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a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

JULY 2021



City of Auburn

Auburn 2040 kicks off this July

After being delayed more than a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Auburn 2040 community planning initiative will restart this summer.

Each generation, Auburn residents have a chance to shape the future of our community. In the 1980s, community members gathered to envision and create a road map for how to make their dreams for Auburn become reality. That initiative birthed the Auburn 2000 plan. Decades later, a new group of residents embarked on another goal-setting initiative to create the Auburn 2020 plan.

Since then, Auburn has seen so much of what was laid out in those plans come to fruition. Now, we're gearing up for another round of planning, and we need your help.

The Auburn 2040 planning initiative will consist of eight community teams that will think about, discuss, research and recommend what the future of Auburn should look like. As this is being written, sign ups are open for those interested in serving on one of the following teams:

- Education
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- Intergovernmental
- Growth & Development
- Utilities, Environment & Technology
- Citizen Engagement
- Family & Community

Applications will remain open until Sunday, June 13. Once team members have been finalized, teams will meet to kick off the process on Thursday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Auburn High School auditorium. Teams will meet into the fall a minimum of two-three times a month. We anticipate the finalized Auburn 2040 plan to go before the City Council for adoption in early 2022.

Find more details and sign up for the Auburn 2040 eNotifier at auburnalabama.org/2040.



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A better way to get rid of used cooking oil

Over the years, we've kept more than 13,000 gallons of used cooking oil and grease out of the City's sewer system through our Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Recycling program. And you can help us collect even more!

Our Water Resource Management Department began the FOG Recycling program in 2009 to bring awareness to the harmful effects of the improper disposal of grease and used cooking oil. Through this program, residents are reminded that oil should never be poured down the drain. Even if oil is poured slowly down the drain with hot water, this will eventually cause problems with your plumbing and the City's sewer system as a whole.

The program offers a responsible means of recycling, providing plastic containers that customers can pick up from the Recycling Drop-Off Center at 365-A N. Donahue Drive. Once full, customers can bring the containers back to the drop-off center to be properly disposed. A grease renderer turns the recycled oils into raw materials that can be used in animal feeds, pet food and industrial formulations.

For more information, visit auburnalabama.org/water-resource-management/fog-recycling or contact the Water Resource Management Department at (334) 501-3060 or webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org.



The Cooking Oil and Grease recycling receptacle is located at the Recycling Drop-Off Center, 365-A N. Donahue Drive.



2020 WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Each year, the Water Works Board of the City of Auburn (AWWB) distributes its Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report to notify customers about the quality and safety of their drinking water. This year's report is now available online at auburnalabama.org/water-resource-management/water-operations.

The report provides information about the contaminants that may be found in the drinking water and how these contaminants may affect customers' health. It is also an opportunity for our customers to learn about Auburn's drinking water sources, treatment techniques and delivery methods used to ensure compliance with state and federal laws.

A copy of the report has been mailed to all customers. The AWWB provides a digital copy of the report online, and print copies are available at the Bailey Alexander Water and Sewer Complex and other public facilities in Auburn. Have questions? Contact the Water Resource Management Department at (334) 501-3060.

Board and commission vacancies

Three vacancies on the Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority will be announced at the June 1 Auburn City Council Meeting. Applications will be open through June 28. The City Council will make appointments at its July 6 meeting.

One vacancy on the Water Works Board and two vacancies on the Greenspace Advisory Board will be announced at the June 15 Auburn City Council Meeting. Applications will be open through July 12. The City Council will make appointments at its July 20 meeting.

MORE DETAILS [➔ auburnalabama.org/boards](http://auburnalabama.org/boards)



Annual Fourth of July Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day with the entire Auburn community! Join us for our annual Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 4, behind the home side of Duck Samford Stadium. Gates will open at 5 p.m. Make sure to bring your chairs and blankets, and enjoy food trucks and live music throughout the evening. Fireworks will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The fireworks will be set off in a centrally located area — the old water tower site on East University Drive next to Duck Samford Park. The rain date will be Monday, July 5, with fireworks only.

We look forward to seeing you at this FREE event! For more information, visit auburnalabama.org/4th-of-july.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

JULY 16-18

The 2021 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday is set for July 16-18, giving shoppers the chance to purchase certain items free of state and local sales tax. On May 4, the Auburn City Council approved an ordinance exempting specific items from the City's 4% sales tax, including clothing, computers and computer software, school supplies and books.

For a full list of what will and won't be tax exempt, visit auburnalabama.org/tax-holiday or contact the City of Auburn Revenue Office at (334) 501-7239 or revenue@auburnalabama.org.

Holiday closures & schedules

Most City facilities will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. There will be no changes to garbage, trash and recycling pickup routes.

The Auburn Public Library will be closed on Sunday, July 4. Book drops will remain open, and the online collection of e-books, e-audiobooks and digital magazines are always available at auburnalabama.org/library.



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JULY 2021 **upcoming events**

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	<p>Programs & events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at auburnalabama.org.</p>	<p><i>Background Photo: Samford Pool</i></p>	<p>Auburn Public Library auburnalabama.org/library</p> <p>City Meetings auburnalabama.org/boards</p> <p>Parks & Recreation auburnalabama.org/parks</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (virtual only) Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Crafternoons Thursdays @ 2 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting Noon</p> <p>Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (virtual only) Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Fourth of July Celebration 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p> <p>Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>Ward 4 Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (virtual only) Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Summer Serendipity: Craft-a-Palooza Day 2 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (virtual only) Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Summer Serendipity: Bill Packard (Magician) 2 p.m.</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>OLLI Mini-Classes 2 p.m.</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting Noon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Library Board 10 a.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board Noon</p> <p>Summer Serendipity: TBD 2 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Summer Serendipity: Auburn Fire Division 2 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Marvel Movie Madness 2 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting Noon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p>