

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens  
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## Auburn CityFest 2002 on April 27

Auburn CityFest 2002, Auburn's largest outdoor festival, will be held at Kiesel Park on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This free community event presented by Cingular Wireless will give citizens the opportunity to enjoy a free, fun-filled day in the park with family and friends. Auburn CityFest 2002 will offer a full day of live musical entertainment in the Cellular



One Entertainment Pavilion, a whimsical Children's Imagination Station sponsored by Cingular Wireless, delicious food, interactive activities for children and adults, and a showcase of non-profit organizations. In addition, this year's artist marketplace will feature a wide variety of vendors including fine art, folk art, woodworking, stained glass, handcrafted wind chimes, and unique outdoor furniture.

The Cingular Wireless Children's Imagination Station will offer many activities for kids of all ages to enjoy including a 22 ft. giant inflatable slide, giant sea of balls, monster moonwalk, and several large

inflatable games. An interactive storyteller, sponsored by Colonial Mall, will delight children with his exciting stories.

This year, first through fifth grade children enrolled in Auburn City Schools, Lee Scott Academy, and the Boys and Girls Club will participate in the Auburn CityFest 2002 Children's Art Contest sponsored by SunCom. The children will work together with their classmates to create a mural that encompasses the theme "Spring Time in the Park" to be displayed at the festival.

The Cellular One Entertainment Pavilion will showcase musical entertainment throughout the day. Entertainment acts include Koostico, Spoonful James, None the Weiser, Coleman Woodson, Lynam, Sweet River Baines, Idella Soul, Auburn



University Cheerleaders, Make Your Move Dance Studio, and Nix Dance Studio.

The Alabama Army National Guard will bring a rock-climbing wall, patriot missile, and land a Black-Hawk helicopter at the event. Attendees will have the opportunity again this year to enjoy a tour of the historic Nunn-Winston House sponsored by Alabama Power.

For additional information on Auburn CityFest 2002, please contact Julie Wall at 887-4930 or Alison Hall at 887-4938. You can also visit the Auburn CityFest web site at [www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest](http://www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest).





## Helping Hands: Lending a Hand to Neighbors in Need

The Auburn Housing Assistance Network and Helping Hands are based in the Economic Development Department and are committed to improving the community's housing stock. The Housing Assistance Network serves as a clearinghouse for various organizations that provide services to Auburn's residents needing housing or social assistance.

Helping Hands is the volunteer component of the Auburn Housing Assistance Network that works to provide assistance to those in need. Helping Hands gives individuals a chance to use their skills to help low-to-moderate income families, handicapped, and elderly homeowners with minor household repairs and landscaping.

### How to Become a Recipient of the Housing Assistance Network and Helping Hands:

1. Make a list of the minor repairs that are needed for your house.
2. Call the Economic Development Department at 501-7280, and the staff will attempt to match you with a volunteer group that is available to assist in completing the repairs.

### How to Become a Helping Hands Volunteer:

1. Decide what type of services you or your group would be interested in providing, such as exterior or interior painting, roof repair, landscaping, and/or building a handicapped ramp.
2. Decide when your organization is available to volunteer.
3. Determine the tools and equipment that your group has on hand to use for projects.
4. Provide the estimated number of people in your group that is expected to participate.

## New Four-Way Stop on East University Drive



The City Council recently approved the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of East University Drive and South Donahue Drive. The recommendation was made due to an increase in traffic in the past several months and a rise in the number of traffic accidents at the intersection. Some of the traffic increase is attributed to the opening of the Wal-Mart Super Center.

Based on the traffic data, a traffic signal is not warranted at this time based on the criteria of The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. However, the City will continue to monitor the intersection.

The public should expect STOP AHEAD signs to be posted a few weeks in advance of the installation of the four-way stop and the presence of Police at the intersection. For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at 501-3000.



*Volunteers can assist those in need through the Helping Hands program.*

5. Call the Economic Development Department at 501-7280, and your organization will be matched with the appropriate project(s). The Helping Hands coordinator will assist the group in securing the necessary funding and/or donations for the work.

## Wallet-Sized Business Licenses

The Finance Department's Revenue Office is offering a new service for Auburn business licensees. Business owners and managers who would like to have a laminated, wallet-sized copy of their business licenses may request one from the Revenue Office. The cost per copy is \$1.00. This conveniently sized copy of the current business license may be useful for businesses whose employees make deliveries or sales calls and for employees who provide services at their customer's site. For more information or to order one of these licenses, contact the Finance Department at 501-7220.

## New Police Non-Emergency Number

Call 911 for emergencies only.  
For police non-emergency calls,  
the new number is 501-3100.

# Arts and Culture Funding

At the March 5 City Council meeting, State Representative Mike Hubbard presented the City of Auburn with an \$8,500 grant to fund the third annual *Adventures in Art* program at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

*Adventures in Art*, an arts education program, offers Auburn elementary school children a unique art educational experience featuring a hands-on visual arts project and other exciting activities. Last year, more than 1,100 third through fifth grade students from all five Auburn elementary schools attended the program.

"We appreciate the ongoing efforts of Representative Hubbard to secure funding for the *Adventures in Art* program for a third year. We have received overwhelming response from the children and teachers, and are so pleased to be able to continue the program," said Mayor Bill Ham.

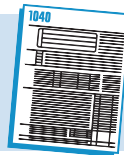
Citizens interested in volunteering with the Spring 2002 *Adventures in Art* program should contact Alison Hall at 887-4938.



Rep. Mike Hubbard, shown with Cultural Arts Director Alison Hall and Mayor Bill Ham, presents the City with an "Adventures in Art" grant

## Need Income Tax Forms?

State and federal income tax forms are available in the Auburn Public Library at 749 East Thach Avenue as long as supplies last.



## Memorial Day Breakfast Tickets on Sale Now



The Fourth Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast will be held Monday, May 27 at 8:00 a.m. at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center. NASA Astronaut Col. James S. Voss, U.S. Army (ret.) will be the honored guest at this year's event and will be awarded the City of Auburn's Distinguished Veteran's Award. At 10:00 a.m., immediately following the breakfast, there will be a memorial wreath laying ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Monument.

The Memorial Day Breakfast Committee members include Hal Moore, Jim Foy, Norm Caldwell, Andy Lamar, Gussie Calhoun, Jay Crowder, and Doug Sams. The Chair of the Committee is Dick Phelan.

Tickets are now available for this event at City Hall or from a Committee member for \$20 each. All proceeds will go to the Veteran's Memorial Fund. For additional information, call 501-7270.

## Free Booster Seat Program Continues

In cooperation with the Alabama Safe Kids Coalition and the Ford Motor Company's national safety program, the City will continue its free booster seat program open to Auburn residents who qualify based on income. A belt-positioning booster seat raises a child so that a vehicle's seat belt fits properly across the shoulder and lap.

Booster seats are for children who weigh at least 40 pounds (most often ages four to eight). To apply for a free booster seat contact Carol Ebert at 501-7280.

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America!



## Parking Meter Monitoring

Parking meters are patrolled Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Parking meters are not enforced on the following days:

- January 1
- July 4
- Thanksgiving Day
- Graduation Day of each semester at Auburn University through the day prior to the first day of classes for the following semester.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### Cemeteries Advisory Board

- April 1, 4:00 p.m.,  
Dean Road Recreation Center.

### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

- April 1, 6:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center.

**City Council** - April 2, 7:30 p.m., City Hall Annex.

### Board of Zoning Adjustment

- April 3, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Annex.

**Tree Commission** - April 4, 4:00 p.m., City Hall Annex.

**Water Works Board** - April 8, 4:00 p.m., Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 N. Donahue Drive.

### Greenspace Advisory Board

- April 9, 11:30 a.m., Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

### Historic Preservation Commission

- April 9, 3:00 p.m., Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

**Board of Education** - April 9, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room.

### Planning Commission

- April 11, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Annex.

**City Council** - April 16, 7:30 p.m., City Hall Annex.

### Board of Zoning Adjustment

- May 1, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Annex.

**Tree Commission** - May 2, 4:00 p.m., City Hall Annex.

### Cemeteries Advisory Board

- May 6, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center.

### Park & Recreation Advisory Board

- May 6, 6:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center.

**City Council** - May 7, 7:30 p.m., City Hall Annex.

### Planning Commission

- May 9, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Annex.

*Special Note: During renovation to the Council Chambers, several regularly scheduled meetings will be held in the City Hall Annex located on Tichenor Avenue next to City Hall.*

*-Meeting times and places are subject to change-*



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# up COMING EVENTS

**Salmagundi**, offered to children in grades K-5th will meet on Wednesday, April 3 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Services



area at the Auburn Public Library. The theme will be "flowers." "May Day" will be the theme of the May 1st meeting. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.



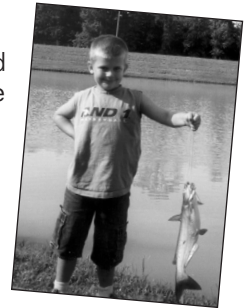
The **Young Adult Coffeehouse** will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the Youth Services area at the Auburn Public Library. The April 4 Coffeehouse will be a "Poetry Slam." Dave Potts will be playing the guitar at the Coffeehouse on May 2. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

The **Annual Fishing Rodeo** for ages 12 and under accompanied by parents will be held on April 6 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Auburn Technology Park Lake. Tickets are \$7 per child. For more information, please call Donna Forbus at 887-4930.

The **Auburn Community Orchestra** will perform on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Opelika Center for Performing Arts. Admission is free.



For additional information, contact Conductor Howard Goldstein at 844-3167.



A **Poetry Reading** will be held at the Auburn Public Library on April 19 from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. All ages are invited to attend this free event.

The **4th Annual Juried Art Exhibition** will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center until April 26. Admission is free.



This year's **Bike Bash** will be held at Ogletree Elementary School on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Join Auburn bicyclists in participating in one of several organized bike routes of various distances, demonstrations, information booths, and live music. T-shirts will be given to all registered participants. The registration fee in advance and on the day of the event is \$12 per bike participant.

Family rates are available. All other activities are free to the public. For more information, call Dee Watson at 887-4930.

The **Student Art Exhibition 2002** will be open to public viewing during April 29-May 12. This exhibition will display works by the Auburn High School advanced art students.



The **Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast** will be held on Monday, May 27 at 8:00 a.m. at the Auburn University

Hotel and Dixon Conference Center. Tickets are available from Veterans Committee Members and at Auburn City Hall for \$20.00 each. Tables can be sponsored for \$200 per table (ten tickets). All proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Fund. Call 501-7270 for more information.

## 2002 Municipal Election Dates

Voters Apply for Absentee Ballot .....	June 3 – August 22
Voters Cast Absentee Ballots.....	July 17 – August 27
Candidates May Qualify.....	July 5 – 16
Last Day to Register to Vote.....	August 16
Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots.....	August 22
<b>Election Day.....</b>	<b>August 27</b>
Run-off Election Day (if required) .....	September 17