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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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City of Auburn



2014 Municipal Election

Auburn residents in Ward 1 (District 1, Post 1), Ward 3 (District 2, Post 1), Ward 5 (District 3, Post 1) and Ward 6 (District 3, Post 2) will go to the polls on Tuesday, August 26th to elect their representative on the City Council for the 2014 – 2018 City Council term.

Since there is no opposition in the Mayor's race or the races for Ward 2, Ward 4, Ward 7 or Ward 8, there will be no election held in those wards.

The polls will be open at the following locations from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 26, 2014:

- Ward 1 (District 1, Post 1) - Boykin Center Gymnasium
- Ward 3 (District 2, Post 1) - Frank Brown Recreation Center
- Ward 5 (District 3, Post 1) - Dean Road Recreation Center
- Ward 6 (District 3, Post 2) - Dean Road Recreation Center
- Absentee Box - Auburn City Hall

As unopposed candidates, Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr., Ward 2 Councilperson Ron Anders, Ward 4 Councilperson Brent Beard, Ward 7 Councilperson Gene Dulaney and Ward 8's new Councilperson, former Police Chief Tommy Dawson, will be elected by resolution and presented certificates of election at the August 5th Council meeting. Their oath of office ceremony will take place along with the rest of the newly elected City Council on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Voting Locations

City of Auburn voters should vote at the locations listed above for the 2014 Regular Municipal Election. To look up your voting ward and location by address, please visit the City's Public Service Map at <http://webgis.auburnalabama.org/publicservice/>.

Voter Registration

Voter registration is governed by state law and the federal National Voter Registration Act. The deadline to register to vote is Friday, August 16th. Voters must have resided within the City limits for at least 30 days to vote in the Regular Municipal Election.

Voter registration forms can be obtained at Auburn City Hall at 144 Tichenor Avenue in Auburn, at the Lee County Board of Registrars Office at 215 South 9th Street in Opelika, or online at <http://www.sos.state.al.us/elections/GetRegForm.aspx>. Registration forms should be returned to the Lee County Board of Registrars Office at PO Box 1530, Opelika, Alabama, 36803-1530. Registration forms returned to the City will be forwarded to the Lee County Board of Registrars.

FOR COUNCILPERSON,
WARD 1
(Vote for One)

CLEMON E. BYRD

ARTHUR L. DOWDELL

FOR COUNCILPERSON,
WARD 3
(Vote for One)

WENDELL McLAIN

BETH WITTEN

FOR COUNCILPERSON,
WARD 5
(Vote for One)

ROBIN KELLEY

LYNDA V. TREMAINE

FOR COUNCILPERSON,
WARD 6
(Vote for One)

BRAD DONNELLY

DICK PHELAN

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Absentee Voting

If you are unable to vote at the polls on election day, you may apply for an absentee ballot if you meet any of the following conditions:

- If you will be out of the county on election day.
- If you have a physical illness or disability that prevents a trip to the polling place.
- If you are a registered voter living outside of the county, such as a member of the armed forces, a voter employed outside the United States, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person.
- If you are an appointed election official or poll watcher at a polling place other than your regular polling place.
- If you work a required shift of at least 10 hours that coincides with polling hours.

How to Apply

The City will accept applications for absentee ballots through Thursday, August 21. Applications may be obtained from City Hall. Applications for absentee ballots must be made in writing to the City Manager and either hand-delivered or mailed to:

Auburn City Hall
Attn: Absentee Ballots
144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1
Auburn, AL 36830

The application form must be signed by the applicant and must state the applicant's name, residence address, information necessary to verify the applicant as a registered voter, and the address to which the ballot should be mailed. As soon as ballots are printed, absentee ballots will be mailed to those persons who have made a proper application.

Business Emergency or Medical Emergency applications can be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 PM on the day before the election, if the voter:

- is required by an employer under unforeseen circumstances to be out of the county on election day for an emergency business trip, or
- has a medical emergency requiring treatment from a licensed physician

The **business emergency application** contains an affidavit acknowledging that the voter was not aware of the out-of-county business trip prior to the normal absentee ballot deadline. The **medical emergency application** requires that the attending physician describe and certify the circumstances as constituting an emergency.

Absentee Voting Deadline

An absentee ballot returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the day prior to the election and received by the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon on election day. If hand-delivered, the ballot must be in the office of the Absentee Election Manager by the close of business at 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election.



New Fitness Centers Now Available to Citizens

Auburn Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce the opening of two new fitness centers inside the Frank Brown Recreation Center and the Boykin Community Center for citizens to utilize for their wellness needs. The new fitness centers are the result of improvements made at the Frank Brown Recreation Center as part of the Five Mill Referendum approved by Auburn voters in 2012. The project included the construction of a new fitness center at Frank Brown, allowing equipment from the former fitness area to move to Boykin Community Center. Access to both fitness centers is available to individuals ages 19 & up who live or work in Auburn. Teens ages 16 - 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to work out. Access is not available for anyone under the age of 16.

Boykin Fitness Center

The Boykin Fitness Center is a FREE fitness option for citizens 19 & up living or working in Auburn. Enjoy a cardio room with treadmills, elliptical machines, and upright bikes; free weights; and a strength room. Stop by the front desk at the Boykin Center Gymnasium to complete your registration form and waiver prior to your first workout. Patrons must sign in at the front desk prior to every workout.

Frank Brown Fitness Center

The new Frank Brown Fitness Center features a cardio room with treadmills; cross trainers; and recumbent, upright, and upper body ergometer bikes. Free weights offer an opportunity for toning, while the new strength room includes multi-press, hip abductor/adductor, leg extension/curl, leg press, chin/dip/leg raise, and back extension machines.

Citizens living or working in Auburn can enjoy all of this for a one-time fee of \$25 for a facility access and identification card. To obtain an access card, simply complete an application and bring it to the Frank Brown Recreation Center (for check payments only) or the Harris Center (for cash and credit card payments) during regular business hours. Once your payment and application have been received, City staff will take your photo for your membership/access card. Cards will be ready within 48 hours of application; however, you may begin using the fitness center as soon as your application is completed and payment has been received. Applications are available online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks - click on the "Fitness Centers" tab.

For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Auburn Beautification Council Plant Sale

The Auburn Beautification Council will host a pansy and mum sale on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8 a.m. - Noon at the Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road. Don't miss your chance to purchase flowers for fall planting! Prices range from \$6 - 20. All proceeds from the sale go to support Auburn Beautification Council projects, including the downtown hanging baskets and plantings, Spring Azalea Trail, gardens at Kiesel Park, and beautification awards presented to Auburn homes and businesses. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to pre-order plants by Wednesday, Sept. 10. Pre-orders receive a 10% discount.

For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



Free Downtown Parking

Downtown parking will be free between Auburn University's Summer Graduation and the beginning of fall semester: Friday August 1st through Friday, August 15th. Take advantage of free downtown parking to shop and dine in downtown Auburn. ShopAuburn and help keep tax dollars local.

Board Vacancies

Two vacancies on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** were announced at the July 1, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the August 5, 2014 City Council meeting.



One vacancy on the Board of Directors of the **Lee County Youth Development Center** will be announced at the August 19, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the September 16, 2014 City Council meeting

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

Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park

Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for FREE music in the park on select Thursdays in September at 6 p.m. The Fall Concert Series at Kiesel Park will offer live musical entertainment from a variety of genres. Mark your calendars for Sept. 4, 11, and 25 for this fun, family-friendly event!

Bring the family, a picnic, lawn chairs, or a blanket and join us for an evening of entertainment. Don't forget – dogs are always welcome! Ample parking is available, so large groups are welcome! Shake up your weekly routine and make your next Bunco night or organizational meeting a social event at the Fall Concert Series!

For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

MEETING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER

- 2 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 3 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 5 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 E. Glenn Avenue
- 8 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 9 Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., DSB Conference Room, 171 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 11 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 18 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 23 Library Board**, 2 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/boards.

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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 501-7266.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Auburn Public Library will hold their fall book sale on Saturday, September 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The sale is open to the public, and hundreds of gently used books will be available for purchase, including bestsellers, classics, fiction, nonfiction, textbooks, and children's books. All proceeds benefit the Auburn Public Library. If you would like more information about the book sale, or if you're interested in volunteering or joining the Friends of the Library, please call (334) 501-3190.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Baby Time - Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for ages birth - 18 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Time - Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Time - Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years and their caregivers.

Puppet Show: "I Want My Hat Back" - Wednesday, September 3rd at 3:30 p.m. for ages 3 - 7.

Pajama Time: Monday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Fractured Fairy Tales, featuring "The Boy Who Cried Ninja" - Wednesday, September 10 at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5 - 8.

Family Storytime: Sunday, September 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Legomania - Join us every Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for "free play" with Legos®.

Please note that there are no programs from August 24 through September 6.

Parks and Recreation

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.

- **Naturally**, Aug. 6 - Sept. 6. New fabric works by Studio 222 members.
- **Fall Invitation**: Diptychs, Sept. 8 - Oct. 10. Selected works by area artists and craftpersons.

Sept. 1...Samford Pool Closes for the Season - Samford Pool will close for the season at the end of the day on Monday, Sept. 1. Join us for all day swimming from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. as we say our final farewell until next season!

Register through Sept. 9...Adult Fall Softball Leagues - Registration for adult softball leagues is going on now at the Auburn Softball Complex. Participants may register through Tuesday, Sept. 9. The cost is \$450, due in full at registration. A mandatory coaches meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Auburn Softball Complex. The season begins Monday, Sept. 22. Men's and co-ed leagues are available.

Register through Sept. 9...Adult Fall Kickball Leagues - Registration for adult kickball leagues is going on now at the Auburn Softball Complex. Participants may register through Tuesday, Sept. 9. The cost is \$225, due in full at registration. A mandatory coaches meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Auburn Softball Complex. The season begins Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Adventures in Art 2014: Upcycled!

The Adventures in Art program will be held Sept. 8 - 11 at the Donald E. Davis Arboretum and the Julie and Hal Moore Center for Excellence. Adventures in Art is a field trip component of a community-based, art education program for all fourth and fifth grade students from Auburn City Schools. The program is sponsored by the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department and the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and is partially funded through a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

This year's program will focus on sustainability in art. The program will begin with a performance by Doc Waller, founder of Doc Waller LLC. Following the performance, students will split into groups and attend three workshops: a visual arts workshop with a mosaic project using recycled materials from the Zero Landfill Project, a sustainability workshop at the Arboretum, and a theatre performance workshop with Waller. Each component will seek to educate and provide creative experiences through upcycling exploration and hands-on activities. For more information, please contact Cari Cleckler, Art Education Specialist, at 501-2944.

