

# Open Line

## A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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### 16th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast

Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. and the Auburn Veterans Committee cordially invite Auburn citizens to attend the 16th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday, May 26th at 8 a.m. at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. This annual event is held to honor the United States Military and those soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice. Tickets for the breakfast will be available starting April 21st at City Hall for \$25 each or \$250 for a table of 10. Proceeds from ticket sales go to the Auburn Veterans Memorial Fund.

### 2014 Distinguished Veteran

Retired Naval Commander Tom Eden will be the guest of honor and the recipient of the 2014 City of Auburn Distinguished Veteran Award. Eden graduated from West End High School in Nashville, Tennessee where he was a member of the Junior Army ROTC program. During World War II, he was drafted into the United States Navy at age 17. After serving the Navy aboard ship, he was honorably discharged and entered the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He graduated with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture with a specialty in Landscape Design. After graduation, Eden was called to serve in the Korean War as an officer in the Navy. He completed 23 years of active and reserve duty, retiring as a Commander. Eden has called Auburn home since attending Alabama Polytechnic Institute. After retiring from the Navy he spent his time teaching Landscape Design at Auburn University.

### 2014 Hero Remembered

This year marks the third year the Auburn Heroes Remembered Award will be presented to the family of a local distinguished veteran who has passed away. This year's Auburn Heroes Remembered Award will go to Jonathan "Jay" Crowder. Crowder was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, class of 1944. He then joined the battleship Massachusetts in the Pacific theater, where he earned his 'Gold Wings' as a Naval Aviator during World War II. As commander of the "Heavy Photographic Squadron" VCP-61 at NAS Agana in Guam, his mission included flying the first A3D-2P jets for cartographic mapping in the Pacific Ocean and updating maps of Vietnam, New Zealand and China. He later became the executive officer of the aircraft carrier Oriskany. Crowder was promoted to captain and became the commander of the Naval Photographic Center in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw the official photography of the White House and Lyndon B. Johnson Library. After 33 years in the Navy, Crowder retired to Auburn and was instrumental in forming what is now the Veteran's Committee, originally tasked by Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. to raise funds for the Auburn Veterans Memorial.

### Wreath Laying

Immediately following the breakfast, at 10 a.m., Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. will lead a memorial wreath laying ceremony at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument, located at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Ceremony attendees are encouraged to park at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex and Felton Little Park. During the ceremony, Ross Street will be closed from Glenn Avenue to Harper Avenue to allow for parking for the disabled.

Please join us on Monday, May 26th, as we honor the men and women who have courageously served our country. For more information, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/veterans](http://www.auburnalabama.org/veterans) or contact the City of Auburn at 501-7270.



## **Richardson Receives Alabama USTA Hall of Fame Recognition**

City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Director, Becky Richardson, was inducted into the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Alabama Hall of Fame on Saturday, March 20, 2014. The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis. Its mission as a diverse not-for-profit organization is focused on growing and developing the game while making it accessible to everyone.

Becky has epitomized that mission in her extensive work with USTA Southern Section and USTA Alabama. She has championed the sport in Auburn and throughout the Southeast by serving in various leadership positions with both USTA branches. Additionally, Becky has captained several Alabama State Cup and Auburn league teams, volunteered with countless Auburn tournaments, and helped provide quality tennis facilities, including her instrumental role in the City's partnership with Auburn University to provide an exceptional tennis facility, the Yarbrough Tennis Center, for the Auburn community. She has contributed her time, talents, and financial resources to promote and develop the game of tennis in our area.



## **22nd Annual Fishing Rodeo Sponsored by Evans Realty**

Reel in some fun as Auburn Parks and Recreation presents the 22nd Annual Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by Evans Realty, on Saturday, May 17 from 8 - 11 a.m. at the lake at Auburn Technology Park South. Bring your lucky fishing pole and we'll supply the bait. Over \$300 worth of door prizes will be presented to lucky participants and prizes will be awarded for the biggest and smallest fish caught.

The first 150 children to register will receive a rod and reel, courtesy of Evans Realty! This is your chance to reel in the biggest catch of the year and the only time to fish the lake at Auburn Tech Park South. Please note, there is a limit of five fish per child and parents must accompany their children at all times. Registration is \$5, payable the day of the event. Advance registration is not accepted. For more information, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks) or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

## **Trash Amnesty Week May 19-23**

During the spring, many Auburn residents work to beautify homes and yards. During the week of May 19-23, 2014, fees normally assessed to Auburn residents for the collection of oversized yard debris and other bulky waste will be waived to accommodate these "spring cleaning" needs. Residents are asked to abide by the following guidelines when placing items out for collection:

Debris should be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. Please avoid placing items on or near mailboxes, utility boxes or 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.

The City will accept yard waste, appliances, and bulky items for collection. No other waste materials, including household garbage or hazardous waste, should be placed out for collection with debris.

Limbs and other debris should be no longer than 5 feet in length.

To facilitate recycling efforts, please separate all wood debris, including limbs and grass clippings, from metal items.

Every reasonable effort will be made to maintain the established collection schedule but due to the large volume of debris expected during Trash Amnesty Week, citizens may experience a delay in their collection schedule.

For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.

## **May Concert Series at Town Creek Park**

Auburn Parks and Recreation presents free music in the park every Thursday in May from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the May Concert Series at Town Creek Park. This FREE, outdoor concert series includes performances by local and regional acts. Bring your family and friends and join us for a relaxing evening of musical entertainment. Don't forget your blankets, chairs, and picnic baskets and as always, dogs are welcome! For more information, please contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930 or visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks).



## Auburn Communications: 911

As this issue of Open Line hits mailboxes, National 911 Education Month is underway. This month-long national campaign is designed to help citizens of all ages recognize the crucial role that 911 services play in our lives and to help us all be prepared if we ever need them.

The Communications Division of the Auburn Public Safety Department is responsible for receiving 911 calls for service and for dispatching and relaying information to police, fire and first responders. The Communications Division uses the latest computerized technology including Enhanced 911, Phase 2 911 and the City of Auburn's extensive GIS mapping data to ensure that police, fire and emergency medical assistance can be dispatched as quickly as possible.

Auburn Communications handles all 911 calls originating from within the Auburn city limits, Auburn University and the Auburn Police jurisdiction. In Fiscal Year 2013, the Communications Division handled 194,439 emergency dispatch calls.

A 911 call represents a high-stress emergency situation and may well involve a life or death emergency. Emergencies can happen at any time, and we should always be prepared. In an emergency scenario, you can help Auburn Public Safety render assistance as quickly and efficiently as possible by remembering the following:

**Know your Location:** When you dial 911, your call is directed to the nearest 911 Communications Center. Know the address where the emergency is happening or be able to provide street names, intersections, businesses or other nearby landmarks to help emergency personnel find you as quickly as possible.

**Remain Calm and Give Detailed Information:** Auburn's professional communications staff are trained to get the information emergency responders need to be able to come to your assistance. As concisely as possible, answer all of questions the operators ask and follow their instructions. As they speak with you, they're entering information into a Computer Aided Dispatch system which gives emergency responders the information needed to quickly and efficiently respond.

**Don't Hang Up:** In an emergency, stay on the line with the 911 operators until you are told it is OK to hang up. If you accidentally dial 911, but don't have an emergency, stay on the line to let an operator know it was a mistake. This will keep the operator from having to unnecessarily dispatch an emergency responder to your address.

For more information on Auburn Communications and the services it provides to the Auburn community, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/communications](http://www.auburnalabama.org/communications). If you need non-emergency service from Auburn Communications or the Auburn Public Safety Department, please call the non-emergency number at 501-3100.



### Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced at the April 15, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the May 20, 2014 City Council meeting.

One vacancy on the **Water Works Board** will be announced at the May 20, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the June 17, 2014 City Council meeting.

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



## MEETING SCHEDULE

### MAY

- 2 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue
- 5 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4:00 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 6 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.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
- 7 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 8 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 13 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 20 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
- 22 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 27 Library Board**, 2:00 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](http://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](mailto:openline@auburnalabama.org) or call 501-7255.

# 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.

**Baby Time** - Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for ages birth – 18 months and their caregivers.

**Toddler Time** - Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers.

**Preschool Time** - Thursdays at 10 a.m. for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years and their caregivers.

**ARFI** – Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. for beginning readers. Share a good book with our canine reading friend, Gemini.

**Legomania** – Join us every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for “free play” with Legos®.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**SHOUT!** - Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. for students in grades 6 & 7. Join us for fun, games, and refreshments.

**Puppet Show** – Monday, May 5 at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 3-7.

**Teen Cafe** - Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. for students in grades 8 - 12. Join us for fun, games, and refreshments.

**Fractured Fairy Tales** – Tuesday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K-2. Students will hear their favorite fairy tales and then the humorous ‘fractured’ versions and are invited to make a craft.

**ConnectKids** – Wednesday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m. This dynamic program allows kids grades 3-5 to explore diverse topics related to libraries, digital information, and the arts.

**Registration for the 2014 Summer Reading Programs** “Fizz, Boom, Read!” and “Spark a Reaction!” begins Friday, May 23. Programs begin the first week of June.

For 2014, the Auburn Public Library has launched a new reading program called “One Book, One Village: Auburn’s Shared Reading Experience.” Our selection for this year is, “The Girl Who Stopped Swimming.” Stop by the library to borrow your copy today, and join us on Thursday, May 1st at 4:00 PM when we host New York Times bestselling author Joshilyn Jackson for a reading and book signing.

## Parks and Recreation

**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 weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**16th Annual Juried Art Exhibition**, May 16 – June 27. A competitive show open to artists and craftpersons in Lee and adjacent counties.



**May 2...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer** - Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center. Citizens ages 19 and up are encouraged to play. All levels of play are welcome. No partner is necessary. The event will be held rain or shine. Yarbrough Tennis Center non-member court fees apply.

**June 13...SummerNight Downtown Art Walk** – Join the City of Auburn, Auburn Arts Association, and Downtown Auburn Merchants for the SummerNight Downtown Art Walk on Friday, June 13 from 6 – 9:30 p.m. in downtown Auburn. This FREE community event features live music and artwork from area artists on display throughout downtown. Area artists, downtown businesses, and restaurants are encouraged to participate. Applications are available online at [www.auburnalabama.org/arts](http://www.auburnalabama.org/arts) and are due by June 6. In case of rain, join us Saturday, June 14 from 6 - 9:30 p.m. Follow the Auburn Arts Association on Facebook to receive updates on SummerNight 2014.

## Registration for Summer Camps and Programs

Register for summer camps and programs beginning Monday, April 28 at 8 a.m. For a complete listing of camps, programs, and summer events, be sure to pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation Summer

Brochure, available now at City facilities and online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks). Registration will be held weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Harris Center, 425 Perry St. Summer camps fill quickly, so be sure to sign up early.



## Auburn City Pools

Splash into summer earlier than ever with Auburn City Pools! Purchase your 2014 Splash Pass and sign up for swim lessons. Splash Passes are good for unlimited admission to Auburn City Pools all summer, beginning with Early Bird Recreation Swim May 6. Passes are \$50 for individuals and \$125 for families. Family passes are good for immediate family members, including parents or guardians and children under the age of 19, residing in the same household only.

Swim lesson registration is going on now. Sign up early to guarantee your spot! Early Bird Swim Lessons begin May 5.

Daily hours at the Auburn City Pools begin Monday, May 26. Come see us this summer!

