

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

July 2012

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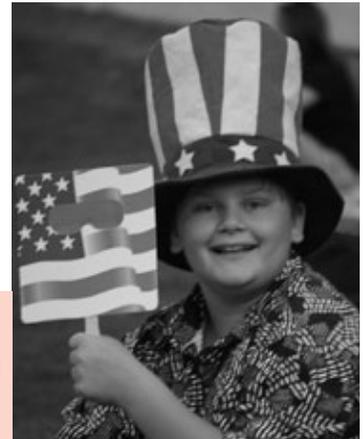
## Annual Fourth of July Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day with the Auburn Community and Auburn Parks and Recreation, on Wednesday, July 4 beginning at 6 p.m. behind the home side of Duck Samford Football Stadium. Enjoy great food, live music, free goodies, and THE best fireworks display in the area!

Grab your picnic basket, and the family and join us at the park. Live music will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the fireworks at 9 p.m. In the event of rain, join us for the fireworks on Thursday, July 5 at 9 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks) or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

**PARKING NOTICE:** The parking lot off Airport Road between the Bo Cavin fields and the New Duck fields will be closed to the public during the event to accommodate our fireworks shoot site. The parking lot off of East University Drive (across from the Winn Dixie Shopping Center) will be OPEN to the public for parking.



## City Green Lights Summer Road Construction

This summer, the City of Auburn Public Works Department is working on a number of projects to improve roadways and traffic flow in Auburn. Whenever possible, major construction projects are strategically scheduled in the window between Auburn University's spring commencement and fall football traffic. Current and upcoming construction projects include:

**West Glenn Avenue:** Construction on West Glenn Avenue began on May 21<sup>st</sup> and is expected to continue until August 31<sup>st</sup> as crews widen the road to three lanes from North Donahue Drive to Wright Street to improve downtown traffic flow.

**Hamilton Road:** One of the City's most-requested resurfacing projects has been Hamilton Road which will be resurfaced from Moore's Mill Road eastward to the City limits beginning in June. Hamilton road will be widened by 4 feet on each side to include a bicycle lane for most of that distance, and a left turn lane will be added at the intersection of Hamilton Road and Bent Creek Road.

**Cary Woods:** The latest Safe Routes to School sidewalk project began on May 29<sup>th</sup> with crews installing new sidewalks near the Cary Woods Elementary School. The intent of the Federally funded Safe Routes to School program is to provide sidewalks in areas surrounding elementary schools in an effort to improve safety for children.

**I-85:** The State of Alabama will continue work on Auburn's new I-85 interchange, near Auburn Technology Park West. The new interchange will help improve accessibility to local technology parks and relieve Auburn's game-day traffic. In addition to the new exit, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will install steel cable in the median of I-85 to keep vehicles from crossing into oncoming traffic. Local I-85 construction is scheduled to be complete by December of this year.

**Shug Jordan Parkway:** ALDOT is currently resurfacing Shug Jordan Parkway in Auburn.

As construction crews work to finish each project in a timely manner, drivers are advised to use extreme caution while driving in construction zones and take alternate routes to avoid traffic delays. Please subscribe to the City's e-notifier at <http://www.auburnalabama.org> to receive email updates on all road projects. Updates are also available on the City's website, Facebook and Twitter pages.



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## Auburn Named Bicycle Friendly Community

The League of American Bicyclists has named Auburn a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC). This award recognizes Auburn's commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through an investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

Auburn is the only municipality in Alabama to be named a Bicycle Friendly Community. The BFC program urges communities to evaluate their quality of life, sustainability and transportation networks, while allowing them to benchmark their progress toward improving their bicycle-friendliness. Auburn is one out of 214 BFC designated cities in 47 states across the nation.

"We are not surprised that this was the largest number of new and renewing applicants that we've ever had," said League President Andy Clarke. "The popularity of this program is clear evidence that investment in bicycling is a major catalyst in creating the kind of vibrant communities people want to live, work and visit. Auburn recognizes that simple steps to make bicycling safe and comfortable pay huge dividends in civic, community and economic development."

The BFC program provides a roadmap to building a Bicycle Friendly Community. Since its inception, more than 500 distinct communities have applied and the four levels of the award – platinum, gold, silver and bronze – provide a clear incentive for communities to continuously improve.

The League of American Bicyclists promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation, and works through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America. The League represents the interests of America's 57 million bicyclists, including its 300,000 members and affiliates. For more information visit [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org).



## Renew Opelika Road Public Meetings, June 27-29

From the Auburn 2020 plan in the 1990s to the recent CompPlan 2030, public input has been a hallmark of the City's efforts to plan for the future. During the CompPlan 2030 process, the Opelika Road area was identified as one of the City's most important commercial corridors, and as a prime candidate for reinvestment.

The City of Auburn will be looking to you again for input on a plan to Renew Opelika Road. From Wednesday, June 27 to Friday, June 29, you're invited to attend public meetings to provide input to help develop a vision and goals for the future of the Opelika Road area. This will be the first of several opportunities for public input during this planning process.

The final outcome of Renew Opelika Road will be a plan to guide the future development of Opelika Road and help ensure the area's commercial viability. The plan will help answer questions of how the community and City can support Auburn's existing businesses and attract new destinations for residents. The plan will also reflect the most effective way to improve traffic flow, pedestrian accessibility and the overall look and feel that citizens envision for the Auburn community.

We want to hear what you think. Keep an eye on <http://www.auburnalabama.org/renew> for public meeting times and locations. For more information, contact the City of Auburn Planning Department at 501-3045 or [webplanning@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webplanning@auburnalabama.org).



## MEETING SCHEDULE

# JULY

- 10 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  
**City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 11 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 12 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 19 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 24 Library Board**, 2 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue  
**City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 31 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](http://www.auburnalabama.org/boards).

## Building the Future Through the Past, Brick by Brick...

Honor the military service of a friend or loved one by etching their memory in stone through the City's Veterans Memorial Park Brick Program. For a \$100 tax-free, tax-deductible contribution per brick, you can help honor the men and women who have served preserving America's freedom.

The park, located at the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue, is the site of the City's Annual Memorial Day Celebration. The featured element of the memorial is a 15-foot high obelisk, positioned centrally in the park, surrounded by brick pavers bearing the names of Veterans with connections to Auburn.

Each brick you order will be engraved to your specifications. The brick will include the name, rank, branch of service, and the dates of the years served by the Veteran. Bricks may be personalized up to four lines per brick, with up to 14 characters per line. In addition, two lines are permitted for Veterans with longer names.

To order your bricks, please fill out an online form and return it along with a \$100 check made payable to the Veterans Memorial Fund. You may send checks to Auburn City Hall, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 2, Auburn, AL 36830. To ensure timely processing of your order, please notify City Hall at (334) 501-7270 once your form has been mailed.

Once your brick has been placed at the monument, it will also be viewable online at [www.auburnalabama.org/veterans](http://www.auburnalabama.org/veterans) by clicking on the brick archive tab located on the left side of the page.

Last year, 19 new memorial blocks were added to the 800 plus bricks honoring individual veterans at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument.



## Auburn Veterans Scholarship Foundation

Each year, the Auburn Veterans Scholarship Foundation seeks to provide two \$2,000 scholarships to assist a local veteran or their dependent in attending a local, post-secondary educational institution. The goal of the Foundation is to fund a \$100,000 endowment as a long term source for the scholarship program.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for citizens or businesses interested in contributing to the Foundation. To make a donation, please fill out a pledge card and make checks payable to the Auburn Veterans Scholarship Foundation. Pledge cards can be printed at [www.auburnalabama.org/veterans](http://www.auburnalabama.org/veterans) and pledges and payments may be mailed to the following address:

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The City of Auburn and the Auburn Veterans Committee established the Auburn Veterans Scholarship Foundation in 2008. The Foundation was created in an effort to demonstrate the Auburn community's appreciation for the sacrifices made by our service men and women and their families. For more information, please contact City Hall at 501-7270.

## Water Conservation Tips for Auburn Residents

Due to persistent drought conditions and warm summer temperatures, water demands are currently above normal for this time of year. The current drought began 2 years ago in July 2010 and the Auburn area is currently in an extreme drought. The Water Works Board of the City of Auburn (Water Board) has an ample supply of water to meet domestic demands and to provide fire protection. The Water Board reminds customers to water efficiently during this time of year to minimize water demands and water costs. The following are some easy water conservation tips.

- Water early in the morning or late in the evening, not during the heat of the day. Watering between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. is recommended. Check your sprinkler system timer and make adjustments as needed.
- Check sprinkler heads and adjust them as needed to keep water on your lawn, trees and shrubs and to keep water off of the street, driveway and sidewalk.
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks and make repairs in a timely manner to minimize water losses and to minimize irrigation costs.
- Do not leave manual sprinklers or running hoses unattended. If watering manually, use a timer to remind you to turn off the water. An unattended water hose can waste approximately 10 to 25 gallons of water per minute.
- Take shorter showers.
- Do not let the water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face or washing dishes by hand.
- Only run full loads of laundry and dishes.

The American Water Works Association defines water conservation as doing more with less, not doing without. By working together we can preserve our water supply, save money and efficiently use our water resources. For more information, please contact the Water Resource Management Department at 334-501-3060 or visit the City's water conservation website, <http://www.auburnalabama.org/waterconservation>.

## CDBG Affordable Housing Available

The City of Auburn's Community Development Division in partnership with the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation is taking applications to purchase affordable new homes in Northwest Village Subdivision. Take advantage of a new home that's ready to move into. Make an appointment for a consultation on this opportunity by contacting the Community Development Division at 501-7277 or 501-7280.

## Board Vacancies

- Three vacancies on the **Planning Commission** will be filled at the July 17, 2012 City Council meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** will be filled at the July 17, 2012 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** will be announced at the August 21, 2012 meeting and will be filled at the September 18, 2012 City Council meeting.



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

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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@auburnalabama.org](mailto:openline@auburnalabama.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.

## Auburn Public Library

For more information, contact Auburn Public Library's Youth Services at 501-3196.

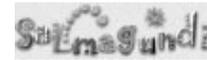
**Summer Reading Program** - youth ages 3 – 18 are invited to participate through July and win prizes.

**Baby Lapsit** - Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for ages birth – 12 months and their caregivers.

**Baby First Steps Storytime** - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 12 - 24 months and their caregivers.

**Tween Movie Day** - Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Toddler Time** - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. for ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers.



**Salmagundi** – Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. for rising K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Preschool Time** - Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years and their caregivers.



## Parks and Recreation

For more information, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

**Now Showing...Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions** - 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 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



**Summer Invitational 2012, July 9 - Aug. 31.** Ceramics by Robin Duke Rodgers and photographs by David Hiley.

**Open Daily...Auburn City Pools** - The Auburn City Pools are open for daily swim hours now! Purchase your 2012 Splash Pass weekdays at the Dean Road Recreation Center from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Splash Passes are good for unlimited admission to Auburn City Pools all summer. Passes are \$50 for individuals and \$125 for families. Family passes are good for immediate family members, including parents or guardians and children under the age of 19, residing in the same household only. For daily pool schedules, swim lesson offerings, special events, and more, pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation Summer Brochure and be sure to visit us online at [www.auburnalabama.org/pools](http://www.auburnalabama.org/pools).

**Register by July 3...Sports Camp** - Join us for an exciting five-day camp aimed at providing boys and girls with a wide range of sports activities July 9 - 13 from 9 a.m. - Noon. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in a different sport each day. Sports include baseball, soccer, tennis, track, and basketball. Camp will be held at a different Parks and Recreation facility each day. The cost is \$50/camper. Pre-registration is required by July 3. Contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930 to register.

**Register by July 5...Teen Scene Field Trip** - Youth ages 12 - 15 are invited to join Auburn Parks and Recreation for a day of kayaking on the Coosa River on Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$30, payable in cash on the day of the trip. Participants should provide their own lunch in a soft-sided, waterproof container and wear appropriate clothing, sunscreen, and footwear that will stay on during a swim. River equipment will be provided. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, July 5. Contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930 to register.

**July 6...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer** - Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on July 6 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, contact the Yarbrough Tennis Center at 501-2920.

**Register by July 6...Rising Tiger and Junior Soccer Camps** - The Auburn Soccer Association will host Rising Tiger (ages 4 - 7) and Junior Soccer (ages 8 - 15) camps July 9 - 12 at the Auburn Soccer Complex. These camps offer youth an opportunity to receive instruction from college and high school coaches and players. Rising Tiger Camp is from 9 - 11:30 a.m. each day. The cost is \$70/camper. Junior Soccer Camp is from 9 a.m. - Noon each day and the cost is \$85/camper. Participants must be registered by July 6. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/soccer](http://www.auburnalabama.org/soccer).

**July 13...Outdoor Movie Series** - Let's go to the movies! Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for a FREE outdoor movie on Field 1 at Duck Samford Park on Friday, July 13 at 8:30 p.m. We'll be showing **Apollo 13**. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket and chairs.

**July 20...Float-N-Movie** - Grab your floats and join us at Samford Pool for a showing of **Shark Tale** on Friday, July 20 at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2/person and FREE with a Splash Pass.

**July 27...Outdoor Movie Series** - Let's go to the movies! Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for a FREE outdoor movie on Field 1 at Duck Samford Park on Friday, July 27 at 8:30 p.m. We'll be showing **Back to the Future**. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket and chairs.

## Fall Sports Registration

**July 16 - 27:** Register for fall baseball instructional league at the Dean Road Recreation Center.

**July 16 - Aug. 10:** Register for fall baseball and softball online at [www.auburnalabama.org/baseball](http://www.auburnalabama.org/baseball). Register for flag football online at [www.auburnalabama.org/football](http://www.auburnalabama.org/football). Register for cheerleading at the Dean Road Recreation Center.

**July 16 - Aug. 4:** Register online for tackle football at [www.auburnalabama.org/football](http://www.auburnalabama.org/football).

**July 23 - Aug. 8:** Register online for fall soccer at [www.auburnalabama.org/soccer](http://www.auburnalabama.org/soccer).

**Aug. 4:** Walk-in registration for tackle football from 10 a.m. – noon at the Dean Road Recreation Center.

**Aug. 8:** Walk-in registration for fall soccer from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Auburn Soccer Complex.

**Aug. 9:** Walk-in registration for fall baseball, softball, and flag football from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center.