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21st Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast

Auburn Mayor Ron Anders and the Auburn Veterans Committee invite you to join us at the 21st Annual Mayor’s Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday, May 27, as we honor the U.S. Military and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This year’s event will begin at 8 a.m. at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. The Auburn University Naval ROTC will present the colors, and the Providence Singers—directed by Dr. Tom Smith, former head of the Auburn University Music Department and founder of the AU Singers—will perform the National Anthem and the Medley of Service Songs.

Retired Sgt. Buck Marsh will be the guest of honor and the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Veteran Award. For the eighth year, the Auburn Heroes Remembered Award will be presented to the family of a local distinguished veteran who has passed away. This year’s award will be in honor of Lt. Col. Ted Sargent, U.S. Marine Corps and posthumous recipient of the Navy Cross for his service in Vietnam.

A memorial wreath laying ceremony will follow the breakfast and award presentations at 10 a.m. at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument, located at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Attendees are encouraged to park at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex and Felton Little Park. Ross Street between Glenn and Harper avenues and Glenn Avenue between Burton and North Debardeleben streets will be closed during the ceremony to provide room for on-street, accessible parking.

Tickets are $25 a person or $250 for a table of 10 and will be available at City Hall beginning April 22. Ticket proceeds go to the Auburn Veterans Memorial Fund. Please join us as we honor the men and women who have courageously risked their lives and those who have given their lives in service of our country. Visit auburnalabama.org/veterans or contact City Hall at (334) 501-7260 for more information.

City Holiday Schedule

Auburn City Hall and most City facilities will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27. Police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. Garbage, trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the week of May 27-31 as listed below:

- **Monday, May 27**: HOLIDAY
- **Tuesday, May 28**: Monday’s route
- **Wednesday, May 29**: Tuesday’s route
- **Thursday, May 30**: Wednesday’s route
- **Friday, May 31**: Thursday’s route
Did you know that a pedestrian was killed every 1.5 hours in the U.S. in 2017, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration? The majority of these deaths occurred at night. Here in Auburn, we’re constantly improving our sidewalks, crosswalks and streets to make traveling at night safer for everyone, but pedestrians and bicyclists can play a vital part in staying safe by making sure they’re visible to motorists after the sun goes down.

Don’t ever assume that a driver can see you—studies have shown that pedestrians wearing dark clothing are first visible to drivers at 55 feet away, yet a car traveling 25 mph requires 155 feet to stop. In fact, it’s illegal in Auburn to travel by foot after sunset without making yourself visible to vehicles from a minimum of 500 feet whether you’re exercising or just walking from point A to point B.

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**ARKAL Automotive USA is expanding its Auburn operations through an investment of $2.3 million, creating an additional 25 jobs over the next two years. The Israel-based company’s injection molding operation opened its first U.S. location in Auburn in 2011. Since then, several expansions have resulted in an operation of over 150 employees.**

“We’re excited to share this good news from ARKAL. Their investment in Auburn is another success in our efforts to recruit technology-based companies that can succeed in the global market and provide lasting and well-paying jobs in a clean and safe environment in Auburn,” said Auburn Mayor Ron Anders.

ARKAL Automotive’s operation in the Auburn Technology Park West is part of a global network of production locations serving leading car manufacturers including Daimler, BMW, Volkswagen/Audi and General Motors.

“We are grateful for the pro-business attitude of the leadership in Auburn and the valuable support we received over the years from the economic development team,” said Rami Bitensky, General Manager of ARKAL Automotive Plastic.

The company has announced several open positions in its tool maintenance, process engineering, automation, and maintenance departments at its Auburn location and is seeking motivated and skilled individuals to work on state-of-the-art molds. For more information on ARKAL, visit arkal-automotive.com or contact the City of Auburn Economic Development Office at (334) 501-7270 or webecondev@auburnalabama.org.

**27th Annual Fishing Rodeo**

Cast into summer with the 27th Annual Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, May 18, at the lake at Auburn Technology Park South from 7-11 a.m.! The first 175 children will receive a FREE rod and reel courtesy of Evans Realty, and bait will be provided by Auburn Parks and Recreation. Attendees will have a chance to win door prizes, and awards will be given to the biggest fish caught in each age category and the most fish caught overall.

The cost is $5 per child and can be paid by cash or check. Children are limited to bringing home five fish, and parents must stay with their children at all times. For more information contact Parks and Recreation at (334) 501-2930 or webparksrec@auburnalabama.org.

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