

Open Line

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City of Auburn

Getting to know Auburn's new mayor, Ron Anders, Jr.



Ron Anders, Jr. was elected in October to serve as Auburn's new mayor, stepping into the position held for 20 years by former Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. After six years on the Auburn City Council and years of service to the community, Mayor Anders was sworn into office in early November.

Anders was first appointed to the Auburn City Council to fill an unexpired term for the Ward 2 councilperson in November 2012. He finished out the term and was re-elected in 2014 to serve another four years. At that time, Anders was selected as mayor pro tem of the council and filled in for former Mayor Ham when needed.

For the last three years, Anders has served as the director of special projects for Tailgate Guys' Auburn Crew. Previously, he worked as the business development director for Rabren General Contractors and was the owner and CEO of Anders Bookstore in Auburn for 20 years.

A lifelong resident of Auburn, Anders has been a longtime active member of the community. He has served as past chair, past president, past director and past board member for a number of civic, community, recreation and charitable organizations. He currently serves as the director and president of several recreational organizations.

Anders is a 1982 graduate of Auburn High School and a 1986 graduate of Auburn University. He lives in Auburn with his wife, Becky, with whom he has three children, Joshua, Patrick and Camille. You can reach Anders at randers@auburnalabama.org or (334) 703-9000.

New council begins four-year term, sets meeting procedures

With approximately 22 hours of orientation sessions under their belt, members of the 2018-2022 Auburn City Council have stepped into their role as representatives of Auburn residents and policy makers for the City of Auburn.

The new council was sworn into office on Nov. 5 and subsequently held a meeting to elect a mayor pro tem, who steps in to assist the Mayor with scheduling and other duties when the need arises. Ward 3 Councilperson Beth Witten was selected to serve as the 2018-2022 mayor pro tem.

New task forces

During the first meeting of the new council, Mayor Ron Anders announced the formation of four task forces to tackle emerging issues. Two council members were appointed to each task force, including:

- **Boards and Commissions Task Force** led by Ward 2 Councilperson Kelley Griswold and Ward 3 Councilperson Beth Witten. This task force will evaluate the application process for the City's 22 boards and commissions. Information about the application process can be found at auburnalabama.org/boards. Any changes to the application process will be represented here as they are approved by the council.
- **Diversity Task Force** led by Ward 1 Councilperson Connie Taylor and Ward 5 Councilperson Steven Dixon. Taylor and Dixon will focus on recommendations to the whole

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council that ensure the views and concerns of all facets of the Auburn community are considered.

- **Short-Term Rentals Task Force** led by Ward 4 Councilperson Brett Smith and Ward 6 Councilperson Bob Parsons. As short-term rentals become more popular and prevalent in Auburn, this task force will work with citizens and City staff to move forward with creating regulations for short-term rentals in City limits, which will be recommended to the whole council at a future date
- **Student Housing Task Force** led by Ward 7 Councilperson Jay Hovey and Ward 8 Councilperson Tommy Dawson. Hovey and Dawson will work with various community leaders and City staff to understand and evaluate student housing needs in Auburn.

Task force meetings will be advertised so that the public may attend to listen to the discussion. Please visit auburnalabama.org/meeting-schedule for a calendar of currently scheduled public meetings.

The council also approved some changes to the order of business for City Council meetings to help improve efficiency during meetings and create more avenues for citizens to address the council. The following changes began at the council's Nov. 20 meeting:

Many chances for citizen input

Previously, there were only two chances for citizens to address the council: Citizens' Communications and public hearings. Now, the public will have three opportunities to address the council: two designated citizen communications times and public hearings required for certain agenda items.

The first opportunity, Citizens' Communications on Agenda Items, will be held near the beginning of the meeting. Anyone may address the council for five minutes during this time about items on the current agenda, only.

The second opportunity, Citizens' Open Forum, will be held at the end of the meeting. At this time, the public may address the council for three minutes about any topic.

The third opportunity, public hearings, will continue to be scheduled for items as required. There is no limit to how long a citizen can speak to the item during a public hearing.

Introduction of a consent agenda

Another change includes the consideration of a consent agenda, which will save time by allowing a group of

routine and non-controversial items to be approved with a single motion.

Consent agenda items may include previous meeting minutes, alcoholic beverage license requests, board appointments, contracts and agreements and right-of-way and easement dedications. Ordinances or agenda items that require a public hearing will not be included on the consent agenda. The council may remove any item from the consent agenda if it wishes to discuss an item further or vote on an item separate from the consent agenda.

More details can be found in the rules and procedures ordinance and the resolution establishing procedures for citizens' communications and public hearings in the Nov. 5 council meeting ePacket at auburnalabama.org/agenda.

Single-stream recycling carts on their way

Those without single-stream recycling carts who chose to participate in the program will receive carts throughout the remainder of the year. Environmental Services began distributing carts the last weekend of November and will continue distributing them on Fridays and Saturdays throughout December. All carts will be distributed by January 2019. Once all carts are out, the City will no longer provide source-separated recycling—only single-stream recycling will be available for pickup.

Plastics #1-7, aluminum and steel cans, newspaper, cardboard, magazines and mixed paper are accepted in the single-stream program. Remember, the Recycling Drop-Off Center is available 24/7 at 365-A N. Donahue Drive for those who are ineligible for single-stream recycling and for items not accepted in single-stream like batteries (transistor up to size D), cell phones, cooking grease/oil and glass.



Board Vacancies

Two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Adjustment will be announced at the Dec.

4 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Jan. 8, 2019, meeting.

Visit auburnalabama.org/boards for more information about volunteering for one of our boards and commissions.



January holidays schedule

City Hall and most City facilities will close on Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 21, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules.

The Auburn Public Library's book drops will remain open, and the online collection of ebooks, e-audiobooks, and digital magazines are available 24/7.

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Jan. 1 and 21 with the exception of the Yarbrough Tennis Center, which will be closed on Jan. 1 and open for regular hours on Jan. 21.

Lost Treasures of Alabama

Join us at the Auburn Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. to celebrate Alabama's Bicentennial Year—2019—with interactive presentations about the Lost Treasures of Alabama by Jim Phillips. With a focus on the developmental days of Alabama becoming a state, Jim Phillips will share bottles and coins from early Alabama as well as compare and contrast early dirt farmers and wealthy plantation owners.

Jim Phillips owned and operated a video production company producing videos after obtaining his education from the University of Alabama and San Diego State. He has given talks all over the South including Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee.

7th Annual Polar Plunge

Sign up to freeze for a good reason! The 7th Annual Polar Plunge benefitting the Lee County Special Olympics will take place at Samford Pool on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 9 a.m. Individual and group costumes are encouraged! Participants can register the day of the plunge or at auburnalabama.org/parks. For more information, contact Ryan Molt at rmolt@auburnalabama.org.



2019 Holiday garbage, trash and recycling collection schedule

The New Year brings a new garbage, trash and recycling pickup schedule! Keep up with this list to refer back to throughout the year and avoid missing your garbage pickup day.

January - New Year's Day Holiday

Monday, December 31	Monday's route
Tuesday, January 1	HOLIDAY
Wednesday, January 2	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 3	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 4	Thursday's route

January - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 21	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, January 22	Monday's route
Wednesday, January 23	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 24	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 25	Thursday's route

May - Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 27	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, May 28	Monday's route
Wednesday, May 29	Tuesday's route
Thursday, May 30	Wednesday's route
Friday, May 31	Thursday's route

July - Independence Day Holiday

Monday, July 1	Monday's route
Tuesday, July 2	Tuesday's route
Wednesday, July 3	Wednesday's route
Thursday, July 4	HOLIDAY
Friday, July 5	Thursday's route

September - Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 2	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, September 3	Monday's route
Wednesday, September 4	Tuesday's route
Thursday, September 5	Wednesday's route
Friday, September 6	Thursday's route

November - Veterans Day

Monday, November 11	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, November 12	Monday's route
Wednesday, November 13	Tuesday's route
Thursday, November 14	Wednesday's route
Friday, November 15	Thursday's route

November - Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 25	Monday's route
Tuesday, November 26	Tuesday's route
Wednesday, November 27	Wednesday's route
Thursday, November 28	HOLIDAY
Friday, November 29	Thursday's route

December - Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 23	Monday's route
Tuesday, December 24	Tuesday's route
Wednesday, December 25	HOLIDAY
Thursday, December 26	Wednesday's route
Friday, December 27	Thursday's route

January 2019 - New Year's Day

Monday, December 30	Monday's route
Tuesday, December 31	Tuesday's route
Wednesday, January 1	HOLIDAY
Thursday, January 2	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 3	Thursday's route

JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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<p>Auburn Public Library auburnalbama.org/Auburn (334) 501-3198</p> <p>City Meeting Schedule auburnalbama.org (334) 501-7260</p> <p>Parks and Recreation aubsports@auburnalbama.org (334) 501-7230</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 11:55 a.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board noon</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 3 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Education 6 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p> <p>Online spring Youth Sports registration begins</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Applications available for summer Aquatics positions</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Time Commission 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>STEM Storytime 10am</p>	<p>5</p> <p>STEM Storytime 10am</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Greentech Bug Class 3pm</p> <p>Planning Commission Committee Advisory Packets Meeting noon Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 11:55 a.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board noon</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 3 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Education 6 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p> <p>Online spring Youth Sports registration begins</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Jim Phillips Alabama History Talk 4-5 p.m.</p> <p>Library Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>STEM Storytime 10am</p> <p>First Fest 7-5 pm. @ Frank Shown Rec Center</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Jim Phillips Alabama History Talk 4-5 p.m.</p> <p>Library Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Puppet Shows 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>STEM Storytime 10am</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Monthly Market 4:30 p.m. @ Harris Center</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p> <p>Scale Back Alabama-Lee County Weigh-In Week</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Scale Back Alabama-Lee County Weigh-In Week</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Online spring Youth Sports registration ends</p> <p>Scale Back Alabama-Lee County Weigh-In Week</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Scale Back Alabama-Lee County Weigh-In Week</p> <p>7th Annual Polar Plunge 9 a.m. @ Sanford Pool</p> <p>STEM Storytime 10am</p> <p>Scale Back Alabama-Lee County Weigh-In Week</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Scale Back Alabama-Lee County Weigh-In Week</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Adult Soccer registration begins @ Harris Center</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Blue Committee 7 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4-6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>View our online edition of Open Line at auburnalbama.org/openline</p>

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