

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## City Honors America's Servicemen and Women

The City of Auburn and its Veterans Committee invite citizens to honor our United States military at the Fifth Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast. The Memorial Day Breakfast will be held Monday, May 26 at 8:00 a.m. at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center. Lieutenant General Hal Moore (ret.) will be the honored guest at this year's event and will be presented the City of Auburn's Distinguished Veterans Award. Past recipients of the Distinguished Veterans Award include General Jimmie V. Adams, Major General James Livingston, and Colonel James S. Voss.

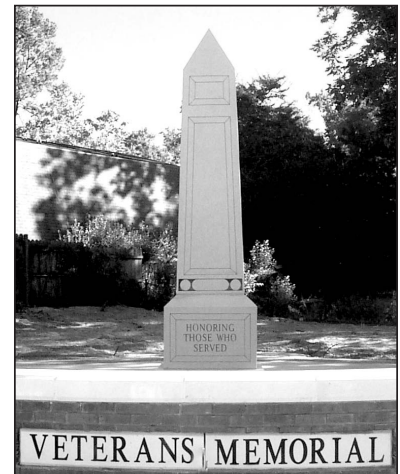
Tickets for this event are available from Veterans Committee members or at City Hall for \$20 each. Members of the Veterans Committee are Norm Caldwell, Gussie Calhoun, Jay Crowder, Pat Deery, Jim Foy, Andy Lamar, Hal Moore, Dick Phelan (chairman), and Doug Sams. Tables can be sponsored for \$200 per table (ten tickets). All proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Fund. For additional information, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



**Lt. Gen. Hal Moore (ret.)**

At 10:00 a.m., immediately following the breakfast, there will be a memorial wreath laying ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Monument honoring those men and women who have served our country so courageously. The Monument is located at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Attendees are encouraged to park at the Development Services Building or Felton Little Park.

To honor a member of the military, individuals may purchase a memorial brick to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument. Personalized bricks engraved with the names of veterans are being sold for \$100. For bricks to be placed by Veterans Day 2003, orders need to be received by the City by August 1. All proceeds will benefit the Veterans Memorial Fund. For more information or to purchase a brick, please contact Mariele Fischer at 501-7260 or [mfischer@auburnalabama.org](mailto:mfischer@auburnalabama.org).



## Share the Road - Save a Life

Springtime in Auburn means beautiful, warm days, an explosion of flowers, and a renewal of outdoor activity, including an increase in the number of bicyclists on the streets. Bicycling is a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors while getting exercise. However, bicyclists and motorists need to take some precautions to ensure bicycling remains a safe activity.

Bicyclists should always wear a helmet. The leading cause of death for bicyclists is head injuries. According to the Centers for Disease Control, bicycle helmets can reduce head injuries by 85%. Bicyclists must also obey the same traffic laws as cars. For example, bicyclists must stop at stop signs, obey traffic lights, and use hand signals when turning. Auburn bicyclists are required to wear reflective material, and bicycles should have an operative headlight and reflectors on the wheels, pedals, and rear of the bicycle. Bicyclists need to be visible to alert motorists of their presence.



### Bricks for Kicks

Support Auburn Soccer through the "Bricks for Kicks" campaign. Purchase a commemorative brick to be placed at the new Auburn Soccer Complex. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of concession equipment for the complex. Individual small bricks are \$50, individual large bricks are \$100, and business sponsor bricks with engraved company logo are \$250. Bricks may be purchased now through May 31 from the Auburn Soccer Association. For more information, stop by the Dean Road Recreation Center, call 887-4930, or visit the Soccer website at [www.auburnalabama.org/soccer](http://www.auburnalabama.org/soccer).

Motorists need to slow down when approaching a bicyclist from the rear. Bicyclists might not be aware cars are behind them. When passing a bicyclist, leave ample room for safety. If there doesn't seem to be enough room to pass a bicyclist safely, wait until there is adequate room. Always be extra careful of children on bicycles. Children sometimes make unexpected turns and are not as cautious as they should be.

Motorists and bicyclists need to show mutual respect and share the road. Bicycling is a great way to enjoy the fresh air, to get some aerobic exercise, and to get around town. With bicyclists and motorists both thinking of bike safety, Auburn can be even more Bike-Friendly than it is now. Do your part!

## Auburn Training Connection Industry Fair

In April, the Auburn Training Connection (ATC) hosted an industry fair at Auburn High School. This event gave local industries an opportunity to showcase exciting career opportunities in manufacturing. Junior and senior students at Auburn High School toured each participating industry's display and asked company representatives about career opportunities. Participating industries included Briggs & Stratton, Donaldson Company, Falk Corporation, Hoerbiger Hydraulics, Langcourt Ltd., Leonard Peterson & Company, Inc., SMC South, and Southern Union State Community College.

The ATC's mission is to create and implement a comprehensive and accountable workforce development system that will improve the area workforce by providing basic skills training programs. The hope is that through these programs, the quantity and quality of skills necessary to support Auburn industry/manufacturing will increase. As a result, industrial career opportunities for the citizens of Auburn, Lee County, and surrounding counties will be enhanced.

The ATC plans to hold more industry fairs in the future to promote the opportunities available in manufacturing. For more information about the ATC, please contact Jennifer Norton, Marketing and Training Coordinator, at 501-7270.



*Students from Auburn High School talk to industry representatives about career opportunities in manufacturing.*

## Are Out of Town Merchants Required to be Licensed?

Under certain circumstances, out of town merchants should be licensed to do business in Auburn and should collect and remit sales taxes to Auburn. Revenue from out of town companies' business license fees and sales tax collections help provide funds used to maintain City streets and provide other City services.

When an out of town business delivers goods into the City of Auburn, using its own trucks and employees, that business is required to have a City business license and to collect City sales taxes. Citizens can help in this effort by verifying that such out of town merchants are licensed to deliver goods into Auburn. If the business cannot show you a current City of Auburn business license, it is unlikely that the business is properly licensed. Citizens with questions about the business license status of any company can call the City Revenue Office at 501-7226 or 501-7228.

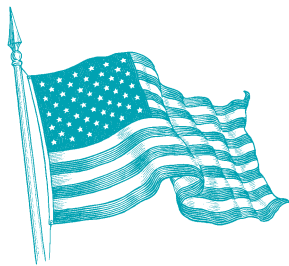
A City business license is not an endorsement of any company's products or services.

### Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Indian Pines Recreation Authority** will be announced at the May 6 City Council meeting and will be filled at the June 3 City Council meeting. Incumbent eligible for reappointment.

Three (3) vacancies on the **Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority** will be announced at the June 3 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 1 City Council meeting. Incumbents are eligible for reappointment.

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



### Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26 in honor of **Memorial Day**. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling will be changed for that week. Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday, May 27. Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, May 28. Wednesday's route will be collected on Thursday, May 29. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday, May 30.



**Safety Tip:** The use of extension cords should be limited as much as possible. They should never be put under rugs or carpet. Most cords are limited to the number of lights, equipment, or appliances that can be connected. Check the rating on the cord before using to reduce the risk of fire.

## Reading Programs for Children



**Preschool Storytime** for children ages 3 – 5 is held every Tuesday from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The themes for May are: 5/6 & 7 Mommies, 5/13&14 Daddies, 5/20&21 Baby Animals. There will be no Storytime on May 27 or 28.

**Toddler Time** for children ages 18 months to 3 years old and their adult caregivers is held every Thursday morning from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. May's themes are: 5/1 Flowers, 5/8 Mommies, 5/15 Daddies, 5/22 Baby Animals. There will be no Toddler Time on May 29.



## MEETING SCHEDULE

**Cemetery Advisory Board** - May 5, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - May 5, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**Greenspace Advisory Board** - May 6, 11:30 AM, City Hall Annex.

**City Council** - May 6, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

**Tree Commission** - May 7, 4:00 PM, City Hall Annex.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment** - May 7, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

**Planning Commission** - May 8, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

**Water Works Board** - May 12, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 N. Donahue Drive

**Historic Preservation Committee** - May 13, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

**Board of Education** - May 13, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

**City Council** - May 20, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

**Library Board** - May 22, 10:00 PM, Library Board Room.

**Bike Committee** - May 27, 7:00 PM, Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street.

**Cemetery Advisory Board** - June 2, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - June 2, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**City Council** - June 3, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

**Tree Commission** - June 4, 4:00 PM, City Hall Annex.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment** - June 4, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

*- Meeting times and places are subject to change -*

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## up COMING EVENTS

The **Parks and Recreation Summer Brochure** will be released May 5. Stop by any recreational facility, City Hall, or the Auburn Public Library to pick up your free copy.



**Salmagundi**, offered to children in grades K-5, will meet May 7 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Services area at the Auburn Public Library. May's theme is "Flower Power." Contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196 for more information.

A **Pre-Season Soccer Mini Camp** for ages 5-18 will be held May 9 from 5:00–7:30 p.m. at the Auburn Soccer Fields. The cost is \$10 and participants may pre-register at the Dean Road Recreation Center. For more information, call Auburn Parks and Recreation at 887-4930.



The **RPG Book Club**, for students in grades 6-12, will meet May 13 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library to discuss the works of Ursula Le Guin. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

**New Works III**, an exhibition featuring works in a variety of photographic mediums, will be held May 14 – June 28 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Admission is free. For more information, please contact the Auburn Arts Association at 887-2832.

The **Alabama Special Olympics** will be held May 16 – 18 on the Auburn University campus. Athletes from all across the State of Alabama will compete in a number of events and activities. Volunteers are always needed. For volunteer information, please contact Lori Vick, Lee County Director of Special Olympics, at (205) 914-5674 or vicklor@auburn.edu or Alison Hall, Community Programs Director, at 887-4930.

The **11th Annual Fishing Rodeo** for children 12 and under accompanied by parents will be held May 17 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Auburn Technology Park South Lake. Tickets are \$5 per child. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 887-4930.



**AppleBell Productions** will present an adaptation of Charlotte's Web, the award winning children's story by E.B. White, May 21, 22, & 23 at 7:00 p.m. and May 24 at 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children 14 and under. For more information, please contact Jessica Higginbotham at 887-2627.

**Registration for Summer Reading Programs** begins May 26 at the Auburn Public Library. Nonreaders with a partner can sign up for "Read to Me," elementary students can do "Books Ahoy," and 6th – 12th graders can do "Tsunami Summer." The annual Kickoff Party for ages 3 – 10 will be held June 2 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and programming begins that week. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

The **X-Cell Program's School's Out Dance** will be held May 30 from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center for ages 12 – 14. Tickets are \$3, and security and chaperones will be provided. For more information, please contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.



### Library Survey

The Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees is conducting a public survey to assist in the evaluation of library services, including operating hours. Any Auburn resident interested in participating should come to the library's circulation desk and complete a copy of the survey no later than May 7, 2003. The survey will also be available through the Library's homepage at [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) so that citizens can respond through regular mail or email.