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a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

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City of Auburn

## Auburn now seventh-largest city in Alabama

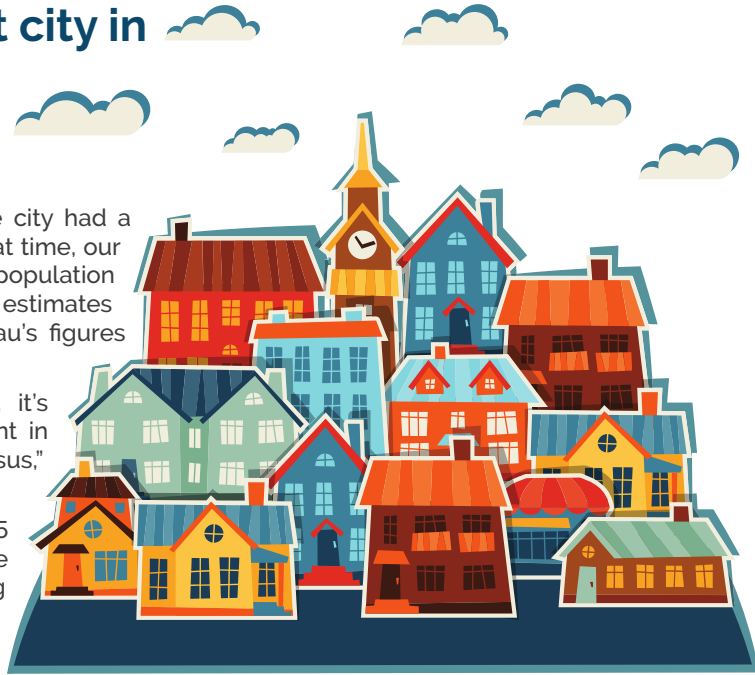
The results are in from the 2020 Census, and the city of Auburn is now the seventh-largest Alabama city with 76,143 residents.

Auburn has grown nearly 43% since 2010 when the city had a population of 53,380, according to census data. At that time, our Planning Department staff estimated that Auburn's population was significantly higher than the census results. Our estimates continued to run higher than the U.S. Census Bureau's figures throughout the decade.

"While we have certainly seen significant growth, it's possible that what we believed to be an undercount in 2010 has somewhat corrected itself in the 2020 census," said City Manager Megan McGowen Crouch.

Auburn is the fastest growing of Alabama's top 25 largest cities and the fourth fastest growing city in the state since 2010. Gulf Shores was the fastest growing (57%) followed by Fairhope (47%) and Chelsea (47%). Lee County also grew over the last decade, increasing by 24% to 174,241.

"Our approach over the past few decades has been to maintain and improve our economy and quality of life rather than to actively seek growth. What's important to us is that we provide the best schools and public safety along with great entertainment and recreation opportunities for those who call Auburn home," said Auburn Mayor Ron Anders. "I believe this growth is evidence that people love living in Auburn, and we're seeing that more people want to be a part of that. We're happy to welcome more to the Auburn family and look forward to the future we will build together."



## Orchestra at the Oaks

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This October, the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center (JDCAC) in partnership with the Auburn Downtown Merchants Association will present Orchestra at the Oaks, a FREE concert featuring the Auburn Community Orchestra.

The orchestra will perform classical favorites on the Tiger's Paw at Toomers corner beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 14. For more information, please contact the JDCAC at (334) 501-2963.



## Board & commission vacancies

Three vacancies on the Tree Commission and one vacancy on the Educational Building Authority will be announced at the Sept. 21 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Oct. 19 meeting. Applications will close on Oct. 11 at 5 p.m.

Visit [auburnalabama.org/boards](http://auburnalabama.org/boards) to apply or to find more information about volunteering for one of 22 boards and commissions.

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## AUBix bringing \$120M data center to Auburn

We're excited to announce that AUBix LLC plans to open a \$120 million data center in Auburn that will benefit communities across the state by providing a technological edge to businesses and individuals as well as enhanced access to high-speed internet.

Founded by Auburn businessmen, AUBix LLC will build and operate the multi-tenant data center.

"Our goal is to provide customers with secure and compliant infrastructure to host internet applications locally, as well as significantly higher internet speeds and the choice of national/global carriers who compete for their business," said Andrew Albrecht, co-founder and CEO of AUBix. "In turn, that will attract new businesses to the state, support all levels of academic initiatives and research, and bring value to the communities we serve."

AUBix is expected to become an economic catalyst for the regions and communities it serves, enabling digital transformation for businesses, supporting academic research and development, and providing access to high-speed internet.

One key benefit AUBix will bring to businesses is increased access to global internet exchanges through multiple high-speed fiber networks. AUBix will become an internet exchange for the existing network service providers in the area, enabling them to leverage their high-speed regional and global networks and improve the performance of internet applications.

"The additional capacity and services AUBix will bring to local business and educational institutions is as groundbreaking as when Interstate 85 was built in the 1960s," Auburn Mayor Ron Anders said. "Auburn will now be able to better serve IT-related business enterprises and, with that, bring desirable, knowledge-based, high-paying jobs to Auburn. On top of that, the significant revenue this project will bring will greatly benefit our school system, which we all value. I am grateful for the trust and investment of the owners and their partners in our community."

AUBix will offer 22,000 square feet of available data center space and more than 3 megawatts of critical power capacity across two data halls with redundant power and cooling. The initial 40,000-square-foot buildout includes customer office space, conference rooms and tenant equipment storage.



A rendering of the AUBix multi-tenant data center under construction on Samford Avenue.



## DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING

Do you ever wonder if that door-to-door salesperson is legitimate? Under section 16-29 of the Auburn City Code, a solicitor must be registered with the City of Auburn prior to going door-to-door. Each registered solicitor must have a photo ID permit badge as evidence of having registered with the City's Revenue Office.

Solicitors are given the following guidelines by which to abide while they are conducting business in Auburn:

- If any home or neighborhood displays a "No Soliciting" placard, solicitors must discontinue any efforts to solicit and may not leave any literature concerning the solicitation at that residence or in that neighborhood.
- Any solicitor who is asked to leave any residence by the occupant shall immediately and peacefully depart.
- Every solicitor shall carry a permit in plain sight while soliciting within City limits. The same shall be visible about the body of said solicitor so as to be seen by any police officer or by any person who is solicited.
- Solicitation is permitted during the following hours only:
  - September through May: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - June through August: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Sundays year-round: Noon to 6 p.m.

No door-to-door solicitation shall be conducted on City holidays.

### State of the City Address

Join us for the third annual State of the City Address on Monday, Oct. 25, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Ron Anders will reflect on all that has happened in our community over the last year and will recognize the 2021 Mayor's Lamplighter Award recipients.

Keep an eye out for more details at [auburnalabama.org](http://auburnalabama.org) and on social media @CityofAuburnAL.



## 2021 Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Our Environmental Services Department will host the biannual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Oct. 23. Auburn residents are invited to drop off materials from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Environmental Services Complex at 365-A N. Donahue Drive.

During the event, the department will accept hazardous waste not collected in regular garbage and trash pickup. Computers and electronics will be accepted as well as paper documents for secure, on-site shredding. Residents may bring up to 20 pounds of material per household for disposal at no charge.

Those participating in the event are asked to **register ahead of time** by filling out the form at [auburnalabama.org/HHW](http://auburnalabama.org/HHW). On the day of the event, participants should load the materials they wish to drop off in the trunk or rear of their vehicle. Participants should enter the Environmental Services Complex via North Donahue Drive.

Participation is limited to Auburn residents, and proof of residency can be shown by bringing a recent water bill.

**MORE DETAILS** [auburnalabama.org/environmental-services](http://auburnalabama.org/environmental-services)

## Wildlife seminar: coyotes & foxes

Our Environmental Services Department is partnering with U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to hold a Wildlife Awareness Seminar on Saturday, Oct. 23, beginning at 9 a.m. at Town Creek Park. The seminar will focus on coyote and fox habitat management and control and will give local residents information about:



- Identification and biology
- Space use and food habits
- Habitat management
- Pet management
- Agency functions as it relates to coyotes and foxes
- Recommended ways to respond to aggression

All those interested in gaining a better awareness about coyotes and foxes are invited to attend!

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# OCTOBER 2021 upcoming events

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		<p>Programs &amp; events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at <a href="http://auburnlabama.org">auburnlabama.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Auburn Public Library</b> <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/library">auburnlabama.org/library</a></p> <p><b>City Meetings</b> <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/boards">auburnlabama.org/boards</a></p> <p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b> <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/parks">auburnlabama.org/parks</a></p>		<p>1</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Puppet Shows (in person/virtual)</b> Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. &amp; 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Story Time (virtual)</b> Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p>	
3	4	<p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Story Time (virtual)</b> Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Paranormal Research Team 6 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole TBD</b></p> <p><b>City Council 7 p.m.</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Story Time (virtual)</b> Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</b></p>	7	<p>8</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Story Time (virtual)</b> Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Sundown Concert Series @ Kiesel Park 5 p.m.</b></p>	9	
	<p><b>Family Movie 3:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Ward 4 Meeting 5:30 p.m.</b></p>	10	11	12	<p>14</p> <p><b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Sundown Concert Series @ Kiesel Park 5 p.m.</b></p>	16	
	<p><b>Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon</b></p>	<p><b>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Not-So-Spooky Magic Show 5 p.m.</b></p>	13	15	<p>17</p>	18	19
		<p><b>Library Board 10 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Greenspace Advisory Board Noon</b></p> <p><b>Reader's Review Virtual Adult Book Club 5:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole TBD</b></p> <p><b>City Council 7 p.m.</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Posh Pumpkins 4 p.m.</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Youth/High School Basketball Registration Ends</b></p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Friday Fright Night Movie @ Kiesel Park 6:15 p.m.</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Haunted Zumba @ Frank Brown Rec Center 8:30 a.m.</b></p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31				<p><b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Ghoulish Gala 5:30 p.m.</b></p>			