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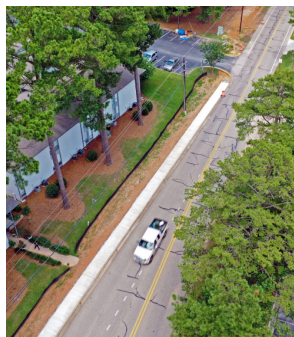
City of Auburn

Construction Zone: What's going on around town?

We at the City of Auburn are working on infrastructure projects to make Auburn an easier, safer and more beautiful place to enjoy. Here's a look at some of the exciting projects that are underway and to come!

Moores Mill Sidewalk Project

Work is underway to install sidewalk on Moores Mill Road, connecting existing sidewalk from East Samford Avenue to the west side of East University Drive. Heads up: travelers in that area can expect some rolling lane closures during construction. The new sidewalk is expected to be ready for runners, walkers and strollers this fall!



Annaloe Drive Sidewalk Project

New sidewalk is also being built on the north side of Annaloe Drive from Dean Road to East University Drive. Work began in May near Dean Road and is moving east toward East University Drive. The project is expected to wrap up in September and will include a new pedestrian signal at East University Drive.

Renew Opelika Road: Phase 4

Phase 4 of the Renew Opelika Road Plan will begin late this fall, bringing improvements to Opelika Road from Gentry Drive to Saugahatchee Road. Plans include a six-foot sidewalk on the north side of Opelika Road, a crosswalk at Saugahatchee Road, buffered bike lanes, pedestrian lights and landscaped medians with street lighting. Safety enhancements will include offset turn lanes and medians to reduce left turns out of businesses. Bulb-outs will be constructed in the road (as shown in the graphic) to make U-turns easier and safer, allowing better access to businesses for traffic traveling in both directions.



Wright Street Streetscape Project

Work is underway to improve the streetscape and traffic flow along Wright Street in downtown Auburn. Enhancements include new and improved sidewalk, storm and sanitary sewer extensions and the installation of decorative pedestrian lighting. All of

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this will make the area safer and more attractive as the street becomes a two-way road and as it sees more traffic with the opening of 191 College and the forthcoming Wright Street Parking Deck. This phase of improvements is scheduled to finish this fall.

Magnolia Streetscape Project

The north side of West Magnolia Avenue from Wright Street to Donahue Drive will also be getting a facelift this fall. The sidewalks will be widened and pedestrian lighting will be installed to improve the experience for pedestrians along this well-traveled street.

New Traffic Signals

A new traffic signal has been installed to help regulate traffic at the intersection of East University Drive and the entrance to The Shoppes at Cary Creek (Publix), the forthcoming Cary Crossing Shopping Center and the new Russell Building Supply location. Work is underway to construct dedicated left-turn lanes and right turn deceleration lanes into both Russell Building Supply driveways—one at the traffic signal and one east of the light on East University Drive.

Another traffic signal is on its way to the intersection of South College Street and Cox Road this fall! The signal will be accompanied by road widening to add left turn lanes at the intersection.

North College at EUD/Shug Jordan improvements

Improvements are also coming this fall to the intersection of North College Street and East University Drive/Shug Jordan Parkway. Right turn deceleration lanes will be added traveling west from East University Drive to North College Street and traveling south from Shug Jordan Parkway to North College Street. The existing cable-suspended traffic signals will be replaced with decorative traffic signal poles similar to those at the Cary Crossing intersection to enhance this gateway into town from the north. Future plans are also in the works to plant more trees along East University Drive to this intersection.

Recreation Projects

Several projects from the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan are underway, including work on the new Dinius Park. The passive park is being created on nearly 13 acres of land that was donated to the City from the Dinius family. The passive park will be located on the north side of East Glenn Avenue between Ivy Lane and East

University Drive and include shaded trails, a dog park, a nature playground and dock on the existing pond. Mulching work has begun, and construction is expected to begin this fall.

Phase 1a of the Saugahatchee Greenway/Blueway Project is also expected to begin late this fall. The project includes a trailhead, parking and canoe/kayak drop-ins on Donahue Drive and Richland Road.

Design work is also underway on improvements to Frank Brown Recreation Center, an inclusive playground at Town Creek Park, a trail at Westview Cemetery and Sam Harris Park and the new Lake Wilmore Park.

Updates to come

Check out auburnalabama.org and make sure you're subscribed to our eNotifier text and email notification system to get updates as plans progress on these and other exciting projects! Sign up at auburnalabama.org/eNotifier and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @CityofAuburnAL.

Bocce ball courts open at MLK Park



Auburn Parks and Recreation serves all members of our community through development of inclusive and accessible parks and playgrounds. Most recently, Parks and Recreation completed construction on accessible bocce ball courts at Martin Luther King Park, which will now serve as another spot for our Special Olympics athletes to compete. The addition of this court qualifies the City of Auburn as a location to host a Special Olympics state tournament in the future.

These accessible courts feature five-foot sidewalks around the perimeter, accessible entrances into the courts and a shaded seating area with ADA-compliant bleachers. Bocce ball is a sport that is enjoyed by teams of two to four players. It has similar rules, set-up and strategy to shuffleboard/horseshoes. These courts are open to the public

and can be reserved at the Harris Center. Want more info? Contact us at (334) 501-2930 or webparksrec@auburnalabama.org.

Labor Day holiday schedules

Most City facilities will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. Public Safety services including police, fire, and communications will remain on their regular schedules. Garbage, trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the week of Sept. 2–6 as listed below:

Monday, Sept. 2	Holiday
Tuesday, Sept. 3	Monday's Route
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Tuesday's Route
Thursday, Sept. 5	Wednesday's Route
Friday, Sept. 6	Thursday's Route

The Auburn Public Library's book drops will remain open, and the online collection of e-books, e-audiobooks and digital magazines is always available.

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Sept. 2 except Samford Avenue Pool and the Yarbrough Tennis Center. Samford Avenue Pool will be open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. with \$1 admission. The Yarbrough Tennis Center will be open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All City of Auburn parks, playgrounds and cemeteries will be open sun up to sundown throughout the holiday weekend.

Renting your home during football season

Thinking of renting or leasing your home for Auburn University football game weekends? Whether you're considering using an online company or doing it yourself, there are some things you should know:

- Renting or leasing your single family home for less than six continuous months is considered a short term rental and may constitute a use violation or an unrelated occupancy violation in accordance with the City of Auburn's Zoning Ordinance. If you are considering renting or leasing your single-family residence for football games or any other short term rental period, please contact the City's Planning Department to find out if the property is zoned to allow short term rentals.
- Renting or leasing your home, condo or apartment for less than six continuous months

in an approved zone requires collection and remittance of State, County and City lodging taxes and City license fees.

- Renting or leasing your primary home could negatively affect your homestead exemption status with Lee County.

Please note, changes could be coming to the way the City regulates short-term rentals. Since November 2018, the Short-Term Rentals Task Force has been working with residents and stakeholders to come up with regulations as short-term rentals become more common in Auburn. The task force has collected public input on two versions of proposed regulations. Proposed regulations will eventually go to the Auburn Planning Commission for review and then to the Auburn City Council, both of which will have public hearings before voting on the matter. You can keep up with developments in the process by subscribing to our News and Announcements eNotifier at auburnalabama.org/eNotifier/subscribe or following us on social media @CityofAuburnAL.



Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the West Pace Village Improvement District Board of Directors will be announced at the Aug. 6 Auburn City Council

meeting and filled at the Sept. 3 meeting. One vacancy on the Lee County Youth Development Center Board and two vacancies on the Industrial Development Board will be announced at the Aug. 20 council meeting and filled at the Sept. 17 meeting. Visit auburnalabama.org/boards to find more info about volunteering for one of our boards and commissions. A link to applications can be found at auburnalabama.org/boards the day after vacancies are announced at council meetings.



SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward 4 Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Auburn Public Library Sanford Pool closes for the season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. City Council 7 a.m. Online Registration Begins for Jingle Jog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Adjustment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Gamer's Society 4:45 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Commission 11:30 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM Storylines 10 a.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Commission Packet Meeting 5 a.m. Centers Advisory Board 4 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m. Starting a Business In Lee County 5:30 p.m. Board of Education 8 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Gamer's Society 4:45 p.m. Planning Commission 5 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Council Agenda Review 4 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM Storylines 10 a.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Greeneop Advisory Board 10 a.m. Library Board 4 p.m. Committee of the Whole 11:30 a.m. City Council 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Gamer's Society 4:45 p.m. Water Works Board 4 p.m. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM Storylines 10 a.m.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth & High School Basketball Registration Begins Online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Blue Committee 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Gamer's Society 4:45 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Meeting Schedule Auburn Public Library 3:34 p.m. 5:01-7:26 p.m. Parks and Recreation Auburn Public Library 3:34 p.m. 5:01-7:26 p.m. 	

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