

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

June 2017

Spring and Summer Downtown Improvement Projects 2017

There is no better time than the summer to get infrastructure maintenance and improvements done. This summer, the City of Auburn Public Works and Water Resource Management Departments are taking advantage of the lighter traffic between spring graduation and the first football game to complete as many projects as possible within this short timeframe. Here's a look at what to expect in the coming weeks and months as this June issue of Open Line hits mailboxes throughout the month of May.

Already underway:

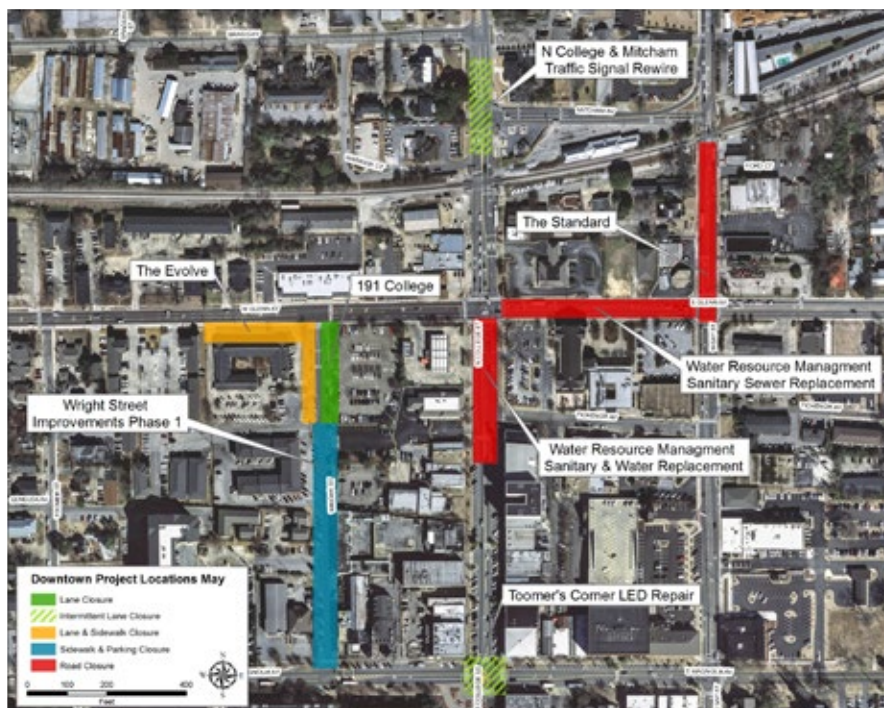
Wright Street Improvement Project Phase 1: Phase 1 of the Wright Street Improvement Project began in late April. This project will ultimately transform Wright Street into a two-way street and will reconfigure on-street parking, including installation of parking meter kiosks in this area. Related work will include improved sidewalks and pedestrian lighting. Phase 1 began on the Magnolia Avenue end of Wright Street, with work progressing towards Glenn Avenue. Throughout Phase 1, on-street parking and sidewalks will be closed in the area where work is underway.

During this time, lane and sidewalk closures are possible on Glenn Avenue and Wright Street as construction on The Evolve student housing project continues.

During May:

Wright Street Improvement Project Phase 1: 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 may occur on Glenn Avenue and the north end of Wright Street as construction on The Evolve student housing project continues



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and as work on the 191 College student housing project begins.

Another project that may bring sidewalk and parking closures in the May timeframe is the Oak Tree Corner event center project on West Magnolia Avenue near Toomer's Corner.

College Street - Water Main Replacement: Previously, the Water Resource Management Department performed saw cutting in the parking areas on the west side of North College Street downtown from the Baptist Student Center to Glenn Avenue. This work was preliminary to a water main replacement project that will take place in May. During the water main replacement, parking on the west side of North College Street between the Baptist Student Center and Glenn Avenue will be impacted with minimal impact on traffic flow. Work is tentatively scheduled to take place beginning May 8.

The Standard student housing project is scheduled to begin utility infrastructure work in May, closing Gay Street between the railroad crossing and Glenn Avenue, as well as closing the intersection of Gay Street and Glenn Avenue. As this issue of Open Line goes to print, work is tentatively scheduled to begin by May 15, and could last up to two weeks.

Glenn Avenue - Sanitary Sewer Replacement: While the intersection of Glenn Avenue and Gay Street is closed, the Water Resource Management Department will replace sanitary sewer infrastructure on Glenn Avenue between College Street and Gay Street. The block will be closed to all modes of through traffic while work takes place. Construction is tentatively scheduled to take place during the week of May 15.

College Street - Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Improvements to sanitary sewer infrastructure will be made, requiring the closure of North College Street from approximately Tichenor Avenue to Glenn Avenue. On-street parking in front of downtown businesses will still be available while work is underway. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of May 28, with most of the work scheduled to occur at night.

Toomer's Corner: Expect lane closures at Toomer's Corner in May as maintenance is performed on LED lighting and intersection brickwork installed during the Corner Construction project. These lane closures will take place after the AU semester ends, with the work schedule still to be determined as Open Line goes to press.

North College Street @ Mitcham Avenue: Maintenance to the traffic light at the intersection

of North College Street and Mitcham Avenue will include lane closures affecting the intersection, potentially 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.

June (work schedules still to be determined): June brings a continuation of some previously mentioned projects, as well as several major street projects that motorists will need to be aware of in and near downtown.

Student housing construction on The Evolve and 191 College continues in June, with related sidewalk, parking and lane closures still possible on the north end of Wright Street and on Glenn Avenue near Wright Street and College Street

Similarly, work on Oak Tree Corner could bring parking and sidewalk closures on West Magnolia Avenue near Toomer's Corner.

Auburn University - Mell Street/Thach Avenue/South College Street Reconfiguration: 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, potentially including the intersection of South College Street and Thach Avenue.

College Street Lighting: Streetlights in the center island on South College Street between Magnolia Avenue and Thach Avenue will be replaced, potentially requiring lane closures on South College Street between Magnolia Avenue and Thach Avenue.

Gay Street and Magnolia Avenue Traffic Signal: 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.



Glenn Avenue and Ross Street Resurfacing: 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.

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 announcement of lane, street and intersection closures, please subscribe to the City's "News and Announcements" eNotifier at auburnalabama.org/eNotifier, visit the City of Auburn online at auburnalabama.org or follow @CityofAuburnAL on Facebook and Twitter. Keep reading Open Line throughout the summer months for updates on upcoming projects. Please also visit auburnalabama.org/maps and click on Interactive Maps.

SummerNight Downtown Art Walk and Parade

The SummerNight Downtown Art Walk and Parade, hosted by the Auburn Arts Association, City of Auburn/Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities, and the Auburn Downtown Merchants Association, will be held Friday, June 9 from 6 – 10 p.m. in downtown Auburn. SummerNight will feature a parade (beginning at the Center for Arts & Humanities), works by local artists, live musical entertainment and children's activities! Culinary artists are invited to submit their most delicious banana concoction for our banana-themed culinary contest. Downtown merchants and restaurants will remain open after regular business hours, and citizens are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to shop, dine and enjoy downtown! Artists, bakers, volunteers and merchants are encouraged to participate. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! SummerNight is FREE to the public and is a rain or shine event. For more information, including vendor applications, please visit www.auburnsummernight.org or call (334) 501-2963.



AWWB Enacts Phase I Drought Watch

The Water Works Board of the City of Auburn (AWWB) enacted a Phase I Drought Watch for its customers effective **April 21, 2017**, in accordance with the AWWB's Drought Management Plan. Relevant factors include the water level in Lake Ogletree, current weather conditions and water demand in Auburn, an April 18 U.S. Drought Monitor report showing Lee County in a moderate drought, and an April 19 ADECA Office of Water Resources drought advisory declaration for Lee County.

This Phase I Drought Watch includes voluntary water restrictions including:

- Watering for all addresses should only take place between the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- Customers with even numbered addresses should water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Customers with odd numbered addresses should water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- There should be no outdoor watering on Sundays.

Additional water saving tips include:

- Check sprinkler heads and adjust them as needed to keep from watering the street, driveway and sidewalk.
- When watering the lawn, use a timer to remind you to turn off the water.
- Do not wash paved surfaces unless for public health or safety reasons.
- Repair water leaks in your home and irrigation system.
- Take shorter showers.
- Do not let the water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face or washing dishes by hand.
- Only run full loads of laundry or dishes.

Board Vacancies

Indian Pines Recreation Authority (1 vacancy)

Apply by: May 29, 2017

Appoint: June 6, 2017 City Council Meeting

Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority (2 vacancies)

Apply by: June 26, 2017

Appoint: July 5, 2017 City Council Meeting

To apply for a vacancy on any board or commission visit auburnalabama.org/boards and fill out an application form. E-mail your completed form to 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.

JUNE

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

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auburnalabama.org
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Auburn Public Library
auburnalabama.org/library
(334) 501-3198

Parks and Recreation
auburnalabama.org/parks
(334) 501-2930

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				Preschool Storytime 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Adult Coloring Club 10 a.m. Gamer's Society 4 p.m. Summer Learning Challenge Kickoff 6 p.m.	Young Writer's Club 10 a.m. Tree Commission 11:30 a.m. Teen Writer's Club 1 p.m. Anime Art Club 3:30 p.m.	Swim-A-Thon 8-10 a.m. Adult Coloring Club 10 a.m. STEM Storytime 10 a.m.
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	Magical Monday Matinee 2 p.m. Cemeteries Advisory Board 4 p.m. Adult Writing Workshop 6 p.m.	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. Baby Time 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. How-to Tuesday for Adults 4 p.m. Open Mic Night for Community Artists 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m. City Council 7 p.m.	Toddler Time 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 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 p.m.	Young Writer's Club 10 a.m. Teen Writer's Club 1 p.m. Anime Art Club 3:30 p.m. SummerNight 6-10 p.m.	STEM Storytime 10 a.m.
11	12		14	15	16	17
	Magical Monday Matinee 2 p.m. Adult Writing Workshop 6 p.m.	Greenspace Advisory Board Noon Baby Time 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. How-to Tuesday for Adults 4 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m. Board of Education 6 p.m.	Toddler Time 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Letters to Dad 2 p.m. APRD Sports Camp Registration Deadline	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.	Young Writer's Club 10 a.m. Teen Writer's Club 1 p.m. Anime Art Club 3:30 p.m. Thunder Tyles Registration Deadline	STEM Storytime 10 a.m.
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	Magical Monday Matinee 2 p.m. Show and Tell Book Club 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.	Baby Time 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. How-to Tuesday for Adults 4 p.m. Library Board 4 p.m. Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m. City Council 7 p.m.	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.	Young Writer's Club 10 a.m. Teen Writer's Club 1 p.m. Anime Art Club 3:30 p.m.	STEM Storytime 10 a.m.
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Aqua-Basketball Tournament 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Magical Monday Matinee 2 p.m.	Read & Reflect 10 a.m. Baby Time 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. How-to Tuesday for Adults 4 p.m.	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.	Young Writer's Club 10 a.m. Teen Writer's Club 1 p.m. Anime Art Club 3:30 p.m.	 City of Auburn

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