

# Open Line

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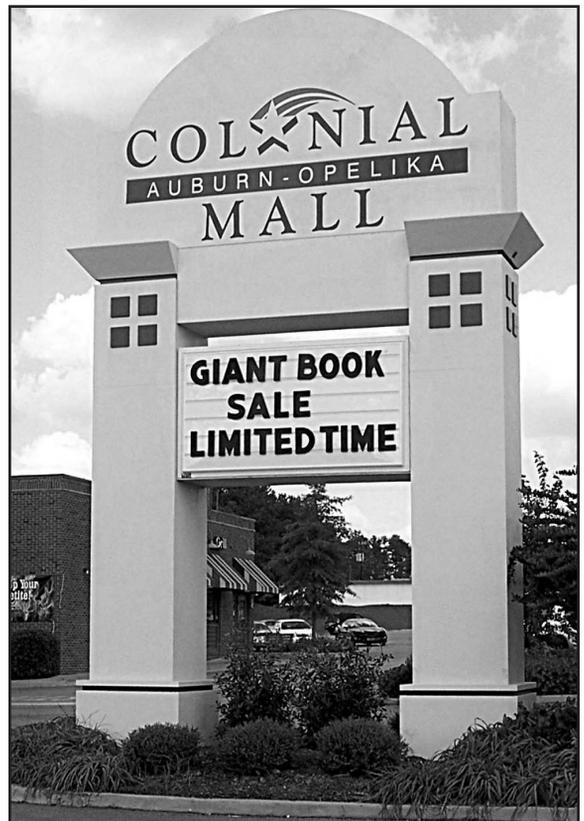
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## Colonial Mall Expanding

At the October 1st meeting of the Auburn City Council, an executive from Colonial Trust Properties unveiled plans for a major expansion of Colonial Mall. Initial plans include the addition of 180,000 square feet of retail space, an almost 50 percent increase in size. Construction is expected to begin in January 2003. The expansion will bring another major department store, 20 to 25 new retail shops and restaurants, and will result in the creation of 250 jobs. Plans also include major renovations to the interior and exterior of the Mall.

The expansion of the Mall represents an approximate \$50 million investment in Auburn by Colonial Trust Properties. Upon reviewing the benefits arising from this development, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the City's support of the expansion. Officials estimate the Mall expansion will result in \$1.2 million in additional sales and other tax revenue to the City each year. The City's commitment is to relocate the public road around the Mall, install necessary utility lines, and provide public parking. In addition, the City commits to purchase property in the vicinity of the Mall that can be used for future public purposes. Completion of the expansion is expected by Fall of 2004.

This action expresses the City's support for this important commercial project. More than 40 percent of the City's total revenue comes from sales taxes. Expansion of sales tax revenue ensures the continued provision of the high quality services Auburn citizens enjoy. City schools, police and fire protection, public recreational facilities, and garbage and recycling services are some of the services funded in part by sales tax revenue. By shopping in Auburn, citizens ensure their tax money stays in town to fund local programs. With the holiday shopping season approaching, please "Shop Auburn for the Holidays" and keep your tax dollars local.



# Council is Sworn in at New Chamber

On October 7, the 2002-2006 Auburn City Council was sworn in at the newly renovated Council Chamber at 141 North Ross Street. The Chamber's modern features include a computer presentation system, sound system, DVD, CD, and VCR capabilities, recording system, video surveillance, and digital overhead capabilities. Each member of the City Council and the City Manager will have a network hookup at his/her station. All of the technology will help facilitate communication and enable the entire audience to view presentation materials. The 250 seat auditorium will be used as the Municipal Court every Thursday. City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.



## Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Public Park & Recreation Board** will be announced at the November 5 City Council meeting and will be filled at the December 3 City Council meeting.

One vacancy on the **Governmental Utility Services Corporation** will be announced at the November 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the December 17 City Council meeting.

Two vacancies on the **Board of Zoning Adjustment** will be announced at the December 3 City Council meeting and will be filled at the January 7 City Council meeting.

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

## Auburn Nutcracker Party

The Auburn Nutcracker Party, an Interactive Nutcracker Experience, will be held December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. This year, audience members are invited to become actual party guests and follow Clara on her magical journey to the "Kingdom of the Sweets." The Interactive Nutcracker Experience is an alternative way to tell the Nutcracker tale. Costumed characters will mingle with guests and tell the story of the Nutcracker. Audience members are invited to snack on Nutcracker-themed refreshments like Chinese tea and Spanish chocolate, and mini-performances of popular scenes will be held in the performance room throughout the exhibition. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 12 and under. For more information, please call the Auburn Arts Association at 887-2832 or Cindy Davino at 887-5717.



## Join Us at the Library...

In honor of Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Month, the Auburn Public Library will host a special program entitled "Honey Roasted Ribs—Bear Ribs, That Is! Changing Foodways on the 18th Century Creek Indian Frontier." This presentation is part of the Speaker in the House Program series presented by The Alabama Humanities Foundation. Dr. Kathryn H. Braund, associate professor of History at Auburn University, will provide an informal examination of the cultural foodways of the eighteenth-century Creek Indians. Dr. Braund will discuss traditional foods, methods of food production, food preparation and storage, and the ways in which the Creek Indian foodways were influenced by outsiders. This special program will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, in the Hollifield Room in the Auburn Public Library.



## Looking for a Job?

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. Current openings include:

- **Police Officer (Regular/Full-time, \$2,211.82-2,564.11/Month)**

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org), 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.



# ADVENTURES IN ART

On September 9-13, Auburn children attended the 3rd Annual *Adventures in Art* program at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. This exciting week-long event introduced third - fifth grade students enrolled in Auburn City schools to various forms of arts and crafts. This year, the workshops featured a collaboration of performing arts (puppetry arts), visual arts (quiltmaking), a gallery talk (works by SueAnne Hoyt and Todd Applegate), and an outdoor adventure game. Each day



more than 260 Auburn students attended the program.

The *Adventures in Art* program would not have been possible without the generous support from volunteers, contributors, and sponsors. Through the efforts of State Representative Mike Hubbard, the City of Auburn was able to receive a grant from the State of Alabama to help fund the program.



## Veterans' Day Ceremony

The City of Auburn will host a Veterans' Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial located at the north-east corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Mayor Bill Ham will be the moderator and the Auburn High School choral group will sing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. The ceremony will conclude with a memorial wreath laying. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held at Greystone located at 434 E. Magnolia Avenue. Attendees are encouraged to park at the Development Services Building and Felton Little Park. Handicapped parking will be available on Ross Street, which will be closed during the ceremony. For additional information, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed in honor of **Veterans' Day** on Monday, November 11. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling will be changed for that week. Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday, November 12. Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, November 13. Wednesday's route will be collected on Thursday, November 14. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday, November 15.

City Hall will also be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for **Thanksgiving**. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling will be changed for those on Thursday's route only. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday, November 29.



## MEETING SCHEDULE

**Water Works Board** - November 4, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 N. Donahue Drive.

**Cemetery Advisory Board** - November 4, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - November 4, 6:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**City Council** - November 5, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment** - November 6, 4:30 PM, Development Service Building Conference Room.

**Tree Commission** - November 7, 4:00 PM, City Hall Annex.

**Greenspace Advisory Board** - November 12, 2:00 PM, City Hall Annex.

**Historic Preservation Committee** - November 12, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

**Board of Education** - November 12, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

**Library Board** - November 14, 10:00 AM, Library Board Room.

**Planning Commission** - November 14, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

**City Council** - November 19, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

*-Meeting times and places are subject to change-*

## Winter Basketball Registration



Winter basketball is just around the corner! Anyone between the ages of 6 and 14 is invited to register for the Youth League during November 1-15. The High School League's registration will be held from November 12 until December 6. There is a \$15 registration fee for both groups. Adults can sign up any time between November 12 and December 12. The fee for adults is \$200 per team. All registration will be at the Dean Road Recreation Center. Games will be played in January and February.

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## up COMING EVENTS

**Salmagundi**, offered to children in grades K-5, will meet on Wednesday, November 6 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Services area at the Auburn Public Library. This month's theme is Native Americans.



**Preschool Storytime** for children ages 3-5 is held every Tuesday from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. The themes for November are: 11/5&6- Native Americans, 11/12&13- Community Helpers, 11/19&20- Trains, 11/26&27- Thanksgiving Stories.

**Toddler Time** for children ages 18 months to 3 years is held every Thursday morning from 10:00 – 10:30. November themes are 11/7- Dogs, 11/14- Community Helpers, 11/21- Trains. There will be no Toddler Time on 11/28 because of Thanksgiving.



The Auburn Public Library's **Fall Reading Program** begins November 1. The Auburn University Lady Tigers are sponsoring "Read with the Tigers." Participants can get their bookmarks at the Youth Services Desk. For more information, call Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

**Young Adult Coffeehouse** will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on November 7 in the Youth Services area at the Auburn Public Library. A special guest from Horseshoe Bend National Military Park will talk about Native American history.



**Fall Invitational 2002**, a display of works by local and regional artists and craftspersons, will be held November 8 – December 14 in the gallery at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Admission is free. Call 887-4938 for more information.

**National Young Reader's Day** will be held on November 14 at the Auburn Public Library. Join the Auburn University Lady Tigers for storytelling from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

Celebrate **Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Month** with the Auburn Public Library on November 14 at 6:00 p.m. The Library will present a special program entitled "Honey Roasted Ribs – Bear Ribs That Is! Changing Foodways on the 18th Century Creek Indian Frontier." Admission is free. For more information, please call the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190.

**RECYCLE AUBURN** **Auburn Recycles Day** will be held on November 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Environmental Services Building on North Donahue Drive. This year's theme is "A Great Time to Renew Our Commitment to Recycling." A new program to recycle computers and used ink cartridges will be unveiled. Call the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080 for more information.

The 7th annual production of **The Nutcracker** will be held November 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Opelika Performing Arts Center. Todd Putman, artistic director of Ballet Et Cetera in Prattville will be the guest director, with notable guest artists dancing the roles of Sugar Plum and Cavalier. Reserved tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 12 and under. General admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, please call Cindy Davino at 887-5717.



**Children's Book Week** will be held November 18 – 24 at the Auburn Public Library. This year's theme is "Book Time". A puppet show will be held November 20 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to participate in this free event. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.



**Holiday Wreath Workshop** will be held Thursday, November 21 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Participants will learn how to make wreaths of magnolia leaves and fruit and a small Christmas wreath. A workshop fee of \$25 will cover all supplies. For more information, contact Faith Nance at 826-8346 or the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.

The **Festival of Trees** will be open to the public beginning December 5 at 5:00 p.m. at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center. The exhibit will last until December 14. For additional information, contact the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 887-7011.

The **Auburn Nutcracker Party**, an Interactive Nutcracker Experience, will be held December 6 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children aged 12 and under. For more information, please call the Auburn Arts association at 887-2832 or Cindy Davino at 887-5717.

The **Auburn Christmas Parade** will be held Saturday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 887-7011.

**Copies of the Winter Auburn Parks and Recreation Brochure will be available at any recreational facility, City Hall, Auburn Public Library, and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce beginning November 12.**