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Auburn CityFest 2014

Live music, arts & crafts and fine arts vendors, children's activities, food, and more! It can only mean one thing - Auburn CityFest 2014 is here! Join Auburn Parks and Recreation on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park for Auburn's largest FREE outdoor festival. CityFest is FREE to the public and is a rain or shine event.

This year's live musical line-up includes Auburn-favorite, Dave Potts; Jive Mother Mary, a Southern rock power trio from North Carolina; and The Springs, a high-energy, up and coming country duo from Alabama. Purchase snacks and lunch from our food vendors and enjoy a picnic on the grounds near the entertainment pavilion while you take in the sounds of CityFest with a Southern, country tune.

Don't miss a walk through the swamps at the Children's Imagination Station as we welcome the Southeastern Reptile Rescue Encounter, complete with alligators, snakes, and other rescue reptiles. While you're there, visit with the Forest Ecology Preserve, scoop up some fun at our fossil dig, and test your wilderness skills at ScoutFest.

Don't miss CityFest favorites such as inflatables, face painting, an ArtFest tent, and visits with Aubie; shop with over 80 unique arts & crafts and fine arts vendors; enjoy a non-profit showcase; tour the Juried Art Exhibition at the historic Nunn-Winston House; and stop by booths from our community sponsors!

Interested in becoming a part of the excitement? Arts & crafts, fine arts, and volunteer applications are available online at www.auburncityfest.com.

For more information, visit www.auburncityfest.com or contact the Auburn CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930.

10th Annual Auburn CityFest Juried Art Exhibition and Preview Reception

The 10th Annual Juried Art Show will be held in conjunction with Auburn CityFest. The show features works submitted by artists from across the Southeast. Artwork will be on display the day of the festival at the historic Nunn-Winston House located on the park grounds. A preview reception honoring the artists will be held on Thursday, April 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the historic Nunn-Winston House at Kiesel Park. The event is free and open to the public.

The Auburn Arts Association is currently accepting works for the show. To participate, download an application at www.auburncityfest.com. Works are due by Wednesday, April 16. Arts & crafts and fine arts vendors receive a free show entry with a paid vendor space.



2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Environmental Services will host its Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 12 from 9 am until 1 pm at the Environmental Services Complex at 365-A North Donahue Drive. Last year's event was a success with the participation of 226 Auburn citizens who disposed of 16,000 pounds of household hazardous wastes.

This year, citizens may bring up to 20 pounds of materials per household for disposal. Additionally, computers and other electronics may be recycled at the event. Participation is limited to Auburn residential solid waste customers. Proof of residency can be shown by bringing a recent water bill. No farm, commercial, or industrial waste is permitted.

Below are items that are acceptable along with items that will not be accepted:

Acceptable Items: adhesives, glues, resins, aerosol cans, ammonia, antifreeze, bleach, brake fluid, car batteries, dry cell batteries, hearing aid batteries, NiCad batteries, cesspool cleaners, creosote, drain cleaners, engine de-greasers, engine & radiator flushes, transmission fluid, radiator cleaners, floor cleaners, gasoline, herbicides, insect sprays, kerosene, latex paints, metal, polishes, mothballs, muriatic acid (HCl), oil based paints, old chemistry sets, oven cleaners, paint thinners, pesticides, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, rodent killers, rust preventatives, sealants, solvents, spot removers, used engine oil, varnishes, weed killers, wood preservatives, wood stains, wood strippers

Unacceptable Items: ammunition, explosives, fire extinguishers, flares, gunpowder, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, substances regulated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, unknown gas cylinders, unknown materials, unstable wastes

Please contact Environmental Services at 501-3080 or email us at webenvirsvc@auburnalabama.org if you have further questions.



2014 Auburn Floral Trail

Take in the sights and sounds of spring on the 2014 Auburn Floral Trail, March 10 – April 11 presented by the Auburn Beautification Council and the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau. Auburn's annual floral trail winds through 14 miles of the most beautiful spring blooms the South has to offer. For route information, visit www.auburnbeautification.org.

Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Auburn Public Library Board** will be announced at the March 4, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the April 1, 2014 City Council meeting.



Three vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission** will be announced at the March 18, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the April 15, 2014 City Council meeting.

One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced at the April 15, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the May 20, 2014 City Council meeting.

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

MEETING SCHEDULE APRIL

- 1 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 2 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 3 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue
- 7 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4:00 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 8 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 10 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 15 Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 17 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/boards.

Spend Your April Weekends with Auburn Parks and Recreation

Don't miss our April weekends, packed with events for all ages and interests. From Bike Bash and Bark in the Park to the Easter Egg Hunt and Auburn CityFest, the City of Auburn is sure to have something to keep you outdoors and entertained this spring. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.



April 5...Bark in the Park - Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Auburn Parks and Recreation will host Bark in the Park at Kiesel Park; an event celebrating responsible dog ownership. This FREE community event is open to all dog owners and their favorite four-legged friends. Enjoy a day of doggone good fun at the park! Visit with a variety of educational booths, shop with local pet vendors, enjoy a children's area – complete with a storyteller from the Auburn Public Library, and sign up for door prizes and the Doggie Olympics! Looking to expand your canine family? Rescue dogs will be available for adoption as well!

April 12...Bike Bash 2014 - The City of Auburn and the Auburn Bicycle Committee will host the 15th Annual Auburn Bike Bash on Saturday, April 12. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m. and first ride begins at 8:45 a.m. This year's event will be held at Richland Elementary School, and will provide ideal rides for cyclists of all abilities with routes of 3 to 28 miles guiding riders through southwest Auburn, the Auburn University campus, and a variety of Auburn neighborhoods. Thanks to Auburn City Schools, this year's bash will feature many new activities for kids. These new activities will take place leading up to and during the event and will include a poster contest, "Tour de Richland" and a Herpetology exhibit.

Bike Bash is coordinated to encourage biking activities, endorse bicycle safety, promote the health benefits of this great leisure sport and emphasize local bike-friendly trails and areas. Activities are available for all ages so bring the family and get involved! For more information, including registration information, visit www.bikebash.org.

April 19...33rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Sponsored by Wells Fargo - Join Auburn Parks and Recreation as we celebrate spring at the 33rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. at Kiesel Park. **Please note the earlier start time due to A-Day activities.** This FREE community event is one of the largest egg hunts in Lee County, with more than 35,000 eggs hidden over a four-acre area. Four "hunting grounds" are available for the following age groups: 3 & under, 4 - 6, 7 - 9, and 10 - 12 years of age. After the hunt, join us for free soft drinks and balloons, courtesy of Wells Fargo; musical entertainment; and a chance to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Auburn will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs, so bring a picnic blanket and plan to stay for lunch. In the event of rain, join us on Sunday, April 20 at 2 p.m. at Kiesel Park.

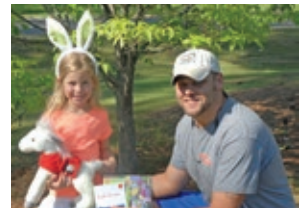
Egg Hunt Notes

Egg hunts are divided by age groups and are held simultaneously.

Children must hunt in their age-appropriate field.

Please allow time for traffic, parking, and getting your child to the appropriate field on time.

All egg hunts will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m.



City of Auburn Named Tree City USA for 30th Consecutive Year

Auburn has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 30th consecutive year in honor of the City's commitment to effective urban forest management. Auburn achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The annual recognition is greatly due to the hard working citizens on the City's council-appointed tree commission. The commission is made up of a group of citizens who advise the City on proper tree care and planting and are committed to growth and preservation of the urban tree canopy. Each year, the Auburn Tree Commission distributes free seedlings to the public at various events including the Auburn Christmas Parade and Arbor Day.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.



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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 or call 501-7255.

up COMING EVENTS

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

Auburn Public Library For more information, contact Auburn Public Library's Youth Services at 501-3196.

Baby Time - Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for ages birth – 18 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Time - Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Time - Thursdays at 10 a.m. for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years and their caregivers.

ARFI – Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. for beginning readers. Share a good book with our canine reading friend, Gemini.

Legomania – Join us every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for “free play” with Legos®.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SHOUT! - Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. for students in grades 6 & 7. Join us for fun, games, and refreshments.

SAT Prep - Friday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for home school students preparing to take the exam. Registration required, 501-3196.

Puppet Show – Monday, April 7 at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 3-7.

Poetry for Kids – Wednesday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m. for students in grades K - 5. Join AU Live Poets Society for a poetry writing workshop.

Teen Cafe' - Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. for students in grades 8 - 12. Join us for fun, games, and refreshments.

German Language and Culture Program - Monday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. for ages 15 and up. Join the AU Foreign Language Department for a night of German trivia and prizes.

Fractured Fairy Tales – Tuesday, April 15 at 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K-2. Students will hear their favorite fairy tales and then the humorous ‘fractured’ versions and are invited to make a craft.

ConnectKids – Wednesday, April 16 at 3:30 p.m. This dynamic program allows kids grades 3-5 to explore diverse topics related to libraries, digital information, and the arts.

Poetry for Teens – Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. for students in grades 8-12. Join AU Live Poets Society for a poetry writing workshop.

Parks and Recreation

Now Showing...Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions - Mark your calendar for the following Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions. The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

Spring Invitational 2014: Pastels, March 31 – May 2. Works by Eugenia Bates Yielding, Karen Lindved Chissom, and Robert Ekelund.

16th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, May 12 – June 20. A competitive show open to artists and craftpersons in Lee and adjacent counties.

Now Available...2014 Splash Passes – Purchase your 2014 Splash Pass weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Harris Center. Splash passes may be purchased for individuals or families and are good for unlimited admission to both City pools all summer long. Individual passes are \$50 and family passes are \$125. Family passes are good for immediate family members, including parents or guardians and children under the age of 19, residing in the same household only.

Now Available...Early Swim Lesson Registration - If learning to swim is on your summer agenda, sign up for Early Bird Swim Lessons through Wednesday, April 30 or while spaces are available. Lessons are available for ages 6 mos. – 10 years and will be held in May. Participants must provide previous swim certificates when registering, if applicable.

April 4...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer - Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center. Citizens ages 19 and up are encouraged to play. All levels of play are welcome. No partner is necessary. The event will be held rain or shine. Yarbrough Tennis Center non-member court fees apply.

April 28...Register for Summer Camps – Register for summer camps, programs, and events beginning Monday, April 28 at 8 a.m. at the Harris Center. Registration continues through Friday, May 23. Spots fill quickly, so be sure to sign up for summer camps early. Download a copy of the summer brochure beginning Monday, March 31 at www.auburnalabama.org/parksbrochure.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Auburn Public Library are hosting a book sale on Saturday, March 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The sale is open to the public, and hundreds of gently used books will be available for purchase, including bestsellers, classics, fiction, nonfiction, textbooks, and children's books. All proceeds benefit the Auburn Public Library. If you would like more information about the book sale, or if you're interested in volunteering or joining the Friends of the Library, please call (334) 501-3190.

