

# Open Line

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## News from the Public Safety Department

### Fire Division Adds New Truck to Fleet

The Auburn Fire Division has a new tool to utilize in providing fire protection to Auburn citizens. The Fire Division recently added a 95-foot aerial platform quint truck to its arsenal of fire fighting vehicles. The City Council authorized the purchase of the new truck at the February 6 City Council meeting. The truck was placed into service on Wednesday, November 14.

A quint truck is a fire truck that has a water pump, a water tank, a fire hose, a ground ladder, and an aerial ladder. Prior to the addition of this new truck, the City had one 75-foot quint truck in its fleet. The addition of the new 95-foot quint truck will enable Fire Division personnel to reach buildings taller than three stories. The 95-foot ladder also gives firefighters a horizontal reach, allowing them to easily access buildings that sit further off the road. The new truck is housed at Fire Station No. 1 on East Magnolia Avenue and will primarily cover downtown, as well as the campus of Auburn University.



For more information on the Auburn Fire Division, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/ps/fire.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/ps/fire.asp) or contact the Auburn Fire Division at 501-3160.

### Police Division Applies for Grant with Assistance from Representative Mike Hubbard

Recently, the Auburn Police Division applied for a \$25,000 grant from the State of Alabama with the assistance of Representative Mike Hubbard. If awarded, the grant would allow the Police Division to purchase a latent evidence imaging system, which will aid in the collection of evidence at a crime scene. Funds would also be used to purchase a speed dependent message board that will alert drivers of their speed in an attempt to help decrease traffic accidents.

For more information on the Auburn Police Division, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/ps/police.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/ps/police.asp) or contact the Auburn Police Division at 501-3150.

## Reporting Street Light Outages

To report a street light outage in the City of Auburn, please contact Alabama Power's 24-hour Customer Service number at 1-800-245-2244. All outages reported to this number will be properly logged and a work order will be generated from the request so that Alabama Power personnel can fix the outage in a timely manner. For more information, please contact Alabama Power at 1-800-245-2244.

# Community Development Block Grant Funds Available for Assistance

The City of Auburn's Community Development Division administers public assistance through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds are currently available for utility assistance, mortgage assistance, housing rehabilitation, rental assistance, and site demolition and clearance.



The City of Auburn Community Development Division administers a variety of public assistance, including mortgage assistance, through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Recreation Department. CDBG funds may be used to pay for registration fees up to \$50.

In order to qualify for assistance from CDBG, a household must meet the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) income requirements. Funds are available for a limited time. For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Community Development Division at 501-7280.

The City has also allocated CDBG funds to cover the cost of registration fees for youth, up to age 18, to participate in sports programs available through the City of Auburn Parks and

# Job Vacancy

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. One of the current regular, full-time job openings is:

- **Tennis Center Director**  
(\$3,445.68 - 4,114.32/month)

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org/jobs](http://www.auburnalabama.org/jobs), 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.*



# Meeting Schedule

## Cemeteries Advisory Board

December 3, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

December 4, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

## City Council

December 4, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

## Board of Zoning Adjustment

December 5, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

## Tree Commission

December 7, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

## Water Works Board

December 10, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

## Greenspace Advisory Board

December 11, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

## Historic Preservation Commission

December 11, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building

## Board of Education

December 11, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

## Planning Commission

December 13, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

## City Council

December 18, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

## Bicycle Committee

December 18, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

## Tree Commission

January 4, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

**-Meeting times and places are subject to change-**

# Holiday Art Sale

Join the Auburn Arts Association and Parks and Recreation for a Holiday Art Sale on Friday, December 7 from noon until 9:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The sale will feature paintings, prints, fiber works, sculpture, and ceramic works by local artists, AU art students, and students at the Dean Road Ceramics Studio. For more information, please contact the Arts Center at 501-2963 or Sara Hand at 501-2944.

# Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Water Works Board** will be announced at the December 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the January 8, 2008 meeting.
- Three vacancies on the **Board of Zoning Adjustment** will be announced at the December 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the January 8, 2008 meeting
- Two vacancies on the **Cemeteries Advisory Board** will be announced at the December 18 City Council meeting and will be filled at the January 22, 2008 meeting.



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

# Holiday Schedules and January City Council Meeting Changes

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 for the **Christmas** holiday. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of December 24-28 will change as follows:

<b>Normal Collection Day</b>	<b>Holiday Pick-Up Schedule</b>
Monday	Monday, December 24
Tuesday	Wednesday, December 26
Wednesday	Thursday, December 27
Thursday	Friday, December 28

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, January 1 for the **New Year's** holiday. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of December 31-January 4 will change as follows:

<b>Normal Collection Day</b>	<b>Holiday Pick-Up Schedule</b>
Monday	Monday, December 31
Tuesday	Wednesday, January 2
Wednesday	Thursday, January 3
Thursday	Friday, January 4

The **January City Council meetings** will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, January 8 and January 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located at 141 North Ross Street. A resolution passed by the City Council at its November 20 meeting authorizes the change in schedule as a result of the New Year's holiday. City Council meetings will resume their regular schedule on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in February.

For more information on holiday schedules, visit [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org) or contact Auburn City Hall at 501-7260. For more information on City Council meetings, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/agenda](http://www.auburnalabama.org/agenda) or contact Auburn City Hall at 501-7260.



## ShopAuburn! for the Holidays

The holidays are here and citizens are reminded to *ShopAuburn!* for the holidays and keep sales tax dollars local. Revenue from Auburn's sales tax dollars goes to provide funding for Auburn City Schools; paving and maintaining roads; providing public services such as police and fire protection; and sponsoring community events such as Bike Bash, Downtown Trick-or-Treat, and CityFest.

Did you know that you can keep your sales tax dollars local when shopping online as well? The City of Auburn collects sales tax dollars on items purchased online from retailers who collect sales tax and ship to an Auburn address.

Enjoy meter-free parking in downtown Auburn beginning Tuesday, December 18 through Monday, January 7.

This holiday season, don't forget to *ShopAuburn!* and keep your sales tax dollars local. For more information on the *ShopAuburn!* campaign, please contact the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 887-7011. For more information on sales tax and revenue, please contact the City of Auburn Revenue Office at 501-7239.

### Dog License Renewals

The City of Auburn requires owners to have a dog license for all dogs ages three months and older. Dog licenses are renewed each calendar year. Currently, licenses for 2008 are on sale. To avoid a late penalty, renewals should be completed before **January 31, 2008**. To download a dog license form, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/fi](http://www.auburnalabama.org/fi), click on the Forms tab in the left-hand column, and select the Dog License form.

For more information on dog licenses, please contact the Revenue Office at 501-7239.

## Help Make it a Happy Holiday Season for the Environment

### Christmas Tree Recycling

This holiday season, don't throw your Christmas tree away, recycle it. The City of Auburn Environmental Services Department will collect Christmas trees placed out with customers' weekly curbside collections. Trees are recycled as part of the City's routine bulky waste (trash) collection program. Last year, City crews collected more than 1700 trees following the holiday season. Trees should be placed at the curb for recycling on your regularly scheduled collection day.

### Recycle Your Holiday Boxes

Be sure to recycle the boxes from your gifts this holiday season. Cardboard boxes and gift boxes are picked up as part of the City's Curbside Recycling Program and may also be recycled at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. Customers wishing to place their cardboard at the curb for recycling should break down all boxes and leave them at the curb for pick-up on their regularly scheduled collection day.



For more information on recycling, please visit the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department at [www.auburnalabama.org/es](http://www.auburnalabama.org/es) or call 501-3080.

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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](mailto:openline@auburnalabama.org) or call 501-7255.



**Now Available...Daddy-Daughter Date Night Tickets** - Mark your calendar for the 19th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night (DDDN). DDDN will be held on two separate nights: February 8 & 9 at the Best Western University Convention Center. Doors open both nights at 6:30 p.m. for pictures and the dance will be held from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Tickets for both nights are on sale now at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The cost is \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional child. A limited number of tickets are available each night, so be sure to reserve your spot soon! For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

**Now Available...Coaching Applications for Dixie Baseball/Softball** - Coaching applications for the 2008 Auburn Dixie Baseball/Softball season are now available at the Dean Road Recreation Center. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before January 5, 2008 and mailed to:

Auburn Dixie Baseball/Softball Association  
P.O. Box 756  
Auburn, AL 36831-0756



For more information, contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.



**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 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

• **Fall Invitational**, through December 28, an open exhibition featuring a variety of artists and their works.

**Now Available...Parks and Recreation Winter Quarter Brochure** - The Parks and Recreation Winter Quarter Brochure is available now at various City facilities and online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks). Below is a list of program quarter dates and registration deadlines. All registration will be held Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks) or contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Winter Program Quarter - January 7 - March 7  
High School Basketball Registration - through December 3  
Adult Basketball Registration - through December 12  
Program Registration - through December 28



**Available December 3...2008 Parks and Recreation Calendar** - The 2008 Parks and Recreation Calendar will be available beginning December 3 at various City facilities and online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks). This free calendar lists Parks and Recreation special events, program quarters, brochure release dates, Auburn City School holidays, facility closings, athletic registration dates, City holidays and events, and much more. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

**December 5...Auburn Public Library Preschool Christmas Party** - Children ages 3 - 5 years are invited to the Auburn Public Library's Preschool Christmas Party on December 5 at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**December 6...Auburn Public Library Toddler Christmas Party** - Children ages 18 months - 3 years are invited to the Auburn Public Library's Toddler Christmas Party on December 6 at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**December 6...Young Adult Coffeehouse** - Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Young Adult Coffeehouse at the Auburn Public Library on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. This month's special topic will cover basic holiday cooking. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**Register by December 21...Holiday Field Trip to the Montgomery Zoo** - Students in grades 3-6 are invited to join Parks and Recreation for a field trip to the Montgomery Zoo on December 28 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. See over 700 animals from 5 different continents, all housed in natural, "barrier free" habitats. Bring a brown bag lunch and picnic with the giraffes. Participants must be registered by December 21. The cost is \$10, payable to the City of Auburn. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



**Register by December 28...Holiday Field Trip Bowling/Movie** - Students in grades 3-6 are invited to join Parks and Recreation for a day of bowling and a movie on January 4 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The day begins with bowling at Auburn Lanes, followed by a brown bag lunch, and a movie at Wynnsong Cinemas. Participants must bring their own brown bag lunch and be registered by December 28. The cost is \$10, payable to the City of Auburn. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



**Register by January 4...X-Cell Field Trip to Cloudmont Ski Resort** - Snow skiing in Alabama? You bet! Come enjoy a day of winter fun at Alabama's only alpine ski resort on January 12 from 5 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cloudmont Ski Resort, located at Mentone, AL, has two 1,000 foot ski slopes to challenge you. This event is open to youth ages 12 - 15 years. Participants must be registered by January 4. The cost is \$50, payable in cash on the day of the trip. Cost includes admission, lift tickets, a beginner lesson, and all equipment. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

**April 26, 2008...CityFest 2008** - The Auburn CityFest Committee is now accepting applications for fine arts and arts & crafts exhibitors for CityFest 2008, presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News*. Applications are available online at [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com). A limited number of spaces are available for exhibitors, so be sure to apply early. Festival sponsorships are also available. CityFest 2008 will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. For more information, visit [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com) or contact CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930.



# Happy Holidays

