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City of Auburn



Auburn a Top 25 Destination, Top Alabama City for Job Creation

The Auburn-Opelika metro was named a top 25 "city that people are moving to" in a recent article by 247wallst.com. The article lists 25 cities to which Americans are moving, as well as 25 cities that they're abandoning. The researcher found that 90% of cities with the highest incoming migration are located in the south.

The Auburn-Opelika metro was number 22 on the list of cities that Americans are "flocking to." The article cites a net inward migration of 6.5%. The latest census estimates show Auburn-Opelika to be the 15th fastest growing metro in the United States with a net population growth of 11.9% from 2010 to 2015.

These numbers show that Auburn is part of a larger trend of growth in Lee County and the south. The local economy is key: 247wallst.com also ranked Auburn-Opelika as Alabama's top metro for job creation. The local quality of life, excellence in education and our position between Montgomery and Atlanta on the I-85 corridor all help to explain why so many people seek to join the Auburn community.



Secretary of State Cites Auburn Economic Development Example

Secretary of State John Kerry recently cited the location of Berghoff in Auburn as an example not only of good economic policy, but of good international relations:

"So when Germany's Berghoff Group decides to build a manufacturing plant in Auburn, Alabama, the company isn't just creating a hundred high-skilled, well-paid jobs; it's creating a new link between the United States and one of our strongest and most trusted allies."

The Berghoff Group announced in April that the Germany-based company will set up its U.S. manufacturing location in Auburn, Alabama. The company plans to invest approximately \$30 million and create approximately 100 precision machining jobs in Auburn over the next five years. Berghoff will produce parts in Auburn for key customers in the equipment manufacturing, semiconductor, and aerospace industries.

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Auburn City Schools a Top Five Alabama School System

Niche.com has ranked Auburn City Schools in the top five school systems in Alabama. According to Niche, school rankings considered measures for: academics, health and safety, parent and student opinion, culture and diversity, teachers, resources and facilities, extracurricular involvement and sports and fitness. Niche ranked Auburn City Schools at 181 out of over 10,000 school districts ranked nationally.

How Many Roommates May I Have?

A Reminder of the City of Auburn's Residential Occupancy Regulations

Each fall, Auburn welcomes thousands of new and returning students. Students who choose to live off-campus should be aware of residential occupancy rules in Auburn. Traditional residential neighborhoods are typically zoned to allow for no more than two unrelated persons residing at an address. Apartment complexes, mobile home parks, and other multi-family housing units are zoned to allow for more than two unrelated tenants.

Residents in violation of residential occupancy regulations may be subject to eviction by property owners. Property owners found to be in violation of occupancy regulations are subject to penalties that can include fines and even arrest.

MEETING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER

- 2 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 E. Glenn Avenue
- 6 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 11:45 a.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 7 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 8 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 12 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 13 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., DSB Conference Room, 171 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 20 Library Board**, 4 p.m., Library Conference Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 22 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 27 Bike Committee**, 7 p.m., Library Conference Room, 749 East Thach Avenue

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/boards.

Renting Your Home During Football Season

Thinking of renting or leasing your home for AU football game weekends? Whether you are considering using an online company or doing it yourself, there are some things that you should know:

- Renting or leasing your single family home for less than six continuous months is considered short term rental and may constitute a use violation or an unrelated occupancy violation in accordance with the City of Auburn's Zoning Ordinance. If you are considering renting or leasing your single-family residence for football games or any other short term rental period, please contact the City's Planning Department to find out if the property is zoned to allow short term rentals.
- Renting or leasing your home, condos or apartments, for less than six continuous months in an approved zone will require the collection and remittance of State, County and City lodging taxes and City license fees.
- Renting or leasing your primary home could negatively affect your homestead exemption status with Lee County.



Door-to-Door Soliciting

Do you ever wonder if that door-to-door salesperson is legitimate? Under section 16-29 of the Auburn City Code a solicitor must be registered with the City of Auburn prior to going door-to-door. Each registered solicitor will have a photo ID permit badge as evidence of having registered with the City's Revenue Office. Solicitors are given the following guidelines by which to abide while they are conducting business in Auburn:

- If any home or neighborhood displays a "No Soliciting" placard, the solicitor must discontinue any efforts to solicit or to leave any literature concerning the solicitation at that residence or in that neighborhood.
- Any solicitor who is asked to leave any residence by the occupant shall immediately and peacefully depart.
- Every solicitor shall at all times, while exercising the privilege in the City of Auburn incident to the permit, carry upon his person in plain sight, his permit and the same shall be visible about the body of said solicitor so as to be seen by any police officer or by any person who is solicited.

Solicitation is permitted during the following hours only:

- September through May: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- June through August: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Sundays year-round: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

No door-to-door solicitation shall be conducted on City holidays.



2015 Consumer Confidence Report

Each year the Auburn Water Works Board (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 an opportunity 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 if they desire one. The AWWB provides a digital copy of the CCR online that can be viewed at the following web address: auburnalabama.org/wrm/ccr/2015.

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, 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. 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.

Moore's Mill Bridge Construction Camera

Check out current traffic conditions with the Moore's Mill Bridge construction cam at auburnalabama.org/bridge



Labor Day Holiday Schedules

City Hall will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Public Safety Services including Police, Fire and Communications will remain on their regular schedules. The collection of garbage, trash and recycling will be delayed by one day during the week of September 5-9, as listed below:

Monday, September 5	Holiday
Tuesday, September 6	Monday's Route
Wednesday, September 7	Tuesday's Route
Thursday, September 8	Wednesday's Route
Friday, September 9	Thursday's Route

Auburn Public Library

The Auburn Public Library will be closed on Monday, September 5. All book drops will remain open, and ebooks and other digital resources are always available.

Auburn Parks and Recreation

All Parks and Recreational facilities will be closed on Monday, September 5 except the pool on Samford Avenue and the Yarbrough Tennis Center. Parks and Recreation facilities will have special holiday weekend hours as follows:

Closed during the Holiday Weekend:

- Boykin Community Center
- Dean Road Recreation Center
- The Harris Center
- Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Frank Brown Recreational Center:

Open Saturday 8 a.m.-Noon, Open Sunday 1-5 p.m. & Closed Monday

Samford Avenue Pool:

Closed Saturday Sept. 3 due to AU home football game
Open Sunday 1-6 p.m., Open Monday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Labor Day is the final day of the season for the Samford Pool.

Yarbrough Tennis Center:

- Open Friday 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Open Saturday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Open Sunday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Open Monday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Board Vacancies

One vacancy for the **Lee County Youth Development Center** will be announced at the August 16, 2016 meeting and will be filled at the September 20, 2016 City Council Meeting.



Three vacancies for the **Industrial Development Board** will be announced at the August 16, 2016 meeting and will be filled at the September 20, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Three vacancies for the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the September 20, 2016 meeting and will be filled at the October 18, 2016 City Council Meeting.

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

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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 501-7266.

upCOMING EVENTS

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

Auburn Public Library

Engagement and Outreach: 334-501-3198 | auburnalabama.org/library

STORYTIMES

Baby Time- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Toddler Time- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Preschool Storytime- Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Open Mic Poetry Night- Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. Calling all poets! Come read your work at the Auburn Public Library. Refreshments provided.

Adult Coloring Club- Join us Thursdays at 10 a.m. (New Time!) for a relaxing hour of adult coloring in the conference room.

Absolute Beginner's Crochet Workshop- Monday, September 26. Morning Workshop: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Evening Workshop: 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Have you always wanted to learn how to crochet but didn't know where to start? The Auburn Public Library will be hosting two FREE crochet classes for absolute beginners! In these classes, you will learn five basic stitches: chain stitch, slip stitch, single crochet, double crochet, and triple crochet! Ages 10 and up: Please register for either the morning or the evening class by September 25 to secure your spot! Classes are capped at 6 students, so don't delay! What you need to bring: One crochet hook (size G or H) and one skein of light colored, medium-weight yarn.

Starting a Business in Lee County, Alabama-Tuesday, September 6 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—An interactive two-hour course on how to start your own business in Lee County, Alabama and the State of Alabama as a whole. The course will be presented by Brett A. Smith, MPA, JD, LL.M., a partner with Huff Smith Law, LLC.

Parks and Recreation

Auburn Parks and Recreation: 501-2930 | auburnalabama.org/parks.

Fall Concert Series—Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for an evening of music and fun at Kiesel Park. Bring your lawn chair, blanket, some dinner, kick back and enjoy the music. This event will be a nice way to get your Auburn Football Game weekend started! These concerts are FREE to the public. For the official line-up please visit www.auburnalabama.org/leisure for our weekly newsletter. The concert dates will be every Thursday from September 15th—October 20th. For more information contact Dana Stewart at 334.501.2950 or dstewart@auburnalabama.org

Labor Day Closing and Pool Information—All Auburn Parks and Recreation Facilities will be closed on Monday, September 5 with the exception of the Yarbrough Tennis Center and Samford Pool. Labor Day will be the Samford Pool's last day of the season! Admission will be \$1 per person all day or FREE with a Splash Pass. The following are Labor Day schedule hours for the Yarbrough Tennis Center and Samford Pool: **Samford Avenue Pool:** Closed Saturday Sept. 3rd due to AU home football game • Open Sunday 1—6 p.m. • Open Monday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. **Yarbrough Tennis Center:** Open Friday 8:30 a.m.—9 p.m. • Open Saturday 8a.m.—3p.m. • Open Sunday 8a.m.—9 p.m. • Open Monday 8a.m.—2 p.m.

Auburn Community Tennis Grand Slam—Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association as we celebrate the last Grand Slam of the year at Yarbrough Tennis Center on Sunday, September 11 at 4 p.m.! Tennis players of all skill levels and ages are invited for a FREE round robin tournament. Following the tournament, we will have a cookout and awards presentation. For more information, please visit the Auburn Community Tennis Association's Facebook page, e-mail auburnlcta@gmail.com or call 334.501.2930.

Fall Adult Softball and Kickball Leagues—Usher in the Fall season with some adult softball or kickball! Registration for Kickball will end on Monday, September 12 and Softball will end on Tuesday, September 13. A league coaches meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. at the Auburn Softball Complex. League games will begin on Monday, September 19 for Softball and Wednesday, September 21 for Kickball. For more information on registration, rules, and league information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/athletics or call the Auburn Softball Complex at 334.501.2976.

Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center September Show—Mark your calendar for the September Show on display at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center from August 26-October 27. This is an invitational exhibition of new and recent works by selected regional artists with this year's theme being Australia. This exhibit is FREE and open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. For more information, call the JDCAC at 334.501.2963.

16th Annual Adventures in Art—The Adventures in Art program will be held August 29—September 1 at the Jan Dempsey Community Art Center. Adventures in Art is a field trip component of a community-based art education program and involves all fifth grade students from Auburn City Schools. This year's program will focus on the culture of Australia and Aboriginal art, one of the oldest continuing art traditions in the world. The program will educate and provide creative experiences through theatrical performances, music, storytelling and dance. It will begin with a performance by Amber Hanel, an actress, director, producer and choreographer that received her fine arts degree from Perth, Australia at the Western Australia Academy for Performing Arts. For more information, please contact Cari Cleckler, Art Education Specialist at 501-2944 or by email: cleckler@auburnalabama.org. You can also contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 334.501.2963.

Auburn Area Community Theatre (AACT) Fall Jr. Production "Tut-Tut"—The Auburn Area Community Theatre will begin production of the musical *Tut-Tut* on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. Entry will be \$8 for seniors and children and \$10 for adults. The play is inspired by the life of young Egyptian King Tut with a touch of Mark Twain's "The Prince and the Pauper." To make reservations, purchase tickets or for more information please visit www.auburnact.org or contact Melanie Brown at 334.502.9326.

Kreher Preserve and Nature Center Fall Programming—The Kreher Preserve and Nature Center fall programs will begin on September 2 and run throughout the month, offering plenty of outdoor fun for the entire family!

- Hang out with the Preserve staff and the **AUsome Amphibians and Reptiles** on Friday, September 2 and Friday, September 23. Sponsored by the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau, this event is a hands-on program about amphibians and reptiles found in the state of Alabama and beyond and is a perfect way to kick off a game day weekend! Admission is \$5 person. Each event will begin at 4:30 p.m.
- During September, you'll have the opportunity to learn about honey bees on the **Discovery Hike** held on Tuesday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m. and the **Nature Walk** scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 8. This event is FREE to the public and no registration is required. Groups will meet at the pavilion.
- Preschool-aged children will be able to learn about the environment and forest during our **Fall Forest Friends** session, beginning on Tuesday, September 20 and Friday, September 23. Contact the Preserve staff for information about registration via email at preserve@auburn.edu or call 334.707.6512.