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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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Annual Fourth of July Celebration Sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation

Mark your calendar for the City's Annual Fourth of July Celebration on Wednesday, July 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m. behind the home side of Duck Samford Stadium. Don't miss the City's largest fireworks show, sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation and hosted by the City of Auburn's Parks and Recreation Department. Bring a picnic basket or purchase food on-site from Country's Barbecue. Gates open promptly at



6:00 p.m. Enjoy live musical entertainment beginning at 7:00 p.m., followed by the fireworks show at 9:00 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. In the event of rain, the fireworks display will move to Thursday, July 5. At press time, more than 30 Alabama counties, not including Lee County but including several counties contiguous to Lee County, were under a no burn order from the State of Alabama. While mindful of the persisting dry weather conditions throughout the area, City officials are doing what they can to ensure that the Fourth of July Celebration proceeds as scheduled; however, safety will not be compromised. In the

event that the festivities must be canceled, the celebration will be rescheduled for a time to be determined this fall. Please visit the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org for updates on any changes to the Fourth of July Celebration.

The Annual July Fourth Celebration is a free community event for all ages. No alcohol, please. Join us on Wednesday, July 4 as we celebrate our Nation's 231st birthday. For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org.



Auburn's Sales Tax Holiday Weekend

At its May 1 regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance authorizing Auburn's Sales Tax Holiday Weekend to begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 3 and end at midnight on Sunday, August 5.

Items exempt from sales tax for the duration of the holiday weekend fall into 3 major categories:

Clothing – All human wearing apparel suitable for general use is exempt unless it otherwise appears on the taxable list; clothing items must cost \$100 or less per article of clothing to be exempt.

Computers and Computer Software – A single purchase with a sales price of \$750 or less will be exempt. Items exempt include computers, computer software, and school computer supplies.

School Supplies – Any items of \$50 or less per item commonly used by a student in a course of study will be exempt. Supplies may include art supplies, reference maps and globes, textbooks on an official school book list with a sales price of more than \$30 but less than \$50, and books with a sales price of \$30 or less per book. An all-inclusive list of exempt school supplies may be found on the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org/taxholiday.



Items not exempt from sales tax during the holiday weekend include:

- Clothing accessories such as handbags, jewelry, sunglasses, and umbrellas.
- Protective equipment such as breathing masks, hard hats, helmets, and safety belts.
- Sports or recreational equipment such as ballet or tap shoes, athletic gloves, goggles, or shin guards.
- Furniture
- Any systems, devices, software, or peripherals designed or intended primarily for recreational use.
- Video games
- Magazines, newspapers, periodicals, or any other document printed or offered for sale in a non-bound form.

For a complete list of exempt and taxable items, please visit the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org/taxholiday to download a **Sales Tax Holiday Brochure**. For more information, please contact the City's Revenue Office at 501-7239.

Annual Water Quality Report Included in This Month's Water Bill

Be sure to read the Auburn Water Works Board's 2006 Water Quality Report, included in this month's water bill. This annual report contains information on Auburn's drinking water, water sources, and news from the Auburn Water Works Board. For more information on the Water Quality Report, please contact Matt Dunn in the Water Resource Management Department at 501-3060.

Water Conservation

"Doing More with Less...Not Doing Without"

The last several weeks have seen record rainfall deficits throughout the region. While the City of Auburn is not currently under water restrictions, City officials continue to take steps to protect Auburn's water resources through a number of methods. Auburn's primary water source, Lake Ogletree, was at full pool in April prior to water demands escalating as a result of lawn and landscape irrigation practices. The City has managed its water resources by monitoring the water withdrawal from Lake Ogletree in addition to using the Water Works Board's water purchase agreement with Opelika Utilities to supplement drinking water needs to meet customer demands. Auburn has a sufficient water supply to meet the regular needs of its customers; however, the water supply can be stressed during periods when landscape irrigation peaks. Residents can help conserve water through a number of ways:

- Don't water your street, driveway, or sidewalk. Position your sprinklers so that your water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not the paved areas.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Your garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn off the water.
- Water during off-peak demand hours, before dawn and after dusk.
- Check sprinklers and outside water connections for leaks.

The American Water Works Association defines water conservation as doing more with less, not doing without. By working together, we can help preserve Auburn's water supply year round and possibly eliminate the need for water restrictions during dry periods.

For more information on water conservation tips, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/water or contact the Water Resource Management Department at 501-3060.

July Movie Days at the Auburn Public Library

Youth in the 5th-8th grades are invited to July Movie Days at the Auburn Public Library on Tuesday, July 10; Tuesday, July 17; and Tuesday, July 24 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Board Vacancies

- Two vacancies on the **Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority** were 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** were announced at the June 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 24 meeting. 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.
- One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center Board** will be announced at the August 21 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 18 meeting. The incumbent has served two terms and 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.

City Finance Department and Revenue Office to Close Early on Friday, August 10

The Finance Department and City Revenue Office will close at noon on Friday, August 10 for staff development and training and will reopen on Monday, August 13 at 8:00 a.m.

City Council to Hold-Biennium Budget Work Sessions

The City Council will hold their Mid-Biennium Budget Work Sessions on Thursday, August 9 and Monday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Meeting Room, located at 122 Tichenor Avenue. Council members will be evaluating the mid-point for the City's FY07 & FY08 Biennial Budget. The public is invited to attend. The first reading and public hearing for the Mid-Biennium Budget is scheduled for the Tuesday, August 21 City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260.

Meeting Schedule

Please note that due to the July 4th holiday, several regularly scheduled meetings have been rescheduled. Changes have been made accordingly on this month's Meeting Schedule.

Tree Commission

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

Industrial Development Board

July 9, 4:00 p.m., City Manager's Conference Room, 144 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission

July 10, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building

Board of Education

July 10, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

City Council

July 10, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment

July 11, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Planning Commission

July 12, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Water Works Board

July 16, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Library Board

July 19, 10:00 a.m., Library Board Room

City Council

July 24, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee

July 31, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Board of Zoning Adjustment

August 1, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission

August 3, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Cemeteries Advisory Board

August 6, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

August 7, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council

August 7, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Planning Commission

August 9, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

-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 observance 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.

News from the Auburn Soccer Association

Summer Camps

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 respective age group.

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

ASA Goalkeeper Soccer Camp

Ages: 10-18
Date: July 30-August 2
Time: 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Location: Auburn Soccer Complex
Fee: \$95
Registration Deadline: July 20



ASA Advanced Soccer Camp

Ages: 10-18
Date: July 30-August 2
Time: 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Location: Auburn Soccer Complex
Fee: \$95
Registration Deadline: July 20

Fall Soccer Registration

- **Online Registration** will begin Monday, July 23 and continue through Wednesday, August 8. To register, visit www.auburnalabama.org/soccer
- **Mail-In Registration** is due by Friday, August 3. Mail completed registration forms to:

Auburn Soccer Association
P.O. Box 1533
Auburn, AL 36831

- **Walk-In Registration** will be held on Wednesday, August 8 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road.

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

Blood Drive

The City of Auburn LifeSouth Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 10 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the City Meeting Room, located at 122 Tichenor Avenue. Citizens are invited to participate. For more information, please contact Stephanie King at 501-7240.



Recycling in Auburn

The City of Auburn's Environmental Services Department collects recyclable items through its Curbside Recycling Program and at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. The Curbside Recycling Program is offered on a weekly basis to all residential garbage collection customers. Items are collected free of charge at curbside.

Acceptable Items at Residential Curbside

- Aluminum cans
- Steel/tin cans
- Newspapers
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Plastic drink bottles without lids
- Clear glass - bottles, jars, and food & drink glass containers with tops removed
- Brown glass - bottles, jars, and food & drink glass containers with tops removed

All curbside recycled items must be separated, cleaned, and placed out for collection prior to 6:00 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. To sign up for weekly curbside recycling collection, please contact the Environmental Services Department Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 501-3080.

Acceptable Items at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center

- Aluminum cans
- Magazines
- Steel/tin cans
- Newspapers
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Mixed papers
- Plastic bottles without tops
- Clear glass 100% glass bottles, jars & containers
- Brown glass 100% glass bottles, jars & containers
- Green glass 100% glass bottles, jars & containers
- Telephone books (no hardback books)
- Cell phones
- Ink jet cartridges
- Laser jet cartridges
- Transistor batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D, hearing aid, cell phone batteries)
- Computer items and equipment (please call to schedule a drop-off appointment 24-hours in advance for computer equipment)



For a complete list of recyclables, visit www.auburnalabama.org/esd to view and download a copy of the Community Reuser Resource Guide. Copies are also available at the Environmental Services Department and City Hall. This guide provides details on the City's recycling efforts, as well as a Community Reuser-Recycler Directory.

For more information on the City's recycling programs, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/esd or contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.

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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.



Auburn Public Library Holiday Schedule

Please note that there will be no programs at the Auburn Public Library the week of July 4th.

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

- **Photo Encore 2007**, through July 6, photographs from the Auburn Arts Association Collection.
- **It's In The Bag**, July 9-August 18, an open exhibition of works in any medium produced on or of bags

Wednesdays in July...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 July...Salmagundi - Youth in grades K-5 are invited to Salmagundi at the Auburn Public Library each Wednesday this month at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



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



Register by July 13...Kayaking on the Coosa River - Youth ages 12-15 years are invited to join Parks and Recreation for a day of kayaking on the Coosa River July 21 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. Registration ends July 13. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



July 17...Auburn Public Library Book Group - The Auburn Public Library Book Group will meet on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss nonfiction adventure stories. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 501-3190.



Available July 30...Parks and Recreation Fall Quarter Brochure - Be sure to pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation Fall Quarter Brochure beginning July 30 at all City facilities or download a copy online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



Through September 4...Auburn City Pools - Looking for a way to beat the summer heat? Join us at the Auburn City Pools this summer. City pools include Samford Pool, located behind Auburn Junior High School, and Drake Pool, located behind Drake Middle School. Admission is \$2 per person. Children 1 & under are free. Individual season passes are available for \$50 and family passes are \$100. Season passes are on sale now at the Dean Road Recreation Center. For more information, including pool schedules, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.



Parks and Recreation Summer Camps

Join Parks and Recreation for summer camps and programs throughout the month of July, including Visual Art Workshops for Children, Art for Young Children, Young Artist Atelier, Therapeutic Day Camp, Small Fry Camp, Camp Kaleidoscope, Kids of Iron Beginner Triathlon Training, and Kids Marathon-Run for Fun. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation Summer Quarter Brochure at any City facility or download a copy online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks for details on dates and registration information. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

