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City Fest on April 24



Auburn CityFest, Auburn's largest, free, outdoor arts and crafts festival will be held on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Last year, more than 30,000 people attended this event. This year, CityFest will offer a full day of live musical entertainment, a whimsical children's imagination station, delicious food, a variety of vendors, an artist marketplace, and a children's art exhibition.



The Entertainment Pavilion will offer live musical entertainment featuring the Alabama Blues Brothers Tribute Show, Highway 280 Bluegrass, The Kazoobie Kazoo Show with Rick Hubbard, Trotline, CaterPillars of the Community, the Village Squares, the Auburn Unicycle Club, the Auburn Ballet School, Make Your Move Dancers, and the Auburn School of Dance. Ben Taylor will be back by popular demand for the fourth consecutive year as the Master of Ceremonies.

The children's Imagination Station will feature the Giant Slide, the Jurassic Adventure, the Bungee Run, a Bounce House, the Balloon Typhoon, a Caterpillar Maze, the Titanic Adventure Slide, the Auburn University inflatables, the Gamma Phi Beta Carnival, the StoryMaker, and the Auburn Arts Association Tent.

The Artist Marketplace and the Vendor Showcase will offer for sale arts and crafts from around the United States. The Children's Art Exhibition will feature artwork from Auburn City School children in grades 1 – 5. Other exciting activities will include meeting members of various Auburn University sports teams, karate demonstrations, face painting, raffle drawings, and more.



CityFest 2004 is hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department and supported by the generous contributions of the presenting sponsor, Charter Communications and the following businesses: Airgas; Alabama Power; Alabama Army National Guard; AmSouth Bank; AuburnBank; Auburn-Opelika Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Barksdale Vision Clinic; Chappy's Deli; Coats & Co. Inc.; Coca-Cola; Compass Bank; Golden Flake Corporation; Hilton Garden Inn; King Kudzu Magazine; Rental Center, Inc.; SouthTrust Bank; Tieco Inc.; Ted and Brad Wilson; Waid True Value; and WTVM Channel 9.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 24. Auburn CityFest is a rain or shine event. For additional information about CityFest, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4930 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest.



Earth Week

"Peace, Love, and Green, Keep Auburn Clean!" is the theme of the City of Auburn's second annual Earth Week during April 12 - 17. A variety of activities for all ages will be offered throughout the week.



Throughout the week:

- ◆ A Recycled Materials Art Show will be on display at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center throughout the week.
- ◆ All Auburn Public Library storytime activities for children will focus on nature and taking care of the Earth. Crafts will be made during storytimes to support the theme. Free book-marks and activity pages will be available on a display in Youth Services for children to pick up and take home.

Wednesday, April 14:

- ◆ Auburn Public Library Theatre presents a puppet play "Little Green Frog and Old Grumpy Toad" from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for all ages. Theme of the play will be based on the Earth Week theme.

Thursday, April 15:

- ◆ Kiesel Park will be the site of earth week demonstrations and art projects for Auburn City School second graders.
- ◆ Come enjoy a night of free musical entertainment featuring Muse at Kiesel Park. Muse will play from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. The concert is a rain or shine event.

Friday, April 16:

- ◆ Earth week demonstrations and art projects at Kiesel Park will continue for Auburn City School second graders.

Saturday, April 17:

- ◆ All local Boy Scout troops are invited to participate in a "creek clean up" in the morning. (The rain date for creek clean up is Saturday, April 24.)
- ◆ The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Services building located at 365 North Donahue Drive. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event gives Auburn residents the opportunity to properly dispose of hazardous household products and chemicals.

If you are interested in learning more about the City of Auburn's Earth Week activities, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4930.



Illicit Discharge Ordinance

In January, the City Council adopted an Illicit Discharge Ordinance which makes it illegal to discharge pollutants into the City's storm sewer system. This Ordinance is aimed at preventing contamination of ground and surface water.

Storm sewer systems are sometimes used as an inexpensive or convenient alternative to proper disposal of wastewater at treatment plants. For example, emptying sanitary waste from an RV or pouring excess paint/used motor oil into storm drain inlets would be defined as illegal activities. Unless otherwise exempted, discharging any liquid, not composed entirely of storm water, is illegal.

For more information on the City's Illicit Discharge Ordinance, contact the Public Works Department at 501-3000.



Meeting Schedule

Cemetery Advisory Board - April 5, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - April 6, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - April 6, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - April 7, 4:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - April 7, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Planning Commission - April 8, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board - April 12, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

Greenspace Advisory Board - April 13, 11:30 AM, City Hall Annex.

Historic Preservation Commission - April 13, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - April 13, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

City Council - April 20, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Cemetery Advisory Board - May 3, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - May 4, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - May 4, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - May 5, 4:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - May 5, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Auburn will host its second Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Services Building located at 365 North Donahue Drive. This special event offers Auburn residents the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous household chemicals. These materials pose a potential danger of personal exposure, fire, and contamination of the environment if they are not disposed of properly. The City has contracted with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to collect and properly dispose of the materials collected on April 17. Clean Harbors is the largest provider of environmental services in the country and has a strong reputation as a national leader in managing household hazardous waste collection events.

All Auburn residential garbage service customers are invited to participate in this event. Residents are asked to bring a recent water bill to demonstrate proof of residency.

Accepted items include:

Drain cleaners
Metal polish
Photo chemicals
Rust preventatives
Wood strippers
Paint thinner
Sealants
Engine & radiator flushes
Old chemistry sets
Herbicides
Brake fluids
Pool chemicals
Creosote

Mothballs
Ammonia
Oven cleaners
Arts & crafts supplies
Floor cleaners



Radiator cleaners
Oil based paint
Latex paints
Solvents
Antifreeze
Transmission fluid
Pesticides

Insect sprays
Used engine oil
Rodent killers
Muriatic acid (HCl)
Bleach
Cesspool cleaners

The following items will not be accepted:

Large quantities of unknown materials
Radioactive waste, including smoke detectors
Explosives, gunpowder, flares, and ammunition;
Unstable wastes
Pressurized fire extinguishers
Unknown gas cylinders
Substances regulated by the Drug Enforcement Agency

This event is open to homeowners only. No farmers, commercial businesses, or industries please. To afford everyone an opportunity to participate in this important event, participants are asked to limit the amount they submit for disposal to 20 pounds per household, with individual containers limited to 5 gallons. Larger amounts must be pre-approved. UNICOR, the City's computer equipment recycler, is also tentatively scheduled to be on site to receive items for recycling. For more information on this event, contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Tree Commission** was announced at the March 16 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 20 City Council meeting. Incumbent resigned.

One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced at the April 6 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 4 City Council meeting. Incumbent is eligible for reappointment.

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



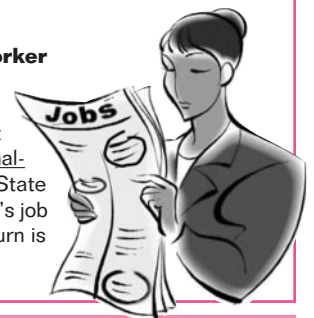
Looking for a Job?

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

Heavy Equipment & Automotive Mechanic II
(\$15.23-17.66/Hour)

Water Utility Maintenance Worker
(\$11.32-13.13/Hour)

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, 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.



Soliciting Do's and Don'ts

All door-to-door solicitors must register with the Revenue Office before transacting any business in the City. The annual registration fee of \$75 is payable at the Revenue Office at City Hall. Persons making solicitations for religious, political, non-profit, or charitable organizations are exempt from the registration requirements. Registered solicitors may only go door-to-door between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and must avoid homes, businesses, neighborhoods, and developments that have posted "No Soliciting" signs on the property. All registered solicitors are issued City permits that they must present as identification upon request. If a solicitor refuses to produce a permit, please report it to the Revenue Office or Police non-emergency number at 501-3100.

Over the past few months, City Hall has received a number of complaints from citizens who have had unsolicited flyers taped to their mailboxes. Business owners and managers are reminded that Federal law prohibits attaching anything to or inserting anything in a mail receptacle for which postage has not been paid. If you happen to receive any flyers in this manner, please contact the Revenue Office at 501-7220.



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up COMING EVENTS

The **6th Annual Juried Art Exhibition** is open to the public April 5 - May 15 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. For more information, call 887-4938.

A **Dance at Your Wedding Workshop** will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on April 10 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. The dance workshop is designed for engaged couples who do not have time to take a full course of dance lessons, but would like to dance at their wedding. Couples will learn the fundamentals of ballroom dancing and the basics of four dances - swing, slow dance, waltz, and fox trot. For more information, please call the Community Arts Center at 887-4938.



Mark your calendars for the City of Auburn's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at 11:00 a.m. on April 10 at beautiful Kiesel Park. The rain date is scheduled for April 11 at 2:00 p.m. Don't miss out on the biggest Easter Egg Hunt in the county!



The Auburn Public Library Theatre presents a **puppet play** on Wednesday, April 14 entitled "Little Green Frog and Old Grumpy Toad" from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for all ages. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

Enjoy a night of **free musical entertainment** featuring Muse at Kiesel Park on Thursday, April 15. Muse will perform as a part of Earth Week. The concert is a rain or shine event and will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until approximately 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4930.



A **mini soccer camp** program for youth age 5-16 will be held on Friday, April 16 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the new Soccer Complex located at 2340 Wire Road. The camp will provide instruction on the technical and tactical fundamentals of soccer. Each age group will train separately with a licensed ASA Staff Coach. Registration will be at the Dean Road Recreation Center each Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Enrollment is limited. The fee is \$10. For more information, contact Louis Richard at 887-4930.

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As a part of the **X-Cell program**, students 12-15 years old can enjoy a day of mountain biking on the historic Bartram Trail in the Tuskegee National Forest on Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This adventure is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.

Auburn CityFest 2004, an all-day festival bringing music, arts, crafts, food, and children's activities to Kiesel Park, will be held April 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. To find out more, visit www.auburnalabama.org or contact Ali Lloyd-Wallace at 887-4930.



The **Auburn Community Orchestra** presents a "Tribute to Prokofiev" at the Opelika Performing Arts Center on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. This concert pays tribute to Russian composer Serge Prokofiev. Alexander Russakovsky, currently on the faculty of the University of Southern Mississippi, will be the soloist in the Symphony Concerto. Dr. Russakovsky is a native of Leningrad who has received numerous awards and has appeared with orchestras in Israel, Russia, and the United States.

The Broken Branch, a new one-act comedy written by Randy Marsh especially for the senior adult actors of The Seasoned Performers, will be presented on May 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Hollifield Room of the Auburn Public Library. The Seasoned Performers are retirees volunteering their time and talents for the production. For more information about *The Broken Branch*, call the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190.

The **Parks and Recreation Summer brochure** will be released on May 10. Mark your calendars to stop by Dean Road Recreation Center, the Auburn Public Library, Auburn City Hall, or the Auburn Chamber of Commerce to pick up your copy.

The **6th Annual Memorial Day Breakfast** will be on Monday, May 31st at the Auburn University Hotel & Dixon Conference Center at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for this event will be on sale throughout April at City Hall or from a Veterans Committee Member for \$20 each. Students grade 12 and under who will attend the breakfast with a parent or grandparent may purchase tickets for \$10 each. A memorial wreath laying service will be held immediately following the breakfast at the Veterans Monument. For additional information, contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.