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Auburn City Council is Sworn In

At the August 27 election, Auburn voters selected the members of City Council that will serve the City government for the next four years. On October 7 at 10 AM in the City Council Chambers at 144 North Ross Street, the nine members of City Council will be sworn into office by Municipal Judge Joe Bailey.

The City's elected officials for the next four years are as follows: - Bill Ham, Jr., Mayor; Verlinda White, Ward 1, Place 1; Sheila Eckman, Ward 1, Place 2; Roberta Jackel and Logan Gray, Ward 2; Dick Phelan and Ted Wilson, Ward 3; Gene Dulaney and Carolyn Mathews, Ward 4. Their contact information is updated on the cover of the newsletter.

For the past several months, the City Council has held its meetings in the City Hall Annex on the first and third Tuesday of each month because the Council Chamber was being renovated. This is the first major renovation of the Chamber since it was constructed in 1974. The 250 seat auditorium will have new seating, new lighting, and a new audio-visual system. These improvements are intended to facilitate communications at the meetings, both visually and orally. The Council Chamber is also used as the courtroom for the Municipal Court every Thursday.

Under Alabama's council-manager law, the Mayor is a member of the City Council. He and the other eight Council members have the authority to pass laws or ordinances, approve the budget, and hire the City Manager. The City Council also appoints citizens to serve as members of numerous boards and commissions of the City government, including the School Board, the Water Board, and the Planning Commission. The City Manager, who serves at the pleasure of the City Council, is responsible for the management of the twelve departments of the City government. He presents the budget and other recommendations to the City Council for its consideration at the regular meetings of the Council.



The 2002-2006 City Council will take office on October 7, 2002.

The Auburn Public Library:

What's in it for me?

The Auburn Public Library extends free borrowing privileges to those individuals who are three and older and who live within Auburn's city limits, or are employed in Auburn, or attending an educational institution in Auburn. Individuals not living, working, nor attending school in Auburn may get a library card by paying a non-refundable fee of ten dollars per person per year. Since the new Library opened in April 2001, over 4,800 new patron cards have been issued.

In addition to the fiction and non-fiction books for adults, young adults, and juveniles, the Library offers a wide variety of services including:

- Computer Access
- Children and Youth Programming
- Books on Tape
- Video Tapes
- Music - Compact Discs
- Books in Large Print
- Interlibrary Loans
- Information on Talking Books for the Blind or Physically Handicapped
- State and Federal Tax Forms
- Voter Registration Forms

Videotapes may be borrowed for seven days. All other items may be kept for two weeks. A maximum of 10 items per card may be charged.

In Recognition...



In recognition of the one-year anniversary of September 11, 2001, the City of Auburn placed red, white, and blue bows at City Facilities



The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday - 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM; Friday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Saturday - 9:00 AM - Noon; and Sunday - 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM. To find out more about the Auburn Public Library, stop by the Library, visit their website at www.auburnalabama.org/Library/, or call 501-3190.

Join Us at the Library



The Auburn Public Library offers **Preschool Storytime** for children ages 3-5 on Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time is offered on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for children ages 18 months - 3 years.

The themes for October are as follows: Farm- Oct. 1-3; Let's Pretend- Oct. 8-10; Circus- Oct. 15-17; Cats- Oct. 22-24; Halloween- Oct. 29-31.

Looking for a Job?

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

- **Engineering Inspector (Regular/Full-time, \$2,071.07 - 2,400.94 /month)**
- **Heavy Equipment & Automotive Mechanic II (Regular/Full-time, \$3,032.25- 3,515.21 .11/month)**

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org or contact the Alabama State Employment Office, or call the City's job line at 501-7250. The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer.



Are You Invisible?

Citizens who bicycle, jog, or walk at dusk are required by City law to wear reflective material in order to be visible to automobile drivers. City Ordinance 1272 requires bicyclists, walkers, and joggers to wear reflective clothing from one-half hour before sunset until one-half hour before sunrise. This reflective material must be worn between the waist and shoulders on the front and back. In addition, all bicyclists must have an operating headlight on the front of their bicycles and reflectors on the front and rear spokes of the wheels and pedals.



These reflective materials must give indication of the presence of a bicyclist, walker, or jogger by the headlights of motor vehicles at a distance of a minimum of five hundred feet. Let's work together to make Auburn's roadways safe places for everyone.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY



Halloween is a fun time for children to dress up in costumes and go trick or treating. However, parents are encouraged to take steps to make Halloween an enjoyable and safe event.

Mayor Bill Ham has declared that children may "Trick or Treat" in Auburn on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. only. This is the time when the Police Division of the Public Safety Department will provide extra patrol in the City

for children and their parents. **Downtown Trick or Treat** for ages 3 to 10 will also be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on October 31. Downtown merchants will provide treats for the children and the Auburn University Steel Drum Band will provide entertainment. It is hoped that only small children, accompanied by at least one adult, will participate in these activities.

All costumes should have reflective markings, preferably of a bright colored material so children are visible to motorists. Costumes should not drag the ground or have baggy sleeves or legs. Costumes should be made of flame-retardant materials. All masks should fit properly and allow unrestricted breathing and eyesight. Consider non-toxic face paint as an alternative to masks. All children (and parents) should wear sturdy and comfortable shoes.

When trick-or-treating, take a flashlight and keep it shining to alert motorists of your presence. Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there is no sidewalk, walk in the street facing traffic. Cross the street only at corners, and look both ways for traffic.

Parents should accompany children at all times. Remind children to keep away from open flames, including candle-lit jack o'lanterns. Only visit homes with well-lit porches and doorsteps. Children should only accept treats at the front door, and should never enter a stranger's home. After returning home, parents should inspect all treats for tampering before allowing children to eat them.

Don't Turn Your Trash Pile into a Pumpkin Patch

The City of Auburn is asking residents to put their old pumpkins in the garbage and not in the trash pile at the curb. Pumpkins are considered food items and need to be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Trash piles should only consist of discarded shrubbery trimmings, appliances (white goods), straw, grass clippings, weeds, fallen leaves, vines, branches, and limbs.



Board Vacancies

Two vacancies on the **Building Board of Adjustments** and three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the October 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 5 City Council meeting.

One vacancy on the **Park & Recreation Advisory Board** and one vacancy on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** will be announced at the October 15 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 19 City Council meeting.

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

MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council - October 1, 7:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - October 2, 4:30 PM, Development Service Building (Planning Conference Room).

Tree Commission - October 3, 4:00 PM, City Hall Annex.

City Council - October 7, 10:00 AM, Council Chamber (Organizational Meeting/Swearing In-Newly-Elected City Council).

Water Works Board - October 7, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 N. Donahue Drive.

Cemetery Advisory Board - October 7, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - October 7, 6:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Greenspace Advisory Board - October 8, 12:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Historic Preservation Commission - October 8, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - October 8, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

Planning Commission - October 10, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

City Council - October 15, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board - November 4, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 N. Donahue Drive.

Cemetery Advisory Board - November 4, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - November 4, 6:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - November 5, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - November 6, 4:30 PM, Development Service Building Conference Room.

Tree Commission - November 7, 4:00 PM, City Hall Annex.

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

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up COMING EVENTS

Salmagundi, offered to children in grades K-5th will meet on Wednesday, October 2 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Services area at the Auburn

Public Library. Guest performer Bob Parsons and his WalkAbout Puppet Theatre present "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



The **Young Adult Coffeehouse** is back and will meet from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on October 2 in the Youth Services area at the Auburn Public Library. Children in grades 6th – 12th are invited to tell Alabama Ghost stories. Refreshments will be provided, and the event is free. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

First Friday for Homeschoolers will be held on October 4 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This event is for all ages. The theme for October is puppetry, learning to make and use puppets.

PHOTO IV Annual Juried Photography Exhibition, a competitive exhibition open to artists and photographers who are Alabama or Georgia residents, will be held from October 4 until November 2 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.



Concerts at Kiesel will be held on October 10, 17, and 24 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Bring a picnic supper and enjoy live music at one of Auburn's premier parks. These concerts are free to the public. For additional information, contact Donna Forbus at 887-4930.

- October 10 – The Auburn Knights' traditional swing music will have everyone dancing throughout the park.
- October 17 – The Auburn University Steel Drum Band's intoxicating melodies will transform Kiesel Park into an island oasis.
- October 24 – The Auburn University Jazz Band invites you to sit back, relax, and wash your cares away with their soulful sounds.



AppleBell Productions will present Richard Greenberg's acclaimed "Three Days of Rain" on October 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m., October 27 at 2:00 p.m., November 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m., and November 3 at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community

Arts Center. General admission is \$10, \$7 for seniors/students, and \$5 for children. For more information, please contact Brooks Appelbaum at 821-4475 or appelbc@mindspring.com.



Teen Read Week will be held October 13 – 19 for students in grades 6 – 12.

This year's theme is "Get Graphic @ Your Library." There will be anime discussion and drawing demonstrations on October 15 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Anime is a type of Japanese cartooning that has been popularized recently by comics, games, cartoons, and movies. Students are invited to play Chess and Dungeons

& Dragons on Game Day, October 17 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

A free **Research Mysteries @ Your Library** will be held from 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19 for students in grades 5 – 8. Students will learn how to use reference materials and the Alabama Virtual Library to research such mysteries as Bigfoot and the Bermuda Triangle. Students must register in advance. For more information or to register your child, please call Youth Services at 501-3196.

The Auburn Public Library will be having its annual **Halloween Party** for ages 3 - 5 on October 24 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to dress in costumes and enjoy stories, crafts, and songs. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Downtown Trick or Treat will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on October 31 for ages 3 to 12. Downtown merchants will provide treats for the children and the Auburn University Steel Drum Band will provide entertainment. Parents must accompany children. Free to the public. Call Donna Forbus at 887-4930 for more information.



The **Auburn Community Orchestra** will perform a Chamber Orchestra Concert at 3:00 p.m. on November 3 at Auburn United Methodist Church. The concert will feature the music of Dvorak, Haydn, and Mozart.

The Auburn Public Library will celebrate **Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Month** with a special program Thursday, November 14, at 6:00 p.m. The program is entitled "Honey Roasted Ribs—Bear Ribs That Is! Changing Foodways on the 18th Century Creek Indian Frontier." Call the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190 for more information.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK - CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Daylight Saving Time ends on October 27. Remember to set your clocks back one hour and also change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

