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Veterans Day 2012

Citizens are invited to attend the City of Auburn's commemorative ceremony to be held at the Auburn Veterans Memorial on Monday, November 12, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The event will include a wreath laying along with performances by the Auburn University Choir directed by Dr. William Powell and music from bagpiper Dan Drummond. Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. will officiate. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, located at 714 East Glenn Avenue.

Attendees are encouraged to park at Felton-Little Park and the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex. Parking for the disabled will be available on Ross Street, between Glenn Avenue and Harper Avenue, which will be closed to through traffic during the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the City Council Chambers at 141 North Ross Street.

Surrounding the monument are brick pavers in honor of individual veterans with ties to members of our community. This year, 13 new bricks honoring individual veterans will be installed in time for the Veterans Day Ceremony. If you would like to honor a loved one who served, new bricks are available for immediate purchase to be installed in time for Veterans Day 2013. To see all of the bricks that have been installed to date, including rank and service of each honoree, a photograph of each brick and a map of each brick's location, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/veterans and click on the Veterans Bricks menu item.

Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning November 11, 1919, the day on which we now honor veterans became a legal federal holiday in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

In order that we not forget the service of our past and current military, on November 12, 2012, citizens have a chance to recognize a debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom. Please join citizens in communities throughout the country on Monday, November 12, 2012 to honor our nation's heroes. For more information on the Veterans Day Ceremony, please visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org/veterans or contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.





2012 Polling Place Change

If you normally vote at the Frank Brown Rec Center please note that, due to construction, you'll cast your vote this year at the Auburn United Methodist Church Annex at 302 East Magnolia Avenue. Don't forget to register to vote so that your voice can be heard this November. Remember that voting is not just a right, it's a responsibility.

Catch the Polar Express Tickets on Sale Nov. 7 & 8

All aboard the Polar Express! Children ages 5 and up are invited to hop aboard the Polar Express on Saturday, December 1 at Kiesel Park. The "train" will depart at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Activities include arts & crafts, sweets & treats, and much more. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite holiday pajamas while they participate in indoor and outdoor activities. Tickets for the event will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday, November 7 and 8 only from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The cost is \$8/person. A limited number of tickets are available and last year's event SOLD OUT. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance! For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

Please note, due to construction of the new Senior Center, the Polar Express is being relocated to Kiesel Park for this year only. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled and tickets will be refunded. Thank you for your understanding!



Board Vacancies

• Two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board were announced at the October 16, 2012 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 20, 2012 City Council meeting.

• One vacancy on the Public Park and Recreation Board will be announced at the November 6, 2012 City Council meeting and will be filled at the December 4, 2012 City Council Meeting.

• Two vacancies on the Auburn Cemeteries Advisory Board will be announced at the November 20, 2012 meeting and will be filled at the December 18 City Council meeting.



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

Auburn Recycles Day

Shredding and Electronics Recycling

The City of Auburn's Environmental Services Department - Recycling Division, in partnership with the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, East Alabama SHREDDING and Security, and CompuPoint USA LLC., will host a FREE Secure Document Shredding and Electronics Recycling Day on Friday, November 16, 2012 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce parking lot, located at 714 East Glenn Avenue.

The event provides citizens, businesses and non-profits the opportunity to properly dispose of outdated, unwanted or broken electronics and the opportunity to destroy documents safely and securely. Businesses will be limited to four archive size boxes of documents for the shredding event. NO HAZARDOUS WASTE will be accepted. Contractors will only be accepting electronics for recycling and paper documents for shredding. This event will be held rain or shine.

Auburn residents may recycle their electronics year-round at the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department's main office, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. Computer-related equipment and televisions smaller than 19" are accepted by appointment only. Televisions 19" and larger may be left at curbside for collection. To make an appointment, contact the Environmental Services Department.

MEETING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

- 2 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue
- 5 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- 6 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- 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
- 13 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 15 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 20 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 27 Library Board**, 2 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street
- 29 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford 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.



Auburn Public Safety Kicks Off Toys for Tots Toy Drive

The Season of Giving is upon us and the Auburn Department of Public Safety has kicked off its 2012 Toys for Tots toy drive to help get you in the spirit of giving. Toys for Tots assists Auburn families in need by providing Christmas gifts to children ages 3-8.

Child registration began October 2 and will continue at the Auburn Police Division each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The deadline to register is November 14. To be eligible, a parent or legal guardian must provide a picture ID, the child's social security card and birth certificate, and two of the following three documents: current light bill; water bill; and/or lease/rental agreement.

Citizens wishing to donate to Toys for Tots are invited to drop off their gift(s) at any Auburn Fire station or at the Auburn Police Division at 161 North Ross Street. Thanks to the generosity of Uncle Bob's Self-Storage, two remote drop points have also been established at their stores located at 1231 Gatewood Drive and 2020 South College Street. The gifts must be new and are not required to be wrapped. Upon arrival, they will be organized into age-appropriate categories before delivery which is scheduled for the week prior to Christmas.

The Toys for Tots initiative represents a great opportunity for our community to reach out to those in need in order to make this Christmas a joyous holiday for each and every child. Remember, no gift is too small.

Please direct questions regarding the Toys for Tots drive to Debra Hoyett at the Auburn Police Division at 501-3129.

November Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, in observance of Thanksgiving. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules during the holidays. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling during the week of Thanksgiving will change as follows:

Veterans Day – Week of November 12-16

Normal Collection Day Holiday Pickup Schedule

Monday	Tuesday, November 13
Tuesday	Wednesday, November 14
Wednesday	Thursday, November 15
Thursday	Friday, November 16

Thanksgiving – Week of November 19-23

Normal Collection Day Holiday Pickup Schedule

Monday	Monday, November 19
Tuesday	Tuesday, November 20
Wednesday	Wednesday, November 21
Thursday	Wednesday, November 21

Collection carts and recycled materials must be placed on the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Please avoid placing items on or near storm drains, mailboxes, utility 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. All carts and collection bins must be removed from the curb by 6:00 a.m. the following day.

City Launches New and Improved GIS Interactive Map

The City of Auburn's Information Technology Department has released a new version of the City's web-based interactive map. This new map program, simply titled the COA Interactive Map, will take the place of the existing General Interactive Map. The new COA Interactive Map provides citizens with access to the same data used daily by City staff and elected officials and provides citizens with a simplified, intuitive map interface that is easy to use and understand. The new COA Interactive Map contains all of the features of the old General Interactive Map plus new data layers and a variety of new and useful controls for finding and displaying a wealth of information.

Residents can use the map to see their parcel lines and property information; determine their voting ward, voting location and City Council representative; determine their school district; show their proximity to flood plains and much more. The tool is easy to use, but to help residents discover all the information available at their fingertips, the City of Auburn's Information Technology Department will host two free seminars for the public. Residents will have a hands-on opportunity to learn how to use the mapping system and discover all of the features and information available through this innovative tool.

Join us in the City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue, on November 6, from 5:30-6:30 PM, or at the same location on November 13, from 3:00-4:00 PM. No reservations are required. Please direct all questions to the City of Auburn's Information Technology Department, (334) 501-7200 or by email to webit@auburnalabama.org.

Try the new COA Interactive Map by going to www.auburnalabama.org/maps and following the link for Interactive Maps. We welcome your feedback and your questions.

Grease Recycling

If your holiday plans include frying a turkey, don't pour the leftover grease down the drain. Recycle it through the City of Auburn's Cooking Oil/Grease Recycling Program. To participate, simply pour any used cooking oil (after it has cooled) into its original container, secure the lid making sure it is leak free, and drop off the container at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. While you're there, pick up a new, empty container for future use, courtesy of the City of Auburn. Properly disposing of used cooking oil/grease is good for the environment and helps prevent costly sewer blockages and potential sewer spills. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/wrm-sewer and click on the FOG Recycling tab or contact the Water Resource Management Department at 501-3060.



Change Your Clock and Batteries

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 4. Remember to move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 3.

The Auburn Fire Division encourages citizens to use the end of Daylight Saving Time as a reminder to change the batteries in your smoke detectors throughout your home. A working smoke detector should be placed on every level of your home, in the kitchen and in every bedroom.

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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 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.

Note: The library is also closed Monday, November 12 for Veteran's Day and Thursday-Friday, November 21-22 for Thanksgiving. There are no regular programs the week of Thanksgiving, November 18-22.



Baby Lapsit - Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for ages birth – 12 months and their caregivers.

Baby First Steps Storytime - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 12 - 24 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Time - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. for ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Time - Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years and their caregivers.

Legomania – Every Saturday in November from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for students in grades 4-12.

Puppet Show - Tuesday, November 13 at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11.

American Girl's Club - Thursday, November 15 at 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K-5.

Writing to Santa Workshop – Monday, November 26 at 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K-5.



Parks and Recreation

For more information, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

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 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/arts or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

- **Photo XIV**, Oct. 8 - Nov. 17. Annual photography competition featuring works by regional artists and photographers.

- **Cotton Boll Quilt Guild**, Nov. 29 - Dec. 22. Cotton Boll Quilt Guild selected small quilts by guild members.



Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in November...Auburn Stride Walkers – Get moving with the Auburn Stride Walkers Club! Citizens of all ages are invited to join the club for walks at various City walking trails every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Participation is free.

Now Available...Applications for 6th Annual Holiday Art Sale – Auburn Parks and Recreation and the Auburn Arts Association will host the 6th Annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Purchase paintings, pottery, stained glass, photography, cards, jewelry, hats, scarves, and much more from local artists! Applications for vendors are now available online at www.auburnalabama.org/arts. Don't delay - a limited number of vendor spaces are available. Applications may also be picked up at the Arts Center.

Nov. 2...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer – Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on Nov. 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.



Register by Nov. 13...Tiger Trekkers Hiking Club Trip to Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trail - Citizens ages 16 and up are invited to join the Tiger Trekkers Hiking Club for a hike on the Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trail on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. This 3-mile hike is moderate in difficulty. Participants should bring a day pack with adequate water and snacks. Sturdy hiking shoes are required. The trip is FREE; however, participants must pre-register by Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Beginning Dec. 10...Daddy-Daughter Date Night 2012 Tickets on Sale - Tickets to Daddy-Daughter Date Night (DDDN) 2012 go on sale Monday, Dec. 10 at 8 a.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center. DDDN 2012 will be held Feb. 7 - 9 at the Lexington Hotel and University Convention Center on South College Street. Last year's event SOLD OUT, so be sure to purchase your tickets early! Tickets are \$30/couple and \$5 for each additional child. Participants must live or work in Auburn to purchase tickets.

Special Olympics

Auburn Parks and Recreation supports Special Olympics by sponsoring teams for many of the Special Olympics events. Currently, athletes compete in basketball, bowling, golf, powerlifting, swimming, and track & field events. We are pleased to announce the addition of two new sports for the 2012 - 2013 year - flag football and volleyball.

Practices take place throughout the year with help from local Special Olympics volunteer coaches. Participants must be at least 8 year of age and meet the requirements of the Alabama Special Olympics guidelines in order to compete. Participation is FREE for qualifying athletes. Registration is required and includes completing health forms and release forms. For more information, contact Alison Hall or Dana Stewart, Lee County Special Olympics Co-Directors, at 501-2930.