

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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City of Auburn

2017 Veterans Day ceremony

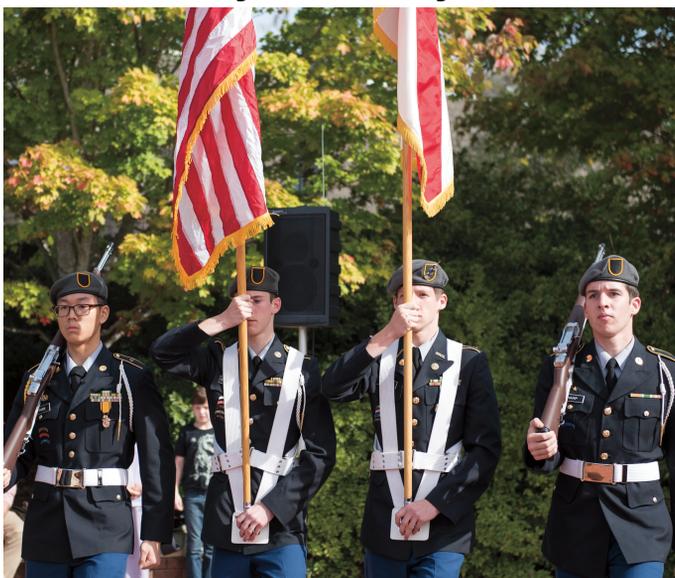
Please join us on Friday, Nov. 10, at the Auburn Veterans Memorial as we gather in concert with communities throughout the nation to honor those who have served our country.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. will officiate a ceremony honoring our nation's heroes. The event will include an address from Colonel Fred Lacy, U.S. Army, performances by the East Samford School Choir, directed by Chris Deason, a wreath laying and a closing bagpipe performance by Dan Drummond.

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 714 E. Glenn Ave.

Attendees are encouraged to park at Felton Little Park at 341 E. Glenn Ave. and at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex at 171 N. Ross St. 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.

The ceremony will be held in the City Council Chamber at 141 N. Ross St. in the event of inclement weather.



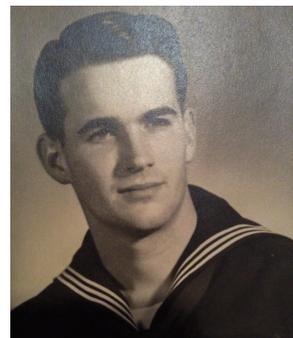
Distinguished Veterans Remembered

Each Memorial Day at the Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast, the Veteran's Committee honors a Distinguished Veteran. Two of Auburn's former Distinguished Veterans passed away in 2017. Read more about Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and Cmdr. Tom Eden at auburnalabama.org/veterans/awards.



Lieutenant General Hal Moore, USA

2003 Distinguished Veteran
Feb. 13, 1922-Feb. 10, 2017



Commander Tom Eden, USNR

2014 Distinguished Veteran
Sept. 6, 1927-May 15, 2017

Kevin Bell Memorial Shoot

The Kevin Bell Memorial Shoot, formerly the Blast & Cast, will be held on Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The annual event has raised thousands of dollars for the Auburn Veterans Scholarship Foundation, which provides a minimum of two \$2,000 scholarships each year to assist local veterans or their dependents in attending a local post-secondary educational institution.

This year's event will begin with a biscuit breakfast at Orvis Shooting Grounds at Pursell Farms, 386 Talladega Springs Road in Sylacauga. Participants will play a course of 12 sporting clay stations with varying degrees of difficulty followed by lunch and an awards presentation.

Participants should bring their own shotguns and ammo (five boxes of ammunition are suggested). A four-person cart is included. Tickets are \$200 per shooter and \$800 for a four-person team. Checks should be made payable to the Auburn Veterans Committee.

Contact Sam Nichols at (334) 826-9028 or Meg Beard at meg.beard@raymondjames.com for more information or to reserve your spot.

Auburn Public Library eliminates overdue fines

The Auburn Public Library adopted a policy change on Oct. 1 to stop charging patrons overdue library fines. The policy change was approved by the Auburn Public Library Board during their August meeting in an effort to make the library more accessible to all community members.

Approximately 15 percent of registered patrons can no longer use the library because of the fines and fees on their accounts. Some who have accrued these overdue fines can't afford to pay them, and many of these patrons—including families with young children—often rely on library resources the most. By eliminating overdue fines, the library board hopes to see more people using the library over the next several months.

Patrons will still be held responsible for the items that they borrow. For example, patrons with overdue items will not be able borrow any additional items. Once an item is 30 days overdue, the patron will be billed for the replacement cost of the item. However, if the item is returned, replacement charges will be waived. The library will also send out more frequent reminders and notices so that patrons are aware of what items they have borrowed and when those items are due.

Library staff began the process of waiving overdue fines on patrons' accounts in August, and all accounts have now been cleared of past charges.



Auburn Public Safety Toy Drive accepting donations

It's time again for the Public Safety Department's annual Toy Drive! Each year, the program helps Auburn families by providing Christmas gifts for children in need ages 2 through 8.

Sign up kicked off on Tuesday, Oct. 3, and will continue every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. until Wednesday, Oct. 25. Auburn residents may register a child to receive a gift at the Auburn Police Division, 141 N. Ross St. To qualify to receive a gift, a parent or legal guardian must provide a picture ID, the child's social security card and birth certificate, a copy of either a lease or mortgage and a current utility bill.

Want to be part of making a child's Christmas brighter? Unwrapped donations can be dropped off at Auburn Fire Stations #2 through #5, as Fire Station #1 is closed for renovations, or the Auburn Police Division. Thanks to the generosity of Life Storage, donations can also be dropped off at their two locations at 2020 S. College St. and 1231 Gatewood Drive. Donations will be placed into age-appropriate categories with delivery scheduled for the week before Christmas.

No monetary donations can be accepted, but any purchased gift is greatly appreciated. Let's help make a difference in the lives of these children! Call (334) 501-3129 for more information about the Auburn Toy Drive.



Veterans Day Holiday schedule

Auburn City Hall, the Auburn Public Library and other City facilities will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day. Public Safety services, including police, fire and communications, will remain on their regular schedules during the holiday.

The garbage, trash and recycling collection schedule will not change during the week of Veterans Day, Nov. 6-10.

Board Vacancies

Two vacancies for the **Parks and Recreation Advisory board** will be announced at the Oct. 3 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Nov. 7 meeting.

Find out more information about volunteering for one of our boards and commissions at the new website auburnalabama.org/boards-and-commissions. Additional materials, such as a resume or letter of interest, may be attached to the application form. Please note, incumbents may be eligible for reappointment, and appointment dates may be subject to change at the Council's discretion.

Completed forms can be emailed to boards@auburnalabama.org, sent via mail or delivered in person to City Hall, 144 Tichenor Ave., Auburn, AL, 36830.

Blue Friday Blitz

Join us for a quick jog through downtown Auburn to work off those Turkey Day calories on Friday, Nov. 24, at 8 a.m.! This 1.5-mile walk/run may be done on your own at your own pace or with the group.

Beginning at Toomer's Corner, we will run down South College Street and back to Toomer's on Gay Street. Afterwards, we invite you to spend the morning shopping the Blue Friday specials in downtown Auburn.

Pre-registration is not required. The event is FREE and stroller friendly! Visit activeauburn.org for details.

For more upcoming Parks and Recreation events and news, visit auburnalabama.org/parks.

National Novel Writing Month

A 50,000 word novel in 30 days? Up for the challenge? Throughout the month of November, budding authors will aim to write a novel as part of National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo.

The Auburn Public Library will be a designated writing space this year, hosting several programs dedicated to the novel writing experience. Activities will include:

Kickoff event – Nov. 1, 6-8 p.m.

Write-Ins – Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.

Halfway There Write-In – Nov. 15, 6-8 p.m.

All Night Write – Nov. 30, 6-8 p.m.

All NaNoWriMo events are free and open to all ages. Refreshments will be provided at all events.

For more information about the Auburn Public Library, upcoming events and weekly programs, visit auburnalabama.org/library.

Thanksgiving holiday schedules

Auburn City Hall, the Auburn Public Library and other City facilities will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The Auburn Public Library will close on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. and reopen on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 9 a.m.

Public Safety services, including police, fire and communications, will remain on their regular schedules during the holiday.

Garbage, trash and recycling will be collected as usual on Monday, Nov. 20, and Tuesday, Nov. 21. Wednesday's and Thursday's routes will be collected on Wednesday, Nov. 22. No routes will run on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24.

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.

Free downtown holiday parking

Take advantage of free parking during the holidays to visit downtown Auburn! Parking will be free on Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Parking is available in the Gay Street Parking lot, in the Tichenor Avenue Lot, along Magnolia Avenue, College Street, and Tichenor Avenue. Remember, valet parking is now available during peak brunch, lunch and dinner hours throughout the week!



MEETING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

- 1 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 3 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 E. Glenn Avenue
- 6 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 7 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 11:45 a.m., 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
- 9 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 14 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
- 16 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 21 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
- 28 Bike Committee**, 7 p.m., Library Conference Room, 749 East Thach Avenue

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, please visit
www.auburnalabama.org/boards-and-commissions.



The BIG Event is a one-day student-run service project sponsored by Auburn University's Office of Student Involvement. The BIG Event serves as a way for Auburn students to give back to the surrounding communities that offer continual support to the university in so many ways. This project is not based on financial need, but it is rather a way of simply saying thank you!

2018 Jobsite Request Form

If your business, church, household, or organization would like to request student volunteers for **The BIG Event on Saturday, March 3, 2018**, please fill out the following information and return in an envelope addressed to the following by **Wednesday, January 31, 2018.**

****If you are requesting more than one job site, please fill out ONE FORM PER JOB SITE.****

**255 Duncan Drive
3130 AU Student Center
Auburn, AL 36849
ATTN: The BIG Event**

For more information, contact us at 334-844-4737 or visit <http://auburn.edu/involve/leadership-service>

Contact Name: _____

Jobsite Address: _____

Special Instructions to Reach Jobsite: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Alt. Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____

Are you a U.S. Veteran? _____ **What branch did you serve in?** _____

Brief Description of work requested: _____

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