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KIESEL PARK

Auburn CityFest 2006 featuring a Blues Extravaganza

The City of Auburn invites the entire community to CityFest, Auburn's largest free, outdoor arts and crafts festival, on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Last year, more than 30,000 people came out to take part in the day's festivities. Auburn CityFest 2006 presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News* promises to be an exciting day of music, culture, games and food.

This year, visitors are invited to stroll through the Artists' Marketplace and the Arts and Crafts exhibitor booths to enjoy fine artwork and homemade arts and crafts. While checking out the artwork, be sure to stop by the Children's Art Exhibition and Non-Profit Showcase.

CityFest further supports the arts through the second annual Juried Art Show. All artists' work will be on display in the historical Nunn-Winston House on the park grounds the day of CityFest. Six cash awards, including a \$500 Best in Show prize, will be presented to winning participants judged by a committee. A preview reception for all artists participating in the juried art show will be held at The Greystone Mansion on Wednesday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

In addition to hundreds of exhibitor booths, CityFest will feature exciting activities for all ages. In the Children's Imagination Station, kids can bounce on several inflatables; watch a performance by the energetic Storymaker, a storyteller who uses puppetry to tell tales; and play carnival games in the Gamma Phi Beta carnival. Throughout the day, the Children's Imagination Station will host several events, including a hot air balloon display. The Silver Wings skydivers from Fort Benning, GA will descend from the sky into a large field at the festival at 10:30 a.m.

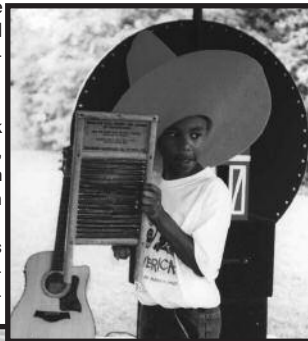
BellSouth, community sponsor of CityFest, will be sponsoring the Blues Extravaganza. Headlining this year's festival entertainment is Willie King and the Liberators. King is bringing two blues diva friends, Debbie Bond and Caroline Shines, daughter of blues great Johnny Shines. Clint Darby and Kip Traylor, an acoustic duo from Montgomery, will kick off the day's musical entertainment at 9 a.m. There will also be mini performances by Village Squares and the Auburn Unicycle Club.

CityFest 2006 is hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department and is presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News*. The Parks and Recreation Department works with local and regional businesses throughout the year to provide sponsorships necessary to make Auburn CityFest possible. Thanks to the *Opelika-Auburn News* for their continued support as the presenting sponsor of CityFest. Thank you to BellSouth, the community sponsor for CityFest 2006.

The CityFest Committee would also like to thank all of the official sponsors, including Alabama Power, AuburnBank, Colonial University Village, Commerce Networks, East Alabama Living, FlipFlopFoto, Hilton Garden Inn, McNutt & Company, McQuick Printing Company, Rental Center, ShirtWorks, and WRBL Channel 3. Thanks to our patron sponsors: AirGas, Ariccia Italian Trattoria and Bar, Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau, Auburn Reprographics, Best Rental, Compass Bank, Fun Carts of Opelika, McAlister's Deli, Momma Goldberg's Deli, Rental Service Corp., The Greystone Mansion and Wachovia Bank.

Volunteer opportunities are still available. To apply, visit the CityFest website at www.auburncityfest.com.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 29. CityFest is a rain or shine event. For additional information about Auburn CityFest, visit the official website, www.auburncityfest.com.



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CityFest 2006 Schedule

BellSouth Entertainment Pavilion:

9:00 a.m. Clint Darby and Kip Traylor
11:00 a.m. Caroline Shines
Noon Village Squares
12:30 p.m. **Willie King and the Liberators**
1:30p.m. Auburn Unicycle Club
2:00 p.m. Debbie Bond
3:15 p.m. Clint Darby and Kip Traylor



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Children's Imagination Station Activities:

StoryMaker Times:

10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.,
2:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Ft. Benning Silver Wings Skydivers:

10:30 a.m.

Hot Air Balloons:

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Raptor Center:

11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., and 2:15 p.m.

Other Activities throughout the Park:

- Auburn University sports teams will be meeting and greeting the public all day
- Appearances by Aubie: 11:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-1:30 p.m.
- WRBL Channel 3 News Anchor will be signing autographs throughout the day

8th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast

The 8th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast will be held on Monday, May 29 at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for this event will be on sale through Friday, May 26 at City Hall or from a Veterans Committee member for \$20. A memorial wreath laying service will be held immediately following the breakfast at the Veterans Monument. Opportunities to purchase a brick to be placed at the Veterans Memorial located at the corner of Glenn Avenue and Ross Street are still available. Brick order forms are available at City Hall or online at www.auburnalabama.org. For additional information, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



Reminder of Special Election

Auburn residents are reminded that the City Council has called a special election on Tuesday, April 11 to vote on the use of the Special Five Mill Tax to fund an expansion of the Auburn Public Library as well as the construction of the Yarbrough Tennis center off Richland Road. This referendum does **not** involve the addition of new taxes.

For questions concerning the special election, please contact the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260.

Recycling Notice

Residents may recycle their old telephone books by dropping them off at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. Telephone books are not accepted as part of the curbside recycling program as previously stated. We apologize for the error. For more information, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 2006

The Environmental Services Department will host the City's 4th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Services complex, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. This annual event offers Auburn residents the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous household chemicals stored at their homes. The City has contracted with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to manage the collection and disposal of chemicals collected during the event.

Participation is limited to Auburn residential solid waste service customers only. Residents are asked to bring a recent water bill to demonstrate proof of residency. No farmers, commercial businesses, or industry please.

Participants are asked to limit the amount of material they submit for disposal to 20 pounds per household, with individual containers limited to 5 gallons. Larger amounts must be pre-approved. The City will also collect computers and related equipment for recycling during the event.

All City residential customers are encouraged to participate. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is a rain or shine event. For more information, contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.

Board Vacancies

• Two vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission** were announced at the March 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 4 meeting. The incumbents are eligible for reappointment. One vacancy on the **Historic Preservation Commission** will be announced at the April 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 2 meeting. The incumbent has resigned.



• One vacancy on the **Library Board** was announced at the March 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 4 meeting. The incumbent is eligible for reappointment.

• One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced at the April 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 2 meeting. The incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.

• One vacancy on the **East Alabama Healthcare Authority** will be announced at the May 2 City Council meeting and will be filled at the June 6 meeting. The incumbent has served two terms.

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

Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at openline@auburnalabama.org.



Earth Week 2006

The City of Auburn will host the 4th Annual Earth Week April 10-15. Several City Departments will be hosting events throughout the week including Environmental Services, the Library, and Parks and Recreation. See a complete schedule of events below or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930 for more information on Earth Week 2006.



Earth Week Activities

• **Tuesday, April 11**

Mayor Ham will sign Earth Week Proclamation at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

• **Wednesday, April 12**

Preschool Story Time for children ages 3-5 will be held at the Auburn Public Library at 10:00 a.m. The theme will feature stories on keeping our Earth clean.

Citizens are also encouraged on this day to pick up litter on curbs and right of way in neighborhoods to help keep Auburn beautiful.

• **Thursday, April 13**

The Auburn Public Library will hold Toddler Time at 10:00 a.m. for all toddlers ages 18 months-3 years and their caregivers. The theme will be stories about keeping our Earth clean.

• **Thursday, April 13 and Friday, April 14**

Auburn City Schools 2nd graders will participate in several Earth Week related activities at Kiesel Park. Students will make pressed dried flower bookmarks with the help of staff from the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, learn about recycling and animal care/control education from Environmental Services, get a lesson on the importance of trees, and also learn about water treatment and sediment and erosion control.

• **Saturday, April 15**

Environmental Services will host the 4th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day. For more information, see this month's article in *Open Line*.

25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Youth ages 12 and under are invited to join Parks and Recreation on Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m. at Auburn's beautiful Kiesel Park for the 25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Wachovia Bank. This annual event is the largest egg hunt in Lee County with over 20,000 eggs hidden over a four-acre area. Bring the family and enjoy great musical entertainment, free soft drinks and balloons, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. All participants are required to bring their own basket. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Auburn will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs on site with proceeds going to needy families throughout our community. In the event of rain, the egg hunt will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



Public Safety Academy Rescheduled

The City of Auburn's Public Safety Department has rescheduled the Citizens Public Safety Academy to begin on Thursday, April 6. The academy is free and open to all Auburn residents ages eighteen and older. The program will run for 12 consecutive weeks from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday and will also include two "hands-on" Saturday sessions on May 20 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (police) and June 3 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (fire). Saturday session times are approximate and subject to change. Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 22. During the training period, participants will learn about the different areas of public safety including police, fire, communications, and codes enforcement services.

For more information on the Citizens' Public Safety Academy, including application procedures, please contact the Public Safety Department at 501-3110.

Meeting Schedule

Cemetery Advisory Board – April 3, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Park & Recreation Advisory Board – April 4, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council – April 4, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment – April 5, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission – April 7, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Water Works Board – April 10, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board – April 11, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission – April 11, 4:00 p.m., Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Board of Education – April 11, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

Planning Commission – April 13, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

City Council – April 18, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee – April 25, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

Cemeteries Advisory Board – May 1, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – May 2, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council – May 2, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment – May 3, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission – May 5, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

- Meeting times and places are subject to change -

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The Auburn Public Library presents **Preschool Story Time** for children ages 3-5 years every Wednesday from 10:00-10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Join the Auburn Public Library for **Toddler Time** each Thursday from 10:00-10:30 a.m. Toddler Time is a free story time offered by the Auburn Public Library for toddlers, ages 18 months-3 years, and their caregivers. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Young Adult Coffeehouse, for students in grades 6-12, will meet on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month, students will learn about writing limericks. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



First Fridays for Homeschoolers will meet on April 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This program is offered to homeschooled children in grades K-5. Students will discuss poetry this month. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Mark your calendar for the following **Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions**. The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



- **8th Annual Juried Art Exhibition:** April 6-May 12, exhibit featuring works by Lee County artists and craftsperson
- **Auburn CityKids Exhibition:** April 17-May 12, works by Auburn CityKids participants



The **American Girls Club** will meet on April 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The program is open to youth in grades K-5. This month's featured character is Kit. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

The **Library Book Club** will meet on April 18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Mama and Margaret* by Embry Burrus. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/library.



The Auburn Public Library will host a **puppet show** entitled *The Poetry Slam* on April 19 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. All ages are invited to attend. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

The Auburn Public Library will host an **interactive drumming performance** with percussionist Dave Holland on April 20 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/library.

The **2006 Parks and Recreation Calendar** is still available at any number of City facilities or online at www.auburnalabama.org. This free, 12-month calendar lists special events, program quarters, brochure release dates, Auburn City School holidays, facility closings, athletic registration dates, City holidays and events, and much more. For more information, contact Ali Wilson at 501-2936.



The **Parks and Recreation Spring 2006 brochure** is available now at all City facilities and online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. Be sure to pick up your copy to learn about all of the classes, programs, and special events, including CityFest 2006, going on in Auburn this spring. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Mark your calendar for **Auburn CityFest 2006** on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. For more information, see this month's feature story in *Open Line*, visit the official CityFest website at www.auburncityfest.com, or contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



The **Auburn Community Orchestra** will perform on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. Reservations must be made prior to the concert. For more information, contact the Auburn Arts Association at 887-2832 or the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

Book Sale

The Friends of the Auburn Public Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m.-noon on the Library grounds. For more information, contact the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/library.

