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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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15th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast

Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. and the Auburn Veterans Committee cordially invite you to attend the 15th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday, May 27 at 8 a.m. at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. This annual event is held to honor the United States Military and those soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice. Tickets for the breakfast are available at City Hall for \$25 each or \$250 for a table of 10. Proceeds from ticket sales go to the Auburn Veterans Memorial Fund.



Norm Caldwell will be the guest of honor and the recipient of the 2013

City of Auburn Distinguished Veteran Award. Caldwell began his military career at the age of 17 while a high school senior, and entered the Navy upon graduating. His first assignment after training would lead him to Pearl Harbor where he supported combat fighters as a Navy metalsmith after the attack by the Japanese. Caldwell relocated to Auburn in the mid 80's along with his employer, the Sommer Metalcraft Corporation of Indiana. In Auburn, he became an active community leader as a board member on the Industrial Development Board. Caldwell later retired from his position, but continued his work with the City and its recruiting efforts as Chairman of the Board. Today, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce recognizes his contributions with the Norm Caldwell Industrialist of the Year Award.

This year marks the second year the Auburn Heroes Remembered Award will be presented in honor of a local distinguished veteran who has passed away. This year's Auburn Heroes Remembered Award will honor two distinguished veterans within the same family. Lieutenant General Lewis A. Pick and Colonel Lewis A. Pick, Jr. are part of a family that has called Auburn home since 1923. The fingerprints of the Pick family's legacy are visible throughout Auburn, and this year's Auburn Heroes Remembered Award will allow the community to see the family's history of military service and sacrifice. Lieutenant General Lewis A. Pick, Sr. fought in World War I and World War II and is a Distinguished Service Medal recipient. Colonel Lewis A. Pick, Jr. fought in the Korean War in the Field Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division, transferred to the Army Corps of Engineers assigned to Germany and Vietnam, and ultimately served as Troop Commander and Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

Immediately following the breakfast, at 10 a.m., the City of Auburn will hold a memorial wreath laying ceremony at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument, located at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Ceremony attendees are encouraged to park at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex and Felton Little Park. During the ceremony, Ross Street will be closed from Glenn Avenue to Harper Avenue to allow for parking for the disabled.

Please join us on Monday, May 27, as we honor the men and women who have courageously served and sacrificed for our country. For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/veterans or contact the City of Auburn Economic Development Department at 501-7270.

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Smart Yards Incentive Program Helps Reduce Stormwater Runoff

With recent rain systems moving through the area and showers undoubtedly on the way, it's an ideal time for residents to assess their yard's drainage. The presence of heavy storm water runoff can cause unsightly soil erosion and carry pollutants into local creeks, streams, and rivers. The City of Auburn's Water Resource Management Department has joined forces with the Saugahatchee Watershed Management Plan (SWaMP) to implement the Smart Yards Incentive Program, which assists in funding landscaping projects to improve storm water management.

The Saugahatchee Watershed Management Plan was started in 2007 with grant assistance. The SWaMP program focuses on the installation of projects and public education efforts to clean up Saugahatchee Creek, sections of which have been on the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's list of impaired waterways since the mid-1990's.

The Smart Yards Incentive Program helps fund up to 60% of the cost of pre-approved projects that are designed to minimize erosion and intercept pollutants being carried into local streams during storms. Potential projects include rain gardens, stream bank restoration projects, repair of badly eroded areas and installation of rainwater systems.

During its first year of operation, the Smart Yards Incentive Program assisted with numerous projects in Auburn. All of these projects have implemented practical steps that minimize erosion and act to intercept pollutants before they can be flushed into local streams during storm events.



Rain gardens have been especially popular since they can be constructed in various shapes and sizes. Size and placement must fit specific soil types and landscaping. Benefits of a properly installed rain garden include intercepting storm water runoff and the pollutants it carries; treating pollutants with rain garden plants and soil mixture; recharging the groundwater

through infiltration of storm water into the soil; preventing erosion of the landscape by lessening the volume and force of storm water runoff; and preventing stream bank erosion by lessening the volume and force of stormwater entering streams.

If you see excess stormwater runoff eroding your landscape, you may be a good candidate for a rain garden. If you are considering installing a rain garden, check out the rain garden construction guidelines in the Alabama Smart Yards manual at www.swamp.auburn.edu, or contact Eve Brantley at brantef@auburn.edu for more information. Interested residents who live in the designated Saugahatchee Watershed may download an application for assistance through the Smart Yards program by visiting www.swamp.auburn.edu.

City Grants Trash Amnesty May 20-24

Spring cleaning doesn't get much easier than during Trash Amnesty Week, set aside each spring by the City of Auburn. During the week of May 20-24, 2013, the fees normally assessed to Auburn residents for the collection of oversized yard debris and other bulky waste will be waived.

Citizens are asked to pay close attention to the following guidelines when placing items out for collection:

- Debris should be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. Please avoid placing items on or near mailboxes, utility boxes or poles, or other fixed objects. All items should be properly contained or bundled so they do not fall into the street or down storm drains.
- The City will accept yard waste, appliances, and bulky items for collection. No household garbage, hazardous

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MEETING SCHEDULE

MAY

- 1 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 3 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue
- 6 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- 7 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
- 9 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 14 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- 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
- 21 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 23 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 28 Library Board**, 2:00 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue.
- 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.

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waste, or other unacceptable waste should be placed out for collection with debris.

- Debris should not be placed in the roadway, on or around storm drains, near utility lines, on utility boxes, or on vacant lots.
- Limbs and other debris should be no longer than 5 feet in length.
- To facilitate wood debris and metal recycling efforts, please separate all wood debris, including limbs and grass clippings from metal items.

Due to the large volume of debris expected during Trash Amnesty Week, citizens may experience a delay in their collection schedule. Every reasonable effort will be made to maintain the established collection schedule.

For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.

21st Annual Fishing Rodeo Sponsored by Evans Realty

Cast into summer as Auburn Parks and Recreation and Evans Realty present the 21st Annual Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by Evans Realty, on Saturday, May 18 from 8 - 11 a.m. at the lake at Auburn Technology Park South. Bring your lucky fishing pole and we will supply the bait. Over \$300 worth of door prizes will be given out to lucky participants and prizes will be awarded for the Biggest Fish and Smallest Fish caught.

The first 100 children to register will receive a rod and reel, courtesy of Evans Realty! This event is a great chance to bring kids and their parents together with America's favorite pastime...FISHING! This is your chance to reel in the biggest catfish of the year!

Please note, there is a limit of five fish/per child and parents must accompany their children at all times. Registration is \$5, payable the day of the event. Please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks for more information or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



May Concert Series at Town Creek Park

Enjoy free music in the park as Auburn Parks and Recreation presents the May Concert Series at Town Creek Park every Thursday in May from 6 - 7:30 p.m. This FREE, outdoor concert series includes performances by local and regional acts, including:

May 2 Soulco | **May 9** Crossroads | **May 16** Destiny Brown

May 23 Martha's Trouble | **May 30** Dave Potts

Bring your family and friends and join us for a relaxing evening of musical entertainment. Don't forget your blankets, chairs, and picnic basket and as always, dogs are welcome! For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Neighborhood Cleanup Event Scheduled for May 13-17

In conjunction with Keep Auburn Beautiful, the City of Auburn will host a Neighborhood Clean-Up event during the week of May 13-17 to spruce up Lakeview Drive, McKinley Avenue and Old Mill Road. Several City departments will work to remove bulky/yard debris placed on the street for collection, mow vegetation and collect litter along the rights of way, repair sidewalks, potholes and other street problems, replace worn street signage, paint fire hydrants, conduct code enforcement surveys of property, and plant trees on residential property to help beautify and enhance the tree canopy. Improvements similar to these are made in a new neighborhood cleanup project each May, helping to Keep Auburn Beautiful for residents and visitors alike.

Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Board of Education** was announced at the April 2, 2013 meeting and will be filled at the May 7, 2013 City Council meeting.



One vacancy on the **Indian Pines Recreation Authority** will be announced at the May 21, 2013 meeting and will be filled at the June 18, 2013 City Council meeting.

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

Parks and Recreation Summer Programs

Auburn Parks and Recreation's Administrative Offices are moving soon. Be sure to visit us online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks or call 501-2930 for information on moving schedules and where to register for the programs listed here.

Summer Camps and Programs: Register for summer camps and programs beginning Monday, April 29 at 8 a.m. For a complete listing of camps, programs, and summer events, be sure to pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation Summer Brochure, available April 1 at City facilities and online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks.

Auburn City Pools: Splash into summer with Auburn City Pools! 2013 Splash Passes are currently available. Splash Passes are \$50 for individuals and \$125 for families (good for immediate family members including parents or guardians and children under 19 residing in the same household), and are good for unlimited admission to Auburn City Pools all summer, beginning with Early Bird Recreation Swim on May 7. Daily hours at the Auburn City Pools begin Saturday, May 25.

Swim lesson registration is currently available. Sign up early to guarantee your spot! Early Bird Swim Lessons begin May 1.

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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 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.

No programming will be provided during May 19 - June 1 to allow for Summer Youth Services activities planning.

Summer Reading Registration begins May 24! "Dig Into Reading" for preschool through rising 5th grades, and "Beneath the Surface" for rising 6-12 grades.

Baby Time - Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for ages birth - 18 months and their caregivers.

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

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

Legomania - Saturdays, May 11 and May 18, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for students ages 4-12. Join us every Saturday of the month all day for "free play" with Legos®. There will be no program on May 4, 24 or 31.

Magic Tree House Club - Wednesday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K-5.

Puppet Show - Tuesday, May 14 at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11.

American Girl's Club - Thursday, May 16 at 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K-5.

Programs for Tweens and Teens

Teen Café - Thursdays, May 2 and May 16 at 6:30 p.m.. Students in grades 8 - 12 are invited to take part in activities and refreshments.

SHOUT - Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-7 are invited to take part in activities and refreshments.

ClubBook - Friday, May 10 at 3:45 p.m. Teens, ages 13-18, are invited for an informal book discussion among fellow teens.

Special Programs

Loving Listeners With Rosie - Join us on Fridays - May 2 at 10:00 a.m. and May 17 at 1:00 p.m. as we read to Rosie, our friendly canine reading partner.

Derby Day - Join us on Saturday, May 4, 2:00 p.m. to watch the movie "Black Beauty," and celebrate the 139th Kentucky Derby Run for the Roses.

Parks and Recreation

For more information on any of the events listed, or to pre-register for a program, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.

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.

- Spring Invitational, through April 19. Works on paper by regional artists.
- Graphic Design Senior Projects, April 22 - 26. Works by Auburn University graphic design students.
- 15th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, May 6 - June 12. A competitive exhibition open to area artists

May 3...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer - Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on May 3 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.

May 11...Tiger Den - Youth in grades 6 - 9 are invited to Tiger Den, an evening of music, games, food, and fun, on Saturday, May 11 from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Frank Brown Recreation Center. Bring your friends and join the fun! The cost is \$5/person.

June 14...SummerNight Downtown Art Walk - Join the City of Auburn, Auburn Arts Association, and Downtown Auburn Merchants for SummerNight 2013 on Friday, June 14 from 6 - 9:30 p.m. in downtown Auburn. This FREE community event features live music and artwork from area artists on display throughout downtown. Area artists, downtown businesses, and restaurants are encouraged to participate. Applications are available online at www.auburnalabama.org/arts and are due by June 10. In case of rain, join us Saturday, June 15 from 6 - 9:30 p.m.

