

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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Plastics recycling returns, single-stream recycling begins Dec. 4

We are excited to announce the return of plastics recycling as we kick off single-stream recycling on Dec. 4!

Years of public input and planning and months of intensive work and preparation will culminate in the launch of Auburn's new single-stream recycling program, which will allow customers to place all recyclables in one 95-gallon cart.

The 5,600 residents making up the first phase of the program may begin placing carts at curbside for collection on their regular scheduled garbage collection day beginning the week of Dec. 4. All residents, whether they are part of the initial rollout phase of the program or not, may resume plastics recycling the same week.

Those not included in the first phase may recycle through the sorted curbside program for cans, paper and plastics. Bags will no longer be provided for curbside plastic recycling, but residents may sort plastics into bins, milk crates, boxes or other containers for pickup. Plastics will also be accepted at the Recycling Drop-Off Center at 365-A N. Donahue Drive.

Acceptable single-stream materials are:

- Aluminum cans
- Flattened cardboard
- All types of paper
- Plastic: #1-7, including plastic bottles and food containers; no plastic bags or toys
- Steel and tin cans

Glass, Styrofoam and other materials not listed above may not be recycled through the single-stream program since they contaminate the single-stream recycling sorting process. We will continue accepting glass at the Drop-Off Center.

The program will begin with 5,600 carts. Visit auburnalabama.org/garbage-and-recycling for a full list of areas that will be included in the initial rollout. Environmental Services has contacted all property owners who will be included in the first phase of the program.

If you live in an area included in the first phase but wish to opt out of the program, please call (334) 501-3080. The City will reassign carts for households that opt out and plans to expand single-stream recycling to all interested customers as quickly as funding allows.

The decision to switch to single-stream recycling was the result of resident input and an ongoing analysis of best recycling practices. Direct input from residents and data from the annual



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Citizen Survey revealed that residents did not want to sort their recycling. In 2017, the City applied for and received a \$288,000 grant to help implement single-stream recycling.

Because of its convenience, curbside recycling programs that transition to the single-stream method tend to see increases in participation at a faster rate than programs that do not use single-stream. One Alabama city that recently made the transition to single-stream carts realized an increase in participation of 26 percent and material recovery of roughly 40 percent.

The program will also lower the cost of recycling compared to our former source separation method. The larger, automated collection trucks used for single-stream require fewer employees to operate, increase worker safety and improve route efficiency. Single-stream recycling also decreases landfill disposal costs by decreasing household garbage.

Holiday recycling tips

Recycling your **Christmas tree** is as easy as placing it at the curb. The City of Auburn Environmental Services Department will collect and recycle Christmas trees during customers' weekly curbside collections.

Don't forget to **recycle the boxes** from your gifts this holiday season. Cardboard boxes and gift boxes are included in our curbside recycling program and may be recycled at the Recycling Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A N. Donahue Drive. Please break down all boxes before placing them for recycling.

Before frying or baking those hams and turkeys this season, pick up a free container from the Drop-Off Center to **recycle the used cooking oil** rather than pouring it down the drain.

Though it may seem harmless, letting grease and cooking oil run down the drain is the main cause of sewer back-ups. Instead, simply pour any used, cooled cooking oil into a leak-proof container and bring it to the Drop-off Center or place it by the curb for recycling. To schedule a free, curbside grease recycling pickup, call the Water Resource Management Department at (334) 501-3069.

Through this program, approximately 7,753 gallons of used cooking oil have been recycled since March 2009. Please help us keep Auburn's sewers clean by taking advantage of these programs to dispose of household cooking oil and grease in the proper manner.



Take a ride with the War Eagle Bike Share program

Have you noticed the "Free Bike Parking" signs popping up around downtown and at Auburn's parks? We're excited to bring you the War Eagle Bike Share (WEBS) program—now open to all in Auburn.

Auburn University introduced the bike share program last year for students. This summer, the City of Auburn partnered with Auburn University to expand the WEBS program to all Auburn citizens, promoting bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation.

Through this partnership, the City funded the purchase of 10 bikes, 12 bike racks for 11 new hub locations and nine repair stands. There are now 53 hubs spread through campus, downtown and at Auburn Parks and Recreation facilities.

The WEBS program is free to all users for the first two hours, and each additional hour is \$5. To reserve a bike, participants can sign up on Gotcha Bike's mobile application, online at app.socialbicycles.com or directly from the bike using its keypad. Once a ride is reserved, users simply enter a 4-digit PIN code to unlock the bike and begin their ride!

Users can travel anywhere with a WEBS bike but must return the bike to a designated hub location to avoid additional fees. Users will be charged a \$50 fee for locking the bike outside of the system area and a \$5 fee for locking the bike at a non-designated hub location. Find a map of designated hubs, available bikes and other details at au.gotchabike.com.

Did you know? The City of Auburn began a free Bicycle Loaner Program in 2009 that allows citizens and visitors to borrow a bicycle and helmet for up to two weeks. We also have a pedal assist bike, or e-bike, that is great for those new to cycling or considering commuting by bike. For more information about all bike share options in Auburn, visit auburnalabama.org/cycle/bike-share.

Free Holiday Parking

Parking will be free this holiday season from Monday, Dec. 18, 2017, through Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018. Parking can be found along downtown streets, on and surrounding the first floor of the Auburn Municipal Parking Deck and in the Gay Street Parking Lot.

Business License Renewals

Any business providing services or selling goods within the Auburn city limits is required to have a City of Auburn business license. City business licenses for 2017 expire on Dec. 31 and must be renewed by Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, to avoid late fees.

All current business license holders will receive renewal packets in late December. Any business that does not receive its renewal packet by Dec. 31 should contact the Revenue Office to verify its mailing address and request another packet.

The City Revenue Office is located in City Hall at 144 Tichenor Ave. Business hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except City holidays. For more information, contact the Revenue Office at (334) 501-7239 or revenue@auburnalabama.org.

Holiday schedule

City Hall will close on **Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26** and **Monday, Jan. 1**, for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. Public safety services, including Police, Fire and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules. Garbage pickup will be delayed as follows:

Weeks of Dec. 25-29 and Jan. 1-5

Normal Collection Day	Holiday Pickup Schedule
Monday	HOLIDAY
Tuesday	Monday's route
Wednesday	Tuesday's route
Thursday	Wednesday's route
Friday	Thursday's route



Jingle Jog 5k and Santa Stroll Fun Run set for Dec. 9

Join Active Auburn, the Downtown Merchants Association and the City of Auburn for the Jingle Jog 5k and Santa Stroll Fun Run on Saturday, Dec. 9, in downtown Auburn!

The fun run kicks off at 4 p.m., and the 5K race begins at 4:30 p.m. Both will start and end at Toomer's Corner.

Participants can expect to see hidden jingle bells and Santas of all shapes and sizes along the courses. All are encouraged to come in their best Christmas attire for Active Auburn's Best Dressed Runner/Walk Contest and the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest! Awards will be presented after the races.

Registration is open, and proceeds will benefit the addition of an inclusive playground at Town Creek Park. Attendees are also encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy that will be donated to Toys for Tots.

All participants who register by Thursday, Nov. 30, are guaranteed a race performance t-shirt. Only paying and registered participants will be eligible to receive a shirt.

Registration is \$20 for the fun run and \$25 for the 5K. Day-of registration will begin on Toomer's Corner at 3:15 p.m. and will be \$25 for the fun run and \$30 for the 5K.

The Santa Stroll Fun Run/Walk course is stroller friendly, and children 12 months old and under are free.

After the run, stay in downtown Auburn for the Downtown Holiday Celebration, featuring live music, holiday-themed activities and a special holiday surprise!

To learn more about the Active Auburn Jingle Jog 5k and Santa Stroll Fun Run/Walk, visit activeauburn.org.



Auburn librarian selected as Public Library Association Leadership Fellow

Ashley J. Brown, Engagement and Outreach Librarian for the Auburn Public Library, has been selected as a Public Library Association (PLA) Leadership Fellow.

Ashley is one of 28 librarians from across the United States who will participate in the December 2017 PLA Leadership Academy: Navigating Change · Building Community.

The PLA Leadership Academy is designed to help foster public librarians' skills as community leaders and agents of change. Participants will also learn how to work with civic leaders in addressing common community goals. Participant registration fees for this program have been waived with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

"Ashley has taken the Auburn Public Library's outreach efforts and programs to new heights," said Library Director Chris Warren. "Her selection is an honor that she deserves, and her participation will benefit both our library and our community."

Ashley earned her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Alabama and has worked for the Auburn Public Library since 2005. In addition to coordinating the Auburn Public Library's programs and outreach activities, Ashley serves as secretary of the American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Roundtable.

The PLA Leadership Academy is a joint initiative of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and Adam Goodman, director of the Center for Leadership at Northwestern University, with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. PLA is a division of the American Library Association with a core purpose of strengthening public libraries and their contribution to the communities they serve.

Auburn Public Library hosts holiday Cookie Swap on Dec. 16

'Tis the season to eat something sweet! Need a few new ideas for your holiday desserts? Join us for an afternoon of sharing treats and their recipes at the Auburn Public Library on Dec. 16 from 2-4 p.m.

Please bring three dozen of your favorite holiday treats and copies of the recipe to share. You may send your recipe ahead of time, and we will make copies for you. Send the recipe to libraryevents@auburnalabama.org with the subject line, "Cookie Swap Recipe." There will be coffee and hot chocolate. Registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, Dec. 13.

DECEMBER ^{up}COMING EVENTS

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

<p>City Meeting Schedule auburnalabama.org (334) 501-7260</p> <p>Auburn Public Library auburnalabama.org/library (334) 501-3198</p> <p>Parks and Recreation auburnalabama.org/parks (334) 501-2930</p>	 <p>City of Auburn</p>	<p>View our online edition of Open Line at auburnalabama.org/openline</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Tree Commission 11:30 a.m. Letters to Santa 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Polar Express 9 a.m., noon, 2:30 p.m.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Cemeteries Advisory Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>Daddy Daughter Date Night Tickets go on sale online 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p> <p>50+ Bingo & Lunch</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Auburn Public Library Studio 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Holiday Art Sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m.</p> <p>Jingle Jog, Santa Stroll/Fun Run 4-8 p.m.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board Noon</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Education 6 p.m.</p> <p>Journal Making Class 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Auburn Public Library Studio 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Cookie Swap 2-4 p.m.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Library Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p> <p>50+ Bingo & Lunch</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Auburn Public Library Studio 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4 p.m.</p> <p>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>31</p>	<p>25</p> <p>City Facilities Closed for Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>City Facilities Closed for Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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