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Auburn CityFest 2007 Saturday, April 28



The 7th Annual Auburn CityFest is set for Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. CityFest is Auburn's largest FREE, outdoor festival and is open to all ages.

More than 35,000 people visit the festival each year to participate in the day's events. This year's CityFest, presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News*, promises to be a day filled with art, music, food, and fun.

This year, attendees will have an opportunity to visit exhibitors featuring fine art and homemade arts and crafts, shop for hand woven baskets and hand crafted jewelry, and visit the Non-Profit Showcase, Children's Art Exhibition, and a variety of other attractions.

Along with exhibitor booths, CityFest will have activities for all ages. The Silver Wings Skydivers from Fort Benning, GA will return to the skies of CityFest this year for an encore performance. This year, the Silver Wings are scheduled to land at the backside of the green parking lot located near the dog agility area at 10:30 a.m. Patrons must enter through the Children's Imagination Station.

Plan to bring the children for a fun-filled day of jumping and fun at the Children's Imagination Station. This year's Imagination Station features more inflatable games than ever before, including Winston the Wonder Whale, a Giant Slide, Mini Obstacle Course, Laugh-N-Learn/Bouncer Maze, Bungee Run, Balloon Typhoon, and much more. Patrons will enjoy the return of the Southeastern Raptor Center this year. In addition, Auburn University sports teams and Aubie will also be present at various times throughout the day.

Music lovers are encouraged to visit the Entertainment Pavilion throughout the day for performances by local and regional favorites. Performers include Martha's Trouble, an acoustic duo from Opelika, local favorites Tim Tyler and Lane Wood, and a headlining performance from the East Alabama bluegrass band, Distant Cousins. Don't miss performances by the Village Squares as well. Be sure to see the CityFest schedule included in this month's *Open Line* for a complete performance schedule.

Enjoy delicious snacks and lunch options from any number of food vendors, including Chick-fil-A, BBQ sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, lemonade, funnel cakes, and cotton candy. Bring your blanket and chairs and plan to picnic on the lawn while enjoying the sights and sounds of the performances.

The City of Auburn supports the arts through the Annual Juried Art Show. Works will be on display during CityFest in the historical Nunn-Winston House located on the park grounds. Six cash awards, including a \$500 Best in Show prize, will be presented to winning participants, as judged by a committee. A preview reception will be held on Wednesday, April 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ariccia Italian Trattoria & Bar. This event is free and open to the public.

The CityFest Committee would like to thank the official CityFest sponsors, including Alabama Power, Ariccia Italian Trattoria & Bar, the Auburn Arts Association, AuburnBank, the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau, Commerce Networks, FlipFlopFoto, McNutt & Company, McQuick Printing Company, The Rental Center, ShirtWorks, and WRBL News 3. Special thanks goes to our CityFest Company Patron Sponsors, including Aircgas, Auburn Reprographics, Compass Bank, East Alabama Medical Center, Fun Carts of Opelika, and Wachovia Bank. Finally, the CityFest Committee would like to thank our Presenting Sponsor, the *Opelika-Auburn News*. Without their support, this event would not be possible.

Plan to join us for the 7th Annual CityFest on Saturday, April 28. CityFest is a rain or shine event and is free and open to all ages. For more information, visit the official CityFest web site at www.auburncityfest.com.

CityFest Committee Now Accepting Volunteers

The CityFest Committee is accepting volunteer applications through Monday, April 23. If you are interested in helping with CityFest 2007, visit www.auburncityfest.com for a volunteer application.



2007 Citizen Survey Results

Over 95% of Residents Rank Auburn as an Excellent or Good Place to Live

Recently, the City of Auburn completed its annual Citizen Survey to determine how residents feel about City services. This survey was conducted by the ETC Institute of Olathe, Kansas. A representative of ETC will present the results of the survey to the City Council and the public at the Tuesday, April 3 Committee of the Whole meeting.

For more than twenty years, the City of Auburn has conducted an annual survey of its residents. Results of the survey have proven to be a great asset to the City Council as a measure of the quality of City services and a gauge for establishing budget priorities for the future.

Major findings of this year's Citizen Survey include:

- Of the citizens surveyed who had an opinion, 91% were satisfied with the quality of the City's **public school system**.
- More than 86% of the citizens surveyed who had an opinion are satisfied with the quality of the City's **police, fire, and ambulance services**.
- Nearly 87% of the citizens surveyed who had an opinion were satisfied with the **quality of life in the City**.

Over the next two years, Auburn residents feel that the City should continue to place a high priority on the management of traffic flow in the City and the maintenance of City streets, buildings, and facilities. Over the next 12-18 months, Auburn residents will see several key projects addressing these concerns, including the completion of the expansion at the Bent Creek Interchange, as well as more than \$1.2 million in street repaving and re-striping for FY 2007.

Results of the 2007 Citizen Survey will be posted online by Wednesday, April 4 at www.auburnalabama.org. Copies of the results will also be available at City Hall at that time. The City wishes to thank all of the citizens who participated in this year's survey. For more information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260.



26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. for the City's 26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Kiesel Park, presented by Parks and Recreation and sponsored by Wachovia Bank. This free, annual community event is one of the largest egg hunts in Lee County with more than 20,000 eggs hidden over 4 acres of the park. Enjoy great musical entertainment and free soft drinks for the whole family. Bring your camera for a chance to have your picture made with the Easter Bunny. This event is for youth ages 12 and under and participants are required to bring their own basket. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Auburn will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs on site with proceeds going to needy families throughout our community. In the event of rain, the egg hunt will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

Board Vacancies

- Two vacancies on the **Library Board** were 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** were 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. The incumbents 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 a member of the City Council or notify the City Manager's Office.

Homeownership Education Classes

Homeownership Education Classes are available upon request to anyone interested in the home buying process. These courses are designed to equip prospective homeowners with information to better understand homeownership, from selecting properties to obtaining a home loan. Classes are offered at no cost by the Community Development Division of the City of Auburn and are scheduled upon request. For more information, please contact Todd White at 501-7277.



Your Guide to CityFest 2007

Saturday, April 28
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Kiesel Park

Included below is a quick-reference guide to CityFest 2007. Be sure to pick up the official CityFest guide as you enter the gate at Kiesel Park.

Musical Entertainment

This year's CityFest features a tribute to bluegrass music. Be sure to stop by the Entertainment Pavilion to catch any of the following outstanding performances throughout the day:

9:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Martha's Trouble
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Distant Cousins
12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	The Village Squares
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Distant Cousins
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Tim Tyler and Lane Wood

Children's Imagination Station Activities

Be sure to visit the Opelika-Auburn News Children's Imagination Station for a variety of children's activities, including: inflatables such as Bungee Run, Castle Bounce, and a mini-obstacle course; carnival games; eats and treats; tethered hot air balloons; and back by popular demand, the Ft. Benning Silver Wings Skydivers.

Ft. Benning Silver Wings Skydivers

Landing at 10:30 a.m. • Back of the Green Parking Lot
(enter through Children's Imagination Station)

Hot Air Balloons Will Tether During the Following Times

11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. • 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Raptor Center Shows

11:15 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. • 1:15 p.m. • 2:15 p.m.

What You Need to Know

WEATHER

CityFest is a rain or shine event. Some activities may be postponed, cancelled, or rescheduled due to inclement weather.

RECYCLING

Recycling bins will be located throughout the park. The City of Auburn encourages all CityFest attendees to pitch in and help Keep Auburn Beautiful by recycling.

ANIMALS

CityFest is a dog-friendly event. Out of respect for patrons and exhibitors, dogs must remain on a leash at all times.

POLICIES

CityFest is a family event. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

CITYFEST MERCHANDISE

Purchase the 7th Annual CityFest limited edition t-shirt at the ShirtWorks booth located near the Artist Marketplace.

PHOTOGRAPHS

FlipFlopFoto will be taking photos throughout the day. Photos will be available to view and purchase online at www.flipflopfoto.com.

Earth Week 2007

The City of Auburn will host its 5th Annual Earth Week April 9-14. Several City Departments will be hosting events throughout the week for residents, including Environmental Services, the Auburn Public Library, and Parks and Recreation. A special creek clean-up event has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 21. See a complete schedule of events below or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930 for more information on Earth Week 2007.



Earth Week Activities

Tuesday, April 10

Mayor Ham will sign Earth Week Proclamation at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Wednesday, April 11

The Auburn Public Library will host Preschool Story Time for children ages 3-5 at 10:00 a.m. The theme will feature stories in keeping with Earth Week.

Thursday, April 12

Toddler Time, a free story time for toddlers ages 18 months-3 years, will be held at the Auburn Public Library at 10:00 a.m. Stories will feature an Earth Week theme.

Thursday, April 12

The Auburn Junior High Jazz Band will host a free concert at Town Creek Park from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13

Auburn City Schools 2nd grade students will participate in Earth Week related activities at Kiesel Park. Students will make hand-sewn journals from natural and recycled materials with the help of staff from the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center; compose written pieces based on their encounters with the natural environment; learn about recycling and animal care/control education from Environmental Services; hear a lesson on enviroscape and the importance of trees; learn about water treatment and erosion and sediment control from the Water Resource Management Department; and hear a program from the Auburn University Ecology Preserve.

Saturday, April 21 (Tentatively Scheduled)

Local Boy Scouts, City employees, and community volunteers will participate in a creek clean-up event beginning at 7:45 a.m. Participants will meet at the Development Services Building on Ross Street and team-up to clean the creeks around Town Creek Park, Wrights Mill Road Elementary School, and Graham McTeer Park.

The City of Auburn wishes to thank the following sponsors of Earth Week 2007: Civil Design and Consulting, Inc., Louise Kreher-Auburn University Ecology Preserve, Master Graphics, NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service, Waste Management, and Weston Solutions.



News from the Auburn Veterans Committee



Auburn Veterans Memorial

2007 Veterans Brick Project Underway

Each year, the City of Auburn provides citizens with the opportunity to honor a member of the military by purchasing a memorial brick to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument, located on the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Personalized bricks engraved with the veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and years of service may be purchased for \$100. For bricks to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in time for the Veterans Day 2007 Ceremony, brick orders must be received no later than Friday, June 29. Brick order forms may be obtained at City Hall or on the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org.

9th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast

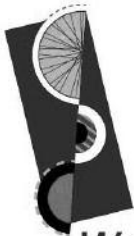
The 9th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast will be held on Monday, May 28 at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for this event are on sale now at City Hall or from a Veterans Committee member for \$20 each. Table sponsorships are also available for \$200. All proceeds go to the Auburn Veterans Memorial Fund. If your business is interested in sponsoring a table, please contact Carol Ebert at 501-7270.

For more information on the Veterans Brick Project or the 9th Annual Mayor's Memorial Breakfast, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



2006 Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast

WaCaDa!



WaCaDa!
Walk and Cycle and Drive alike

The City of Auburn and Auburn University have partnered to bring Auburn residents, WaCaDa!, a public safety awareness campaign aimed at bicycle, pedestrian, and motor vehicle safety, the week of April 2-6. WaCaDa! is designed to promote public safety and awareness and a mutual respect of the road and safety rules. Throughout the week of April 2-6, members of the Auburn Public Safety-Police Division will be patrolling City streets and the Auburn University campus and focusing on the following major safety offenses:

- Railway Crossing Violations
- Red Light Running
- Jaywalking and Jayriding
- Proper Driving Techniques
- Proper Cycling Techniques
- Keeping the Intersection Clear Speeding

The City of Auburn and Auburn University hope to create a safer traffic system that includes bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers. By working together, we can ensure a better, safer Auburn for everyone. Look for WaCaDa! educational materials, giveaways, and fun fact flyers throughout the week of April 2-6. For more information, visit www.wacada.net.

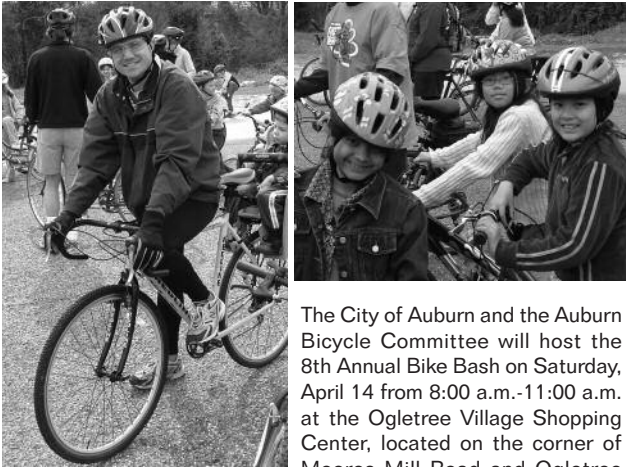


Auburn Public Library Antiques Database Available for Use

The Auburn Public Library has subscribed to the p4A Antiques Reference Database. The database is focused on the American regional marketplace. Antiques are organized into 1,280 different classifications on subjects including furniture, glass, pottery and porcelain, paintings, prints, clocks, toys, dolls, advertising collectibles, books, autographs, lamps, silver, firearms, and historical documents. Each record includes information on when and where the item was sold as well as the price realized. The database also includes at least one color picture for every record. Currently, over 250,000 photos are included with more being added every day.

The new database is available to Library patrons free of charge at the Auburn Public Library during regular hours of operation. For more information, please contact the Electronic Services Desk at 501-3190.

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. See the chart below for registration information. Participants may register online at www.auburnalabama.org/cycle or at the Dean Road Recreation Center.

For more information on Bike Bash 2007, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940 or Dee Watson at 501-2962.

Registration Information

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.



Meeting Schedule

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

Tree Commission

April 6, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Cemeteries Advisory Board

April 9, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Water Works Board

April 9, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board

April 10, 11:30 a.m., City Manager's Conference Room, 144 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission

April 10, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Board of Education

April 10, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

Planning Commission

April 12, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

City Council

April 17, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee

April 24, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

May 1, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council

May 1, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment

May 2, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission

May 4, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

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

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 Exhibitions – Mark your calendar for the following Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions. The exhibits are 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.



- **Auburn City Schools Art Show**, April 2-20, selection of works by students from Auburn City Schools.
- **9th Annual Juried Art Exhibition**, April 19-May 31, annual juried show featuring works by regional artists.

Wednesdays in April...Preschool Story Time - Join the Auburn Public Library for Preschool Story Time every Wednesday this month at 10:00 a.m. This month's themes include Bunnies, Earth Day, Favorite Books, and April Showers. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Thursdays in April...Toddler Time - Join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time every Thursday this month at 10:00 a.m. This month's themes include Bunnies, Earth Day, Favorite Books, and April Showers. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



April 4...Salmagundi © - Youth in grades K-5 are invited to Salmagundi © on April 4 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's theme is Libraries and Librarians. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



April 5...Young Adult Coffeehouse – Students in grades 6-12 are invited to Young Adult Coffeehouse on April 5 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be creating puzzles. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

April 11...Magic Tree House Club – Students in grades K-3 are invited to the Magic Tree House Club at the Auburn Public Library on April 11 at 3:30 p.m. This month's featured book is *The Civil War on Sunday*. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



April 13...American Girls Club – The American Girls Club, for youth in grades K-5, will meet on April 13 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.



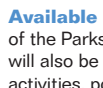
April 13-22...Auburn Area Community Theatre Performance – The Auburn Area Community Theatre will present *Enchanted April* at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center April 13, 14, 20, & 21 at 7:30 p.m. and April 15 & 22 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. For more information or to make reservations, call 332-2620.



Register by April 16...Mountain Biking Adventure – Youth ages 12-15 are invited to join Parks and Recreation for a bike ride on the historic Bartram Trail, located in the Tuskegee National Forest on April 12 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Riders will meet at the Dean Road Recreation Center and must provide their own mountain bike, helmet, and bottle of water. The ride is free; however, participants must be registered by April 16. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



April 25...Auburn Public Library Puppet Show – Join the Auburn Public Library for a puppet show entitled *Clean Up This Mess* on April 25 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.



Available May 7...Parks and Recreation Summer Quarter Brochure – Be sure to pick up your copy of the Parks and Recreation's Summer Quarter Brochure beginning May 7 at all City facilities. The brochure will also be available online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. This brochure is your guide to summer activities, pool schedules, and summer camps in the City of Auburn. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



Auburn Public Library Upcoming Events

Book Group

The Auburn Public Library Book Group will meet on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. This month's theme includes humorous fiction and non-fiction books.

Book Sale

The Friends of the Auburn Public Library will host a book sale on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m.-noon on the Library lawn. In the event of rain, the sale will be rescheduled to Sunday, April 22 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee

The Adult Services Division of the Auburn Public Library will host a movie matinee on Saturday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Book Reading

The Auburn Public Library will host New York Times bestselling author Sena Jeter Naslund and new author John Sims Jeter on Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Naslund will read from her new book, *Abundance: A Novel of Marie Antoinette*, and Mr. Jeter will discuss his novel, *And the Angels Sang*. Seating is limited.

For more information on these or other adult programs at the Auburn Public Library, contact the Reference Librarian at 501-3190.