning of the event. Don't miss your one and only chance to fish the Auburn Technology Park-South Lake this year. For more information, please contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

Parks and Recreation Has the Cure for Summer Boredom

Are you looking for something to do this summer? Let Parks and Recreation help you find the perfect way to spend your summer days at any number of their camps, special events, summer programs, and sports teams. Be sure to pick up your copy of the Summer Quarter Brochure, your official guide to fun in the City of Auburn this summer, and look for registration information on the following camps and workshops: Visual Art Workshops for Children, Art for Young Children, Young Artist Atelier, X-Cell Program Field Trips, Summer Therapeutic Day Camp, Small Fry Camp, Camp Kaleidoscope, Basketball Camp for Girls, Beginner Triathlon Training for Kids, Kids Marathon - Run for Fun, Soccer Camp, Musical Theatre Camp, and much, much more.



Be sure to pick up a copy of the brochure at any City facility or download a brochure online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Traffic Circle Rules

One of the most popular traffic calming devices used in Auburn neighborhoods is the traffic circle. Traffic circles function as miniature roundabouts and help to redirect cut-through traffic, reduce accidents, mitigate the severity of accidents, and reduce speeds by as much as 9-10 mph.

While traffic circles are an effective means of slowing down vehicular traffic, there are several rules for maneuvering around them that drivers should keep in mind so that they are utilized to their fullest extent:

- All roads approaching the circle are marked with yield signs. Drivers approaching the circle should yield to traffic already in the circle.
- If two vehicles arrive at the circle at the same time, the vehicle to the right goes first.
- The recommended speed for a traffic circle is 15 mph. This speed is recommended because it allows motorists to maneuver the intersection slowly enough to yield to the vehicles already in the circle.
- When making a left turn, drivers must go all the way around the circle before turning left.



Traffic circles are a safe and effective means for slowing traffic in residential neighborhoods when drivers understand the rules to maneuver them. By working together, we can help make Auburn's streets safer for everyone. For more information on traffic calming devices, including traffic circles, please contact Brandy Ezelle, City Traffic Engineer, at 501-3029.

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Open Line Feedback

Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at openline@auburnalabama.org or call 501-7255.



Now Showing...Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition - 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 Arts Center at 501-2963.

• **Photo Encore 2007**, June 4-July 6, photographs from the Auburn Arts Association Collection.



Wednesdays in June...Preschool Story Time - Join the Auburn Public Library for Preschool Story Time every Wednesday this month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Wednesdays in June...Salmagundi - Youth in grades K-5 are invited to Salmagundi at the Auburn Public Library each Wednesday this month at 2:00 p.m. This month's themes include:



- 6/6 The Mystery of Pirates Cove
- 6/13 Where in the World Is...?
- 6/20 Mysteries in the Sky
- 6/27 Mysteries on Land

For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/library or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Thursdays in June...Toddler Time - Join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time every Thursday this month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Thursdays in June...Young Adult Coffeehouse - Young adults in grades 6-12 are invited to Young Adult Coffeehouse at the Auburn Public Library each Thursday this month at 6:30 p.m. Please note, the first program will begin on Tuesday. All other programs will be held on Thursday evening. This month's themes include:

- 6/5 Detectives and Investigators
- 6/14 Unsolved Mysteries
- 6/21 Hoaxes and Scams
- 6/28 Murder Mystery Night



For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/library or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Register by June 15...Kayaking on the Coosa River - Youth ages 12-15 are invited to join Parks and Recreation for a day of kayaking on the Coosa River on June 23 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Participants will meet at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The course includes 6 miles of flat water and Class I and II rapids. All paddlers must be able to swim and should wear appropriate clothing, sunscreen, and footwear. Top quality river equipment will be provided. The cost is \$25, payable in cash on the day of the trip. Participants must bring a light lunch in a soft-sided, waterproof container. You must be registered by June 15. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

June 19...Auburn Public Library Book Group - The Auburn Public Library Book Group will meet on June 19 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Kennedy family. Participants may choose any book on the Kennedys that interests them. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 501-3190.



July 4...Annual Fourth of July Celebration - Celebrate our Nation's 231st Birthday at the City's Annual Fourth of July Celebration, sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation, on Wednesday, July 4 behind the home side of Duck Samford Stadium. Enjoy great food, live music, and a show-stopping fireworks display. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., the music begins at 7:00 p.m. and the fireworks display begins at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic basket, blanket, and chairs. In the event of rain, the fireworks display will be rescheduled for Thursday, July 5. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

Auburn City Pools

Locations:
Samford Pool - 328 Samford Avenue (behind Auburn Junior High School)
Drake Pool - 653 Spencer Avenue (behind Drake Middle School)

Fee: \$2.00 per person (Children 1 year & under are free)
Season Passes: On sale at Dean Road Recreation Center
\$50.00 Individual • \$100.00 Family (Parents & Children)

Summer Swim Schedule
through September 4
Swim times are subject to change after August 10.

Recreation Swim
Monday-Friday 1:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 1:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday* 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
*Samford Pool Only

Recreation Morning Swim*
Monday-Friday • 9:00 a.m.-Noon
May 21-June 1
June 18-July 6
July 23-August 10

Lap Swim (all ages)*
6:00 a.m.-7:15 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(Closed Wednesday morning due to cleaning)

Adult Lap Swim (19 & older)*
Daily Noon-1:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
*Samford Pool Only

-This schedule is subject to change-