

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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City Council Makes Key Changes to Meeting Agenda

At its February 6 meeting, the City Council authorized several key changes to Auburn City Council meetings. City Council meetings will now convene at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The Council will continue to meet as a Committee of the Whole prior to the City Council meetings at a time advertised on the Friday afternoon prior to all monthly meetings.

In response to citizen requests, the Council also authorized moving Citizens' Communications from the end of the agenda toward the beginning.



Citizens will be permitted up to 5 minutes to address the Council. An unlimited number of citizens will be allowed to speak.

The Auburn City Council will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month, now at 7:00 p.m. Council agendas are published on the Friday afternoon prior to each monthly meeting and are now available online at www.auburnalabama.org/citycouncil/agenda. Citizens may also sign-up to receive an e-mail notification when the Council packet is posted at www.auburnalabama.org/e-Notifier. For more information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260.

Shop Auburn!
supporting our community makes cents.

*Shop Auburn! This Spring
Meter - Free Parking March 26-30*

Spring is here and Auburn residents are encouraged to shake off the winter blues and *ShopAuburn!* this spring. Join the Auburn Chamber of Commerce for a special *ShopAuburn!* campaign specifically for Auburn residents the week of March 26-30. The City Code establishes that parking meters will not be enforced during spring break, so be sure to head downtown, enjoy less traffic, and shop and dine at Auburn establishments without worrying about parking meters.



Auburn residents are reminded to *ShopAuburn!* and help keep sales tax dollars local. Revenue from Auburn's sales tax goes to provide funding for police and fire protection, street paving and maintenance, parks and greenspaces, Auburn's award-winning public school system, and other public services.

Don't forget to *ShopAuburn!* the week of March 26-30 and enjoy meter-free parking. For more information, please contact the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 887-7011.

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Daylight Saving Time Begins March 11

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11.
Remember to move your clocks up one hour Saturday night
and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

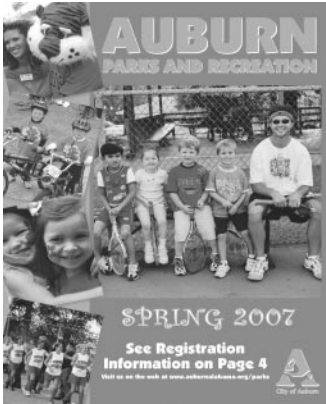
Traffic Calming Request Form

In November 2002, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy to aid citizens in resolving traffic problems in residential areas by encouraging citizen involvement in managing neighborhood traffic activity. If you are concerned about speeding or cut-through traffic in your residential area, please visit www.auburnalabama.org and click on the Traffic Calming Request Form to make an official request to the City of Auburn's Public Works Department, Traffic Division. For more information on neighborhood traffic-related issues, please contact Brandy Ezelle, City Traffic Engineer, at 501-3029.



The City's newest traffic circle is located on Old Mill Road near East University Drive.

Parks and Recreation Spring Brochure Available Now



Be sure to pick up your copy of Parks and Recreation's Spring Quarter Brochure. With so much going on in the City of Auburn this spring, this 24-page brochure is sure to be your guide to classes, programs, registration dates, and special events, including Earth Week, Bike Bash, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, CityFest, and much more. Brochures are available at all City facilities and online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Tree Commission** was announced at the February 6 City Council meeting and will be filled at the March 6 meeting. The incumbent resigned.
- Three vacancies on the **Commercial Development Authority** were announced at the February 6 City Council meeting and will be filled at the March 6 meeting. The incumbents have served one term each and are all eligible for reappointment.
- Two vacancies on the **Library Board** will be announced at the March 6 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 3 meeting. One incumbent has served one term and is eligible for reappointment and one incumbent has served two terms and is not eligible for reappointment.
- Two vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission** will be announced at the March 20 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 17 meeting. One incumbent has served one term and one incumbent has served a partial term. Both are eligible for reappointment.
- One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced at the April 3 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 1 meeting. The incumbent has served one term and is eligible for reappointment.

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



Looking for Income Tax Forms and Information?



A variety of income tax forms are available at the Auburn Public Library. Federal tax forms, information, and frequently asked tax questions are also available on the Internal Revenue Service web site at www.irs.gov. Information regarding State taxes may be found on the Alabama Department of Revenue's web site at www.ador.state.al.us.

Meeting Schedule

Tree Commission

March 2, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Cemeteries Advisory Board

March 5, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

March 6, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council

March 6, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment

March 7, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Planning Commission

March 8, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Water Works Board

March 12, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board

March 13, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission

March 13, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building

Board of Education

March 13, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

City Council

March 20, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Library Board

March 22, 1:15 p.m., Library Board Room

Bicycle Committee

March 27, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Tree Commission

March 30, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Cemeteries Advisory Board

April 2, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Industrial Development Board

April 3, 12:00 p.m., City Manager's Conference Room, 144 Tichenor Avenue

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

April 3, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council

April 3, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment

April 4, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

5th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Saturday, March 31

The Environmental Services Department will host the 5th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, March 31 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Services complex, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. This annual event offers Auburn residents the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous household chemicals stored at their homes. The City has contracted with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to manage the collection and disposal of chemicals collected during the event.

Participation is limited to Auburn residential solid waste service customers only. Residents are asked to bring a recent water bill to demonstrate proof of residency. No farmers, commercial businesses, or industry please.

Participants are asked to limit the amount of material they submit for disposal to 20 pounds per household, with individual containers limited to 5 gallons. Larger amounts must be pre-approved. The City will also collect computers and related equipment for recycling during the event.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is a rain or shine event. All City residential customers are encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



More than 250 cars dropped off materials throughout the day at the 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Day. Nearly 15,000 lbs of household hazardous waste, chemicals, and other materials were collected. The City of Auburn is one of only a select number of cities in the State of Alabama to offer a household hazardous waste collection day as an annual event for its citizens.

Acceptable items include:

- Ammonia
- Antifreeze
- Arts & crafts supplies
- Bleach
- Brake Fluids
- Cesspool cleaners
- Creosote
- Drain cleaners
- Engine & radiator flushes
- Floor cleaners
- Herbicides
- Insect sprays
- Latex paints
- Metal polish
- Mothballs
- Muriatic acid (HCl)
- Oil based paint
- Old chemistry sets
- Oven Cleaners
- Paint thinner
- Pesticides
- Photo chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Radiator cleaners
- Rodent killers
- Rust preventatives
- Sealants
- Solvents
- Transmission fluid
- Used engine oil
- Wood strippers

The following items will not be accepted:

- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Fire extinguishers (pressurized)
- Flares
- Gunpowder
- Large quantities of unknown materials
- Radioactive waste, including smoke detectors
- Substances regulated by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Unknown gas cylinders
- Unstable wastes

8th Annual Bike Bash Saturday, April 14

The City of Auburn and the Auburn Bicycle Committee will host the 8th Annual Bike Bash on Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Ogletree Village Shopping Center, located on the corner of Moores Mill Road and Ogletree Road. Bike Bash is an annual community event designed to inform citizens about bicycle safety and promote biking as a fun and healthy leisure activity, in addition to emphasizing local bike-friendly facilities in and around Auburn. Bicycle rides of varying distances will be offered for beginners and advanced riders. This year, an additional "mini-ride" will be offered for small children just learning how to ride. Pre-registration is available now through Monday, April 2. See the chart below for registration information. Participants may download the registration form online at www.auburnalabama.org/cycle or register at the Dean Road Recreation Center.

For more information on Bike Bash 2007, see next month's *Open Line* or contact Alison Hall at 501-2940 or Dee Watson at 501-2962.

Pre-Registration (through April 2) Youth 12 & under - \$7, Adults 13 & older - \$10, Family Rate* - \$20

Registration..... (after April 2) Youth 12 & under - \$9, Adults 13 & older - \$12, Family Rate* - \$25

*The family rate is for two or more persons living in a household. Limit, 4 t-shirts per family.



Coming Soon... WaCaDa!

The City of Auburn and Auburn University are partnering to bring Auburn residents the first-ever Safety Week, coming the week of April 2-6. WaCaDa is designed to remind Auburn residents that we all walk, bicycle, and drive alike and that a mutual respect of the road and safety rules will create a better, safer Auburn for everyone. Look for more information on WaCaDa! in next month's *Open Line*.

Job Vacancies



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

- **Aquatic Programs Specialist (\$7.99/hour)**
- **Assistant Pool Manager (\$7.34/hour)**
- **Senior Lifeguard (\$6.76/hour)**
- **Lifeguard (\$6.47/hour)**

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, sign up for the City's e-Notifier at www.auburnalabama.org/e-Notifier, 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.

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up COMING EVENTS



Open Line Feedback

With so many City activities and events, it's difficult to fit everything in one issue of *Open Line*. This month, we have highlighted the special Upcoming Events in a larger font. Monthly events such as story times and book clubs will continue to be included. We are working to make this a better newsletter for you, the citizen. Please continue to contact us with your ideas and feedback at openline@auburnalabama.org or drop us a line at: City Manager's Office, Attn: *Open Line* Story Ideas, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn, AL 36830

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 Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

Winter Invitational 2007 - Winter Invitational 2007, through March 31, featuring works by Linda Harshbarger and C. Keen Duke Zero.

Wednesdays in March...Preschool Story Time - Join the Auburn Public Library for Preschool Story Time every Wednesday this month at 10:00 a.m. Please note that Preschool Story Time will not meet the week of March 26-30. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Thursdays in March...Toddler Time - Join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time every Thursday this month at 10:00 a.m. Please note that Toddler Time will not meet the week of March 26-30. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

March 1...Young Adult Coffeehouse – Students in grades 6-12 are invited to Young Adult Coffeehouse for Art Night at the Auburn Public Library on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

March 2 & 3...Ceramics Tag Sale – Parks and Recreation will hold a Ceramics Tag Sale on March 2 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and March 3 from 8:00 a.m.-noon at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The Ceramics Department will be selling many old items to make room for new materials in the studio. Don't miss your chance to pick up items such as ceramic molds, low fire glazes, underglazes, acrylic paints and stains, greenware craftworks from ceramic molds, fired and glazed craftwork, craft decals, accessories including small music boxes and clocks, and craft items ideal for ceramic work. For more information, please contact Sara Hand at 501-2944.

March 3...Performances of the Tales of Hans Christian Anderson - Don't miss The Act II-VI class performances of Hans Christian Anderson's *The Tin Soldier*, *The Swine Herd*, and *The Ugly Duckling* on March 3 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. These shows are appropriate for all ages. Tickets are available free of charge; however, donations will be accepted. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

March 7...Salmagundi © – Youth in grades K-5 are invited to Salmagundi © on March 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's theme is Fun with Science Experiments. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

March 9...American Girls Club – The American Girls Club, for youth in grades K-5, will meet on March 9 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's character is Kit. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Register by March 12...Georgia Aquarium Field Trip – Are you looking for something to do over Spring Break? Why not join Parks and Recreation for a visit to the World's Largest Aquarium in Atlanta, GA? Youth ages 12-15 are invited to the X-Cell Field Trip at the Georgia Aquarium on March 28 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Participants will meet at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The cost is \$25, payable to the City of Auburn. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

March 14...Magic Tree House Club – Students in grades K-3 are invited to the Magic Tree House Club at the Auburn Public Library on March 14 at 3:30 p.m. This month's featured book is *The Knight at Dawn*. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

March 20...Auburn Public Library Book Group – The Auburn Public Library Book Group will meet on March 20 at 6:30 p.m. Participants may read either a fiction or non-fiction book on Ireland. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

March 21...Auburn Public Library Puppet Show – Join the Auburn Public Library for a puppet show featuring Little Red Riding Hood on March 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. Youth ages 3-10 are invited to attend. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Register by March 23...Beginning Dog Obedience Training – Beginning Dog Obedience Training will be held at the Kiesel Park Pavilion on Mondays from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. from April 2-May 21. Dogs must be at least 8 months old to participate. Participants must be registered by March 23. The cost is \$80, payable to the instructor. For more information, contact John Passailaigue at 524-6302.

April 2-May 11...ABC-123-Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays – Preschoolers ages 3-5 are invited to join us for a fun-filled quarter full of arts and crafts, storytelling, and creative learning at ABC~123. This program reinforces preschool readiness and promotes socialization skills. Field trips may be offered. All children must be toilet-trained to participate. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. beginning April 2-May 11 at the Frank Brown Recreation Center. The cost is \$60 for the quarter, payable to the City of Auburn. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

April 7...26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Mark your calendar for the 26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Parks and Recreation and Wachovia Bank, on April 7 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Kiesel Park. Don't miss one of the largest outdoor egg hunts in Lee County, featuring more than 20,000 eggs hidden over 4 acres of land. Live musical entertainment will be provided in addition to free soft drinks and balloons. Be sure to bring your camera and have your picture made with the Easter Bunny. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Auburn will also be selling hotdogs and hamburgers, with proceeds going to needy families throughout the community. The rain date is scheduled for April 8 at 2:00 p.m. This is a FREE community event for children ages 12 and under. Participants must provide their own basket. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



Countdown to CityFest 2007 Saturday, April 28

presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News*

The 7th Annual CityFest, presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News*, is right around the corner. Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park for Auburn's largest FREE outdoor arts and crafts festival. This year will be bigger and better than ever before with arts & crafts and fine arts exhibitors, fabulous musical entertainment, a variety of children's activities, delicious food, and much, much more. For more information on CityFest, or if you are interested in participating as an arts and crafts or fine arts exhibitor, please visit the CityFest web site at www.auburncityfest.com. CityFest is a rain or shine event. Look for more information, including a festival schedule, in next month's *Open Line*.