

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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Environmental Services Protecting You and the Environment

A diligent team of Environmental Services employees work tirelessly to maintain a clean and healthy living environment in Auburn, and the amount of garbage that is disposed and recycled is staggering. In 2009, Environmental Services employees removed 10,000 plus tons of household garbage and processed over 1,100 tons of recyclables. Environmental Services staff proactively administers education and outreach programs that teach citizens how they can recycle and keep Auburn beautiful. This past summer, the City hosted a hazardous waste recycling day, dedicated a week for residents to recycle excess garbage and yard debris, and taught every Auburn fifth grader in the City about recycling.



A part of the Loveliest Village's town charm can be attributed to swept streets, clean public right-of-ways, and managed vegetation along the City's numerous roads and streets, all maintained by Environmental Services employees. Through the Keep Auburn Beautiful outreach, the department partners with the Auburn Beautification Council, Auburn University and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce in an effort to encourage citizens to keep our community clean.

Access to recycling in Auburn is closer than you may think. This past spring, Environmental Services placed recycling bins at strategic locations downtown where patrons may recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and newspapers. Last November, Governor Riley used the City's recycling drop-off center, located at 365 N. Donahue Drive, as a backdrop to promote recycling across the state, saying via Twitter that "Alabama can and must encourage more recycling efforts like [Auburn's]." The drop-off center is available to every citizen in Auburn, and curbside bins are made available to citizens, free of charge, through state grant funding. All citizens are encouraged to participate in curbside recycling. The City does ask residents to do their part by separating materials into separate recycling bins. This keeps the operational costs low, making the City's recycling program financially feasible.

In addition to their collection and beautification efforts, the Environmental Services Department works closely with the Lee County Humane Society to maintain animal control in the City. Last year, the City rescued 1,609 animals and placed them in the care of the Lee County Humane Society. In an effort to look out for the safety of our children, students are taught about animal care and control each year through the Auburn Public Library and Auburn City Schools.



There's no better time to enjoy the outdoors than in the fall. As you appreciate Auburn outdoors this fall, remember that whether you're downtown after game day or walking the streets of your neighborhood, the City's Environmental Services department is working to keep Auburn beautiful.

City Makes Road Improvements

A number of infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects are currently underway in Auburn. The new traffic light at the corner of North College Street and Shelton Mill Road is now operational. As the October Open Line goes to press, active infrastructure projects include the Donahue Bridge Replacement Project, repaving on Glenn Avenue from Dean Road to East University Drive, the addition of a turn lane on East University Drive at Dekalb Avenue and intersection improvements at Shelton Mill Road and East University Drive.

In an effort to provide the maximum service possible for the taxpayer dollar, the City of Auburn has successfully supplemented local taxpayer funding in a number of ways. The traffic light at North College and Shelton Mill was partially funded by the Copper Beach Development. This private funding was required by the City as part of the development agreement with Copper Beach Due to the traffic impact that development would have on this in-

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Neighborhood & Downtown Trick-or-Treat Thursday, October 28

The City of Auburn will hold neighborhood and downtown trick-or-treat on Thursday, October 28, from 6 – 8 p.m. During this time, the Auburn Police Division will provide extra patrols throughout the City for children and their parents/guardians.

Looking for an alternative for traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating? Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for Downtown Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 28 from 6 – 8 p.m. This FREE, family-friendly event features giveaways from downtown "Monster Merchants" and live music. Don't miss your chance to enter the Best Costume Contest, and bring your favorite four-legged friends and enter them for a chance to win the Best Pet Costume Contest. Help us carve a bite out of hunger by bringing a non-perishable food item with you to Downtown Trick or Treat. Collection bins will be placed throughout downtown to accept your donations. Items collected will benefit the Food Bank of East Alabama.

Downtown Trick-or-Treat is for children ages 12 years and under. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Downtown streets are subject to closure during the event. Please visit our website at www.auburnalabama.org for the latest information on street closings. For more information, or if your business or organization would like to participate, please contact the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.



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tersection. The Donahue Bridge project is a joint effort between the City of Auburn and Lee County, benefiting both Auburn citizens and Lee County citizens who live outside of the Auburn City limits. Recent repaving on Glenn Avenue was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Another method the City employs to guard taxpayer dollars carefully is crack-sealing. You may have noticed the tell-tale signs of crack-seal, a hot-pour, petroleum-based pavement crack and joint sealant, on some Auburn streets. For some, crack-seal diminishes the appearance of the road. Some even misinterpret the visual appearance of crack-seal as a sign that the road needs work. The effect of crack-seal, however, is to prevent water from using existing cracks in the pavement to cause further road deterioration. City engineers have found that crack-sealing extends the useful life of pavement by at least four years. In the summer of 2010, Public Works crews performed crack-sealing on over 13 miles of local roadway. The materials cost for this work was barely over \$1,000, making crack-sealing a cost effective way to extend the life of our roadways.

Currently underway is a project to evaluate the condition of all of Auburn's roads. This project, in which roads are assigned grades based on their condition, is undertaken every two to three years, and is key in determining resurfacing priorities. Each year, the Auburn Public Works department coordinates crack-sealing, striping and resurfacing projects, prioritized by the results of road grading. The City of Auburn is committed to maintaining our transportation infrastructure. For more information on current projects, please visit <http://www.auburnalabama.org/pw> and click the Construction Status button.



City Recruits New Jobs To Auburn

The Viper Motorcycle Company has announced its plans to begin manufacturing motorcycles in Auburn, Alabama. The company will move its operation from Minnesota to Auburn in time for full production to begin in 2011. A brand new facility in Auburn Technology Park West will become the new headquarters and production facility for Viper. Company officials expect the creation of 100 new jobs in Auburn over the next two years.

Viper Motorcycle Company, a subsidiary of Viper Powersports, produces high performance, super cruiser motorcycles for bike enthusiasts. The motorcycles are produced with over 80% of proprietary parts designed and manufactured by Viper.

State Representative Mike Hubbard and Governor Bob Riley assisted in recruiting the Company to Alabama. Governor Bob Riley congratulated Auburn on this exciting economic development news. "This is a great win for Auburn and really for our entire state. We're proud to welcome Alabama's latest economic development success to Alabama and look forward to a long and productive relationship with Viper. I know I'm definitely looking forward to seeing those bikes that will be built in Alabama out on the road," stated Governor Riley.



Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park

The Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park continues on Thursdays at 6 p.m. this month. Enjoy live performances by local and regional musicians under the shade trees at one of Auburn's favorite parks. Bring the family, a picnic, lawn chairs, or a blanket and join us for an evening of entertainment. Don't forget – dogs are always welcome! Catch the remaining performances in the series:

October 7	The Auburn Knights Orchestra
October 14	Spoonful James
October 21	TBA

The Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park is a free, family-friendly event. No alcohol, please. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Board Vacancies

- Three vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** will be filled at the October 5, 2010 City Council meeting.
- Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the October 5 meeting and will be filled at the November 2, 2010 City Council meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Building Board of Adjustment & Appeals** will be filled at the October 19, 2010 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** will be announced at the October 19 meeting and will be filled at the November 16, 2010 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Public Park & Recreation Board** will be announced at the November 2 meeting and will be filled at the December 7, 2010 City Council meeting.



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

Developer To Build City's First Conservation Subdivision

Auburn home buyers will soon have a new kind of lifestyle housing to choose from; one that takes unprecedented steps to conserve the environment. The developer of Lundy Chase subdivision plans to build Phase III of Lundy Chase that will meet criteria necessary to be zoned as a "conservation subdivision," the City's newest zoning category. In this category, a minimum of 50% of the acreage must be left as open-space in perpetuity. In 2007, the Auburn City Council approved the new zoning category to protect the Lake Ogletree watershed on the City's south side, zoning the area as a conservation district. However, the zoning ordinance also allowed for a conservation district to be zoned anywhere in the City.

Current estimates show that Lundy Chase, West will include 12 acres of open space for walking trails and greenways, all planned to be constructed by the developer. According to the City's Planning Director, the open space is planned to be donated to the City and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. "This is a good project that balances the desires of the City, Developer, and surrounding neighborhood," said Forrest Cotten, the City's Planning Director. The subdivision is in the process of being approved by the Auburn Planning Commission. For more information on conservation districts, please contact the Auburn Planning Department at 501-3040.

Community Development Block Grants Provide Affordable Homes in Auburn

Buying a home is a dream of many residents in Auburn. The construction of the new homes in the Northwest Village subdivision gives citizens an opportunity to make that dream a reality. On Thursday, August 5th, the Community Development Division of the City of Auburn commemorated the completion of five new affordable homes by presenting keys to new homeowners, Billy Jackson, Robin Williams, Lakeisha Thomas, and Serena Johnson.

The partnership between the City of Auburn and the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation has resulted in the completion of 14 homes since 2004. Auburn Mayor Bill Ham and Councilman Arthur Dowdell presented the keys to residents, and updated the public on the progress of Northwest Village. All homeowners who purchase homes through the Community Development Block Grant program meet Housing and Urban Development income requirements.



Hubbard Secures Funding for Duck Samford Stadium Improvements

Auburn High School athletics have room for even more supporters now that 2,500 new seats are available at Duck Samford Stadium, bringing the total seating to 8,310. State Representative Mike Hubbard secured \$705,000 for new bleachers, new restrooms and a new scoreboard at the stadium. The grant for the funds was awarded through the Public School and College Authority. The expanded stadium facilitates extracurricular activities involving high school football, soccer, band, dance, and cheerleading.

Auburn City Schools will recognize Hubbard at the first Auburn High School home football game to be held at Duck Samford; Auburn High vs. Enterprise on September 10, 2010. Hubbard is a long-time resident and friend of the City of Auburn. His interest in Auburn City Schools is evident in past grants he has secured through state appropriations. Hubbard secured a grant to fund the digital marquee in front of Auburn High School, has secured money to fund telecommunication suites for each school, and secures appropriations for fourth grade students to attend the legislature in Montgomery each year.

MEETING SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

- 1 Tree Commission,** 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue
- 4 Cemeteries Advisory Board,** 4:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- 5 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board,** 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- City Council,** 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 6 Board of Zoning Adjustment,** 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 12 Greenspace Advisory Board,** 11:30 a.m., City Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue
- Historic Preservation Commission,** 4 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street
- Board of Education,** 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 14 Planning Commission,** 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 19 City Council,** 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 21 Water Works Board,** 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 28 Bicycle Committee,** 7 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/boards.

The Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns

In celebration of the state's small towns and downtowns, the City of Auburn will be hosting a series of events to celebrate our rich heritage, diverse business community and southern charm. A speaker series kicked off in August and will continue through November. The weekend of November 5-7, the City will host a Homecoming event in conjunction with the Auburn Football Homecoming Festivities. A historic marker will be unveiled, tours will be provided, and lifelong residents of Auburn will weigh in on the City's transformation over the years. Visit www.auburnalabama.org/smalltowns for more information on The Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns events.



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Open Line Feedback

Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at openline@auburnlabama.org or call 501-7255.

up COMING EVENTS

Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize any events that are not directly affiliated with a City department.



Tuesdays in October...Baby Time – Mothers of babies ages 6-18 months are invited on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for Baby Time. The program features music, fingerplays, and books. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

Preschool Story Time...Every Wednesday – Preschoolers ages 3-5 years-old are invited every Wednesday in October at 10:00 a.m. for Story Time. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

Every Week in October...Toddler Time – Toddlers ages 18 months – 3 years-old are invited every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. for Toddler Time. The program features music, visual aids and simple crafts. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.



October 6...Magic Tree House - Children in grades Kindergarten – 5th Grade are invited on Wednesday, October 6 at 3:30 to participate in the Magic Tree House. The program features reading and a craft. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.



October 7...Teen Cafe – Children in grades 8-12 are invited to Teen Cafe on Thursday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

October 12...Joshielyn Jackson Book Reading & Signing – Back by popular demand, Georgia writer Joshielyn Jackson returns to Auburn Public Library to read from her newest book Backseat Saints on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

October 14...Puppet Show – Children, ages 3-11, are invited to a puppet show on Tuesday, October 12 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

October 16...American Girl's Club – Children in grades Kindergarten – 5th Grade are invited on Thursday, October 21 at 3:30 p.m. to learn about girls who grew up in various times in history. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

October 17...Young Adult Author Talk – Children in grades 6-12 are invited to hear authors Ginger Rue, Irene Latham, R.A. Nelson and Rachel Hawkins share their work with teens on Sunday, October 17 at 2:30 p.m. as part of Teen Read Week. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

October 19...Ghostbusters Movie – Children in grades 6-12 are invited on Tuesday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. to watch the movie Ghostbusters presented by the Auburn Chapter of the Alabama Ghostbusters Community as part of Teen Read Week. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

October 21...Hex Hall Ball – Young adults 12-18 are invited on Thursday, October 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to a supernatural costume dance as part of Teen Read Week. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

October 26...Annual Halloween Party – Children ages 3-11 are invited on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. to wear costumes, make crafts and enjoy fun activities at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.



Now Showing...Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition – Mark your calendar for the following Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/arts or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

Fall Invitational, September 7 – October 9. An exhibition of recent works by area artists and craftpersons.

Photo XII Juried Exhibition, October 12 – November 20. A competitive show open to regional artists and photographers.

Now Available...Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure – Be sure to pick up your FREE copy of the Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure, available now at City facilities and online at www.auburnlabama.org/parks. The brochure is your guide to fall sports and special events, including Downtown Trick-or-Treat and the Fall Concert Series at Kiesel Park. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in October...Auburn Stride Walkers – Get moving with the Auburn Stride Walkers Club! Citizens of all ages are invited to join the club for walks on various City walking trails every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Participation is free. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946 or Dee Watson at 501-2948.



October 1...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer – Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on October 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center. Citizens ages 19 and up are encouraged to play. All levels of play are welcome. No partner is necessary. The event will be held rain or shine. Yarbrough Tennis Center non-member court fees apply. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/tennis or contact the Yarbrough Tennis Center at 501-2920.



October 4...Youth Winter Basketball Registration – Register for youth winter basketball October 4 - 29. Registration will be held weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center. Youth basketball is for participants ages 6 - 13 years. Players on school teams are not eligible to play. Tryouts will be held the week following registration. Players must be registered to attend tryouts. The season begins in December and continues through February. For more information, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

October 16...Tiger Trekkers Hiking Club Trip – Teens ages 16 and up, join the Tiger Trekkers Hiking Club as they explore the Pinhoti Trail in the Shoal Creek District of Talladega National Forest on Saturday, October 16. Participants will meet at the Dean Road Recreation Center at 6:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$15, payable in cash on the day of the trip. Advance registration is required. Registration ends September 30. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



April 30, 2011...Auburn CityFest 2011 – Save the date! Auburn CityFest 2011 is set for Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Applications for fine arts, arts & crafts, food, and non-profit exhibitors are now available online at www.auburncityfest.com. Log on today to get your application in early. Spaces fill quickly! Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact the Auburn CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930 for more information. Mark your calendars...we'll see you at Auburn CityFest 2011 on Saturday, April 30!