

# Open Line

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## Partners in Education: State and Local Officials Prepare for the Opening of Richland Elementary School

On May 6 Auburn City Schools Superintendent Dr. Terry Jenkins conducted a tour of Richland Elementary School for the Auburn City Council. During the tour, Dr. Jenkins highlighted the use of an improved version of the already effective school designs for Yarbrough and Ogletree Elementary Schools to realize a savings in architectural design costs. Richland's campus boasts a number of innovations to this design, including a separate traffic flow for bus traffic and improved security measures ensuring that visitors must enter through the school's front office.

Representative Mike Hubbard has taken a vested interest in the safety of the faculty, staff, parents, and students at Auburn's newest elementary school. Working with the Office of Governor Bob Riley, Representative

Hubbard coordinated with Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) officials to secure the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Richland Road and Shug Jordan Parkway prior to the opening of the new school in August. This traffic signal has been a priority for City officials for several months. The City of Auburn would like to express its gratitude to Governor Riley, Representative Hubbard, and ALDOT for their



*Pictured (L-R): Auburn City Schools Superintendent Dr. Terry Jenkins, Representative Mike Hubbard, Mayor Bill Ham, Jr., and City Manager Charles M. Duggan, Jr. are pictured in front of the District Accreditation banner at Richland Elementary School.*

prompt response to this urgent safety need.



*Auburn's newest Elementary School, Richland Elementary School, will open in August.*

Representative Hubbard has also shown his support for Richland Elementary by securing \$12,000 for the school's TV production studio, aiding in the development of the students' communication and media skills. Over the last several years, Representative Hubbard has provided over \$100,000 in funding for TV studios throughout Auburn City Schools.

For more information, please contact Auburn City Hall at 501-7260.

# Water Works Board Implements Drought Management Plan and Temporary Rates

In the summer of 2007 the Southeast experienced severe drought conditions. Headlines called it the worst drought in decades and predicted that Georgia's Lake Lanier, the main water source for 5 million Atlanta residents, could even run dry. Local conditions were not as critical, but Auburn and the surrounding region were not immune to the effects of this drought, with Lake Martin reaching its lowest level in over 50 years.

Relatively speaking, Auburn's water supply endured the drought better than most reservoirs in the region. Last year, the Water Works Board of the City of Auburn recognized early in the spring that regional rainfall was tracking below normal and began to aggressively manage its resources. Voluntary water restrictions were put in place in August of 2007, and the Water Works Board approved a drought management plan in September of 2007. This plan provides guidelines to help determine the steps that should be taken in each of four drought phases.

Auburn has a sufficient water supply to meet the needs of its customers. However, drought and peak usage demands do stress the system. Year-to-date rainfall totals are well below average and most of Lee County remains in a severe drought according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. To help manage our water supply, as we enter peak months for both drought and demand, the Water Works Board declared a Phase 1 Drought Watch on May 12, 2008, and adopted temporary drought water rates. These temporary rates were developed after evaluating historic water usage, and are designed to help reduce peak water demands.

Phase 1 Drought Watch rates go into effect as of June 1, 2008. While most customers will see some increase in their water bill, the rates are designed to reduce the water demands placed on the system by excessive water usage rather than to penalize those who use water as is necessary for daily life.

- Customers will not see a rate increase for the water they use up to 4,000 gallons
- Rates for water usage above 4,000 gallons will increase by 20 cents per 1,000 gallons
- Rates for water usage above 20,000 gallons will increase by 28 cents per 1,000 gallons
- If it is necessary to enter a Phase 2 Drought Warning, rates will temporarily increase to further reduce peak water usage.

No community is immune to the effects of long term drought. The Water Works Board is working proactively to manage Auburn's water supply, but it takes all of Auburn's citizens to help conserve our water supply. You can help in a number of ways, including:

- Water the landscape, and not your street, driveway, or sidewalk. Position your sprinklers so that water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not in paved areas.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.
- Water during efficient watering times, before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m.
- Check sprinkler and outside water connections for leaks.
- Check irrigation timers and reduce the number of watering days.

Visit [www.auburnalabama.org/waterconservation](http://www.auburnalabama.org/waterconservation) for more information or contact the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department at 501-3060.



## Parks and Recreation has the Cure for Summer Boredom



Are you looking for something to do this summer? Let the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department help you find the perfect way to spend your summer days. Be sure to pick up your copy of the Summer Quarter Brochure, your official guide to fun in the City of Auburn this summer. Look for registration information on the following camps and workshops: Visual Art Workshops for Children, Art for Young Children, Young Artist Atelier, X-Cell Program Field Trips, Summer Therapeutic Day Camp, Small Fry Camp, Camp Kaleidoscope, Basketball Camp for Girls, Beginner Triathlon Training for Kids, Kids Marathon - Run for Fun, Soccer Camp, Musical Theatre Camp, and much, much more.

Brochures are available at City facilities and online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks/brochure.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks/brochure.asp). For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.

## SummerNight 2008 A Downtown Art Walk



The City of Auburn, the Auburn Arts Association, and the Auburn Downtown Merchants invite citizens to *SummerNight 2008: A Downtown Art Walk* on Friday, June 20 from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. in Downtown Auburn. Downtown shops and restaurants will remain open late for the event. Citizens are encouraged to explore Downtown and enjoy works from local artists, live music, and activities for children.

For more information, please contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

## Independence Day Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules. There will be no change in the collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of June 30 - July 4.

## Job Vacancies

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

- **GIS Programmer/Analyst**  
(\$3,279.65 - 3,916.07/month)
- **Network Engineer-Web Developer**  
(\$3,803.39 - 4,541.44/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.*



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## Because Every Drop Counts... Water Conservation Tip For June

Summer is here and as the temperatures climb, the demand for Auburn's water will increase. Make the best use of outdoor watering by dividing your water cycles into shorter periods. Reducing the amount of time you water a particular area decreases the amount of water run-off and allows for better absorption.

## Meeting Schedule

# JUNE

- 3 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 4 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- 6 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
- 9 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room
- 10 Greenspace Advisory Board**, 11:30 a.m., City Hall Conference Room
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Development Services Building
- 12 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room
- 17 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 24 Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Development Services Building

# JULY

- 1 Industrial Development Board**, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 4 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

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

For a map of City meeting locations, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/maps/MeetingLocations](http://www.auburnalabama.org/maps/MeetingLocations)

## Veterans Brick Orders Due June 30



Each year, the City of Auburn provides citizens with the opportunity to honor a member of the military by purchasing a memorial brick to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument, located on the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue.

Personalized bricks engraved with the veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and years of service may be purchased for \$100. For bricks to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument in time for the 2008 Veterans Day Ceremony, brick orders must be received no later than Monday, June 30. Brick order forms are available online at [www.auburnalabama.org/veterans](http://www.auburnalabama.org/veterans) or at Auburn City Hall.

## Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Water Works Board** was announced at the May 20 City Council meeting and will be filled at the June 17 meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Planning Commission** will be announced at the June 17 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 15 meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Planning Commission** will be announced at the July 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the August 5 meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** will be announced at the July 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the August 5 meeting.

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



## Annual Water Quality Report Included in This Month's Water Bill

Be sure to read the Water Works Board's 2007 Water Quality Report, included in this month's water bill. This annual report contains information on Auburn's drinking water, water sources, and news from the Water Works Board. Monthly water quality reports are available online at [www.auburnalabama.org/wrm/waterquality.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/wrm/waterquality.asp). For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department at 501-3060.

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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.

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



**Sign up Now...Summer Reading at the Auburn Public Library** - Swarm in to the Auburn Public Library and sign up for the summer reading program. Registration is going on now. Due to on-going construction at the Library, June summer reading programs are TBD. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact the Youth Services Desk at 501-3196.

**Preschool – Incoming 5th Graders**  
"Catch the Reading Bug"

**Incoming 6th – 12th Graders**  
"Metamorphosis @ Your Library"

**Now Open...Auburn City Pools** - Beat the heat this summer at the Auburn City Pools. Visit Samford Pool, located at 328 Samford Avenue behind Auburn Junior High School, or Drake Pool, located at 653 Spencer Avenue behind Drake Middle School. Admission is \$2/person. Children 1 & under are free. Individual season passes are available for \$50. Family passes are \$100. Season passes are on sale now at the Dean Road Recreation Center. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks/pools.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks/pools.asp) or 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 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information on the Gallery or future exhibitions, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

• **Summer Invitational 2008: Letters and Numbers**, through July 7. Recent works by June Corley and Ray Dugas.

**Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays in June...Auburn Stride Walkers Club** - Citizens of all ages are invited to join the Auburn Stride Walkers Club. The club meets at various City walking trails on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Schedules are posted on the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks/stridewalkers.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks/stridewalkers.asp). The program is free to the public. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946 or Dee Watson at 501-2948.



**Register by June 13...Kayaking on the Coosa River** - Youth ages 12-15 years are invited to join the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department and Southern Trails for a day of kayaking on the Coosa River on June 21 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Participants will meet at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The course includes 6 miles of flat water and Class I & II rapids. All paddlers must be able to swim and should wear appropriate clothing, sunscreen, and footwear. Top quality river equipment will be provided. The cost is \$30, payable in cash on the day of the trip. Participants must bring a light lunch in a soft-sided, waterproof container. Registration ends June 13. For more information, or to register, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

**June 14...Auburn Dog Club Volunteer Work Day** - Calling all dog lovers. Join the Auburn Dog Club for a fun-filled morning of soap suds, bubbles, and wagging tails at the Lee County Humane Society's Wash-n-Wag fundraiser on June 14 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Lee County Humane Society. Participants must be 16 or older. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946 or [mweldon@auburnalabama.org](mailto:mweldon@auburnalabama.org).



**June 28...Summer Sizzler Challenge Ride** - Join the Auburn Bicycle Committee and the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department for the Inaugural Summer Sizzler Challenge Ride on June 28. Registration is \$5 per person, payable to the City of Auburn. Riders may register beginning at 6:45 a.m. on the day of the event. All rides begin and end at Cary Woods Elementary School. Participants may choose from a 3, 17, 34, or 62 mile course. This ride is part of the Auburn Bicycle Challenge. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/cycle](http://www.auburnalabama.org/cycle) or contact Brandy Ezelle at 501-3029.

Ride Start Times			
62M	34M	17M	3M
7:30 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	8 a.m.

**July 4...Annual Fourth of July Celebration sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation** - Happy Birthday, America! Celebrate our nation's 232nd birthday at the City of Auburn's Annual Fourth of July Celebration, sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation, on Friday, July 4 behind the home side of Duck Samford Stadium. Enjoy great food, live music, and a show-stopping fireworks display. Gates open at 6 p.m., followed by music and activities for children at 7 p.m. The night culminates with one of the largest fireworks display in Lee County beginning at 9 p.m. Admission is free to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket or chairs. In the event of rain, the fireworks display will be rescheduled for Saturday, July 5. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2930.



## Reel in the Summer Fun at the 16th Annual Fishing Rodeo



Join the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department for the 16th Annual Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by Evans Realty, on Saturday, June 7 from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the lake at Auburn Technology Park South. Bring your lucky fishing pole and let us supply the bait. The cost is \$5 per child, payable to the City of Auburn. The catch limit is 5 fish per child. Registration and payment will be accepted the morning of the event.

Prizes will be awarded for the Biggest and Smallest Fish caught. The first 250 children in attendance will receive a Zebco rod and reel, courtesy of Evans Realty. This event is open to youth ages 12 and under. Children must be accompanied

by an adult. Don't miss your one and only chance to fish the lake at Auburn Technology Park South this year. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2930.

