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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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City of Auburn



Veterans Day 2014

You are invited to attend the City of Auburn's Veterans Day ceremony to be held at the Auburn Veterans Memorial at the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11. The event will include a wreath laying along with performances by the Auburn University Choir directed by Dr. William Powell, the Drake Middle School Choir directed by Chris Deason and music from bagpiper Dan Drummond. Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. will officiate. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, located at 714 East Glenn Avenue.

Attendees are encouraged to park at Felton-Little Park, 341 East Glenn Avenue or at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex, 171 North Ross Street. Parking for the disabled will be available on Ross Street between Glenn Avenue and Harper Avenue. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the City Council Chambers, 141 North Ross Street.

A key component of the park are the brick pavers in honor of individual veterans with ties to members of our community. New bricks are installed in time for the Veterans Day ceremony each year. If you would like to honor a loved one who served, bricks are available to purchase now to be installed in time for Veterans Day 2015. For more information on purchasing a brick, or to see photographs, information and locations for bricks that have been installed to date, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/Veterans and click on the Veterans Bricks menu item.



Originally known as Armistice Day, November 11 was set aside in 1919 to honor veterans of World War I, and was made a federal holiday in 1938. In 1954, after World War II and Korea, Armistice Day became Veterans Day to recognize American veterans of all wars. Please join us at the Auburn Veterans Memorial on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 to honor those who have served our country.

Distinguished Veterans Remembered

Each Memorial Day at the Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast, the Veteran's Committee honors a Distinguished Veteran. In 2014, two of Auburn's former Distinguished Veterans passed away. Read more about the lives and careers of these Distinguished Veterans at <http://www.auburnalabama.org/veterans>.



General Carl E. Mundy, Jr.,
USMC,
2005 Distinguished Veteran,
July 16, 1935-April 3, 2014



Colonel Henry Warren "Hank"
Hartsfield, Jr., USAF,
2011 Distinguished Veteran,
November 21, 1933-
July 17, 2014

November Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 27-28, in observance of Thanksgiving. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules during the holidays. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling during the week of Thanksgiving will change as follows:

Veterans Day – Week of November 10 - 14

Normal Collection Day Holiday Pickup Schedule

Monday	Monday, November 10
Tuesday	Wednesday, November 12
Wednesday	Thursday, November 13
Thursday	Friday, November 14

Thanksgiving Week of November 24 - 28

Normal Collection Day Holiday Pickup Schedule

Monday	Monday, November 24
Tuesday	Tuesday, November 25
Wednesday	Wednesday, November 26
Thursday	Wednesday, November 26

Collection carts and recycled materials must be placed on the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Please avoid placing items on or near storm drains, mailboxes, utility poles, or other fixed objects. All items should be properly contained or bundled so they do not fall into the street or down storm drains. All carts and collection bins must be removed from the curb by 6:00 a.m. the following day.

Ward 5 Public Meeting

On Monday, November 3rd, Ward 5 residents are invited to meet with their new City Council representative, Lynda Tremaine. The meeting will be held at the Frank Brown Recreation Center at 235 Opelika Road, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Auburn Police Introduce New Patrol Vehicle

Auburn residents may have noticed new police vehicles recently patrolling Auburn streets. With previous police car models being phased out by manufacturers, Auburn Police Division (APD) researched a number of vehicle options to find the best choice for patrol vehicles. APD evaluated available vehicle choices based on cost, fuel efficiency and performance. Additionally, APD staff consulted with a number of law enforcement agencies on the cost-benefit of the various police vehicles available. The best balance of all of these factors was found in the Ford Utility Police Interceptor.

The Ford vehicle is about \$1,000 less expensive than the Caprice model vehicle it replaces, offers more room for officers with bulky gear and has a rated fuel mileage comparable with other pursuit class vehicles. Several patrol vehicles must be replaced each year, due to the wear and tear these vehicles see. Vehicle replacement is determined by vehicle age, mileage and frequency and cost of repairs to the vehicle. The average lifespan of a police vehicle is typically around 5-years and 100,000 miles.



Friends of the Library Book Sale Sets Record

On Saturday, September 20, the Friends of the Auburn Public Library held their most successful book sale ever, raising \$3,882.68 to support the Auburn Public Library. All of the money raised goes to fund special library services and programs including the Summer Reading Program and One Book, One Village.

The Friends of the Auburn Public Library would like to thank the community partners who helped make the sale such a success, including First Team Construction, Two Men and a Truck, Mellow Mushroom Pizza Bakers, the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation department and the staff of the Auburn Public Library.

Board Vacancies

Two vacancies on the **Public Park and Recreation Board** will be announced at the November 18, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the December 16, 2014 City Council Meeting.



Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** were announced at the October 7, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the November 4, 2014 City Council Meeting.

One vacancy on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** was announced at the October 21, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the November 18, 2014 City Council Meeting.

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

Fitness Center Hours

Frank Brown Fitness Center Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday • 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday • 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday • 8 a.m. - Noon
Sunday • 1 - 6 p.m.

Boykin Fitness Center Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday • 6 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday • CLOSED
Sunday • 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Closed on City of Auburn holidays.

Travel with Care

This fall brought not only a new school year and football season, but a new Travel with Care campaign for 2014. Travel with Care is an annual transportation safety awareness campaign presented by the City of Auburn, Auburn University and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

The 2014 campaign focused on eliminating cell phone distractions not only for drivers, but for cyclists and pedestrians, too. The hazards of biking or driving while using a cell phone are obvious, but distracted pedestrians can walk into moving traffic, trip or step off of curbs, steps or walls or walk into stationary objects. In this year's campaign, pedestrians were encouraged to limit cell phone use and to use ear buds only in one ear so that they can hear what's going on around them, including warnings from cyclists.

Another campaign focus was on nighttime visibility. Cyclists, walkers and joggers are required by law to wear reflective material from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, and any time when there's not sufficient light to be seen from at least 500 feet away. Reflective material should be worn between the waist and shoulders on the front and back and should be visible from at least 500 feet away. Bicycles must have an operating headlight and reflectors on the front and rear spokes of the wheels and pedals. These regulations and the penalties for breaking them can be found in Section 13-11 of the Code of the City of Auburn (<http://www.auburnalabama.org/code>).

The campaign's goal is to raise awareness of transportation safety issues, educate drivers, cyclists and pedestrians on transportation rules and regulations and encourage smart, safe and courteous behavior as we share the roads, bike paths and sidewalks in Lee County. For more information, visit <http://travelwithcareauburn.com>.



All Aboard the Polar Express! Purchase Tickets for Annual Holiday Event

Next stop, The North Pole! Children ages 12 and under are invited to hop aboard the Polar Express on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The "train" will depart at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite holiday pajamas as they participate in indoor and outdoor activities, including arts & crafts, sweets & treats, story time, and a visit with some special friends from the North Pole!

Tickets for the event will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 5 and 6, only from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The cost is \$10/person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. "The Polar Express" movie will be shown at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Frank Brown Recreation Center. This showing is FREE and open to all ages. For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

MEETING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

- 3 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 4 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 5 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 7 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 E. Glenn Avenue
- 10 Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., DSB Conference Room, 171 North Ross Street
- 13 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 18 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 20 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 25 Library Board**, 2 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/boards.

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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 501-7266.

up COMING EVENTS

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

Auburn Public Library

For more information, contact Auburn Public Library's Youth Services at 501-3196.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Baby Time – Tuesdays at 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for ages birth – 18 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Time – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for ages 18 months – 3 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Time – Thursdays at 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for preschoolers ages 3 – 5 years and their caregivers.

Pajama Time – Monday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. Put on your pajamas, grab a blanket and a favorite bedtime "lovey," and join us for cozy stories, music and family fun during this special Monday evening story time!

Family Storytime – Sunday, November 23, 4:00 p.m. Bring the whole family and join us for stories, songs and family fun!

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

Puppet Show – Wednesday, November 5, at 3:30 p.m. for ages 3 – 7. Featuring "Falling for Rapunzel."

Fractured Fairytales – Wednesday, November 12 at 3:30 p.m. for ages 4 – 7. Featuring "The Princess and the Pea" by John Cech and "The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas" by Tony Wilson.

Poetry for Kids – Wednesday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m. for grades 3 – 5. Students will be writing rhyming poems about things for which they are thankful.

Legomania – Join us every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for "free play" with Legos®.

FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Gamers' Club – Thursday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. for ages 9 – 12 and Thursday, November 13 at 4:00 p.m. for ages 13 – 18. For more information, call Youth Services at 501-3196.

LitWits – Tuesday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 18 at 4:30 p.m. for ages 13 – 18. November 4 – Mysteries. November 18, "My Favorite Book."

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR TEENS!

Mockingjay Release Party – May the odds be ever in your favor... The Capitol (Auburn Public Library) cordially invites you to celebrate the release of the first Mockingjay Movie on Thursday November 20 from 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm. We will be screening the Hunger Games and Catching Fire and playing a few of our own "hunger games." Ages 13-18.

Parks and Recreation

For more information on any of the events listed, or to pre-register for a program, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.

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 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Photo XVI Juried Exhibition, Oct. 15 - Nov. 21. Annual photography competition featuring works by regional artists and photographers.

Nov. 14 - 23...AACT Presents "It's A Wonderful Life" - The Auburn Area Community Theatre (AACT) is pleased to present "It's A Wonderful Life" Nov. 14, 15, and 20 - 22 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Advance reservations are recommended.

Beginning Dec. 8...Daddy-Daughter Date Night 2015 Tickets on Sale ONLINE! - Tickets to Daddy-Daughter Date Night (DDDN) 2015 go on sale Monday, Dec. 8 at 8 a.m. at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. NEW THIS YEAR - all tickets will be sold online. DDDN 2015 will be held Feb. 5 - 7 at the Clarion Inn & Suites University Center on South College Street. This event SELLS OUT, so be sure to purchase your tickets early! Tickets are \$35/couple and \$5 for each additional child. Participants must live or work in Auburn to purchase tickets.



Now Accepting Holiday Art Sale Vendors

Calling all artists! The Auburn Arts Association and Auburn Parks and Recreation will host the 8th Annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and Harris Center. The Holiday Art Sale offers citizens a festive and unique shopping experience with local artists selling creative, handmade works. Admission to the event is FREE for all ages!

Interested in participating as a vendor? Applications are now available for a limited number of vendor spaces. Visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks to download an application. In lieu of a vendor fee, vendors are asked to donate 10% of the proceeds of sales to the Auburn Arts Association.

For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Cari Cleckler, Art Education Specialist, at 501-2944.