

# Open Line

## A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

September 2018

### 2018 Municipal Election set for Aug. 28

With 30 candidates vying for eight spots on the Auburn City Council, Auburn residents will head to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 28 to elect a new mayor and Auburn City Council representatives for the 2018–2022 term.

#### Candidates

The following candidates will appear on the ballot:

#### Mayor

Ron Anders, Jr.; Brittany Cannon Dement;  
David B. Hill; Lindburgh B. Jackson;  
Jordan Langdon; Richard E. Speake

#### Ward 1

Connie Fitch Taylor, Verlinda White (Incumbent)

#### Ward 2

Anthony Brock; Phil Chansler; Kelley Griswold;  
Stephen "Kyle" Moseley; Todd D. Scholl;  
Hal Walker

#### Ward 4

Barry Davis; Jim Ryan; Brett Smith

#### Ward 5

Steven Dixon; Brian P. O'Neil;  
Walter M. Northcutt

#### Ward 6

Sarah Brown; Brad Donnelly; Bob Parsons

#### Ward 7

Jay Conner; Amy C. Crew; Jay Hovey;  
Laura Mirarchi; Andrew Puent

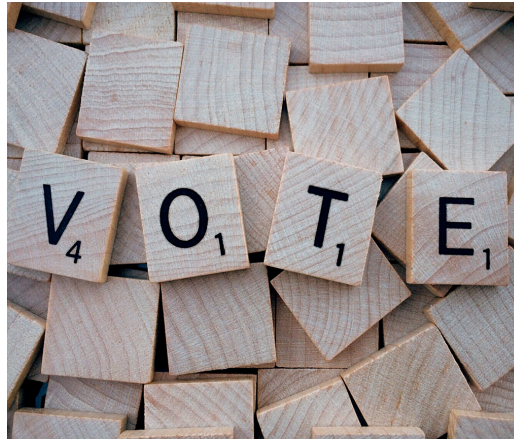
#### Ward 8

Marlene Bowman; Tommy Dawson (Incumbent)

Since Ward 3 Councilperson Beth Witten was unopposed, Ward 3 residents will only see the mayor's race on their ballot on Aug. 28. Witten was elected by resolution and presented a certificate of election at the July 24 Council meeting. Witten will join the rest of the newly elected City Council for an oath of office ceremony on Monday, Nov. 5.

#### Polling locations

Please remember, **all Ward 2 residents will now vote at the Boykin Community Center gymnasium** rather than the National Guard Armory. Polls will be open at the following locations from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28:



Ward 1 (District 1, Post 1)- Boykin Community Center, 400 Boykin St.

Ward 2 (District 1, Post 2)-Boykin Community Center, 400 Boykin St.

Ward 3 (District 2, Post 1)- Frank Brown Recreation Center, 235 Opelika Road

Ward 4 (District 2, Post 2)-Frank Brown Recreation Center, 235 Opelika Road

Ward 5 (District 3, Post 1)- Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 S. Dean Road

Ward 6 (District 3, Post 2)-Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 S. Dean Road

Ward 7 (District 4, Post 1)-Clarion Inn and Suites, 1577 S. College St.

Ward 8 (District 4, Post 2)- Clarion Inn and Suites, 1577 S. College St.

Absentee Box- Auburn City Hall

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You can find your ward and voting location online by entering your address in the City Services bar at the bottom of [auburnalabama.org](http://auburnalabama.org) and clicking "Search."

In mid-July, we learned that several addresses in Ward 6 were incorrectly listed in Ward 7 on the Secretary of State's website.

Lee County has since corrected their data, and the ward information available at [myinfo.alabamavotes.gov](http://myinfo.alabamavotes.gov) should now be accurate and consistent with the information found on the City's website. If you are a resident of Ward 6 or 7, please confirm your ward and voting location before heading to the polls on Aug. 28.

### Voter registration

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, Aug. 13. Please note that the August 2018 issue of Open Line incorrectly listed the final date to register as Aug. 17. Voters may register with the Lee County Board of Registrars at the Lee County Courthouse, 215 S. 9th St. in Opelika, or online at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov). Voters may also print a registration form at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov), fill it out and mail it to the Lee County Board of Registrars at PO Box 1530, Opelika, AL, 36803.

### Absentee voting

If you are unable to vote at the polls on Election Day, you may apply for an absentee ballot if:

- You will be out of the county on Election Day;
- You have a physical illness or disability that prevents a trip to the polling place;
- 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;
- You are an appointed election official or poll watcher at a polling place other than your regular polling place;
- You work a required shift of at least 10 hours that coincides with polling hours.

### Applying for absentee voting

The City will accept applications for absentee ballots through

Thursday, Aug. 23. Applications may be obtained from City Hall. Applications must be made in writing to the City Manager and either hand delivered by the voter or mailed to Auburn City Hall, Attn: Absentee Ballots, 144 Tichenor Ave., Suite 1, Auburn, AL, 36830.

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

**Business Emergency or Medical Emergency applications** may be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 p.m. 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.

### Absentee voting deadlines

Absentee ballots 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 by the voter, the ballot must be in the office of the absentee election manager at City Hall, 144 Tichenor Ave. in Auburn, by the close of business at 5 p.m. on the day before the election.

### Campaign sign reminders

The City of Auburn regulates all signage within Auburn City limits. Here are a few reminders about signage regulations to help keep Auburn beautiful:

- Political signs may only be placed out within 30 days prior to the election.
- Signs may be no more than 32 square feet.
- All signage must be placed on private property and cannot be placed on City right of ways or on utility poles or traffic signs. Signs not properly placed will be confiscated.
- Signs for candidates in runoff elections may remain up until seven days after the runoff election.
- Signs for candidates who are not in a runoff election must be removed within seven days of the election.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that volunteers and sign contractors who distribute and erect political signs during an election do so in compliance with City Code. For more info, contact the Inspection Services Department at (334) 501-3170 or [webcodes@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webcodes@auburnalabama.org).

## Fall Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park begins Sept. 20

Begin the fall season with a concert at beautiful Kiesel Park! The Fall Sundown Concert Series will be held every Thursday evening from Sept. 20 through Oct. 11 at Kiesel Park from 6–7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and relax while listening to music from local and regional artists.

Inflatables will be available for children, and food vendors will be on site. Four-legged friends are welcome, too, but please make sure they are on a leash.



## Renting your home during football season

Thinking of renting or leasing your home for AU football game weekends? Whether you're considering using an online company or doing it yourself, there are some things you should know:

- Renting or leasing your single family home for less than six continuous months is considered a short term rental and may constitute a use violation or an unrelated occupancy violation in accordance with the City of Auburn's Zoning Ordinance. If you are considering renting or leasing your single-family residence for football games or any other short term rental period, please contact the City's Planning Department to find out if the property is zoned to allow short term rentals.
- Renting or leasing your home, condo or apartment for less than six continuous months in an approved zone requires collection and remittance of State, County and City lodging taxes and City license fees.
- Renting or leasing your primary home could negatively affect your homestead exemption status with Lee County.

## Labor Day holiday schedules

City Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. Garbage, trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the week of Sept. 3-7 as listed below:

Monday, Sept. 3	Holiday
Tuesday, Sept. 4	Monday's Route
Wednesday, Sept. 5	Tuesday's Route
Thursday, Sept. 6	Wednesday's Route
Friday, Sept. 7	Thursday's Route

### Auburn Public Library

The Auburn Public Library will be closed on Sept. 3. Book drops will remain open, and the online collection of e-books, e-audiobooks and digital magazines is always available.

### Auburn Parks and Recreation

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Sept. 3 except Samford Avenue Pool and the Yarbrough Tennis Center. The tennis center will have regular business hours on Sept. 3 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Samford Avenue Pool's holiday weekend hours are as follows:

- Friday, Aug. 31: CLOSED
- Saturday, Sept. 1: 9-10 a.m. lap swim, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. recreation swim
- Sunday, Sept. 2: Noon-1 p.m. lap swim, 1-6 p.m. recreation swim, 7:15 p.m. Float-N-Movie
- Monday, Sept. 3: 8-9 a.m. lap swim, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. recreation swim (\$1 admission all day)

All City of Auburn parks, playgrounds and cemeteries will be open sun up to sundown throughout the holiday weekend.



## Welcome back students!

### A reminder of the City of Auburn's residential occupancy regulations

Auburn welcomes thousands of new and returning students each fall. Those who are new to the area or venturing off campus for the first time should be aware of residential occupancy rules regulating how many unrelated individuals may live in one residence in Auburn's different zones.

Traditional residential neighborhoods are typically zoned to allow for no more than two unrelated people to live at an address. Apartment complexes, mobile home parks and other multi-family housing units are zoned to allow for more than two unrelated tenants.

Such limitations are not unique to Auburn. Many communities use these limitations to reduce overcrowding and concerns that can accompany it. Occupancy limits help preserve neighborhood character and quality of life for Auburn citizens.

Residents in violation of residential occupancy regulations may be subject to eviction by property owners. Property owners found to be in violation of occupancy regulations are subject to penalties that can include fines and even arrest.

Citizens may submit occupancy related complaints to the Inspection Services Department. A complaint form can be filled out and submitted at [auburnalabama.org/unrelated](http://auburnalabama.org/unrelated). Once submitted, Inspection Services staff members will begin the enforcement process.

Visit [auburnalabama.org/unrelated](http://auburnalabama.org/unrelated) or contact the Inspection Services Department at (334) 501-3176 or [webcodes@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webcodes@auburnalabama.org) to find out what occupancy limitations are on your address.

## Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the West Pace Village Improvements District Board of Directors will be announced at the Aug. 7 meeting and filled at the Sept. 4 meeting. Two vacancies on the Industrial Development Board and one vacancy on the Lee County Youth Development Center Board will be announced at the Aug. 21 meeting and appointed at the Sept. 18 meeting.

Visit [auburnalabama.org/boards](http://auburnalabama.org/boards) for more information about volunteering for one of our boards and commissions.





# SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize events that are not directly affiliated with a City department.

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[auburnalabama.org/openline](http://auburnalabama.org/openline)

	<p><b>City Meeting Schedule</b> <a href="mailto:admin@auburn.org">admin@auburn.org</a> (834) 501-7240</p>	<p><b>Auburn Public Library</b> <a href="http://auburnalabama.org/online">auburnalabama.org/online</a> (834) 501-3199</p>	<p><b>Parks and Recreation</b> <a href="http://auburnalabama.org/parks">auburnalabama.org/parks</a> (834) 501-2930</p>	 <p>City of Auburn</p>		
2		<p><b>Baby Time</b> 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 1 pm <b>50+ Bingo</b> 10:30 am at Horis Center <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board</b> 11:45 am <b>City Council</b> 7 pm</p>	<p><b>Toddler Time</b> 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 1 pm <b>Board of Zoning Adjustment</b> 4:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Preschool Storytime</b> 9:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M. and 1 PM <b>Gamer's Society</b> 4 pm</p>	<p><b>STEM Storytime</b> 10am</p>	
3	<p><b>Sumford Pool closes for the season at the end of the day. \$1 admission all day</b></p>	<p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> 6:55 pm <b>Historic Preservation Commission</b> 4 pm <b>Board of Education</b> 6 pm</p>	<p><b>Toddler Time</b> 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 1 pm</p>	<p><b>Preschool Storytime</b> 9:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M. and 1 PM <b>Gamer's Society</b> 4 pm <b>Planning Commission</b> 5 pm</p>	<p><b>STEM Storytime</b> 10am</p>	
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