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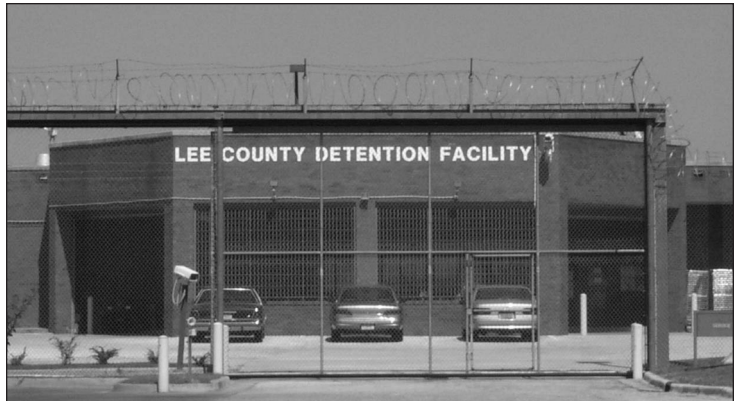
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Lee County to Provide Jail Services to Auburn Inmates

In an effort to streamline jail services and eliminate duplication, the City Council committed to participate in the expansion of the Lee County Jail on March 6, 2001. Once Auburn, the City of Opelika, and Lee County finalize the agreement for the expansion of the joint jail facility, the contract for the design of the jail can be awarded. The construction will not likely start until 2003, once an agreement on the funding by all three entities is reached.



Consolidating jail services will improve efficiency.

As a preliminary step to the expansion, on October 2, 2001, the City Council approved an agreement with Lee County for the care and detention of the City's inmates. The City will pay to the County thirty dollars per prisoner day to cover the full cost of providing detention and care to the inmates sentenced to jail by the City Judge. The City will be responsible for medical care for prisoners who must be given care outside of the Jail. City inmates will continue to provide work in City programs such as litter patrol and other City projects.

The City is interested in closing its jail because of the expense and liability in operating a municipal jail. "The County's modern jail will provide a better facility for inmates and a more efficient solution to the provision of jail services," said City Manager Doug Watson. The jail arrangement will go into effect later this calendar year.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The City of Auburn will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, November 11 at the Veterans Memorial located at the north-east corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Bill Ham will be the moderator and the Auburn High School choral group will sing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. The ceremony will conclude with a memorial wreath laying and a "fly over" by the Alabama Air National Guard. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held at Greystone located at 434 E. Magnolia Avenue.



A Veterans Day ceremony will be held November 11.

The City of Auburn Receives \$10,000 Donation From Dyas Automotive Group

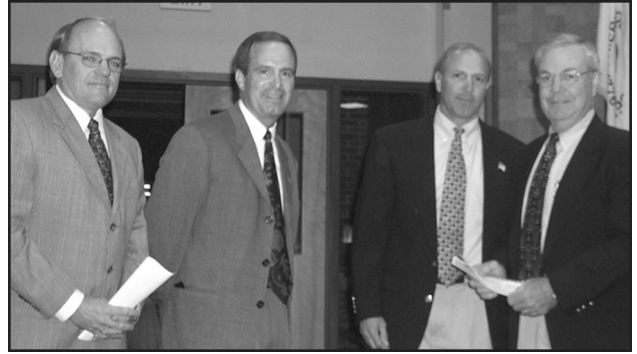
At the October 2nd City Council meeting, Bill and Tom Dyas, owners of the Dyas Automotive Group, presented Mayor Bill Ham with a check for \$10,000. This generous donation was given in memory of the police officers and firefighters who lost their lives in New York City due to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The money is being divided evenly between the Fire and Police divisions of the Public Safety Department and will be used for training equipment for each division.

The Dyas Automotive Group is hopeful that this training equipment will enable local public safety workers to handle better dangerous situations and possibly prevent them from losing their lives in the line of duty.

The Dyas Automotive Group was established in 1960 by Thomas F. Dyas, Sr. Today, the company is owned by Bill Dyas and Tom Dyas, Jr. and employs more than 100 people.

Parking Meter Enforcement Hours Change

On September 18, the City Council passed an ordinance decreasing the hours of operation for parking meters. Instead of requiring payment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., the new hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Mayor Bill Ham and Public Safety Director Clyde Prather accept donation from Bill and Tom Dyas, Jr.

The Second Annual "Adventures in Art" Program

The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center hosted the second annual *Adventures in Art* program September 10-14. This educational program for 3rd - 5th graders featured a hands-on visual arts project, a gallery exploration, African drumming and rhythms, and a scavenger hunt. Each day more than 260 Auburn elementary students attended the program. This year's theme was *Realism vs. Symbolism* and provided the students the opportunity to explore two different periods in art history.



The Second Annual *Adventures in Art* program would not have been possible without the generous support of State Representative Mike Hubbard. This year Rep. Hubbard was able to obtain an \$8,500 grant to fund the program.

Meeting Schedule

Cemeteries Advisory Board - November 5. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4930.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - November 5, 6:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - November 6, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - November 7, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - November 8, 4:00 PM, Finance Conference Room (City Hall).

Planning Commission - November 8, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board - November 12, 4:00 PM, Engineering Conference Room.

Historic Preservation Commission - November 13, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - November 13, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

Library Board - November 19, 10:00 AM, Library Board Room.

City Council - November 20, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Greenpace Advisory Board - November 27, 11:30 AM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Looking for a Job?

The City of Auburn currently has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. Some of the current full-time job openings include:

- Court Referral Officer (\$1,952.18 - \$2,263.11/month)

- Water Utility Maintenance Worker (\$8.71 - 10.10/hour)

- Public Works Maintenance Worker (\$8.71 - 10.10/hour)

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, contact the Alabama State Employment Office, or call the City's job line at 501-7250. The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer. Come join a winning team of employees at the City of Auburn!

Lending a "Hand" in the Wake of Disaster

In response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, the students from Wrights Mill Road Elementary School made a large flag entitled "Wrights Mill's Hands Holding America's Hands." The flag is made out of red, white, and blue hand cutouts and is on display at the Auburn Public Library.



Cart Service Option Still Available

Auburn residents have the option to change from back-door garbage collection to cart collection and enjoy a \$6.50 monthly savings. Over 5000 carts are now in service in the City. The 96-gallon roll-out carts are free of charge and will be delivered to your residence. The monthly charge for roll-out garbage collection is \$15.50 per month. The current rate for back-door collection using your own cans is \$22 per month.



If you wish to change to a roll-out cart, it is not too late. Contact the Environmental Services Department at 887-4941 and request a Garbage Service Option Card be mailed to you. Simply fill out this card and mail it back to switch your service.

Auburn Recycles Day

During November, the City of Auburn will join thousands of other recyclers across the nation in celebrating America Recycles Day. The theme for this year's national recycling day is "A Great Time to Renew Our Commitment to Recycling." The Environmental Services Department will hold its recycling event at 10:00 a.m. on November 15 at the Environmental Services Building at 365-A North Donahue Drive. The public is invited.



At this event, the new RecycleAuburn Battery Recycling Center will be unveiled. This battery recycling center will be located adjacent to the RecycleAuburn Drop Off Center and will allow Auburn residents to recycle rechargeable and alkaline batteries. Car batteries will not be accepted at the center.

The City of Auburn participates in the America Recycles Day program to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and to encourage the purchase of products and packaging made from recycled-content materials. Auburn residents are encouraged to support the community's recycling efforts by participating in the curbside and drop-off recycling programs. For more information on the City's recycling program, contact the Environmental Services Department at 887-4941 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/recycle/.

Library Hours Increased

As of October, the Auburn Public Library extended its hours on Sunday by one hour. The Library is open from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. The Library is now open during the following hours:

Monday - Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Sunday	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pick up your copy of the Winter Parks and Recreation Brochure at Dean Road Recreation Center or City Hall on Monday, November 12.

Join us at the Library...

The Auburn Public Library offers Storytime for children ages 3 - 5 years on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Toddler time is offered on Thursdays for ages 18 months - 3 years from 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Themes in November:

Week of November 5	Colors
Week of November 12	Clothes
Week of November 19	Thanksgiving (No Toddler Time Nov. 22)
Week of November 26	Food Stories



Holiday Closures

City Hall will be closed to celebrate **Veterans Day** on Monday, November 12. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling will be changed for that week. Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday, November 13. Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, November 14. Wednesday's route will be collected on Thursday, November 15. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday, November 16.

City Hall will also be closed on **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, November 22). The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling will be changed for those on Thursday's route only. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday, November 23.

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up COMING EVENTS

AppleBell Productions will hold the second weekend of its Fall production, **The Boys Next Door**, during November 1-4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. For ticket information, contact AppleBell Productions at 821-4475.

The **Student Exhibition** of Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lee County will be held during November 4 - 18 in the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Children's Gallery. This exhibition will feature works by area students involved in after-school art programs offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County.



Auburn Community Orchestra

The **Auburn Community Orchestra Concert** will hold its Fall performance on November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Opelika Center for the Performing Arts. For additional information, call Orchestra Conductor Howard Goldstein at 844-3167. Admission is free.

Salmagundi, offered to children in grades K-5, will meet November 7 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Services area at the Auburn Public Library. The program theme will be "Native American Stories." For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

The **Young Adult Coffeehouse** will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on November 8 in the Youth Services area at the Auburn Public Library. The special guest speaker will be Professor Emerita Dr. Joan Nist who will talk about her teenage experiences living in Hawaii during the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. Dr. Nist will show fascinating photos of the damage and discuss her personal experiences. Students in grades 6 - 12 are invited to attend this special program. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

Children's Book Week will be held November 12 - 18 at the Auburn Public Library. This year's theme is "Get Carried Away...Read." Special displays will be set up throughout the Youth Services area and a puppet show will be held on November 14 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. All ages are invited to participate. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

Youth Basketball Registration for grades 1-8 will be held during November 12-27 at Dean Road Recreation Center from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4930.

High School Basketball Registration for grades 9-12 will be held during November 12-December 7 at Dean Road Recreation Center from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4930.

Adult Basketball Registration for ages 18 years and older, excluding high school students, will be held during November 12-December 7 at Dean Road Recreation Center from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4930.

A Medieval Faire will be held at the Auburn Public Library on November 18 from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. All ages are invited to hear stories, make crafts, and play games of the middle ages. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

The Nutcracker Ballet will be held on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. and on December 2 at 2:30 p.m. at the Auburn High School Auditorium. For additional information or ticket information, call the Auburn Arts Association at 887-2832.

Board Vacancies

The following is a list of the current board and commission vacancies. The appointment will be made at the City Council meeting dates listed.

- **Historic Preservation Commission** - appointment on November 6.
- **Greenspace Advisory Board** - appointment on November 20.