

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

May 2004

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## Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast Tickets On Sale Now

The City of Auburn will host the sixth annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday, May 31 at 8:00 a.m. at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center.

At this year's breakfast, Dr. Jim Foy will be awarded the City of Auburn's Distinguished Veterans Award for his service as a Navy fighter pilot during WWII and his superior service to Auburn University and the Auburn community. In addition, the "Military Family" will be honored to recognize the role that spouses and children have historically played in supporting their loved ones who have been deployed.

The first recipient of the Veterans Committee Scholarship will also be announced at the breakfast. The Veterans Committee has established a \$500 scholarship to benefit Auburn High School JROTC members. The most outstanding JROTC member will be chosen based on a number of prerequisites such as grades, activities, and community involvement.

At 10:00 a.m., immediately following the breakfast, there will be a memorial wreath laying ceremony at the Veterans Monument at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. In addition, military equipment will be on display at Felton Little Park throughout the day.

Attendees are encouraged to park at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex and Felton Little Park. Handicapped parking will be available on Ross Street, which will be closed during the ceremony.

Breakfast tickets are on sale now at City Hall or from a Veterans Committee member for \$20 each. Students grade 12 and under who attend the breakfast with a parent or grand-parent may purchase tickets for \$10 each. All proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Fund. For additional information, contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



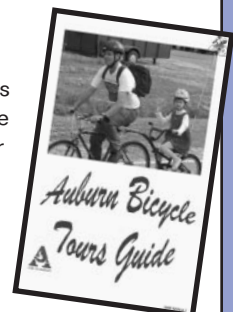
## May Is National Bike Month

The year 2004 will mark the 48th consecutive year the League of American Bicyclists has declared May to be National Bike Month™. In support of the League, the City of Auburn is promoting Bike-to-Work/Bike-to-School Week from May 10 - 14 and Bike-to-Work/Bike-to-School Day on Friday, May 14.

The bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation. The Auburn Bicycle Committee, local schools, the Parks and Recreation Department, local police officers and the bike patrol, along with hospitals, private companies, and civic groups throughout the State will promote bicycling as a wholesome leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2004.

Some of the activities planned in recognition of National Bike Month are listed below:

- The Auburn Bicycle Committee will release the first edition of the **Auburn Bicycle Tours Guide** this month. The guide highlights local bicycle routes of varying distances and skill levels throughout the Auburn community. Copies of the guide will be available beginning May 3 at the Auburn-Opelika Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, Dean Road Recreation Center, The Bike Shop, and the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex - Development Services Building.
- **Bruster's Real Ice Cream Coupons** will be given away randomly during May to children on bicycles who are wearing their helmets properly.
- **May 10-14:** Bike-to-Work / Bike-to-School Week in Auburn!



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## Nat'l Bike Month (Continued)

- **May 14:** Bike-to-Work / Bike-to-School Day in Auburn! The Auburn City School homeroom with the most children riding will win a "End of the Year" pizza party for their class courtesy of the Auburn Bicycle Committee.
- **May 15:** Bike Lane Clean-up Day! Volunteers will trim limbs, repaint bicycle markings, and remove debris from local bike lanes.
- **May 22, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.:** A Road I Course Cycling Instruction Class will be held at the Development Services Building. Does the thought of bicycling on the street make you nervous? Would you like to learn techniques to teach your child to ride a bicycle safely? Are you interested in learning to change a tire or other basics of bicycle maintenance? This BikeEd course will demonstrate vital bicycle handling and traffic skills, teach how to ride safely in traffic and on multi-use trails, and show how to fix the most common mechanical problems. A certified league cycling instructor will be teaching the Road I course. The class size is limited to 10 participants. This class is sponsored by the Auburn Bicycle Committee and is one of many events that will be held throughout the month of May in honor of National Bike Month.



Don't miss out on your chance to participate in these recreational activities that support bicycling awareness and safety. For more information about any of these activities, contact Alison Hall at 887-4930 or Brandy Ezelle at 501-3029.

## Auburn Training Connection 2nd Annual Industry Fair

The Auburn Training Connection (ATC), hosted their annual Industry Fair at the Auburn High School gymnasium on Tuesday, April 6. This annual event gives local industries a chance to talk to Auburn High School students about exciting careers in manufacturing.

During the Fair, more than 200 juniors and seniors had the opportunity to talk to representatives from eight different industries/organizations including: Southern Union, Leonard Peterson, ATS Wheels, Langcourt Ltd., Hoerbig Hydraulic, Briggs & Stratton, Falk, and Donaldson.

Students stopped by each participating industry's display and asked questions such as what they manufacture, what skills they are looking for from high school graduates, as well as starting pay.

All students were also given an ATC Career Catalog, which is a resource guide that features information about Auburn industries including entry-level job descriptions and salaries, benefits, tuition reimbursement plans, as well as a list of skills that are expected from potential employees.

Over the next couple of months, the catalog will be available at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Southern Union, and various City of Auburn facilities.



For additional information please contact Cary Cox, Director of Workforce Development at 821-2595.

## APL Closed Temporarily

The Auburn Public Library will be closed from Monday, May 24 through Wednesday, May 26 for the conversion from the current automated library system to the new system. The library will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 27.



## Meeting Schedule

- 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.
- Water Works Board** - May 10, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.
- Greenspace Advisory Board** - May 11, 11:30 AM, City Hall Annex.
- Historic Preservation Commission** - May 11, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.
- Board of Education** - May 11, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.
- Planning Commission** - May 13, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.
- City Council** - May 18, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.
- Library Board** - May 27, 1:15 PM, Library Conference Room.
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - June 1, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
- City Council** - June 1, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.
- Tree Commission** - June 2, 4:30 PM, City Hall Annex.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment** - June 2, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.
- Cemetery Advisory Board** - June 7, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
- Water Works Board** - June 7, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.
- Greenspace Advisory Board** - June 8, 11:30 AM, City Hall Annex.
- Historic Preservation Commission** - June 8, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.
- Board of Education** - June 8, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

*-Meeting times and places are subject to change-*

## Adult Open "Pick-Up" Coed Soccer League

**Ages:** 18 & over (High school students are not allowed to participate in this league)

*Friendly pick-up style soccer games will be played. Shin guards are mandatory for all players.*

**When:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, Fields open at 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Auburn Soccer Complex - Wire Rd.

**Season Length:** June 1 - August 12

**Coordinator:** Louis Richard • 887-4930

**Fee:** \$20 • Payable to APRD Advisory Board

## Auburn Soccer Association Summer Camps

The Auburn Soccer Association summer soccer camps are designed to offer participants four days of professional soccer training and development in a fun environment. Players will train and play games with their specific age groups. Every player attending soccer camp will receive a 2004 Auburn Soccer Association camp t-shirt and soccer ball. Shin guards are mandatory for all campers.

Register: Dean Road Recreation Center, Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Camp I Registration Deadline: May 21

Camp II Registration Deadline: July 2

Camp III Registration Deadline: July 16

Camp Location: Auburn Soccer Complex - Wire Rd.

Camp Coordinator: Louis Richard • 887-4930

### ASA Rising Tiger Soccer Camp

Ages: 4-8

This camp offers the beginning player a chance to interact with children their own age in a fun environment conducive to learning. Camp instructors will be college and high school coaches and players. Campers will be divided into size and age groupings for skill instruction.

When: Camp I: June 1-4, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Camp II: July 13-16, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$65 • Payable to Auburn Soccer Association

### ASA Jr. & Sr. Soccer Camp

Jr. Camp Ages: 9-12 ••• Sr. Camp Ages: 13-18

Instruction will be directed by a USSF & NSCAA nationally licensed former Division I college coach. This 4-day long camp environment will be aimed at improving soccer fundamentals. The curriculum will include passing, shooting, receiving, heading, dribbling, movement with and without the ball as well as positional play.

When: Camp I: June 1-4, 4-7 p.m.

Camp II: July 12-15, 4-7 p.m.

Fee: \$80 • Payable to Auburn Soccer Association

### ASA Goalkeeper Soccer Camp

Sr. Camp Ages: 8-18

Individualized instruction will be organized by a USSF & NSCAA nationally licensed former Division I college coach using the most advanced goalkeeper methods available. The 4-day long camp is designed to be physically and mentally challenging. The curriculum will cover techniques, tactics, conditioning, and psychology of goalkeeping.

When: Camp I: June 1-4, 5-7 p.m.

Camp II: July 12-15, 5-7 p.m.

Camp III: July 26-29, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$85 • Payable to Auburn Soccer Association

### ASA Advanced Soccer Camp

Ages: 10-18

Instruction will be directed by a USSF & NSCAA nationally licensed Division I college coach for an exciting 4-day long camp environment to improve mental and physical development of the participants. The curriculum will include technical refinement, combination play, principles of attack and defense, and individual, group, and team tactics.

Registration Deadline: July 16

When: July 26-29, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$95 • Payable to Auburn Soccer Association

## New Soccer Complex Opens

On March 20th, Mayor Bill Ham and Soccer President Gail Solomon cut the ribbon at the New Soccer Complex on Wire Road. Those in attendance at the ribbon cutting included Auburn City Council members, members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Auburn Soccer Association Board members, and City staff.



## Board Vacancy

One vacancy on the **East Alabama Health Care Authority** will be announced at the May 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the June 1 City Council meeting. The incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.

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



## Placement of Roll-out Carts

Citizens who subscribe to curbside garbage collection service should place their roll-out carts at least three feet behind the curb or three feet behind the edge of the roadway. Carts should not be placed in the street. Placing carts at the recommended location allows the US Postal Service to have ample access to mailboxes and prevents carts from posing a traffic hazard. If the topography of your residence is such that compliance is difficult, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



Post a list of emergency phone numbers including police, fire, doctors and poison prevention centers at each phone. To aid emergency personnel in locating your home quickly, your address should be in 4-inch letters on the front of your house. If the house is not visible from the street, then the address should be displayed beside your driveway.



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# up COMING EVENTS

The **6th Annual Juried Art Exhibition** is open to the public through May 15 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. This exhibition is a competitive show open to artists residing in Lee County. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.

**Let's Go Paddling!** will be sponsored by the X-Cell Program. Youth between the ages of 12 to 15 are invited to join Parks and Recreation on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a fun-filled day of canoeing on the Coosa River. Chip Johnson, an ACA certified instructor with 25 years experience, will guide the trip. All gear will be provided. Chaperones and a certified lifeguard will also be present for the trip. Bring a brown bag lunch. The cost of the trip is \$20.00 and participants must be registered by May 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.



The **VSA Exhibit** will be open to the public during May 7 – June 4 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. This exhibit, brought to the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center in cooperation with Very Special Arts of Alabama, will display works by children with special needs across the State. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.

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.

A **mini soccer camp** program for youth age 5-16 will be held on Friday, May 14 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.



**Bike-to-Work/Bike-to-School Day** in Auburn will be on May 14.

The **SIX x SIX Exhibition** at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center is open to the public during May 19 - June 26. The exhibition consists of thirty-six photographs by Frank Uhlig, as well as small sculptures and other selections by regional artists. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.



A **Dance at Your Wedding Workshop** will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on May 22 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, call the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.

A **Road I Course Cycling Instruction Class** will be held on May 22 at the Development Services Building. Would you like to learn techniques to teach your child to ride a bicycle safely? Are you interested in learning to change a tire or other basics of bicycle maintenance? If so, you should enroll in a BikeEd course to develop vital bicycle handling and traffic skills, learn to ride safely in traffic and on multi-use trails, and learn to fix the most common mechanical problems. A certified league cycling instructor will be teaching the course. Sign up early. The class size is limited to 10 participants. This class is sponsored by the Auburn Bicycle Committee and is one of many events that will be held throughout the month of May in honor of National Bike Month. For more information, contact Brandy Ezelle at 501-3029.



The AACT production, **The Great Cross Country Race** (also known as *The Tortoise and The Hare*), will be performed at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Performances will be held May 26, 27 and 28 at 7:00 p.m. and on May 29 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults (ages 18 and up); \$5 for ages 3-17; and children 2 and under are free. For more information or for tickets, contact the Auburn Arts Association at 887-2832.

The **6th Annual Memorial Day Breakfast** will be on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Auburn University Hotel & Dixon Conference Center at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for this event will be on sale throughout May 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.



The **12th Annual Fishing Rodeo** for children 12 years and under will be held on June 5 from 8:00 a.m. - noon. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Join your friends and neighbors at the Auburn Technology Park – South Lake for the best fishing in Auburn! Bring your lucky fishing pole and Parks and Recreation will supply the bait. This year's rodeo is part of the 2004 Wal-Mart Kids All-American Fishing Derby program and the event is also being held in conjunction with the Water Works Wonders National Fishing and Boating Week. Prizes will be given for the smallest fish, largest fish, and most fish caught in the following age groups: 3 – 5 yrs., 6 – 8 yrs., and 9 – 12 yrs. The fee is \$5 per child and there is a limit of five fish per child. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 887-4930.

**Let's Go Sailing!** will be sponsored by the X-Cell Program. Sailors and young pirates are invited to join Auburn Parks and Recreation and Lanier Sailing Academy for a morning of sailing on beautiful Lake Martin. This adventure will introduce youth to the basic principles of sailing. Space is limited. The deadline to register is June 11<sup>th</sup>. Sailors must wear shoes with white soles and snacks will be provided. The trip will take place on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the cost is \$40.00. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.



**"Beat the Heat"** at Auburn Public Library this summer! The **summer reading program** will begin in June. This year APL will feature programs for all ages. For more information, contact Miss Eve at 501-3196 or Stephanie at 501-3195.