

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## City Offers Glimpse of Auburn Via Live Web Cams

The City of Auburn's website now offers citizens and visitors a glimpse of Auburn through its new live web cams. The web cams provide live video feed at intersections throughout the downtown area. Now Auburn fans both near and far can view live footage of Toomer's Corner being rolled. To date, six cameras have been deployed utilizing the City's Wireless Mesh network system.



Screenshot of live footage at the Toomer's Corner web cam.

To view the new web cams, visit the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org) and select the "Web Cams" tab in the left-hand menu. Cameras are positioned at intersections throughout the City, including Magnolia Avenue and College Street (Toomer's Corner), Glenn Avenue and North College Street, West Glenn Avenue and North Gay Street, North Ross Street and East Glenn Avenue, North Ross Street and East Magnolia Avenue, and East Magnolia Avenue and Gay Street.

For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/cams](http://www.auburnalabama.org/cams) or contact the City of Auburn Information Technology Department at 501-7200.

## Local Site Earns National Recognition Sunny Slope added to National Register of Historic Places

The latest version of the National Register of Historic Places includes yet another piece of Auburn's history. Originally a 2,500 acre plantation, Sunny Slope sits quietly off busy South College Street. This Greek revival raised cottage, built around 1857, was the boyhood home of Governor William James Samford.

Long before Governor Samford's name adorned the famous hall on Auburn University's campus, his father, William Flewellyn Samford, became a prominent personality in Southern culture. His influential roles included those of newspaper editor, Methodist minister, teacher, politician, and author of many writings that influenced the Southern Secession in 1861. Sunny Slope plantation also served as the headquarters for two gubernatorial races and was a significant training ground for many Confederate soldiers.



The preparatory work for documenting Sunny Slope was an effort spearheaded by the Auburn Heritage Association and the Alabama Historical Commission. Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed the nomination research and made a recommendation to the State and the National Park Service that Sunny Slope be added to the National Register.

For more information on the City of Auburn's historic preservation efforts, please contact Carl Morgan, Assistant Planning Director, at [cmorgan@auburnalabama.org](mailto:cmorgan@auburnalabama.org).

## First September City Council Meeting Rescheduled

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the first City Council meeting of September has been moved to Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, located at 141 North Ross Street. The second meeting of September will be held on its regularly scheduled day, Tuesday, September 16, at 7 p.m.

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

## City of Auburn Goes to the Dogs Woofstock 2008

Join the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department and the Lee County Humane Society for Woofstock 2008 on Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Enjoy live music; visit the children's area featuring balloon animals, inflatables, and carnival games; or shop for items for your favorite pet at the vendor tents. Bring your favorite four-legged friend and enjoy the City's dog agility course and one of the only dog playgrounds in the area. Admission is free. Donations are welcomed. All proceeds go to the Lee County Humane Society.

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



## Labor Day Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor 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 September 1-5 will change as follows:

### Normal Collection Day

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

### Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Tuesday, September 2  
Wednesday, September 3  
Thursday, September 4  
Friday, September 5

## MEETING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER

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

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

**Meeting times and places are subject to change**

For a map of City meeting locations, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/maps/MeetingLocations](http://www.auburnalabama.org/maps/MeetingLocations)



Auburn City Pools will close for the season at the end of the day on Monday, September 1.

The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center will be closed to the public September 8 - 12 as City staff members present *Adventures in Art 2008* to fourth and fifth graders from Auburn City Schools.

## Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Historic Preservation Commission** was announced at the August 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 16 meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** was announced at the August 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 16 meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** will be announced at the September 3 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 7 meeting.
- Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the October 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 4 meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** will be announced at the October 21 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 18 meeting.



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

## Game Day Information

War Eagle! Football season is here and that means Fridays and Saturdays in Auburn will be filled with the sights and sounds of Auburn High School and Auburn University football. Log on to [www.auburnalabama.org/gameday](http://www.auburnalabama.org/gameday) for the latest game day information, including traffic information.

## Fall Reading at the Auburn Public Library

Explore the solar system, NASA, and the stars this fall with the Auburn Public Library. Youth ages 3 - 11 are encouraged to register for the fall reading program, *Shoot for the Stars!* Sign up today at the Youth Services Desk. Registration continues through October 15. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact the Youth Services Desk at 501-3196.

## FEMA Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study Update

Currently, Lee County is in the process of updating its Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study. The City of Auburn's FEMA Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study will also be updated as part of the countywide map modernization project.

The preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) community coordination meeting for the City of Auburn originally scheduled for this month has been postponed until a later date, to be determined by State officials. The meeting will be open to the public. Additional information regarding the study and the public meeting will be available in an upcoming issue of *Open Line*.

For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Public Works Department at 501-3000.

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## Because Every Drop Counts... Water Conservation Tip For September

Looking to help conserve water indoors? Replace existing showerheads with low flow showerheads. This simple change can reduce water usage from approximately 7 gallons/minute to 2.5 gallons/minute.

For more water conservation tips, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/waterconservation](http://www.auburnalabama.org/waterconservation)



## September is National Preparedness Month

In recognition of September as National Preparedness Month, Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. has issued a proclamation encouraging Auburn citizens to take time to review their preparedness plans for both man-made and natural disasters. Every household should have an emergency plan and supplies. For more information on how you and your family can prepare, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or call 1-800-BE-READY.

National Preparedness Month is presented by **Ready Lee County**, a community awareness campaign designed to help prepare the citizens of Lee County for emergency conditions. For more information, visit [www.leeredcross.org](http://www.leeredcross.org).

## Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park

Enjoy an evening of outdoor music at one of Auburn's premiere parks. Join the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department for the Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park Thursday nights this fall at 6 p.m. Bring your family, a picnic supper, your lawn chairs, and maybe the family dog and enjoy a free, relaxing evening of entertainment under the stars. This year's series will feature the following artists:



September 4  
September 11  
September 18  
September 25  
October 2  
October 9  
October 16

Ray Goss & Friends  
Satin Soul  
SquareBone  
County Road 12  
Auburn Road  
Dave Potts  
Noisy Deirdre



In the event of inclement weather, all concert cancellations will be posted on the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org) by 4 p.m. the day of the concert. For more information, please contact Alison Hall, Community Programs Director, 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](mailto:openline@auburnalabama.org) or call 501-7255.

*Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize any events that are not directly affiliated with a City department*



**Wednesdays in September...Preschool Story Time** - Preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Preschool Story Time every Wednesday this month at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**Thursdays in September...Toddler Time** - Toddlers ages 18 months - 3 years are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time every Thursday this month at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**Now Available...Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure** - The Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure is now available at various City facilities. Download a copy online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks/brochure.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks/brochure.asp). The brochure includes registration for fall sports and programs, as well as information on fall events such as the Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park and Downtown Trick or Treat. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



**Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays in September...Auburn Stride Walkers Club** - Citizens of all ages are invited to join the Auburn Stride Walkers Club. The club meets at various City walking trails Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m. Schedules are posted on the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks/stridewalkers.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks/stridewalkers.asp). The program is free to the public. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946 or Dee Watson at 501-2948.



**September 3...Magic Tree House Club** - Youth in grades K - 5 are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for the Magic Tree House Club September 3 at 3:30 p.m. Program space is limited. Contact Youth Services at 501-3196 to sign up.



**September 9...Puppet Show** - Youth of all ages are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for a puppet show featuring *Brer Tiger and the Big Wind* September 9 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**September 18...American Girls Club** - Youth in grades K - 5 are invited to join the American Girls Club at the Auburn Public Library September 18 at 3:30 p.m. This month's featured character is Kit. Program space is limited. Contact Youth Services at 501-3196 to sign up.



**September 23...Home School Library Skills** - Home school students ages 5 - 10 are invited to a tutorial about the Auburn Public Library and how to use reference materials September 23 at 11 a.m. Contact Youth Services at 501-3196 to sign up.



**September 27...6<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnny Ray Century Bicycle Ride** - Join the Auburn Bicycle Committee and the East Alabama Cycling Club for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnny Ray Century Ride September 27 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Opelika. This ride is the fourth part of the Auburn Bike Challenge. Registration begins at 7 am. Rides begin at 8 a.m. Participants may choose from four ride distances: 20 miles, 34 miles, 62 miles, or 101 miles. The ride will be held rain or shine. The cost is \$35 for registration forms received by September 15 and \$40 for all registration received thereafter. For more information, contact Brandy Ezelle, City of Auburn Bicycle Coordinator, at 501-3029 for more information.



**October 30...Neighborhood Trick or Treat & Downtown Trick or Treat** - Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. has declared that children may trick or treat in Auburn October 30 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. only. During that time, the Auburn Police Division will provide extra patrol throughout the City for children and their parents/guardians. As an alternative to traditional door-to-door trick or treating, the City will host its Annual Downtown Trick or Treat celebration on October 30 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Downtown merchants will be giving away candy, coupons, and other goodies to children. Live musical entertainment will also be provided. Don't miss out on your chance to win *The Best Costume Contest*. This special event is for children ages 12 years and younger and is free to the public. A parent or guardian must accompany children at all times. For more information, or if your downtown business or organization would like to participate, please contact the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.



**April 25, 2009...Auburn CityFest 2009** - Auburn CityFest 2009 is set for April 25 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Applications for fine arts, arts & crafts, food, and non-profit exhibitors are now available at [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com). A limited number of spaces are available for exhibitors, so be sure to apply today! Event sponsorships are also available. For more information, visit [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com) or contact CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930.

## Auburn Preservation League Photography Exhibition



The Auburn Preservation League (APL), in partnership with the Auburn Arts Association and the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, is pleased to present its inaugural photography exhibition at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center September 15 - 28. The exhibit will be open to the public Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The exhibition is a result of entries from the APL's first-ever photography contest and features juried photographs of historic sites in Auburn. Entries were received from artists and photographers across Lee County. A reception announcing the contest winners will be held Friday, September 19 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Arts Center. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, please visit [www.auburnpreservationleague.org](http://www.auburnpreservationleague.org) or contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.