

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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City of Auburn



2016 Veterans Day Ceremony

Residents are invited to attend the City of Auburn's Veterans Day ceremony to be held at the Auburn Veterans Memorial beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11. 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 at 341 East Glenn Avenue and the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex at 171 North Ross Street. Parking for the disabled will be available on Ross Street, between Glenn Avenue and Harper Avenue, which will be closed to through traffic during the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the City Council Chamber at 141 North Ross Street.

Please join us as we gather in concert with communities throughout the nation on Friday, November 11, 2016 to honor our nation's heroes.



Carol Ham with Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. at the Auburn Veterans Memorial

Kevin Bell Memorial Clay Shoot | Saturday, October 15

The former Kevin Bell Memorial Blast & Cast is now the Kevin Bell Memorial Clay Shoot. The event has raised \$24,000 for the Auburn Veterans Committee in the past 3 years. That tradition of success will continue on Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Orvis Shooting Grounds at Pursell Farms, 386 Tall-edege Springs Road in Sylacauga.

The event will include a biscuit breakfast, a course of 12 Sporting Clay Stations with varying degrees of difficulty, lunch and an awards presentation to conclude the event. Participants can bring their own guns and ammo (100 shots) or rent/purchase on-site. Tickets are \$200 per shooter, \$800 for a four-person team. Checks should be made payable to the Auburn Veterans Committee.

For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Andy LaMar at (334) 740-9269.



Veterans Day Holiday Schedule

Auburn City Hall, the Auburn Public Library and city facilities will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules during the holiday. The schedule for garbage, trash, and recycling collection during the week of Veterans Day, November 7-11, will not change.

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedules

Auburn City Hall, the Auburn Public Library and city facilities will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules during the holidays. Other City schedule changes include:

The Auburn Public Library will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23 and re-open on Saturday, November 26 at 9 a.m.

The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling during the week of Thanksgiving will change as listed below. Please note that this is the only holiday this year where your pickup day may take place earlier than usual.

Thanksgiving Collection Schedule

Normal Day	Holiday Collection Schedule
Monday	No change
Tuesday	No change
Wednesday	No change
Thursday	Wednesday, November 23

As always, 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 a.m. the following day.



Election 2016

Polls will be open for the general election on November 8, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please note that this is not a municipal election, and your voting location could be different from your municipal voting location.

To register to vote, look up your voting location, request an absentee ballot application or see a sample ballot for the election, visit AlabamaVotes.gov.

The absentee ballot office is located at the Lee County Meeting Center, 215 S 10th Street, directly behind the Lee County Courthouse in Opelika.



MEETING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

- 1 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 11:45 a.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 2 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 3 Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 4 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 4 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 E. Glenn Avenue
- 7 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 8 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., DSB Conference Room, 171 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 10 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 15 Library Board**, 4 p.m., Library Conference Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- 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
- 17 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 29 Bike Committee**, 7 p.m., Library Conference 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.

Planning for the Future: Parks, Recreation and Culture

Make your voice heard as Auburn plans for the future in two key areas. As this issue of Open Line hits mailboxes throughout October, public meetings are scheduled for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan and the Northwest Auburn Neighborhood Plan as follows:

Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan Public Meeting #2 – Tuesday, October 11 at 6 p.m. at the Harris Center at 425 Perry Street

Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan Auburn Public Library Meetings - Wednesday, October 19 at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Harris Center

Northwest Auburn Neighborhood Plan Public Meeting #2 – Tuesday, October 25 at 6 p.m. at the Boykin Community Center Auditorium at 400 Boykin Street

Stay tuned to auburnalabama.org for updated meeting announcements.

Ward 5 Public Meeting

Ward 5 Councilperson Lynda Tremaine will hold her monthly public meeting for Ward 5 residents on Monday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Meeting Room at 122 Tichenor Avenue (side entrance). City of Auburn Director of Public Affairs David Dorton will be her guest to discuss the City's various outlets for communicating with residents.

Auburn Public Safety Toy Drive

The City of Auburn Public Safety Department begins its 2016 Auburn Toy Drive on October 4, 2016. The toy drive will assist families in the Auburn community by providing Christmas gifts to children in need from ages two through eight.

To register children to receive a gift, visit the Auburn Police Division at 141 North Ross Street on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is open from October 4 through November 9. Parents or legal guardians must provide a picture ID, the social security card and birth certificate of the child, and two of the following: a current light bill, water bill or lease/rental agreement.

To donate to the Auburn Toy Drive, drop off a gift at any Auburn Fire Division station or the Auburn Police Division. Thanks to the generosity of Uncle Bob's Self Storage, two remote drop points have also been established at their stores located at 1231 Gatewood Drive and 2020 South College Street. Donated gifts should be delivered unwrapped. All donations are extremely important, but monetary donations can not be accepted.

Gifts will be sorted into age-appropriate categories, and will be delivered the week before Christmas.

Please remember those that may be less fortunate during this holiday season.

Questions regarding the Auburn Toy Drive can be directed to the Auburn Police Division at 334-501-3129.

Frying a Turkey for the Holidays?

If your holiday plans include frying a turkey, don't pour the leftover grease down the drain, recycle it through the City of Auburn's Cooking Oil/Grease Recycling Program. To participate, simply pour any used cooking oil (after it has cooled) into its original, leak-proof container and drop it off at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. While you're there, pick up a new empty container for future use, courtesy of the City of Auburn.

Please help us keep our sewers clean by disposing of household cooking oil and grease in the proper manner. Please visit auburnalabama.org/wrm or the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department at 501-3060 for more information.



New Traffic Signal

Work is underway on a new traffic signal at the intersection of West Samford Avenue and East University Drive. Once installed, the signal will initially operate in "flash mode" to allow motorists to become familiar with the new light. Drivers are urged to exercise caution in the area while getting used to this much needed new traffic signal. Stay tuned to the City of Auburn online, on social media and via eNotifier for notification of when the new signal will begin operation.

Board Vacancies

Two vacancies for the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** will be announced at the October 18, 2016 meeting and will be filled at the November 15, 2016 City Council Meeting.

One vacancy for the **Public Park and Recreation Board** will be announced at the November 1, 2016 meeting and will be filled at the December 20, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Two vacancies for the **Cemeteries Advisory Board** will be announced at the November 15, 2016 meeting and will be filled at the December 6, 2016 City Council Meeting.

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



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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 ddorton@auburnalabama.org or call 501-7266.

upCOMING EVENTS

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

Auburn Public Library

Engagement and Outreach: 334-501-3198 | auburnalabama.org/library

NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) – Want to write your own novel? Learn about self-publishing? Meet local authors? The Auburn Public Library can help you do all of these. NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month. Throughout November, budding authors aim to write a novel in 30 days! The Auburn Public Library will be a designated writing space, and we'll host several programs dedicated to the novel writing experience. All NaNoWriMo events are free and open to all ages, except where otherwise noted. Refreshments will be provided at all events.

BOOK CLUBS

Show and Tell- Monday, November 21 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library- a book club where you can read any book!

Read & Reflect- Tuesday, November 29 at 10 a.m. at the Harris Senior Center, featuring *The Atomic Weight of Love* by Elizabeth J. Church

Lit Wits- a book club for teens- Tuesday, November 8 at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Gamer's Society- an afternoon of gaming Thursday at 4 p.m. for ages 10-18

Open Mic Poetry Night- Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. Calling all poets! Come read your work at the Auburn Public Library. Refreshments provided.

Adult Coloring Club- Join us Thursdays at 10 a.m. for a relaxing hour of adult coloring in the conference room.

Auburn Adult Gamers- Monday, November 14- 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – Bring your favorite game to the Auburn Public Library, and join us as we meet and mingle with other fun-loving adult gamers! Refreshments provided.

STORYTIMES

Baby Time - Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Toddler Time - Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Preschool Storytime - Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

New! Saturday STEM Storytime - Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Parks and Recreation

Auburn Parks and Recreation: 501-2930 | auburnalabama.org/parks.

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday, November 19 for the Auburn University home football games.

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. For more information, please call 334.501.2930.

Registration for Winter Quarter Programs will begin on Monday, November 7 and will end on Wednesday, November 30. Registration for all Winter Quarter programs, unless otherwise noted in the quarterly brochure, will take place at the Harris Center on weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. To learn more about our Winter Quarter programs, please refer to our brochure at www.auburnalabama.org/parks or pick up a copy at any Parks and Recreation facility.

Be sure to save the date for these important upcoming Parks and Recreation events and activities:

High School Basketball registration ends on Wednesday, November 30 at the Harris Center.

28th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night tickets go on sale online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks on Monday, December 5. For more information, please visit us online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Dana Stewart at 334.501.2950 or dstewart@auburnalabama.org.

2017 Splash Passes go on sale at the Harris Center on Monday, December 5.

Frank Brown Recreation Center Racquetball Tournament will be held on Sunday, November 20 from 2 – 6 p.m. The tournament will host open singles (men's and women's divisions), single elimination and match play brackets. Pre-registration is required and will be taken through September 1 – October 31 at the Harris Center. The cost is \$15. For more information, please contact Dee Watson at 334.501.2948 or dee@auburnalabama.org.

ACTA First Friday Tennis Mixer will be Friday, November 4 at the Yarbrough Tennis Center. For more information, please email auburncta@yahoo.com.

All aboard! Tickets for the 2016 Polar Express Holiday Event will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday, November 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The 2016 Polar Express Holiday Event will be held on Saturday, December 3 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, with "train" sessions at 9 a.m., noon and 2:30 p.m. Children will be able to enjoy tasty treats, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, make holiday-themed crafts and so much more! Tickets are \$12 per person and must be purchased in person at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Only a limited number of tickets are available. For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or call the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 334.501.2963.

10th annual Holiday Art Sale Vendor Applications are now available! The Auburn Arts Association, Auburn Parks and Recreation and the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center will host the 10th annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Local artists will be selling paintings, pottery, stained glass, photography, jewelry and much more! Vendors will be set up in the Harris Center, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and Frank Brown Recreation Center. If you are interested in becoming a vendor for this event, please download an application at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. A limited number of exhibition spaces are available – so sign up early! For more information, please contact Cari Cleckler at 334.501.2944 or cleckler@auburnalabama.org.

JDCAC presents the Photo XVII Juried Exhibition on display in the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Art Gallery from October 14 – November 30. This annual photography competition features works by regional artists and photographers. The Photo XVII Juried Exhibition is free and open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, call the Arts Center at 334.501.2963.