

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## Back to School, Back to the Books

Discover something new at *your* expanded Auburn Public Library

Back to school time is almost here and for Auburn citizens of all ages that means it's time to hit the books. The Auburn Public Library is excited to welcome the new school year with a brand new 10,000 square foot addition to its facility, in addition to expanded electronic services.

The Library expansion provides Auburn's youngest citizens with a new youth services wing for children and young adult books and programming. The new wing features a programming room for story times, study tables, a children's reading area, an aquarium, and computers available for card catalog use and homework help.



The City of Auburn is keeping pace with the demand for technology with expanded electronic services at the Library. With the addition of the youth services wing, electronic services has expanded into the former youth programming room. The new electronic services area features thirty-six public access computers available for use, free of charge. Patrons may also access the internet wirelessly from their personal laptop. The Auburn Public Library has featured wireless internet capability since 2005.



The City of Auburn invites you to discover something new at *your* Auburn Public Library. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190.



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## Back to School Safety

Auburn City Schools resume classes on Monday, August 11. Citizens are reminded to exercise caution and drive slowly when traveling through school zones, especially between the hours of 7 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. A new traffic signal is expected to be in operation at the intersection of Shug Jordan Parkway and Richland Road in time for the opening of Richland Elementary School, Auburn's newest elementary school. The signal will be operational during school drop-off and pick-up hours only, but will act as a caution light for Shug Jordan traffic at all other times.

Auburn citizens are reminded that Alabama state law requires vehicles to stop for any school bus that is stopped to receive or discharge passengers. This law also applies to opposing traffic even when separated by a median or safety zone.



## City Offers Drop Box Locations for Parking Ticket Payments

The City of Auburn now offers citizens two convenient drop box locations for parking ticket payments. A drive-up parking ticket payment drop box has been installed next to the US Mail receptacle in front of the Auburn Municipal Court Building, located at 141 North Ross Street. An additional payment drop box is available for walk-up payments and is located in Downtown Auburn at Toomer's Corner. Envelopes have been provided at each drop box location. To make a payment, please include your parking ticket and payment in the envelope provided.

Drop boxes in these locations are for parking ticket payments only. A separate drop box is available on Tichenor Avenue in front of City Hall for City of Auburn Revenue Office and Auburn Water Works Board payments.

For more information, please contact the Auburn Municipal Court at 501-3180.

## City Council to Hold FY 2009 & FY 2010 Biennial Budget Work Session

The City Council will hold its final FY 2009 & FY 2010 Biennial Budget Work Session Monday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Meeting Room, located at 122 Tichenor Avenue. Council members will evaluate the proposed FY 2009 & FY 2010 Biennial Budget. The public is invited to attend. The first reading and public hearing for the Biennial Budget is scheduled for the Tuesday, August 19 City Council meeting at 7 p.m.

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

## Labor Day Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. 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 September 1-5 will change as follows:

### Normal Collection Day

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

### Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Tuesday, September 2  
Wednesday, September 3  
Thursday, September 4  
Friday, September 5

## Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Planning Commission** was announced at the July 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the August 5 meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** were announced at the July 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the August 5 meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** will be announced at the August 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 16 meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** will be announced at the September 2 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 7 meeting.



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

## MEETING SCHEDULE AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 3 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- 5 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

### 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)

## 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:

- **Construction and Maintenance Division Manager**  
(\$4,634.06 - 5,533.31/month)

For updated job opportunities, please visit [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.*



## FEMA Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study Update

Currently, Lee County is in the process of updating its Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study. The City of Auburn's FEMA Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study will also be updated as part of the countywide map modernization project.

A preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) community coordination meeting for the City of Auburn will be held in September at a date and time to be determined by State officials. The meeting will be open to the public. Additional information regarding the study and public meeting will be available in the September issue of *Open Line*.

For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Public Works Department at 501-3000.



## Water Works Board Budget Work Session

The Water Works Board of the City of Auburn will hold a budget work session Thursday, August 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Water Resource Management Conference Room of the Bailey-Alexander Complex, located at 1501 West Samford Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

clip out and save

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

The City of Auburn encourages citizens to help conserve water by watering between the 8s: 8 p.m. - 8 a.m. Peak demand for water occurs during regular business hours, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Additional demands for water during this time, such as outdoor watering, put undue stress on the water supply. By choosing to water between the 8s, you can help conserve Auburn's water supply for peak usage hours.

For more water conservation tips, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/waterconservation](http://www.auburnalabama.org/waterconservation)

## Join the Young at Heart Club

Are you an active senior looking for something fun to do while making new friends? Parks and Recreation has the perfect solution for you. Auburn seniors are invited to join the Young at Heart (YAH) Club for year-round activities, programs, and exciting trips. Join YAH for A Fall Kitchen Tour of Historic Madison, GA on Friday, September 19 from 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. The tour features distinctive kitchens of historic homes in Madison and Morgan County, GA, in-home guest chef demonstrations, and wine tastings.



Reservations for the trip must be made by Friday, August 22 at 5 p.m. The cost is \$25, including transportation and admission. Participants are responsible for their own lunch. For more information or to register, please contact Alison Hall, Community Programs Director, at 501-2930.



## Home Sweet Home City currently accepting applications for Northwest Village Subdivision

In 2006, the City of Auburn and the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation broke ground on the Northwest Village Subdivision, Auburn's newest affordable housing subdivision. Built from the ground up, the subdivision is located off Foster Street in Northwest Auburn and features 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick homes. This project is the City's latest effort to provide affordable home ownership opportunities for all citizens.

In late-2007 and the early part of this year, four new homeowners moved into the first phase of homes. Applications are currently being accepted for the next phase of homes. For information on qualifying, please contact the City of Auburn Community Development Division at 501-7280.



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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*



**Wednesdays in August...Preschool Story Time** - Preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Preschool Story Time every Wednesday this month at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

**Thursdays in August...Toddler Time** - Toddlers ages 18 months - 3 years are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time every Thursday this month at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196. 

**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.



• **Art Elements I: Color**, through August 22. An exhibition of works emphasizing color.

**August 1 - 3...Sales Tax Holiday Weekend** - The Auburn City Council has unanimously approved an ordinance authorizing Auburn's Sales Tax Holiday Weekend to begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 1 and end at midnight on Sunday, August 3. For a complete list of items exempt from sales tax during the weekend, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/taxholiday](http://www.auburnalabama.org/taxholiday). For more information, contact the City of Auburn Revenue Office at 501-7239.

**ShopAuburn!**  
Supporting our community makes sense.

**Now through August 6...Fall 2008 Soccer Registration** - Registration for Fall Soccer is going on now through August 6. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/soccer](http://www.auburnalabama.org/soccer) or contact Ryan Molt at 501-2943.



- **Online Registration**, through August 6. To register, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/soccer](http://www.auburnalabama.org/soccer).
- **Walk-In Registration**, August 6, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road.

**August 23...13<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutcracker Auditions** - The LynnTerra Ballet Company will hold auditions for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutcracker, sponsored by Parks and Recreation, on August 23. Auditions for ages 6 - 10 will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center from 9 a.m. - noon. Auditions for dancers 11 & up will be held at the Auburn School of Dance and Performing Arts from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Dancers en pointe should bring pointe shoes for their audition. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutcracker will be performed December 13 & 14. Auditions will also be held for the LynnTerra Ballet Company on August 23 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



**Open through Labor Day...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 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.



**September 13...Woofstock 2008** - Join Parks and Recreation and the Lee County Humane Society for Woofstock 2008 on September 13 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Enjoy live music; visit the children's area featuring balloon animals, inflatables, and carnival games; or shop for items for your favorite pet at the vendor tents. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. All proceeds go to the Lee County Humane Society. For more information, visit [www.leecountyhumane.org](http://www.leecountyhumane.org) or contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



## Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure Now Available



The Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure is now available at various City facilities. Download a copy online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks/brochure.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks/brochure.asp). The brochure includes registration for fall sports and programs, as well as information on fall events such as the Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park and Downtown Trick-or-Treat. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

