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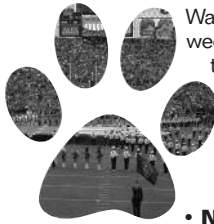
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Game Day 2007 Information



War Eagle...Football season has arrived. As always, traffic will be heavy during home game weekends and residents are asked to be particularly safety conscious when driving. Please note the following traffic changes in the City on game day:

- **Thach Avenue** will be a temporary one-way street eastbound from South College Street to South Dean Road after games. Residents on East Thach should keep this in mind when exiting their driveways, as both lanes will be moving "east-only" for up to two hours after each game.

- **North Donahue Drive** will be a temporary one-way street northbound from the stadium to AL Highway 14/Martin Luther King Drive after games.

- Fans traveling south on I-85 should take **Wire Road** to I-85 S.
- Fans traveling north on I-85 should take **Glenn Avenue** to I-85 N.
- Motorists are advised to use caution at **Bent Creek Road** and **Glenn Avenue** due to ongoing construction.

All vehicles in the left lanes on temporary one-way streets will be required to turn left and those in the right lanes will be allowed to turn right or go straight when applicable. Parking on sidewalks, in front of fire hydrants, and on yellow curbs is prohibited.

At this time, Lee County is under an Outdoor Burn Ban. Bonfires and open burning are prohibited. Grilling is permitted. Please remember to keep grills away from buildings, trees, and shrubbery. Coals and ashes must be wetted down and disposed of properly.

Citizens are encouraged to visit the City of Auburn's game day web site at www.auburnalabama.org/gameday or the Auburn University game day web site at www.auburn.edu/gameday for more information on traffic and game day regulation updates.

Applications Now Available For Auburn CityFest 2008

The Auburn CityFest Committee is currently accepting applications for Auburn CityFest 2008, Auburn's largest FREE outdoor festival, presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News*. Applications for fine arts, arts & crafts, food, and non-profit exhibitors are now available on the CityFest web site at www.auburncityfest.com. Exhibitors interested in participating are encouraged to get applications in early. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. CityFest 2008 will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008. Auburn CityFest 2007 attracted more than 40,000 people to Kiesel Park.



To download an application or to obtain sponsorship information, please visit www.auburncityfest.com or contact the Auburn CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 26, 2008 for CityFest 2008. We hope to see you there.

Labor Day Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will be on their normal schedules. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of September 3-7 will change as follows:

Normal Collection Day

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Tuesday, September 4
Wednesday, September 5
Thursday, September 6
Friday, September 7

Shop Auburn!

supporting our community makes cents.

The City Council has authorized the Auburn Chamber of Commerce to hold a series of Downtown Sidewalk Sales on behalf of the Downtown Merchants for this year's Auburn University home football games. Don't miss this fall's Downtown Sidewalk Sales:

- Saturday, September 1
- Saturday, September 8
- Saturday, September 15
- Saturday, September 22
- Saturday, October 6
- Saturday, October 27
- Saturday, November 3
- Saturday, November 24
- Monday, December 17 (Graduation)

Citizens are reminded to *Shop Auburn!* first and keep tax dollars local.

For more information on the Downtown Sidewalk Sales, please contact the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 887-7011.



Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park

Mark your calendar for the Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park, presented by the Parks and Recreation Department. Enjoy an evening of outdoor music at one of Auburn's premier parks...Kiesel Park. Bring the family, a picnic supper, your lawn chairs, and maybe even the family dog and enjoy a free, relaxing evening of entertainment under the stars. This year's series will feature the following artists:

Thursday, September 20	Dave Potts
Thursday, September 27	Blue 32
Thursday, October 4	Clint and Kip
Thursday, October 11	Derek Findley
Thursday, October 18	Crossroads
Thursday, October 25	Auburn Knights Orchestra

All concerts will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, please check the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org for rescheduling. For more information, please contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



Yarbrough Tennis Center Now Open

The new City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center, located off of Richland Road, is now open. The facility features 16 outdoor clay courts, including a stadium court; 12 outdoor hard courts; and 6 indoor courts. Outdoor clay courts are now available for play and are open daily from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Please see the list below for court fees and annual membership information. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930 or visit the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org/parks/tenniscourts.asp.

Court Fees for Yarbrough Tennis Center

	Annual Pass		
	Clay Courts	Outdoor Hard Courts	Indoor Courts
Individual	\$250	\$125	\$200
Family	\$400	\$225	\$350
Junior (18 & under)	\$200	\$75	\$150

Additional Annual Pass Options

Add Hard Courts Pass to Clay Courts Pass	Individual	\$50
	Family	\$100
Add Indoor Courts Pass to Clay Courts Pass	Individual	\$100
	Family	\$250

Per Use Fee		
Clay Courts	Outdoor Hard Courts	Indoor Courts
\$5	\$3	\$7.50

Use of the hard courts and indoor courts is subject to availability according to the schedules for the Auburn University tennis teams.

Meeting Schedule

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

September 4, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council

September 4, 11:45 a.m., Council Chamber

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City Council

September 4, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment

September 5, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission

September 7, 11:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Cemeteries Advisory Board

September 10, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Water Works Board

September 10, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board

September 11, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission

September 11, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building

Board of Education

September 11, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

Planning Commission

September 13, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

City Council

September 18, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee

September 25, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Library Board

September 27, 10:00 a.m., Library Board Room

Cemeteries Advisory Board

October 1, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Industrial Development Board

October 2, 12:00 p.m., City Manager's Conference Room, 144 Tichenor Avenue

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

October 2, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council

October 2, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment

October 3, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission

October 5, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-



City of Auburn Non-Emergency Phone Number

Please note the City of Auburn's 24-hour non-emergency number is 501-3100. Citizens are encouraged to use this number when contacting the Public Safety

Department with non-emergency requests and issues, such as cars blocking the roadway and noise complaints. In addition, this number may be used for all after-hours issues. This number was established to keep 911 lines open for true emergencies. In the event of a true emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** was announced at the August 21 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 18 meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** will be announced at the September 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 2 meeting.
- Three vacancies on the **Building Board of Adjustment** will be announced at the September 18 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 16 meeting.
- Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the September 18 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 16 meeting.



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

Construction to Begin at Auburn Public Library

Construction of a 10,000+ square foot expansion at the Auburn Public Library is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks. As a result of this construction, some regularly scheduled programs will be subject to change for the next several months. Please visit the Library's web site at www.auburnalabama.org/library or contact the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190 for updates on the latest program changes. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to bring you expanded services and facilities at your Auburn Public Library.



Let's All Go to the Zoo – Fall Reading at the Auburn Public Library

Youth ages 3-11 are invited to register for the Auburn Public Library's fall reading program, Let's All Go to the Zoo. Participants may register at the Youth Services Desk now through October 15.

For more information on the fall reading program or other youth programs, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/library or contact the Youth Services Desk at 501-3196.



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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.

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 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



- **Adventures in Art "Rural Wonder"**, through September 14, artwork by Butch Anthony
- **Photo IX**, September 17-October 13, annual juried photography exhibition open to regional artists and photographers.

Now Open...Dean Road Ceramics Studio – Visit the Dean Road Ceramics Studio, located inside the Dean Road Recreation Center. Fall hours of operation are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Come by and utilize the studio space for hand-building projects or throwing on the pottery wheel. Studio space is also available for educational programming for students and community organizations. For more information, contact Sara Hand at 501-2944.

Available Now...Parks and Recreation Fall Quarter Brochure – Be sure to pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation Fall Quarter Brochure at any City facility or download a copy online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



Wednesdays in September...Preschool Story Time – Join the Auburn Public Library for Preschool Story Time every Wednesday this month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Thursdays in September...Toddler Time – Join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time every Thursday this month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Register by September 4...Beginning Dog Obedience Training – Beginning Dog Obedience Training will be held at the Kiesel Park Pavilion on Mondays from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. September 10-October 29. Dogs must be at least 8 months old to participate. Participants must be registered by September 4. The cost is \$80, payable to the instructor. For more information, contact John Passailaigue at 524-6302.

September 10-October 26...ABC~123 – Preschoolers ages 3-5 are invited to join us for a fun-filled quarter full of arts and crafts, storytelling, and creative learning at ABC~123. This program reinforces preschool readiness and promotes socialization skills. Field trips may be offered. Children must be 3 years old by the first class and toilet-trained. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., September 10-October 26, at the Frank Brown Recreation Center. The cost is \$60 for the quarter, payable to the City of Auburn. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

September 12...Magic Tree House Club – Students in grades K-3 are invited to the Magic Tree House Club at the Auburn Public Library on September 12 at 3:30 p.m. This month's featured book is *Good Morning Gorillas!* For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



September 18...Auburn Public Library Book Group – The Auburn Public Library Book Group will meet on September 18 at 6:30 p.m. This month's topic is books about books. Examples include Nancy Pearl's *Book Lust* and Maureen Corrigan's *Leave Me Alone, I'm Reading: Finding and Losing Myself in Books*. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 501-3190 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/library.



Register by September 21...Mountain Biking Adventure – Youth ages 12-15 are invited to join Parks and Recreation for a challenging bike ride along the historic Bartram Trail in Tuskegee National Forest on September 29 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Riders must provide their own mountain bike, helmet, and bottle of water. Participants will meet at the Dean Road Recreation Center. Riders must be registered by September 21. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

September 23...Auburn Dog Club Fun Walk – Calling all dog lovers. Bring your dog and join Parks and Recreation for a fun walk on September 23 at 2:00 p.m. at Town Creek Pavilion. Each walk will begin with a brief educational program conducted by a representative from the Auburn University Small Animal Teaching Hospital. All walks will be at your own pace. The cost is free; however, donations of dog food and toys will be collected for the Lee County Humane Society. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



October 31...Downtown Trick or Treat – Mark your calendar for the City's Annual Downtown Trick or Treat celebration on October 31 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in downtown Auburn. Join us for this excellent alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. Downtown merchants will provide treats for the children. Musical entertainment will also be provided. Don't miss your chance to win the "Best Costume" contest. Downtown Trick or Treat is a free event for children ages 3-12 years old. Parents must accompany their children. For more information, or if your downtown business would like to participate, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.