

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## Year in review: Industries invest in Auburn

Throughout 2019, Auburn's industrial sector has experienced impressive growth. Nine existing companies announced significant planned expansions. Meanwhile, three companies, Shinhwa Auto USA Corp, ID Plastics LP, and YC Manufacturing, selected Auburn as the location of their new U.S. ventures.

With all of these developments, the manufacturing sector should add a total of 444 direct jobs over the next three years. The largest capital investment was from GE Aviation with its \$50 million investment to expand the additive manufacturing operation at its Auburn facility, the aerospace industry's first site to mass produce a jet engine component using 3D printing technologies.

The total capital investment committed over the year reached \$194 million. The financial impact of these investments will greatly benefit our economy, Auburn City Schools, Lee County Youth Development Center, East Alabama Medical Center and the City as a whole.

All of this has been spurred by and continues to reinforce the healthy manufacturing base our Economic Development Department has fostered here in Auburn. The City of Auburn is home to 47 domestic and international manufacturing corporations in the fields of aerospace/aviation, automotive and a range of other industries. Find more about our Economic Development efforts at [auburnalabama.org/economic-development](http://auburnalabama.org/economic-development).

## Board vacancies

One vacancy on the Auburn Water Works Board and three vacancies on the Board of Zoning Adjustment will be announced at the Dec. 3 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Jan. 7, 2020, meeting. Applications will be due at 5 p.m. on Dec. 30. Two vacancies on the Cemeteries Advisory Board will be announced at the Dec. 17 City Council meeting and will be filled at the Jan. 21, 2020, meeting. Applications will be due at 5 p.m. on Jan. 13.

Visit [auburnalabama.org/boards](http://auburnalabama.org/boards) to apply or find more information about volunteering for one of our boards and commissions.

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# ECONOMIC GROWTH

## GROWTH IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

**444** NEW JOBS

Direct new jobs announced in manufacturing in the City of Auburn



**EXPANSIONS** 9



Companies in aerospace/aviation, automotive and consumer plastics

**3** NEW INDUSTRIES

Recruitment of international manufacturing companies



**TOTAL INVESTMENT** \$194M



Announced capital investment benefiting our economy, our schools and the City of Auburn

## Making Auburn's intersections smarter

Equipped with new studies and technology, our Engineering Services Department is making changes to improve travel throughout Auburn. Our second citywide traffic study wrapped up in spring 2019, giving staff strategies to improve traffic flow over the next decade. One of those is to coordinate traffic signals along main corridors, programming signals to spur progression along a route. As a first step, we've partnered with the Alabama Department of Transportation to add remote communication to each of Auburn's 66 intersections. Each signal is connected to software that our traffic engineers can use to monitor them from afar. If a traffic signal suddenly stops working, switches into flash mode or experiences a fault within the control cabinet, engineers can now assess and address the issue more quickly and efficiently.

Using the data collected from this study, we've created signal systems throughout town that link intersections along key corridors. These systems cover 30 of Auburn's intersections, including ones along College Street, Gay Street, Dean Road, Donahue Drive, Opelika Road, East University Drive and Samford Avenue. Work is underway to coordinate the signal timings along these corridors, and our engineers are monitoring the intersections and ever-changing traffic patterns to continue tweaking and improving travel times. While coordination improves travel times along main corridors, it is important to note that side streets may experience slightly longer than normal delays. Oftentimes, these delays will be made up once motorists reach main corridors and spend less time waiting at intersections.

Traffic engineers are also working on a test project along Opelika Road that monitors travel time data in real-time. This allows staff to monitor how efficient timings that have been set through the coordination project are and make tweaks as necessary.

This project is a work in progress, and we appreciate your patience as continue to find ways to improve traffic in Auburn. Want to learn more about this and other proposed traffic improvement projects? Visit [auburnalabama.org/engineering-services/traffic-study](http://auburnalabama.org/engineering-services/traffic-study) to watch or read the traffic study presentation from May 2019.

## FitFest Health & Lifestyle Fair

Join Auburn Parks and Recreation on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Frank Brown Recreation Center from 1-4 p.m. for the FitFest Health and Lifestyle Fair. Learn about the different health and fitness options in the Auburn area that you can use to make 2020 your healthiest year yet! FitFest vendors will host pop-up classes throughout the event for FREE! A complete schedule of these classes will be posted to the Facebook event and Active Auburn website by Monday, Jan. 6. Pop-up classes will be free and open to those 16 and older.

## January holidays schedule

City Hall and most City facilities will close on Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 20, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. The Auburn Public Library's book drops will remain open, and the online collection of ebooks, e-audiobooks, and digital magazines are available 24/7. Parks and Recreation facility hours will be adjusted during these holidays, so keep an eye on [auburnalabama.org](http://auburnalabama.org) for more details.

## 2020 holiday garbage, trash and recycling collection schedule

The New Year brings a new garbage, trash and recycling pickup schedule! Keep up with this list to refer back to throughout the year and avoid missing your garbage pickup day.

### January - New Year's Day Holiday

Monday, December 30	Monday's route
Tuesday, December 31	Tuesday's route
Wednesday, January 1	HOLIDAY
Thursday, January 2	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 3	Thursday's route

### January - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 20	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, January 21	Monday's route
Wednesday, January 22	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 23	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 24	Thursday's route

### May - Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 25	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, May 26	Monday's route
Wednesday, May 27	Tuesday's route
Thursday, May 28	Wednesday's route
Friday, May 29	Thursday's route

### July - Independence Day Holiday

Friday, July 3	CITY HOLIDAY No pickup changes
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### September - Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 7	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, September 8	Monday's route
Wednesday, September 9	Tuesday's route
Thursday, September 10	Wednesday's route
Friday, September 11	Thursday's route

### November - Veterans Day Holiday

Monday, November 9	Monday's route
Tuesday, November 10	Tuesday's route
Wednesday, November 11	HOLIDAY
Thursday, November 12	Wednesday's route
Friday, November 13	Thursday's route

### November - Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 23	Monday's route
Tuesday, November 24	Tuesday's route
Wednesday, November 25	Wednesday's & Thursday's route
Thursday, November 26	HOLIDAY
Friday, November 27	HOLIDAY

### December - Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 25	CITY HOLIDAY No pickup changes
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### January 2021 - New Year's Day

Friday, January 1	CITY HOLIDAY No pickup changes
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# YOU COULD BE RECYCLING!

Do you need a recycling cart?



Request your **FREE RECYCLING CART** today!

To receive your free recycling cart and weekly collection:  
Visit - [auburnalabama.org/recycle/opt-in](http://auburnalabama.org/recycle/opt-in)  
Call - (334) 501-3080

Your recycling makes a difference!



**RECYCLE** and you will save **TREES, WATER** and **LANDFILL** space.

Looking to find out if an item is recyclable?  
Visit [www.auburnalabama.org/garbage-and-recycling](http://www.auburnalabama.org/garbage-and-recycling)



What Goes Where?

Type the name of a waste item and we'll provide information on recycling or disposal.



