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Congressman Rogers Meets with City Officials

Congressman Mike Rogers and his staff met recently with Mayor Bill Ham, Mayor Pro Tem Dick Phelan, and City officials to brief them on the latest news and developments from Capitol Hill. Each year, Congressman Rogers makes a point to meet with City officials prior to the start of the Congressional session to hear what is on the minds of Auburn residents and Auburn's leadership. During the course of the visit, discussion included cable television service in Auburn, transportation, workforce development, water infrastructure, and public safety.

In commenting on the visit, Mayor Bill Ham said, "We appreciate Congressman Rogers taking time out of his schedule to meet with us to discuss matters of importance to the citizens of Auburn. Congressman Rogers has been extremely helpful in obtaining federal funding for Auburn's new interchange, as well as Department of Homeland Security grants for our Public Safety Department. We, the citizens of Auburn, truly have an ally looking out for our best interests in the US House of Representatives. We appreciate Congressman Rogers' continued support of the City of Auburn and its day-to-day mission to provide a quality of life for our residents that is second to none."

For more information, please contact Auburn City Hall at 501-7260.



Pictured (L-R): Mayor Bill Ham.; Mayor Pro Tem Dick Phelan; and Congressman Mike Rogers

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08 FEST
AUBURN**
KIESEL PARK

Auburn CityFest 2008 Saturday, April 26

Spring is here, which means Auburn CityFest is right around the corner. Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Auburn CityFest on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kiesel Park. More than 40,000 people visit the festival each year and participate in the day's events. Auburn CityFest, presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News* and hosted by the City of Auburn, will be a day filled with art, music, food, and fun. CityFest is Auburn's largest FREE, outdoor festival and is open to all ages.

Patrons of the event will have an opportunity to visit hundreds of exhibitors featuring fine art and homemade arts & crafts. Visitors of this year's festival will be able to shop for hand woven baskets, hand-crafted jewelry, candles, children's clothing, paintings, birdhouses, and much more. There will also be a Non-Profit Showcase of local organizations, a Children's Art Exhibition, a medieval demonstration, The Storymaker, The Bama Air Dogs, inflatable games, and demonstrations by The Raptor Center. Various Auburn University sports teams, Miss Auburn University, and Aubie will make appearances at the park throughout the day.



Along with exhibitor booths, CityFest will feature Operation Boot Camp workouts and the International Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, as seen on ESPN. The three-man Lumberjack Show includes various chopping events, crosscut sawing, axe throwing, a hot saw competition, and chainsaw racing. Be sure to see page 2 of this *Open Line* for a complete schedule of events or visit the CityFest website at www.auburncityfest.com for a complete guide to activities.

The City of Auburn supports the arts through the Annual Juried Art Show. Works will be on display the day of CityFest in the historical Nunn-Winston House, located on the park grounds. A preview reception honoring the

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CityFest 2008 Schedule

Saturday, April 26 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Kiesel Park

The Auburn CityFest 2008 will feature a variety of activities for citizens of all ages to enjoy. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Official CityFest 2008 Guide as you enter the gates at Kiesel Park.

Musical Entertainment

The Auburn CityFest 2008 entertainment line-up will feature something for everyone. Be sure to stop by the Entertainment Pavilion to catch performances throughout the day:

9:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Martha's Trouble
11:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.	Chevy 6
12:30 p.m.-1:20 p.m.	Chevy 6
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Dave Potts



Children's Imagination Station Activities

Be sure to visit the Children's Imagination Station for a variety of children's activities including inflatables, carnival games, and a variety of performances.

Bama Air Dogs

9 a.m. • 12:45 p.m. • 3:15 p.m.

Storymaker

10:15 a.m. • 1:15 p.m. • 3:45 p.m.

International Paul Bunyon Lumberjack Show

9:30 a.m. • 12 p.m. • 2:30 p.m.

Medieval Demonstration

10:45 a.m. • 1:45 p.m. • 4:15 p.m.

Gamma Phi Beta Carnival

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Activities throughout the Park

Mutt Strut

8 a.m.

Operation Boot Camp Workouts (45 minutes each)

11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Raptor Center Exhibition

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Trout Fishing, Tone Tone the Stilt Walking Clown, ArtFest Tent, Children's Art Exhibition

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Going Green Saves Green

In February, all diesel-burning vehicles in the City of Auburn's fleet converted from ultra low sulphur diesel fuel to biodiesel fuel. The new fuel is a combination of diesel fuel and fat from animal by-products. During the initial phase of the changeover, the City used B10 (10% chicken fat) and increased to B20 (20% chicken fat) after the initial 30-day trial with B10. The City will continue to increase bio level use (the B factor) as vehicle performance allows and as the availability of biodiesel dictates.

Not only is biodiesel fuel a more environmentally-friendly alternative to regular diesel fuel, but the City has also realized a cost savings during the initial phase of implementation. The City of Auburn is committed to being good stewards of both your tax dollars and of the environment. We will continue to research "green" alternatives and incorporate them in our daily practices.

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CityFest artists will be held on Wednesday, April 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ariccia Italian Trattoria & Bar. This event is free and open to the public.

For the music lovers, there will be an exciting line-up of entertainers, including Martha's Trouble, Chevy 6, and Dave Potts. In addition to musical entertainment, several food vendors will be present for the event with items for sale such as Chick-fil-A sandwiches, BBQ, hamburgers, hotdogs, and lemonade. Bring your blanket and chairs and plan to picnic on the lawn while enjoying the music.



CityFest would not be possible without the help of community volunteers. Volunteer opportunities are still available. To apply, visit the CityFest website at www.auburncityfest.com.

Plan to join us for the 8th Annual Auburn CityFest on Saturday, April 26. The event is free to the public and open to all ages. CityFest is a rain or shine event. For more information, please visit www.auburncityfest.com.

The Auburn CityFest Committee would like to thank its sponsors:

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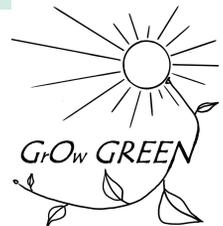
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GrOw GREEN!

The Louise Kreher Forest Ecology Preserve, an outreach program of the Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, and the City of Auburn invite citizens to GrOw GREEN on Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at The Preserve, located at 3100 AL Highway 147 N.



GrOw GREEN is a community event designed to inform citizens of simple ways to live a "greener" lifestyle in areas such as energy and water conservation. The program will feature speakers on topics such as solar power, green landscaping, sustainability, and recycling. GrOw GREEN offers something for everyone, including educational and interactive booths, a native plant sale, children's activities, hikes, and prize drawings. Prizes include a canoe or kayak trip and a bird feeder constructed from recycled materials.

Be sure to stop by the City of Auburn Environmental Services booth to find out more information on the City's recycling efforts and the Curbside Recycling program. Staff from the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department will be on hand to discuss water conservation practices and provide simple tips for conserving water in your everyday life.

Parking for the event will be available at the Preserve North parking lot, within walking distance to the event, and at Farmville Baptist Church. Shuttles will run continuously from the lots between 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.

This event is open to the public. General admission is \$1 and children five and under are free.

For more information about the event, please visit www.auburn.edu/preserve.

Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Library Board** was announced at the March 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 1 meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Cemeteries Advisory Board** was announced at the March 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 1 meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Tree Commission** was announced at the March 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 1 meeting.
- Three vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission** were announced at the March 18 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 15 meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced at the April 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 6 meeting.



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

Meeting Schedule

APRIL

- 1 Industrial Development Board**, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Development Services Building
- 2 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- 4 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
- 7 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room
- 8 Greenspace Advisory Board**, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Development Services Building
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- Board of Education**, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room
- 10 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber
- 15 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber

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- 2 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
- 5 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- 6 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 7 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- 8 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber

Meeting times and places are subject to change

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Because Every Drop Counts... Water Conservation Tip For April

Auburn residents are reminded that the City of Auburn has voluntary water restrictions in place. Despite recent surges in rainfall, voluntary restrictions will remain in effect in an effort to prevent mandatory water restrictions later this summer. Residents are asked to follow the odd/even watering system.

Even Street Numbers

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10 p.m. - 6 a.m.

Odd Street Numbers

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
10 p.m. - 6 a.m.

Job Vacancies

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

- **Police Officer**
(\$2,971.21 - 3,547.77/month)
- **Network Engineer-Web Developer**
(\$3,803.39 - 4,541.44/month)
- **GIS Programmer/Analyst**
(\$3,279.65 - 3,916.07/month)



For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org/jobs, 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.

City to Host Earth Day for Auburn City Schools 2nd Graders



The City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department, in coordination with other City departments, will host Earth Day at Kiesel Park for all Auburn City Schools 2nd graders on Thursday, April 10 and Friday, April 11. Students will participate in a variety of workshops and projects, including a recycling demonstration by the

City of Auburn Environmental Services Department and a watershed model demonstration by the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department. The Auburn Tree Commission will present a demonstration on the importance of trees and the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District will present an earth-science program. Students will also create an art project focusing on sustainability and environmentally-friendly, or green, architecture.

For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.

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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 Available...Parks and Recreation Spring Brochure - The Parks and Recreation Spring Brochure is now available at all City facilities and online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. Be sure to pick up your copy to learn about all of the classes, programs, and special events going on in the City of Auburn this spring. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays in April...Auburn Stride Walkers Club - Citizens of all ages are invited to join the Auburn Stride Walkers Club. This club meets at various City walking trails on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Schedules are posted on the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org. This program is free to the public. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946 or Dee Watson at 501-2948.



Beginning April 7...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 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information on the Gallery or future exhibitions, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

• **10th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, April 7 - May 10.** A competitive exhibition open to artists and craftspersons residing or employed in Lee County.

Beginning April 10...Auburn Area Community Theatre's *The Crazy Quilt Club* - The Auburn Area Community Theatre will present *The Crazy Quilt Club* by Pat Cook at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Performances will be held April 10 - 12 & 17 - 19 at 7:30 p.m. and April 13 & 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information, please contact the Auburn Area Community Theatre at info@auburnact.org.



May 4...Auburn Dog Club Fun Walk - Calling all dogs and dog owners! Join the Parks and Recreation Department for a fun walk on May 4 at 2 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Participants will meet at the Kiesel Park Pavilion. All ages are welcome; however, children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Each walk will begin with a brief educational seminar conducted by a representative from the Auburn University Small Animal Teaching Hospital. Walks will be at your own pace. Donations of dog food and toys will be collected for the Lee County Humane Society. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

Register by May 9...X-Cell High Ropes Challenge - Youth ages 12 - 15 years are invited to join the Parks and Recreation Department for a day of fun at the Auburn University High Ropes Course on May 24 from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The course features high elements 35 - 40 feet above the ground, including the Burma Bridge, Multi-Swing, Swing Shot, and the Zip Line. The cost is \$30 and participants must be registered by May 9. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



May 26...10th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast - The City of Auburn and the Auburn Veterans Committee cordially invite you to the 10th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast on May 26 at 8 a.m. at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. Tickets are available for \$20 each or \$200 for a table of ten. Table sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.

6th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Saturday, April 19



The Environmental Services Department will host the City's 6th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Environmental Services complex, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. This annual event offers Auburn residents the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous household chemicals stored at their homes. The City has contracted with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to manage the collection and disposal of chemicals collected during the event.

Participation in Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is limited to Auburn residential solid waste service customers only. No farm, commercial, or industrial waste, please. Residents are asked to bring a recent water bill to demonstrate proof of residency.

Participants are asked to limit the amount of material they submit for disposal to 20 pounds per household, with individual containers limited to 5 gallons each. Larger amounts must be pre-approved. The City will also collect computers and related equipment for recycling during the event.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is a rain or shine event. All City residential waste customers are encouraged to participate. For a complete list of acceptable items, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/es or contact the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.