

Open Line

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City of Auburn



Bike Bash to be Held March 20

The City of Auburn, in conjunction with the Auburn Bicycle Committee and a number of sponsors, is proud to host Bike Bash 2004. Bike Bash is an event to encourage biking activities, endorse bicycle safety, promote the health benefits of biking, and emphasize local bike-friendly trails and areas.

This year's location is Auburn Junior High School, located on Samford Avenue. Organized ride routes range from three miles to seventeen miles. Three different routes have been designed to accommodate the varying experience and ability of the riders. A three-mile route is intended for younger or more inexperienced riders. The other two routes, 10 miles and 17 miles, are designed for more experienced riders. The longer routes feature Auburn's newest bike lanes on Wright's Mill Road and the Charlotte and Curtis Ward Bike Path, as well as routes in the Whippoorwill and Grove Hill subdivisions.

The Bike Bash will include demonstrations, informational booths, and live music as a part of the Bike Expo. KOOSTICO will perform again this year to entertain participants with its upbeat, acoustical sound. As a part of the Expo, riders are encouraged to get assistance with helmet fittings and bike inspections from qualified directors prior to the ride. Door prizes will be given away, courtesy of the Bike Bash sponsors. All proceeds from the 2004 Bike Bash benefit future Auburn Bicycle Safety programs.

This year the registration form is available on-line at www.auburnalabama.org/cycle. This form can be printed, completed, and mailed. Participants can also register by stopping by Dean Road Recreation Center. Adult registration is \$10.00 (ages 13 and older) and child registration is \$7.50 (ages 12 and under); this year we also have a family rate of \$20.00. Pre-registration includes the Bike Bash 2004 T-shirt. Registration will also be taken the day of the event. Don't miss your chance to pull your bicycles out of storage, pump up the tires, grab your helmet, and jump in the saddle to ride!

When: Saturday, March 20, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
(Registration 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.)
Location: Auburn Junior High School
Fee: Adults - \$10.00; Children - \$7.50;
Family rate - \$20.00
Payable to Auburn Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board

For more information, visit the City of Auburn web site or contact Dee Watson in the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4931.



Citizen Survey 2004

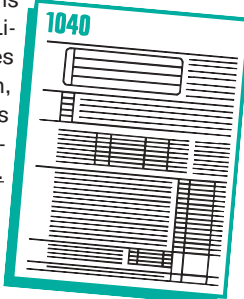
The City of Auburn is preparing to conduct its annual Citizen Survey during the month of March. Citizens are selected to participate on a random basis. The survey should only take 15 –20 minutes to complete. If you are contacted, your participation will be greatly appreciated.

The Citizen Survey has been a valuable tool in monitoring the quality of City services, helping establish budget priorities, and in making policy decisions. Survey results will be covered in a future issue of *Open Line*, available at City Hall, and posted on the City's website. The continued success of the services that the City of Auburn provides is directly related to meeting the needs of our citizens. Your voice is important. For more information about the Citizen Survey, please call the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260.



Need Income Tax Forms and Information?

State and Federal income tax forms are available at the Auburn Public Library and City Hall as long as supplies last. Federal tax forms, information, and frequently asked tax questions are also available on the Internal Revenue Service website at www.irs.gov. For information about the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit and locations of free local tax preparation services, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/taxhelp.



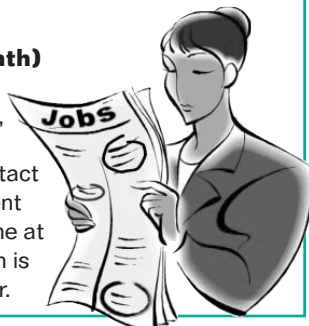
Looking for a Job?

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

Administrative Secretary
(\$1,939.27-2,248.15/month)

Revenue Accountant
(\$2,839.29-3,291.52/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.



Make a home escape plan today. Have at least two exits from every room and a set place to meet outside. Conduct your fire exit drill at least twice each year.

Meeting Schedule

Cemetery Advisory Board - March 1, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - March 2, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - March 2, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - March 3, 4:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - March 3, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board - March 8, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

Greenspace Advisory Board - March 9, 11:30 AM, City Hall Annex.

Historic Preservation Commission - March 9, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - March 9, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

Planning Commission - March 11, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

City Council - March 16, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Library Board - March 25, 1:15 PM, Auburn Public Library Board Room.

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

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - April 6, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - April 6, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - April 7, 4:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - April 7, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Planning Commission - April 8, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Mini Soccer Camps

The mini soccer camp program will provide instruction on the technical and tactical fundamentals of soccer in four separate mini camps. The mini soccer camp staff will include a variety of coaches with playing and coaching backgrounds at the high school and college levels. Each age group will train separately with a licensed ASA Staff Coach.



**Friday, March 5,
5:00-7:30 p.m.**

Pre Season Mini Camp (ages 5-16)
Goalkeeper Mini Camp (ages 8-15)

Friday, April 16, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
April Mini Camp (ages 5-16)

Friday, May 14, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
May Mini Camp (ages 5-16)



All camps will be held at the new Soccer Complex located at 2340 Wire Road. Register at the Dean Road Recreation Center, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Enrollment is limited. The fee for each session is \$10. For more information, contact Louis Richard at 887-4930.

Ms. Senior Auburn

On January 14, Ms. Neda G. Hill was named Ms. Senior Auburn 2004 in a ceremony sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Auburn Tree Commission, and Monarch Estates. Mayor Pro Tem Ted Wilson presented her with a trophy.

Ms. Hill will represent Auburn in the Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant to be held in Birmingham on March 20, 2004. The winner of the State pageant will then compete in the Ms. Senior America Pageant in the fall. The winner of the State competition will win a scholarship to be given to a qualifying high school senior in her area.

Ms. Hill and her husband, Carl, have one son and one grandson who she cares for after school. She is a member of the Federated Women's Club, and secretary of the Auburn Woman's Club. She volunteers to teach English to international students and serves her church whenever she is needed. When not serving her community, she enjoys creative writing, camping, traveling, and reading.

"During all of life, do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God," Hill said. "In the golden years, don't give up 'till the hearse comes round."

For more information regarding the Ms. Senior Auburn 2004 pageant, contact Community Programs Director Alison Hall at 887-4930, ext. 30.



New Soccer Complex Dedication on March 20

The dedication ceremony for the Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road will be held on Saturday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. The new complex will be used for the spring soccer season and the dedication ceremony is scheduled for the first Saturday of play.



The complex consists of six lighted and one unlighted field, parking, and a control building with restrooms, meeting rooms, and concessions. The City of Auburn works jointly with the

Auburn Soccer Association to provide an active soccer program for Auburn citizens. Plans are underway to host several tournaments in the fall at the new facility. For more information about the new soccer complex, call Parks and Recreation Director Becky Richardson at 887-4930.

GreenFACTS

The term "wetlands" describes transitional zones between land and water. A wetland is commonly referred to as a marsh, bog, glade, moor, peatland, or swamp.

Wetlands are the vital link between water and land and are among the most biologically productive and diverse ecosystems in the world. Wetlands provide a wide variety of benefits including:

- Improving water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients, and pollutants
- Reducing flood damage
- Preventing bank erosion
- Recharging ground and surface water supplies
- Providing fish & wildlife habitat
- Offering opportunities for recreation, education, and outreach

For more information visit

www.auburnalabama.org/pubworks/wetlands.html.

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up COMING EVENTS

New Chess Club! The Auburn Public Library is sponsoring two new Chess programs on the 2nd and 3rd Monday each month from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. for ages 6 - 12, and on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. for all ages. Bring a Chess board and come play! For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

The **New Works V Exhibition** featuring ceramic works by Sara Hand and photographs by Susan Ledbetter will be open to the public during March 1 - 31 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Admission is free.



The **Auburn Community Orchestra** presents "Songs of Hope" at the Auburn University Telfair Peet Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on March 6. The program will include Copland's Appalachian Spring and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. For more information, call Howard Goldstein at 844-3167.

As a part of the **X-Cell program**, students 12 -15 years old can enjoy a day of hiking the Pinhoti Trail on Saturday, March 13th. This hiking adventure will offer site seeing along one of Alabama's most spectacular trails. Hikers are asked to bring a daypack, water, and lunch. Cost for the trip is \$5.00. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.

A **Research Mysteries** program will be held at the Auburn Public Library on March 13 from 9:00 a.m. - noon for students in grades 5-8. The program will introduce youth to research methods and teach computer skills. Students must register in advance. For more information or to register your child, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

Auburn Public Library Theatre presents Shakespeare on Stage with the Auburn Community Theatre Young Actors on Wednesday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Holifield Room of the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



The **2004 Bike Bash**, hosted by the City of Auburn, Auburn Parks and Recreation and the Auburn Bicycle Committee will be held on March 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. For more information, see story on page 1 or contact Dee Watson at 887-4931.

The **dedication of the new Soccer Complex** located on Wire Road will be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 20. For more information, see story on page 3 or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 887-4930.

The **6th Annual Juried Art Exhibition** is open to the public April 5 - May 7 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. For more information, call 887-4938.

Mark your calendars for the City of Auburn's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at 11:30 a.m. on April 10 at beautiful Kiesel Park. The rain date is scheduled for April 11, 2004 at 2 p.m. Don't miss out on the biggest Easter Egg Hunt in the county!



As a part of the **X-Cell program**, students 12 -15 years old can enjoy a day of mountain biking on the historic Bartram Trail in the Tuskegee National Forest on Saturday, April 17th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This adventure is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.



Auburn CityFest 2004, an all-day festival bringing music, arts, crafts, food, and children's activities to Kiesel Park, will be held April 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Applications are now being considered for volunteers, corporate sponsors, vendors, and craftspersons. To access the appropriate applications, visit www.auburnalabama.org or contact Ali Lloyd-Wallace at 887-4930.

Board Vacancies



The following vacancies will be announced at the March 2 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 6 City Council meeting.

One vacancy on the **Cemeteries Advisory Board**. Incumbent is eligible for reappointment.

One vacancy on the **Library Board**. Incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.

Two vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission**. One incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.

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

Can I Park There?

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2166 at its November 4, 2003 meeting that prohibits parking of any type of vehicle on "any public right-of-way between the sidewalk and the roadway. This section is not applicable on the days of Auburn University home football games."

Citizens are encouraged not to park on the area between the sidewalk and the road on any street in Auburn.

Since the Ordinance is currently in effect, the Auburn Police Division is issuing tickets to violators.

