

# Open Line

## A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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### Annual Fourth of July Celebration Sponsored by Briggs & Stratton

Celebrate Independence Day with the Auburn Community, Auburn Parks and Recreation, and Briggs and Stratton! Enjoy great food; live music; free goodies, courtesy of Briggs and Stratton; and THE best fireworks display in the entire area! Grab your picnic basket, blanket, and the family and join us for a fabulous night of entertainment while you show your patriotic spirit! Gates open at 6 p.m., entertainment begins at 7 p.m., and fireworks begin at 9 p.m. The rain date is Wednesday, July 5th. This FREE celebration will be held behind the Home Side of the Duck Samford Football Stadium. Please remember - the parking lot off of Airport Road, which is shared between the Bo Cavin fields and the New Duck fields, will be closed to the public during the event to accommodate our fireworks shoot site. However, the parking lot off of E. University Dr. next to the Old Duck fields will be OPEN to the public for parking.



### Summer Downtown Improvement Projects 2017

This summer, we're taking advantage of the lighter traffic to upgrade decades old infrastructure downtown. This maintenance work will help ensure that the water and sewer infrastructure is sound and is ready to meet the needs of downtown Auburn's future. As work continues this summer, here's what you can expect downtown in the coming weeks.

**Wright Street Improvement Project Phase 1 (Work underway):** Work on the Wright Street Improvement Project continues, with on-street parking and sidewalks closed in the area where work is underway.

Sidewalk, parking and lane closures are expected to occur on Glenn Avenue and the north end of Wright Street as construction on The Evolve student housing project begins, lane closures near the intersection of West Glenn Avenue and North College Street will occur.

**South College Street Lighting (June):** Streetlights in the center island on South Col-



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lege Street between Magnolia Avenue and Thach Avenue will be replaced, requiring lane closures on South College Street between Magnolia Avenue and Thach Avenue.

**Toomer's Corner (June):** Expect lane closures at Toomer's Corner as maintenance is performed on intersection brickwork installed during the Corner Construction project. The work schedule is still to be determined as Open Line goes to press.

**North College Street @ Mitcham Avenue (June):** Maintenance to the traffic light at the intersection of North College Street and Mitcham Avenue will include lane closures affecting the intersection, with closures on North College Street between Mike and Ed's and Bragg Avenue. The work schedule is still to be determined at press time.

**Glenn Avenue and Ross Street Resurfacing (June):** Resurfacing on Glenn Avenue between Ross Street and Dean Road, and including the intersection of Glenn Avenue and Ross Street, will necessitate lane closures on both streets.

**Gay Street and Magnolia Avenue Traffic Signal (June or July):** Replacement of the traffic signal at East Magnolia Avenue and Gay Street will necessitate lane or intersection closures while work is underway. The project will include installation of new decorative poles and mast-arms matching the style of Toomer's Corner.

**Auburn University – Mell Street/Thach Avenue/South College Street Reconfiguration (June & July):** A reconfiguration of Mell Street, Thach Avenue on campus and the intersection of Thach Avenue and South College Street will bring lane closures on campus, including the intersection of South College Street and Thach Avenue.

**Parking Deck Rehabilitation (June & July):** Maintenance to the Municipal Parking

Deck will require temporary parking closures in the deck. Work will be phased so that all three floors are not closed at the same time. Maintenance is designed to ensure the deck remains safe until its eventual replacement.

**Logistics and Advertising:** The City of Auburn will coordinate each of the City projects listed here with each other to mitigate the overall traffic impact as much as possible. Please note that all dates are dependent upon weather and other factors and are subject to change.

For more detailed announcements for each project including time-specific announcements of lane, street and intersection closures, please subscribe to the City's "News and Announcements" eNotifier at [auburnalabama.org/eNotifier](http://auburnalabama.org/eNotifier), visit the City of Auburn online at [auburnalabama.org](http://auburnalabama.org) or follow @CityofAuburnAL on Facebook and Twitter.



## Board Vacancies

**Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority (2 vacancies):**

**Apply by:** June 26, 2017

**Appoint:** July 5, 2017

**Planning Commission (1 vacancy):**

**Apply by:** July 10, 2017

**Appoint:** July 18, 2017

**Greenspace Advisory Board (1 vacancy):**

**Apply by:** July 10, 2017

**Appoint:** July 18, 2017

To apply for a vacancy on any board or commission visit [auburnalabama.org/boards](http://auburnalabama.org/boards) for an application form. E-mail your completed form to [boards@auburnalabama.org](mailto:boards@auburnalabama.org) or you can send it via mail or in person to City Hall: 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, AL, 36830. Additional materials, such as a résumé or letter of interest, may be attached to the application form. Please note: Incumbents may be eligible for reappointment. Appointment dates may be subject to change at the Council's discretion.

## Fourth of July Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications will remain on their regular schedules. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling the week of July 3rd-7th will change as follows:

**Collection will be delayed one day for customers whose normal collection day is Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.**

The garbage collection schedule for all holidays in 2017 is posted online at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org).

The first Council meeting of July will be held on Wednesday, July 5 instead of Tuesday, July 4 due to the holiday. Committee of the Whole will be held at a time to be announced (usually 6:55 p.m.) followed by the regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 141 North Ross Street.

## Phase I Drought Watch

The City of Auburn remains under a Phase I Drought Watch. Despite spring rains, the water level in Lake Ogletree continues to be lower than normal as a result of the lake being artificially drawn down to facilitate the ongoing construction of the Lake Ogletree Spillway. Once the project is complete later this summer, Lake Ogletree will have an increased water storage capacity, further strengthening the resiliency of our water supply against drought.

The Phase I Drought Watch includes voluntary water restrictions including:

- Only irrigate between 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- Even numbered addresses should only water on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
- Odd numbered addresses should only water on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday.

## Television and Monitor Recycling Ends

Due to the fees charged by electronics recycling processors, the City of Auburn is no longer able to accept televisions and computer monitors for recycling. Computer equipment and electronics that are not televisions or monitors may be recycled, but an appointment must be made as these items require special handling. Please contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080 for an appointment to drop off your computer equipment. If you have televisions or computer monitors that you need to dispose of, place those items at curbside for collection along with your other trash.

## 2016 Consumer Confidence Report

Each year the Water Works Board of the City of Auburn (AWWB) distributes its Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The purpose of this report is to notify all customers about the quality and safety of their drinking water. The CCR provides customers with information about the contaminants that may be found in their drinking water, and how these contaminants may affect their health. The CCR is also a tool to educate customers about drinking water sources, treatment techniques, and delivery methods used to ensure compliance with State and Federal laws. The AWWB now utilizes electronic delivery, whereby each customer is directly notified about where to access a digital copy of the CCR and how to request a paper copy. The AWWB provides a digital copy of the CCR online that can be viewed at the following web address: [www.auburnalabama.org/wrm/ccr/2016](http://www.auburnalabama.org/wrm/ccr/2016). Customers may also request a hardcopy of the CCR. Please call (334) 501-3060 or visit the Water Resource Management Department if you prefer to receive a hardcopy of the Consumer Confidence Report, to submit a request with your regular monthly payment to receive a hardcopy by mail, or email your request for a hardcopy to [webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org). Paper copies will also be available at the Bailey Alexander Water and Sewer Complex and various other public facilities in Auburn. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Resource Management Department at (334) 501-3060.

## Save Our Saugahatchee (SOS) 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Save our Saugahatchee (SOS) is a local environmental advocacy organization dedicated to the protection, preservation, and restoration of all of our local water resources with a strong focus and organizational commitment to Saugahatchee Creek. For the last two decades, SOS worked tirelessly to bring attention to the important role our local water resources play in sustaining a high quality of life for the citizens of Auburn. Their work has been instrumental in the great improvements in water quality in Saugahatchee Creek, as was recently highlighted by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's monitoring of the Saugahatchee Creek embayment of Yates Reservoir on the Tallapoosa River. Without these improvements, the City's vision and pursuit of a beautiful and scenic Greenway + Blueway along Saugahatchee Creek would be marred by the stigma of impairment. The City's Water Resource Management Department is greatly appreciative of the cooperative spirit of SOS and is proud to announce the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization.

## Auburn Public Library Summer Learning Challenge

From May 25 to July 27, you are invited to read and learn for the fun of it with the Auburn Public Library's Summer Learning Challenge (SLC).

No matter your age, everyone is eligible for a chance to win fabulous prizes including a Nintendo Switch. The SLC is simple, just read or listen for 20 minutes a day, set a learning goal for yourself, and register to let us know you are in. You can also do bonus challenges like attending a library program or downloading an eBook for extra chances to win. Register online or stop by the Auburn Public Library to register in person. The Summer Learning Challenge is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Auburn Public Library and learners like you.

Enjoy the summer with innovative, entertaining programs at your local library. Expect to see some amazing activities including:

**Magical Monday Matinees** - Join us each Monday in June and July at 2 p.m. to watch the Harry Potter Movie Series. Monday, July 3 at 2 p.m. will be a special Harry Potter Craft Day.

**How-to Tuesday** - Join us for 1-hour programs each Tuesday in June and July at 4 p.m. to learn about a variety of topics including Public Speaking and Raising Backyard Chickens.

**Summer Serendipity Thursdays** - Each Thursday at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. We will have special guests visiting including the Southeastern Raptor Center and the Skin and Bones Comedy Circus.

**New York Times Bestselling Author Joshilyn Jackson** - She will speak about her new book, *The Almost Sisters*, on Saturday, July 22 at 1 p.m.

**Summer Learning Challenge Celebration on Thursday, July 27 at 2 p.m.** - Share what you learned over the summer at our Open Mic stage and join us for a special cold treat to reward yourself for learning this summer!

For more information, check out our website at [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library), call us at (334) 501-3190, or email [weblibrary@auburnalabama.org](mailto:weblibrary@auburnalabama.org).

# JULY

# upCOMING EVENTS

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

For more information on meetings and events listed here, please visit [auburnalabama.org/openline](http://auburnalabama.org/openline)

**City Meeting Schedule**  
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**Auburn Public Library**  
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(334) 501-2930



# 1

**STEM Storytime**  
10 a.m.

# 2

**Harry Potter Craft Day**  
2 p.m.

# 3

# 4

**Independence Day Celebration** 6-9 p.m.

**Toddler Time** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
**Board of Zoning Adjustment** 4:30 p.m.  
**Committee of the Whole** 6:55 p.m.  
**City Council** 7 p.m.  
**Rain Date for Independence Day Celebration**

# 6

**Preschool Storytime** 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
**Adult Coloring Club** 10 a.m.  
**Summer Serendipity** 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
**Gamer's Society** 4 p.m.

# 7

**Young Writer's Club** 10 a.m.  
**Teen Writer's Club** 1 p.m.  
**Anime and Manga Art Club** 3:30 p.m.

# 8

**STEM Storytime** 10 a.m.

# 9

**Harry Potter Movie** 2 p.m.  
**Cemeteries Advisory Board** 4 p.m.  
**Adult Writing Workshop** 6 p.m.

**Greenspace Advisory Board** Noon  
**Baby Time** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
**How-to Tuesday** 4 p.m.  
**Historic Preservation Commission** 4 p.m.  
**Board of Education** 6 p.m.

# 12

**Toddler Time** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Preschool Storytime** 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
**Adult Coloring Club** 10 a.m.  
**Summer Serendipity** 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
**Gamer's Society** 4 p.m.  
**Planning Commission** 5 p.m.  
**Float-N-Movie** 8:15-10 p.m.

# 14

**Young Writer's Club** 10 a.m.  
**Teen Writer's Club** 1 p.m.  
**Anime and Manga Art Club** 3:30 p.m.

# 15

**STEM Storytime** 10 a.m.

# 16

**Harry Potter Movie** 2 p.m.  
**Show and Tell Book Club** 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
**Adult Writing Workshop** 6 p.m.

**Baby Time** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
**How-to Tuesday** 4 p.m.  
**Library Board** 4 p.m.  
**Arthur Astma Mind Play** 6:30 p.m.  
**Committee of the Whole** 6:55 p.m.  
**City Council** 7 p.m.

# 19

**Toddler Time** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Preschool Storytime** 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
**Adult Coloring Club** 10 a.m.  
**Summer Serendipity** 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
**Gamer's Society** 4 p.m.  
**Water Works Board** 4 p.m.

# 21

**Young Writer's Club** 10 a.m.  
**Teen Writer's Club** 1 p.m.  
**Anime and Manga Art Club** 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday Night Splash** 6-8 p.m.

# 22

**STEM Storytime** 10 a.m.  
**Author Joshilyn Jackson** 1 p.m.

# 23

**Harry Potter Movie** 2 p.m.  
**Adult Writing Workshop** 6 p.m.

**Read & Reflect** 10 a.m.  
**Baby Time** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
**How-to Tuesday** 4 p.m.  
**Bike Committee** 7 p.m.

# 26

**Toddler Time** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Preschool Storytime** 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
**Adult Coloring Club** 10 a.m.  
**Summer Learning Challenge Celebration** 2 p.m.  
**Summer Serendipity** 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
**Gamer's Society** 4 p.m.

# 28

**Young Writer's Club** 10 a.m.  
**Teen Writer's Club** 1 p.m.  
**Anime and Manga Art Club** 3:30 p.m.

# 29

**STEM Storytime** 10 a.m.

**Back to School Aqua-basketball Tournament & Pool Party**

**Harry Potter Movie** 2 p.m.  
**Adult Writing Workshop** 6 p.m.

**Teen Float-N-Movie** 8:15-10 p.m.

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