

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## 2010 Census Underway

This month, Auburn citizens will begin receiving forms for the 2010 Census, conducted by the US Census Bureau. It is very important that these forms be completed and returned to the Census Bureau. Information collected during the census will determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funding will be allocated to projects such as schools, infrastructure, emergency services, hospitals, job training centers, and senior centers, just to name a few. Auburn citizens can do their part to ensure our community receives its share of this funding by taking a few moments to complete and return the census form.

Citizens who receive a form and have questions about completing it or would like assistance completing the form may visit one of the City's Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs). Each QAC has also been designated as a Be Counted (BC) site for citizens who do not receive a census form in the mail, but wish to complete one. QACs and BCs are located at the following City facilities:

Auburn City Hall  
144 Tichenor Avenue

Auburn Public Library  
749 East Thach Avenue

Bailey-Alexander Complex  
1501 West Samford Avenue

Boykin Community Center  
400 Boykin Street

Dean Road Recreation Center  
307 South Dean Road

Development Services Building  
171 North Ross Street

Frank Brown Recreation Center  
235 Opelika Road

For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/census](http://www.auburnalabama.org/census) or [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).



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## Senator Ted Little Presents Community Service Grant to Auburn Public Library



Senator Ted Little secured a Community Service Grant from the State of Alabama for the Auburn Public Library. The grant, totaling \$1,500, will be used to expand the Library's book collection. Senator Little presented the check to Auburn Public Library Director Margie Huffman at a grant award ceremony in late-2009.

"The City of Auburn is grateful to Senator Little for his efforts in securing funding to purchase additional books for the Auburn Public Library," said Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. "During our last fiscal year, more than 238,000 items were checked out from our Library. These funds will go toward providing additional books and resources for our citizens to utilize, free of charge. Again, we are grateful to Senator Little for his continued support of the City of Auburn and our mission to provide quality services to our citizens."

For more information on the Auburn Public Library, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library).

## Daylight Saving Time Begins March 14



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14 at 2 a.m. Remember to move your clocks **ahead** one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March 13.

The Auburn Fire Division reminds citizens to take this opportunity to change the batteries in your home's smoke detectors. A working smoke detector should be installed on every level of your home and in every bedroom.

## Get Connected to Your Auburn City Government

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Stay up-to-date on the latest City news and announcements, meeting packet availability, job vacancies, holiday collection schedules, and much more by signing up for the e-Notifier, the City of



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## FEMA Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study

For information and updates on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/fema](http://www.auburnalabama.org/fema).

Questions? Visit us online at [www.auburnalabama.org/fema](http://www.auburnalabama.org/fema) or contact the City of Auburn Public Works Department at 501-3000 or [webpw@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webpw@auburnalabama.org).

## Board Vacancies

- One member of the **Metropolitan Planning Organization – Citizens Advisory Committee** will be filled at the March 2 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Library Board** will be filled at the April 6 City Council meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission** will be filled at the April 6 City Council meeting.



*Citizens interested in serving on a City Board or Commission are encouraged to contact their City Council member or notify the City Manager's Office at [webocm@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webocm@auburnalabama.org) or call 501-7260.*

## Last Day to Pay on Time Dates for February Water Bill Cycles

In an effort to help customers of the Water Works Board of the City of Auburn adjust to the new multi-cycle billing schedule, *Open Line* includes the *last day to pay on time* dates for each residential billing cycle. The billing cycle number is located on your water bill.

Cycle	Last Day to Pay Bill Received in February
1	February 17
2	February 25
3	March 4
4	March 11

Payments may be made by cash, check, money order, automatic bank draft, credit, or debit card. Payments are accepted at the following locations:

- **Online** at [www.auburnalabama.org/wro](http://www.auburnalabama.org/wro)
- **In-person** at the Bailey-Alexander Complex, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- **Payment drop boxes** located in front of Auburn City Hall on Tichenor Avenue and at the Bailey-Alexander Complex, 1501 West Samford Avenue

For more information, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/wro](http://www.auburnalabama.org/wro) or contact the Water Works Board of the City of Auburn - Water Revenue Office at 501-3050 during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### MARCH

- 1 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- 2 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 3 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- 5 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
- 9 Greenspace Advisory Board**, 11:30 a.m., City Meeting Room
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Development Services Building
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room
- 11 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber
- 23 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 25 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room
- 30 Library Board**, 2 p.m., Library Board Room
- Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Development Services Building

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

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/boards](http://www.auburnalabama.org/boards).

## Job Vacancies

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. Some of the current temporary, part-time job openings include:

- **Assistant Pool Manager**  
(\$8.10/hour)
- **Senior Lifeguard**  
(\$7.55/hour)
- **Lifeguard**  
(\$7.35/hour)



Applications are accepted **online only** at [www.auburnalabama.org/jobs](http://www.auburnalabama.org/jobs). Applicants in need of assistance completing the online application may visit the Alabama Career Center. Public Internet access is available at the Alabama Career Center and the Auburn Public Library, 749 East Thach Avenue.

For updated job opportunities, visit us online at [www.auburnalabama.org/jobs](http://www.auburnalabama.org/jobs), contact the Alabama Career Center, call the City's job line at 501-7250, or sign up for job vacancy email updates at [www.auburnalabama.org/e-Notifier](http://www.auburnalabama.org/e-Notifier).

*The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer.*

Enjoy **FREE PARKING** in downtown metered spaces during Spring Break, March 15 - 19!

Don't forget, metered spaces are available on the first floor of the parking deck. For a map of all available spaces, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/maps/gallery](http://www.auburnalabama.org/maps/gallery)



## SPRING BREAK LOLLAPALOOZA at the Auburn Public Library

Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Spring Break Lollapalooza March 15 - 18 from 1 - 5 p.m. each day. Grab your friends and join us for a fun-filled week of themed activities, including:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>March 15</b> | <b>Hoop it up Day</b>  |
| <b>March 16</b> | <b>Animé Movie Day</b> |
| <b>March 17</b> | <b>Game Day</b>        |
| <b>March 18</b> | <b>Murder Mystery</b>  |

For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

## Report Street Light Outages to Alabama Power

Citizens are reminded to report street light outages in the City of Auburn to Alabama Power's 24-hour customer service number at 1-800-245-2244. Please be prepared to provide the location of the street light, including the address or nearest house number.



## Countdown to Auburn CityFest 2010

Get ready for Auburn CityFest 2010, presented by the Opelika-Auburn News, on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park! This year's 10th anniversary event features something for everybody, including new entertainment, children's activities, delicious food, and a variety of arts & crafts and fine arts exhibitors.



Interested in participating in CityFest as a vendor? Fine arts and arts & crafts vendor spaces are still available. Download an application online at [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com).

Auburn CityFest is Auburn's largest, free, outdoor arts and crafts festival. Join us Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. For more information, visit [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com).

## Make Your Presence Known... Bicyclists, joggers, and pedestrians reminded to wear reflective gear

Spring is just around the corner and with 34 miles of bicycle and multi-use paths and over 75 miles of sidewalk throughout Auburn, citizens will be hitting the streets and sidewalks to enjoy the change in weather. When you're out biking, jogging, or walking, don't forget to think safety first.

The law requires pedestrians and joggers to wear reflective material between the waist and shoulders on the front and back of clothing/outerwear for maximum visibility. Make sure motorists can see you from a distance of at least 500 feet by wearing reflective clothing between the hours of 30 minutes before sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise. Cyclists are required to have an operating headlight on the front of their bicycle and reflectors on the front and rear spokes of their wheels and pedals.

By working together, we can help make Auburn's roadways safer for cyclists, joggers, pedestrians, and motorists. For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Public Works Department at 501-3000.

*Visibility requirements are set forth in Chapter 13-11 of the City Code.*  
[www.auburnalabama.org/code](http://www.auburnalabama.org/code)



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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](mailto:openline@auburnalabama.org) or call 501-7255.

# up COMING EVENTS

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



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

- **Winter Invitational 2010**, February 2 - March 2. Works in a variety of media by regional artists and craftpersons.
- **Auburn Preservation League Photography Exhibition**, March 5 - 29. A juried exhibition of photographs of historic buildings and sites in Auburn. Open to all artists and photographers.

**Weekly in March...Auburn Public Library Story Times for Children** - Join the Auburn Public Library as they host special story times for children ages 6 months - 5 years and their caregivers. All story times are held at 10 a.m. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

- **Tuesdays** - Baby Time (ages 6 - 18 months)
- **Wednesdays** - Preschool Story Time (ages 3 - 5 years)
- **Thursdays** - Toddler Time (ages 18 months - 3 years)



**March 2...Auburn History Club for Teens** - Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join the Auburn History Club at the Auburn Public Library on March 2 at 4 p.m. for a discussion on women aviators throughout history. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**March 3...Magic Tree House Club** - Youth in grades K - 5 are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for the Magic Tree House Club on March 3 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

**March 3 - 6 & 8...AACT Children's Musical Theatre Production of "Seussical, Jr.!"** - Join us for the Auburn Area Community Theatre's Children's Musical Theatre's production of "Seussical, Jr.!" March 3 - 6 & 8 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. All weekday performances are at 6:30 p.m. Saturday features a 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/arts](http://www.auburnalabama.org/arts) or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



**March 5...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer** - Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarborough Tennis Center. Citizens ages 19 and up are encouraged to play. All levels of play are welcome. No partner is necessary. The event will be held rain or shine. Yarborough Tennis Center non-member court fees apply. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/tennis](http://www.auburnalabama.org/tennis) or contact the Yarborough Tennis Center at 501-2920.

**March 6...Parents Night Out** - Parents, celebrate a night on the town while the kids join us for fun and games at the Frank Brown Recreation Center on March 6 from 6 - 10 p.m. Kids ages 6 - 12 will enjoy a special performance of the Auburn Area Community Theatre Children's Theatre production of "Seussical, Jr.!" The cost is \$25 and includes admission. Pre-registration is required by February 26. For more information, contact the Frank Brown Recreation Center at 501-2962.

**March 9...Puppet Show** - Youth ages 3 - 11 are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for a puppet show entitled *A New Friend* on March 9 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**March 16... Auburn Public Library Book Group** - The Auburn Public Library Book Group will meet on March 16 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact the Reference Desk at 501-3195.

**March 25...American Girls Club** - Youth in grades K - 5 are invited to join the American Girls Club at the Auburn Public Library on February 18 at 3:30 p.m. This month's featured character is Kit. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**March 30...Teen Café Books to Movies Club** - Teens in grades 8 - 12 are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for the Teen Café Books to Movies Club on March 30 at 4 p.m. Join us for discussion on *Coraline*. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

**March 30...Therapeutics Easter Egg Hunt and Cookout** - Join the Parks and Recreation Department for the Therapeutics Easter Egg Hunt and Cookout on March 30 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Therapeutics program participants and their families are invited to attend. Enjoy great food, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and an exciting egg hunt! Participants are asked to bring a side dish. Please RSVP by March 23 at 5 p.m. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



## 29th Annual Easter Egg Hunt SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Mark your calendars for the 29th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 at 11 a.m. at Kiesel Park. This FREE community event is one of the largest egg hunts in Lee County and features more than 25,000 eggs hidden over a four acre area. Children ages 12 and under are invited to attend. Enjoy live music, free soft drinks, balloons, and a chance to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! In the event of rain, the egg hunt will be held on April 4 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks/events.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks/events.asp) or contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.