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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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Election on August 24

The City of Auburn will hold an election on Tuesday, August 24 to determine if Auburn voters are agreeable to use the Five Mill Tax Fund for streets, traffic signals, bridge widenings over I-85 at Moores Mill Road and at Bent Creek Road, intersection improvements, the construction of sidewalks, greenways, bikeways, and a new fire station. The election does not involve the addition of new taxes.



Of the property taxes collected each year, the City places five mills of the property taxes in the Five Mill Tax Fund. By law, this money can only be used to pay for projects that have been approved by voters in an election. Many of the major capital projects the City has built over the past two decades have been built using the Five Mill Tax Fund. In October 2001, voters approved using the Five Mill Tax Fund to build the new Soccer Complex now located on Wire Road and Town Creek Park, which is now under construction on South Gay Street. The City Library and Duck Samford youth baseball facility were also funded through the Five Mill Tax Fund.

The 2004 Citizen Survey showed Auburn residents place a high priority on general street improvements and the construction of greenways, bikeways, and sidewalks throughout the City. The proposed new fire station is slated to be located in Auburn Technology Park South, just off South College Street. The addition of this new station south of I-85 will enable the City to retain its excellent fire rating and emergency response times.

If Auburn voters approve the use of the Five Mill Tax Fund for these projects, engineering and design work will begin in late 2004, with construction planned during 2005 and 2006.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following voting locations:

Ward 1, Place 1:	Boykin Center Gymnasium, 400 Boykin Street
Ward 1, Place 2:	National Guard Armory, 1455 Shug Jordan Parkway
Ward 2:	Frank Brown Recreation Center, 235 Opelika Road
Ward 3:	Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
Ward 4:	Best Western University Convention Center, 1577 South College Street
Absentee Ballot Box:	Auburn City Hall, 144 Tichenor Avenue

Anyone who will be unable to vote at the polls on election day is encouraged to apply for an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots are now being accepted.

In addition, individuals who are handicapped and wish to vote absentee may call and request an absentee ballot application be mailed to them. As soon as an application for an absentee ballot is received, an absentee ballot will be placed in the mail. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is August 19. Completed ballots may be returned up to and including election day, August 24th. Any other questions may be directed to election manager Earline Cobb at 501-7263.

Fall Sports and Programs

Registration for fall sports is scheduled during August. For additional information, call the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.

Athletic Registration

(Athletic registration includes volleyball, adult flag football, racquetball league, 5-on-5 basketball league, fall baseball, girls fall softball, and Start Smart Soccer.)

August 2 – 20

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Dean Road Recreation Center

Tackle Football Registration

August 7 & 14

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Dean Road Recreation Center



Soccer Registration

August 6 – Mail in registration due

August 7 – 10:00 a.m. – Noon

August 11 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

New Auburn Soccer Complex –
Wire Road



Cheerleading Registration

August 2 – 16

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday

Dean Road Recreation Center

Adult Softball Registration

August 2 – 31

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday

Auburn Softball Complex

Please note that effective immediately the new phone number for the Parks & Recreation Department is 501-2930

Meeting Schedule

Cemetery Advisory Board - August 2, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - August 3, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - August 3, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - August 4, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

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

Water Works Board - August 9, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

Greenspace Advisory Board - August 10, 11:30 AM, City Hall Conference Room, 144 Tichenor Avenue.

Historic Preservation Commission - August 10, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - August 10, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

Planning Commission - August 12, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

City Council - August 17, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Planning Commission - August 19, 5:00 PM, Future Land Use Workshop-Public Hearing, Council Chamber.

City Council (Budget Work Session) - August 24, 5:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

City Council (Budget Work Session) - August 26, 5:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Tree Commission - September 1, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - September 1, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - September 7, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - September 7, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Board Vacancy

One vacancy on the Lee County Youth Development Center will be announced at the August 17 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 21 City Council meeting. The 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.

At least once a year remove the vent hose of your clothes dryer and clean the lint out of the hose and the cap on the outside of your house. This will help prevent fires and will improve the efficiency of your dryer.



A Change in Plastic Recycling

Since 2003, the City of Auburn has been involved in ongoing discussions with its recycler, Waste Recycling, regarding the continuing downturn in the recycled plastic market. Over the past several years, the City has encountered difficulties identifying vendors to accept the City's plastic materials. In order to make the City's collected plastics more viable on the recycling market, a change must be made in the type of plastic products accepted as a part of the City's recycling program.



Effective Monday, August 2, the City will accept only those plastics that bear the #1 or #2 recycling code. The recycling code can be identified by looking at the bottom of each container inside of the triangular shaped emblem. Examples of those plastic containers that typically contain the #1 or #2 code are soda and water bottles, milk and other similar beverage containers, and liquid bleach and detergent containers. In addition, the containers should be rinsed and cleaned prior to placing them out for collection. The presence of plastic products other than those bearing the #1 or #2 code will contaminate the entire load that we deliver to the recycler. This will force the recycler to deem the load as non-recyclable.



Your continued participation in the recycling program is important to the City of Auburn's effort to preserve the environment. For further information, contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.

Auburn to Host ASA Women's Major Fast Pitch National Championship

The 2004 Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Women's Major Fast Pitch National Championship will be held at the Auburn Softball Complex during August 11 – 15. This national championship is expected to be the largest softball tournament that Auburn has ever hosted.



Players, coaches, and fans will travel to Auburn from across the United States to watch ASA's most prestigious women's national championship. Participants will include former and future Olympians and a host team. The host team will include players from Auburn University, University of Alabama, and Troy University.

Opening ceremonies will begin on Field 1 of the Auburn Softball Complex at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11. Opening games will begin immediately following the ceremonies. The championship game will be played on August 15 at the Auburn University Softball Stadium. Closing ceremonies will immediately follow.

ASA is the oldest and largest amateur softball organization in the United States. It is also the national governing body of amateur softball. All international play in the United States goes through the ASA including our Women's Olympic Team and all of the world teams representing the USA.

For additional information about the 2004 ASA Women's Major Fast Pitch National Championship, call the Auburn Softball Complex at 887-4927 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/softball.



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up COMING EVENTS

The **Parks & Recreation fall brochure** will be released on Monday, August 2. The brochure may be picked up at the Dean Road Recreation Center, Frank Brown Recreation Center, Boykin Community Center, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, Auburn Public Library, and City Hall. For additional information about the quarterly brochure, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.

The **Helen Keller International Art show** is a project of the Council for Exceptional Children's (CEC) international division on visual impairments sponsored through the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Vision Science Research Center and the School of Education. Artwork for the exhibit is sent in annually by teachers and children from across the world. The artwork is unique with an emphasis on creativity, color, and tactile media. The invitation is open to children of all ages who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf and blind. The City of Auburn is pleased to present this extraordinary exhibit during the month of August in the Children's Gallery at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. During August 2-25, this free exhibit is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For additional information, call the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.

Selected works from young artists from the **2004 Children's Visual Arts Workshops** will be on display at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center during August 9 – 21. This exhibit is free to the public and open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.

The City of Auburn will host of the **2004 Independent Softball Association (ISA) Men's B World Championship** during August 27 – 29 at the Auburn Softball Complex. Approximately forty teams are expected to participate in the tournament. For ticket or game information, contact the Auburn Softball Complex at 887-4927 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/softball.



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:

**Equipment Operator/Right-Of-Way
(\$11.90-13.79/Hour)**

**Service Technician - Vehicles
(\$11.90-13.79/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.

