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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens
August 2002

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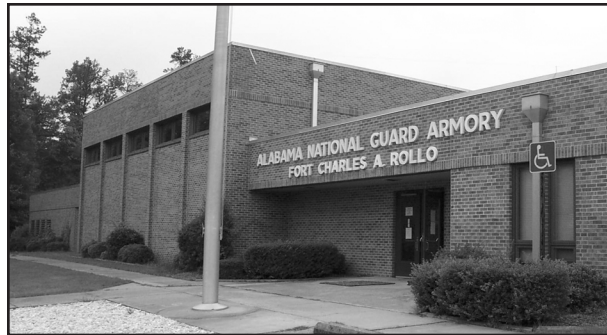
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Municipal Election on August 27

The City of Auburn's General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, August 27. The polls will be open between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Voters will elect seven Council members in all four voting wards. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the race, a runoff election will be held on Tuesday, September 17.

Any registered and qualified voter unable to vote at the polls on election day may apply for an absentee ballot if any of the following criteria are met: (1) the voter will be out of the county or the state on election day; (2) the voter has a physical illness, infirmity, or handicap that prevents his or her attendance at the polls, whether he or she is in or out of the



The National Guard Armory is the new voting location for residents of Ward 1, Place 2.

county on the day of the election; (3) the voter works on a shift which has at least 10 hours which coincide with the hours the polls are open at his or her regular polling place; (4) the voter is enrolled as a student at an educational institution located outside the county of his or her residence; (5) the voter is a member of or spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States in which case the voter may apply under the provision of "The Federal Voting Assistance Act;" or (6) the

voter has been appointed as an election officer or named as a poll watcher at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place.

The City is accepting applications for absentee ballots through August 22. Applications for absentee ballots must be made in writing to the City Manager, either in person or mailed to 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn, Alabama 36830. The application form must be signed by the applicant.

If he or she signs by a mark, the name and signature of the witness to his or her signature must appear on the face of the form. The application, which can be obtained from City Hall, must state the applicant's name, residence address, other information necessary to verify the applicant as a registered voter, and the address to which the ballot should be mailed. Applications for absentee ballots need not be in any particular form, but must



Best Western University Convention Center will be the voting location for residents of Ward 4.

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contain the information listed above. The ballots will be mailed to those persons who have made a proper application as soon as absentee ballots are printed. The completed ballots may be filed with the City Manager up to and including Election Day, August 27.

The candidates for City Council are as follows:

- Ward 1, Place 1: Arthur L. Dowdell, Sr.
Verlinda J. White
- Ward 1, Place 2: Sheila Eckman
Tracie West
- Ward 2, Place 1: Sherry Faust
Roberta Jackel
- Ward 3, Place 1: K. Ted Wilson
David Martin
- Ward 3, Place 2: Robin Kelley
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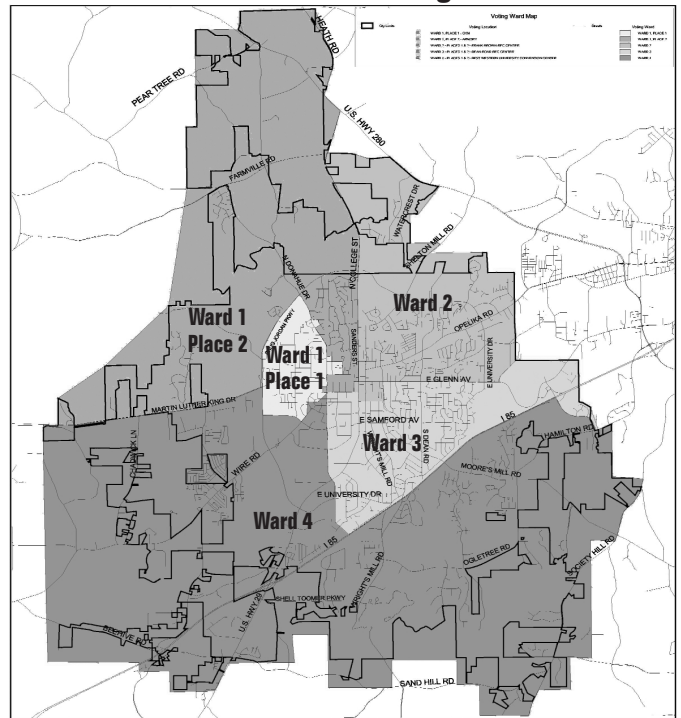
Mayor Bill Ham and Councilman Logan Gray did not have opposition. The City Council will declare them the winners at the first City Council meeting in August.

The designated polling places for voters that reside within the City limits of Auburn are as follows:

- Ward 1, Place 1 - Boykin Community Center Gym
Boykin Street/Mary Brooks Drive
- Ward 1, Place 2 - National Guard Armory
1455 Shug Jordan Parkway
- Ward 2 - Frank Brown Recreation Center
235 Opelika Road
- Ward 3 - Dean Road Recreation Center
307 South Dean Road
- Ward 4 - Best Western
University Convention Center
1577 South College Street

If you have a question about your polling place, please call Deputy City Clerk Earline Cobb at 501-7263.

2002 Election Voting Wards



Ward maps are available in the Auburn Public Library, City Hall, and on the City's website.



The eagerly anticipated parking area for the Shell Toomer Bike Trail has recently been completed by the State. The gravel parking area is located at the corner of Wright's Mill Road and Shell Toomer Parkway. Citizens may enter the parking area off Shell Toomer Parkway. This is a welcome addition to this heavily used recreational amenity.

Looking for a Job?

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. Some of the current job openings include:

- **Civil Engineer (Regular/Full-time, \$2,943.94-3,412.83/Month)**
- **GIS Coordinator (Regular/Full-time, \$3,238.33-3,754.11/Month)**

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, contact the Alabama State Employment Office, or call the City's job line at 501-7250. The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer.



2002 MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES

- Voters Apply for Absentee Ballot June 3 – August 22
- Voters Cast Absentee Ballots July 17 – August 27
- Last Day to Register to Vote August 16
- Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots August 22
- Election Day August 27**
- Run-off Election Day (if required) September 17



TPI Comes to Auburn

Touchstone Precision, Inc. (TPI), an affiliate company of Dai-Ichi Seiko Co., Ltd, recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at its new facility in the Auburn Technology Park South.

TPI is the first Japanese company to locate in Auburn and will manufacture precision-injection molding for the automotive industry. This facility represents an investment of more than \$10 million and the creation of about 50 jobs when fully operational.

TPI became the newest affiliate of Dai-Ichi Seiko Co., Ltd. in December 2000. Since its establishment in Kyoto, Japan in 1963, Dai-Ichi Seiko has established 14 plants in Southeast Asia and North America, and has been a leading manufacturer in the precision injection molding industry.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. welcomed the President of the Company from Japan and made comments. Mr. Hideki Konishi, President of Dai-Ichi Seiko Co., Ltd., responded and presented a gift of a Japanese doll to the City.

"Touchstone Precision, Inc. is another example of the City of Auburn's commitment to recruit high-technology companies," Mayor Ham said.

"It has been our wish to have a plant in the U.S. to grow as a company in the most advanced and competitive market in the world," Mr. Konishi said. "Although we are still a small organization, we will make every effort to contribute further to the development of the City of Auburn and the State of Alabama."

For additional information on Touchstone Precision, Inc., contact Gary Meadows, Cost Account Manager, at 887-6688.



Mayor Ham greets Dai-Ichi Seiko President Hideki Konishi.

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Auburn Skate Park Now Open

The Auburn Skate Park, a 6,000 square foot facility located near Frank Brown Recreation Center, is now open. The park offers many amenities for skaters and bikers to enjoy. It includes a five-foot mini half pipe, two quarter pipes, a pump hump, a spine, and rails. Participants wearing roller blades, inline skates, or riding BMX bikes or skateboards are encouraged to use the facility. Helmets are required to participate and failure to wear a helmet will result in removal from the park.

The park was created using materials from Skatewave, a manufacturer of skate park components in Delano, Minnesota. The materials are made of steel construction and are mobile so the park can be reconfigured.

Becky Richardson, Director of Auburn Parks and Recreation, and Susie Thomas, Chairman of the Auburn Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, began researching skate parks in 2001. They visited several surrounding cities with skate parks and met with several skate park developers. Phil Dunlap, Auburn Parks and Recreation Special Programs Director, chaired a design committee composed of skaters from middle school to college age and a local skate shop owner. "This park is an excellent addition to our community and I am proud to have played a role in its development," said Phil Dunlap.

"Auburn Skate Park has been well received. The skaters and bikers seem to be really enjoying themselves, and we are pleased with the response," said Parks and Recreation Director Becky Richardson.

Auburn Skate Park opens at sunrise and closes at sunset. Restroom facilities are available at Frank Brown Recreation Center.



MEETING SCHEDULE

Cemetery Advisory Board - August 5, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - August 5, 6:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - August 6, 7:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - August 7, 4:30 PM, Development Service Building (Planning Conference Room).

Tree Commission - August 8, 4:00 PM, City Hall Annex.

Planning Commission - August 8, 5:00 PM, City Hall Annex.

Water Works Board - August 12, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 N. Donahue Drive.

Historic Preservation Commission - August 13, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - August 13, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

City Council - August 20, 7:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

City Council - September 3, 7:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - September 4, 4:30 PM, Development Service Building (Planning Conference Room).

Tree Commission - September 5, 4:00 PM, 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-

Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** will be announced at the August 20th City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 17 City Council meeting.

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

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up COMING EVENTS



Toddler Time for ages 18 months to 3 years meets in the Youth Services area on Thurs-



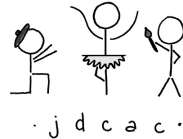
day mornings from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. Preschool **Storytime** is for ages 3-5 and is held Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The themes for each week are as follows: August 5 – no storytimes; August 12 – Bugs; August 19 – In the Country; August 26 – In the City.

Auburn Works on Paper II featuring prints from the Auburn Arts Association collection will be on display in the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Gallery until August 17. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Admission is free.

ASA (Amateur Softball Association) Women's C Fast Pitch & Major Slow Pitch National Championships will be held August 9 – 11. Teams from all across the United States will travel to Auburn to participate in this national tournament. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For additional information, contact the Auburn Softball Complex at 887-4927.

A **City Council Candidate Debate** will either be held at the City Council Chambers on Ross Street if renovations are complete, or at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. on August 22. For more information, contact Ruth Wright with the League of Women Voters at 821-8617.

ISA (Independent Softball Association) Men's C World Championship will be held August 23-25 at the Auburn Softball Complex. Teams from across the country will participate in this national softball tournament. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For additional information, contact the Auburn Softball Complex at 887-4927.



Auditions for AppleBell's Fall Production will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on August 23 at 7:00 p.m. and August 24 at 2:00 p.m. Call-backs will be held on August 25 at 2:00 p.m. Auditions are for actors, backstage workers, set builders, set/sound/light/costume designers, a stage manager, and anyone who wants to be involved.

Auditions for The Nutcracker will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on August 24 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. The performance dates are December 6, 7, and 8. For ballet participants, rehearsals will be held every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, unless otherwise notified. All children age 10 and up are invited to audition. For more information, call the Auburn Arts Association at 887-2832 or Cindy Davino at 887-5717.



New Works II featuring recent works by regional artists will be on display in the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Gallery during August 26 - September 28. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Admission is free.



Note: There will be no **Salmagundi** or **Young Adult Coffeehouse** programs at the Auburn Public Library in August.



Free Booster Seat Program Continues

In cooperation with the Alabama Safe Kids Coalition and the Ford Motor Company's national safety program, free booster seats will continue to be given away to Auburn residents who qualify based on residency and 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) who are too big to fit in a standard child safety seat and are too small to use properly an adult safety belt. To apply for a free booster seat through this program, contact Carol Ebert at 501-7280.

