

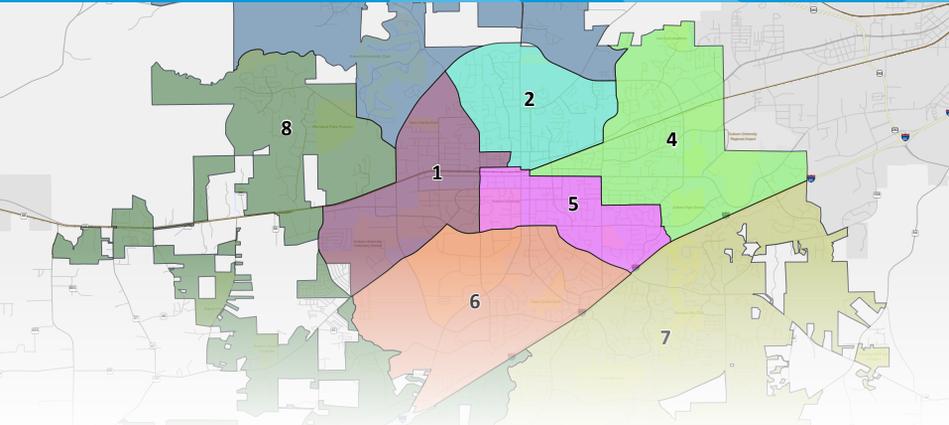
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a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

JANUARY 2022



City of Auburn



Redistricting process underway

The City has begun steps to adjust the boundaries of our eight wards based on population data from the 2020 U.S. Census. After each census, state and federal law requires municipalities to review and, if needed, redraw district boundaries so that each district has — as nearly as possible — an equal population.

Over the last 10 years, the populations in Auburn's districts have become uneven as property has been annexed, new developments have occurred and people have moved to and within the city. Once we received the 2020 Census data this fall, a team of City staff worked with legal experts to evaluate the data and have developed new proposed boundaries for each of Auburn's eight wards.

On Nov. 10, the redistricting plan was presented to the Auburn City Council in a public work session, and a webpage went live allowing the public to view the proposed changes and submit input online. Open houses were held on Nov. 18 and Dec. 6, giving residents a chance to review maps and ask City staff questions or provide feedback.

All are encouraged to review the proposed changes and provide feedback via an online survey at auburnalabama.org/redistricting.

The proposed changes are tentatively scheduled to go before the City Council for first reading at its Dec. 21 meeting. The public will also have an opportunity to give feedback at that time and at a subsequent City Council meeting should the plan go to second reading. The redistricting plan must be approved at least six months before the 2022 Auburn municipal election, which will be held Aug. 23, 2022.

The City of Auburn encourages all Auburn residents to review the proposed changes and provide input as the process continues. Find more information at auburnalabama.org/redistricting.

10th annual Polar Plunge

JANUARY 29 • 9 A.M.

Sign up, dive in and raise money for a great cause! Brave the cold at the 10th annual Polar Plunge on Saturday, Jan. 29, at Samford Pool (465 Wrights Mill Road). Recruit sponsors to support you as you take the plunge in support of Lee County Special Olympics.

Silver will be the theme for this 10th anniversary event, and individual and group costumes following the theme are encouraged! To register, visit auburnalabama.org/parks. This event is presented by Auburn Parks and Recreation and Lee County Special Olympics. All proceeds from the Polar Plunge benefit Lee County Special Olympics. For more information contact Elizabeth Kaufman at ekaufman@auburnalabama.org.



Boards and commission vacancies

Two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Adjustment will be announced at the Dec. 7 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Jan. 4 meeting. Applications will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 27. Visit auburnalabama.org/boards to apply or to find more information about volunteering for one of 22 boards and commissions.

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Cold weather safety tips for pets



It's important to take care of your pets as the colder temperatures come to our area. Our Animal Control Division reminds you of the following tips to keep your pet healthy and comfortable in colder weather:

Provide Shelter: A well-constructed dog house insulated with clean, dry bedding, such as straw, wood shavings or a blanket, will help keep your dog warm. Face the dog house opening away from the direction that the wind normally blows to help hold in warmth and prevent rain infiltration. It's also a good idea to add a weather-resistant door flap. A flap can be purchased or, in a pinch, a heavy-duty fabric, old vehicle mud flap or a piece of linoleum flooring will do.

Water: Make sure your pet always has access to fresh, clean water. Proper hydration is important to help your dog stay warm. It's also important to check water bowls often to make sure the water doesn't freeze over. To prevent lightweight bowls from tipping over, you can secure a bucket to a post or a tree, place the bucket inside of an old tire or dig a hole in the ground and place the bucket inside of it.

Food: Monitor your pet's diet. Animals expend more calories in colder months than warmer times of year to keep warm. You may need to increase your pet's daily amount of food to compensate.

Cold Sensitive Pets: Remember that colder temperatures may be harder on some pets than others. Short hair breeds, smaller breeds

and dogs that are young or old are more susceptible to the cold and should be closely monitored while outdoors. If your dog is sensitive to the cold because of age, illness or breed, adjust winter care accommodations accordingly.

Hypothermia: Know the warning signs! Hypothermia is a potentially deadly condition where the body temperature falls below normal. Signs include shivering, lethargy and lack of coordination. If you notice any of these symptoms in your pet, immediately move the animal to a warm location and wrap it in a blanket. Contact a veterinarian while warming your pet.

If you have a concern about an animal, document what you see including the date, time, exact location, type of animal and as many other details as possible. Then contact the City of Auburn Animal Control Division at (334) 501-3090. After hours, please contact the Auburn Police Division at (334) 501-3100.

House check for the holidays

Heading out of town for a while and need someone to keep an eye on your home? Our Auburn Police Department can help.

Auburn Police offer periodic house checks at no cost to Auburn residents. If you're going to be away from your home for an extended amount of time, you can fill out a form at auburnalabama.org/police/house-check or call (334) 501-3150 to sign up for the service. Please include helpful information like if you'll be leaving vehicles parked at the residence, if lights will be left on or if you expect any authorized visitors. Be sure to leave us your local emergency contacts, and before you leave, make sure to lock your doors and secure all windows.

This is just one way that we're working to keep our community safe during the holiday season! For more tips and info about services, follow Auburn Public Safety on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @COAPublicSafety.



2022 Holiday Collection Schedule

The New Year brings a new garbage, trash and recycling pickup schedule. Keep this list to refer to throughout the year and avoid missing your garbage pickup day. You can also find the schedule online at auburnalabama.org/garbage-and-recycling. To find your collection day, look up your address at webgis.auburnalabama.org/coamap or call (334) 501-3080.

Monday's Route: ■ Tuesday's Route: ■ Wednesday's Route: ■ Thursday's Route: ■ Holiday: ■

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January holiday schedule

City Hall and most City facilities will close on Friday, Dec. 31, for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 17, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. The Auburn Public Library's book drops will remain open, and the online collection of ebooks, e-audiobooks, and digital magazines are available 24/7. Keep an eye on news.auburnalabama.org for Parks and Recreation facility hours during the holidays.

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JANUARY 2022 **upcoming events**

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	Programs & events are subject to change. Find up-to-date information at auburnlabama.org .	<i>Background Photo: Polar Plunge</i>			Auburn Public Library City Meetings Parks & Recreation Citywide Events	1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> Story Time (in person/virtual) Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
2	3 Family Movie 3:30 p.m. Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m. Ward 4 Meeting 5:30 p.m. Tails & Trails Fun Run Registration Opens	4 Story Time (in person/virtual) Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 7 p.m. Spring Sports Online Registration Begins	5 Story Time (in person/virtual) Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.	6 Story Time (in person/virtual) Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.	7 Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.	8
9	10 Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon Apps Open for 2022 Aquatics Positions	11 Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m. Reading Readiness Workshop 5:30 p.m.	12	13 City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m. Planning Commission 5 p.m.	14	15
16	17 Library Board 10 a.m. Greenspace Advisory Board Noon Reader's Review Book Club 5:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 7 p.m. Walk-In Spring Sports Registration	18 Storytelling with Carmen Agra Deedy 6 p.m.	19	20 Water Works Board 4 p.m.	21	22
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30	31	City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m. Budgeting 101 5:30 p.m.			Polar Plunge 9 a.m.	