

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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Highway 14 Multi-Use Path Grand Opening

Join the City of Auburn and the Auburn Bicycle Committee in celebrating the Grand Opening of a new multi-use pathway near the Gourmet Tiger - Highway 14 on Saturday, August 4 at 8:00 a.m. This multi-use path is approximately 1.5 miles in length and completes another portion of the Master Bike Plan. The celebration will include an 8-mile ride incorporating the new path, in addition to the off-road path on Wire Road. Door prizes, including a bicycle, will be awarded and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



Special Municipal School Tax Election To Be Held August 28

At its June 5 meeting, the City Council adopted an ordinance authorizing the City of Auburn to hold an election on Tuesday, August 28 in which the citizens of Auburn will vote on whether or not to increase the Special School property tax by 7 mills. As a result of citizen input, the increase, if approved, would be phased in over a period of three years. After analyzing the feasibility of phasing in the increase, Auburn City School officials determined that a phase-in will meet the needs of the schools and help lessen the immediate impact on property owners. If approved, the levy rate of the said tax shall be eight (8) mills for taxes that become due and payable on October 1, 2008 and 2009; ten (10) mills for taxes that become due and payable on October 1, 2010 and 2011; and twelve (12) mills for taxes that become due and payable on October 1, 2012, and on October 1 in each consecutive year thereafter.



Polls will be open on Tuesday, August 28 from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Designated polling places for voters in the City of Auburn are as follows:

Ward 1	Boykin Center Gymnasium 400 Boykin Street	Ward 6	Dean Road Recreation Center 307 South Dean Road
Ward 2	National Guard Armory 1455 Shug Jordan Parkway	Ward 7	Best Western University Convention Center 1577 South College Street
Ward 3	Frank Brown Recreation Center 235 Opelika Road	Ward 8	Best Western University Convention Center 1577 South College Street
Ward 4	Frank Brown Recreation Center 235 Opelika Road	Absentee Box	Auburn City Hall 144 Tichenor Avenue
Ward 5	Dean Road Recreation Center 307 South Dean Road		

The City will accept applications for absentee ballots until Thursday, August 23. Applications for an absentee ballot must be made in writing to the City Manager and either hand-delivered or mailed to Auburn City Hall. For more information on absentee ballots or election procedures, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/elections or contact Earline Cobb, Election Manager, at 501-7263.

For the presentation that Auburn City School officials provided to the City Council on the proposed referendum, please visit www.auburnschools.org.



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Sales Tax Holiday Weekend

The City of Auburn's Sales Tax Holiday Weekend will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 3 and end at midnight on Sunday, August 5. For a complete list of exempt and taxable items, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/taxholiday to download a Sales Tax Holiday Brochure. For more information, please contact the City's Revenue Office at 501-7239.

City Council to Hold Mid-Biennium Budget Work Sessions

The City Council will hold their Mid-Biennium Budget Work Sessions on Tuesday, August 14 and Thursday, August 16 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 FY 07 & FY 08 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.

Labor Day Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor 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 September 3-7 will change as follows:

Normal Collection Day

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Tuesday, September 4
Wednesday, September 5
Thursday, September 6
Friday, September 7

50+ WORKS! EMPLOYMENT ★ EXPO

The Auburn Training Connection, in conjunction with area organizations and businesses, will sponsor an employment expo for workers ages 50+ on Tuesday, August 14 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Come learn about opportunities available to job seekers ages 50+. For more information, please contact Ben McGhee at 501-7303.

Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** will be announced at the August 21 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 18 meeting.



- Two vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** will be announced at the September 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 2 meeting.

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.

Meeting Schedule

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

Water Works Board

August 13, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board

August 14, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission

August 14, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building

Board of Education

August 14, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

City Council

August 21, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee

August 28, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

September 4, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council

September 4, Noon, Council Chamber
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City Council

September 4, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment

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

Tree Commission

September 7, 11:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Job Vacancies

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

- **Assistant Planning Director (\$5,416.66-6,250.00/month)**
- **Library Assistant–Youth Services (\$13.00–15.52/hour)**

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, sign up for the City's e-mail subscription service at www.auburnalabama.org/e-Notifier, 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.



Dean Road Ceramics Studio

Visit the Dean Road Ceramics Studio, now open inside the Dean Road Recreation Center. The studio is intended for educational programming for students and community organizations. Wheel-throwing and hand-building classes are offered for all ages. Independent studio memberships are also available for \$30 per quarter. These memberships are for individuals who have experience in ceramics and pottery. A selection of clay, glazes/paints, and slip will be available for purchase. Patrons are invited to utilize the space for hand-building projects or to throw on the potter's wheels.



For more information, please contact Sara Hand at 501-2944.

Fall Quarter Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

City Says Thank You To Briggs & Stratton Corporation

The City of Auburn would like to take this opportunity to thank Briggs & Stratton Corporation for their generous \$10,000 donation for this year's 4th of July fireworks display. For more than ten years, Briggs & Stratton has made this annual contribution to the Auburn community. Because of this generosity, the City of Auburn is able to provide an evening of fun, food, entertainment, and fireworks for its citizens each year in celebration of our nation's birth. Our thanks goes to Briggs & Stratton Corporation, a true corporate friend to the City of Auburn.



Visit the City of Auburn's re-designed web site at www.auburnalabama.org. Items are updated weekly, so be sure to add it to your list of favorites to keep updated on the latest news and events in the City of Auburn.

Now Showing at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Enjoy the following exhibits on display now at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Exhibits are free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

It's In the Bag

Visit "It's In The Bag," an open exhibition of works in any medium produced on or of bags, now through August 18.

Adventures in Art "Rural Wonder"

See artwork by Butch Anthony at Adventures in Art: "Rural Wonder" on display September 3-14.

For more information, please contact the Arts Center at 501-2963. Please note that the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center will be closed to the public the week of August 27-31 for Adventures in Art.



Coming Soon...WaCaDa!

Once again the City of Auburn and Auburn University will be partnering to bring Auburn residents WaCaDa!, a public safety awareness campaign aimed at bicycle, pedestrian, and motor vehicle safety. Look for more details in the coming weeks and be sure to check the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org for more information.



WaCaDa!
Walk and Cycle and Drive alike

Congratulations City of Auburn Spelling Bee Team

Congratulations to the City of Auburn Spelling Bee team, sponsored by Mayor Bill Ham, Jr., for their 2nd place finish in the 4th Annual Public Relations Council of Alabama Corporate Spelling Bee, benefiting the Lee County Literacy Coalition.



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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.

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

Wednesdays in August...Preschool Story Time - Join the Auburn Public Library for Preschool Story Time every Wednesday this month at 10:00 a.m. There will be no story time on August 1. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Thursdays in August...Toddler Time - Join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time every Thursday this month at 10:00 a.m. There will be no story time on August 2. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Register by August 3...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 August 11 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 August 3. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



August 3...Deadline for Mail-In Soccer Registration - Mail-in registration for fall soccer is due on August 3. Completed registration forms may be sent to: Auburn Soccer Association, P.O. Box 1533, Auburn, AL 36831. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/soccer or contact Ryan Molt at 501-2943.



August 8...Online and Walk-in Soccer Registration - Online registration for fall soccer ends August 8. To register, visit www.auburnalabama.org/soccer. Walk-in registration will be held on August 8 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road. For more information, contact Ryan Molt at 501-2943.



August 18...7th Annual Woolstock - Join Parks and Recreation and the Lee County Humane Society for the 7th Annual Woolstock on August 18 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Enjoy entertainment from Rex Oggs, Jaime Barger and Granville, Mark Sweat and the Family Band, and Southern Rain, all provided by Auburn Guitar Shoppe. Register to walk in the 2nd Annual Walk for Animals to benefit the Lee County Humane Society. The cost is \$25 and includes an official Woolstock t-shirt. For more information, visit www.leecountyhumane.org or contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



August 18...Nutcracker Auditions & LynnTerra Ballet Co. Auditions - LynnTerra Ballet will be holding open auditions for the Nutcracker Ballet, sponsored by Parks and Recreation, on August 18 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Registration for non-pointe dancers ages 6-12 begins at 9:00 a.m. and auditions begin at 9:30 a.m. Registration for pointe and non-pointe dancers ages 12 & up begins at noon and auditions begin at 12:30 p.m. Auditions for the LynnTerra Ballet Co. will be held from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Auditions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



August 20...Summer Stageworks Performance - The Auburn Area Community Theatre invites the public to attend a presentation from their acting class, Summer Stageworks, on August 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. This performance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963



August 21...Auburn Public Library Book Group - The Auburn Public Library Book Group will meet on August 21 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss books by Jodi Picoult. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 501-3190 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/library.



August 21 & 22...The Haunting of Hill House Auditions - The Auburn Area Community Theatre will hold auditions for *The Haunting of Hill House* by E. Andrew Leslie on August 21 and 22 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. No experience is necessary. Performances for *The Haunting of Hill House* will be November 8-10 & 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. and November 11 & 18 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

Through September 3...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. Family passes are \$100. All season passes are sold 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.

