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City of Auburn

Veterans Day Ceremony

Citizens are invited to attend the City of Auburn's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial, located at the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. This year's ceremony marks the 5th Anniversary of the Memorial's dedication.

Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. will serve as moderator for the ceremony. The program includes participants from the Auburn High School Jr. ROTC as well as music by the Auburn High School Choral Company and bagpiper Dan Drummond. The ceremony will conclude with a memorial wreath laying. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, a reception will be held at Greystone Mansion, located at 434 East Magnolia Avenue.

Ceremony attendees are encouraged to park at the Development Services Building and Felton Little Park. Handicapped parking will be available on Ross Street, which will be closed during the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the City Council Chamber.

In addition to the Annual Veterans Day ceremony and reception, the Auburn Veterans Committee sponsors several activities throughout the year aimed at increasing Auburn youth's awareness about veterans. One activity includes a *Veterans Speakers Bureau* consisting of veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and the current War on Terrorism who are willing to share their military experiences with student groups. In addition to the speakers, the Annual Memorial Day Scholarship is sponsored by the Committee for Auburn High School Jr. ROTC members and honors one outstanding Auburn High Jr. ROTC member for their academic and service accomplishments.

Please join us in honoring the men and women who have served our country on Friday, November 11. For more information on the Veterans Day Ceremony, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270. For more information on the Auburn Veterans Committee's activities, please contact Auburn Veterans Committee Chairman Pat Deery at 844-4145.



Celebrate Auburn Recycles Day November 15th



The City of Auburn will celebrate Auburn Recycles Day on Tuesday, November 15. This year's theme is *RecycleAuburn: It All Comes Back To You*. The Auburn Recycles Day Celebration will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A N. Donahue Drive. The day's activities include the introduction of the RecycleAuburn Poster Contest winners from the entries submitted by students from Auburn City Schools.

Auburn residents may participate in recycling by becoming involved in the curbside recycling program or by depositing material at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center. Your participation in Auburn's recycling program is important to the City's efforts to preserve the environment.

For more information on the City's recycling program offered through Environmental Services, visit www.auburnalabama.org/esd or contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.

Job Vacancies

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. Some of the current regular, full-time job openings include:

- Assistant Youth Services Librarian (\$3,091.38-3,691.27/month)
- Police Officer (\$2,665.69-3,182.97/month)

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, contact the Alabama State Employment Office, or call the City's job line at 501-7250. The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer.



Board Vacancies

- Two vacancies on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** were announced at the October 18 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 15 meeting. The incumbents are eligible for reappointment.
- Two vacancies on the **Board of Zoning Adjustment** will be announced at the December 6 City Council meeting and will be filled at the January 2, 2006 meeting. The 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.

Children's Programs at the Auburn Public Library

Preschool Story Time is a free weekly reading program for 3, 4, & 5 year olds offered at the Auburn Public Library. Story Time meets Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.



The themes for November's Preschool Story Time include:

- November 1 & 2 - Dinosaurs
- November 8 & 9 - Mice
- November 15 & 16 - Favorite Stories
- November 29 & 30 - Busy Bodies

Toddler Time is a free weekly program at the Auburn Public Library for children ages 18 months to 3 years old and their adult caregivers. Toddler Time is offered Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

The themes for November's Toddler Time include:

- November 3 - Dinosaurs
- November 10 - Mice
- November 17 - Favorite Stories



Please note there will be no scheduled programs the week of November 20-26 at the Auburn Public Library. All programs will resume their regular schedule following the Thanksgiving Holiday.

For more information on these programs and other children's programs at the Auburn Public Library, visit the library online at www.auburnalabama.org/library and click on Youth Services or contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

Adventures in Art

Students from Auburn's five elementary schools participated in Adventures in Art 2005: Shape, Rhythm and Blues at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center the week of September 12-16. This grant-funded program allowed 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to visit the Arts Center for a day of educational art classes.

Students began their day with a live performance by the Alabama Blues Project, a group of musicians whose purpose is to educate students on the role that blues music has played in past and present American culture. Following the performance, students divided into groups and rotated through four workshops, including a blues workshop, gallery talk, quilting workshop, and a lesson on the history behind the quilts of Gee's Bend. Students also toured The Quilts of Gee's Bend exhibit at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art.

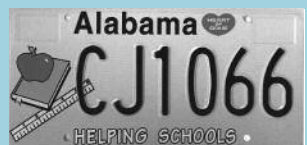
This year's Adventures in Art program was made possible through a partnership between the City of Auburn, Auburn City Schools, Representative Mike Hubbard, and Professor ChiChi Lovett at Auburn University.

For more information on Adventures in Art or to become involved in next year's event, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



Support Our Schools

Citizens can help support Auburn City Schools by purchasing the State issued Helping Schools Tag. The tag is available through the Lee County Revenue Commissioner's Office for an additional \$15 and can be personalized at no extra cost. Citizens requesting this specialty tag can specify that the money go to the school of their choice. Auburn City Schools' FACES, the Foundation for Auburn's Continuing Enrichment in Schools, receives \$11.63 for every tag whose proceeds are designated to Auburn City Schools. In addition to tag sales, FACES uses funds from other sources to fund teacher mini-grants. To date, FACES has funded 490 grants totaling more than \$190,000.



For more information on the Helping Schools Tag, contact the Lee County Revenue Commissioner's Office at 737-3655. For more information on FACES, contact Jenifer Herring at 707-1126.

Holiday Schedules



Veterans Day

City Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, and garbage, trash, and recycling services will remain on their normal schedules.

Thanksgiving



City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and

Communications, will be on their normal schedule. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of November 21-25 will change as follows:

Normal Collection Day	Thanksgiving Week
Monday	Monday, November 21
Tuesday	Monday, November 21
Wednesday	Tuesday, November 22
Thursday	Wednesday, November 23

City Employees Participate in United Way Day of Caring

City of Auburn employees participated in the United Way Day of Caring on September 16. More than thirty City employees volunteered their time at the Auburn Adult Day Care Center, the Auburn Day Care Center, the East Alabama Food Bank and Community Market, Moton Day Care Center, and Ridgcrest Center. The Day of Caring was the culmination of the City's 2006 United Way pledge campaign. Each year, City employees participate in the United Way campaign through pledge contributions deducted from their monthly paychecks. This year, 275 City employees pledged donations totaling more than \$20,000 for the 2006 campaign.

For more information on the City's United Way campaign, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



Open Line Feedback

Open Line is a monthly citizen newsletter designed to keep Auburn residents informed of the latest happenings in the City. We are here to make *Open Line* work for you. Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at openline@auburnalabama.org.



Meeting Schedule

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - November 1, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - November 1, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission - November 2, 4:30 p.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Board of Zoning Adjustment - November 2, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Water Works Board - November 7, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Cemeteries Advisory Board - November 7, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Greenspace Advisory Board - November 8, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission - November 8, 4:00 p.m., Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Board of Education - November 8, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

Planning Commission - November 10, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

City Council - November 15, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Library Board - November 17, 1:15 p.m., Library Conference Room

Bicycle Committee - November 29, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Cemetery Advisory Board - December 5, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - December 6, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - December 6, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission - December 7, 4:30 p.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Board of Zoning Adjustment - December 7, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Planning Commission - December 8, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

- Meeting times and places are subject to change -

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up COMING EVENTS

Salmagundi®, offered to children in grades K-5, will meet November 2 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month students will discuss Sacajawea. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



The Auburn Public Library presents **award-winning singer/songwriter Dave Potts** performing selections from his latest album, *One Night in the South*, on November 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



Young Adult Coffeehouse, for students in grades 6-12, will meet November 3 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's discussion will feature the activities and history of Mexico's annual festival, the Day of the Dead. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

Enjoy an evening of free outdoor entertainment at the **Fall Concert Series...at Beautiful Kiesel Park** on November 3 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The concert will feature 2005 UPC Battle of the Bands winner East Buddha. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



Parks and Recreation will hold **youth basketball registration** at the Dean Road Recreation Center on the following dates:

1st-7th Grade (individual registration): through November 3

8th-12th Grade (team registration): November 7-December 5



Registration will be held Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

First Friday for Homeschoolers will meet on November 4 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The program is offered to homeschoolers in grades K-5. This month's topic will feature Sacajawea. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



A **lecture and slide show on quilts** will be presented by Carole King and Mary Elizabeth Johnson on November 4 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The presentation is in conjunction with a **quilt sharing workshop** on November 5 from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The lecture will preview quilts of the Southeast from past centuries. The workshop will help document and record the stories of quilts made between 1750 and 1950 for possible inclusion in a book featuring Alabama's quilts. Information collected will be donated to the Birmingham Public Library and will help in the preservation of these special quilts. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



The **Auburn Community Theatre Young Actors** will present *A Program in Three Acts* on November 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196 or Tricia Oliver at 704-0270.

The **Auburn Community Orchestra** will perform their second concert of the season on November 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Opelika High School. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



The **Parks and Recreation Winter Brochure** will be available beginning Monday, November 7 at the Dean Road Recreation Center, Frank Brown Recreation Center, Boykin Community Center, the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, the Auburn Public Library, and City Hall. You may also view the brochure online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center presents **Photo VII**, an annual juried photography exhibition, through November 9. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



Annie Crenshaw presents **Mama's in the Kitchen: Historical Southern Traditions in Food** on November 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. Explore the origins of why Southerners eat what they do in this entertaining look at food history and culture. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center presents **New Works VII**, a gallery exhibition featuring works by Martha Pace Hoerr and August Hoerr, November 11-December 20 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



The **Library Book Club** will meet November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's topic features books on cooking. Participants are encouraged to read either a fiction or nonfiction book on cooking that interests them. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



The Auburn Public Library will present a **puppet show** entitled *Thanksgiving at the Smith's* on November 16 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The show is free and open to all ages. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

The **American Girls Club** will meet from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on November 18 at the Auburn Public Library. This month's meeting will feature Kaya. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



CityFest 2006 applications and sponsorships are now available. Are you interested in participating in Auburn CityFest 2006 as a food, arts and crafts, or non-profit vendor? If so, applications are currently available online at www.auburncityfest.com. CityFest 2006 will be held Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. For more information, or to find out about sponsorship opportunities, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

