

Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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Citizen Survey Results Are In

For nineteen years, the City of Auburn has conducted an annual opinion survey to determine how Auburn residents feel about City services, major projects, and other initiatives. The City Council has found the survey to be of great help in monitoring the quality of City services and in establishing budget priorities for future years.

The 2004 survey has recently been completed and results are posted on the City's web site, www.auburnalabama.org. Copies are also available at City Hall.

The responses indicate that most Auburn residents are satisfied with City services. Ninety percent of the responding residents were satisfied with the quality of police, fire and ambulance services; 89% were satisfied with the quality of the City Library, and 84% were satisfied with the quality of City parks, programs and facilities. Most (86%) residents indicated that they were satisfied with the quality of life in Auburn, 94% felt Auburn was a good place to raise children, and 77% were satisfied with the quality of the City newsletter, *Open Line*, and 62% were satisfied with the quality of the City's web page.

The areas that residents thought should receive the most emphasis in the next two years are (1) the management of traffic flow and (2) the maintenance of city streets, buildings, and facilities.

This year, the survey was conducted by ETC Institute of Olathe, Kansas. Representatives of ETC presented the results to the City Council and the public on April 29th. We thank all the citizens who took time to participate in this year's survey.

Introduce your Kids to The Ribbit Reader

The Ribbit Reader is a new newsletter published by the Auburn Public Library to encourage children to take advantage of the many different offerings of the Auburn Public Library.

The newsletter features new books, movies, and CDs that are available at the Auburn Public Library, publicizes upcoming events such as weekly storytimes and the monthly Salmagundi programs, gives a list of interesting web sites, has an "Author Spotlight," and includes fun and interesting facts for kids to learn about everything from stars to penguins.

Encourage your kids to check out *The Ribbit Reader* at www.auburnalabama.org/library/ribbit_reader.htm and become involved in the activities and programs offered at the Auburn Public Library.



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Summer City Pool Schedule



(Swim times are subject to change after August 8)

Recreation Swim

1:15 – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
1:15 – 6:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

Recreation Morning Swim

May 24 – June 4, Samford Pool
June 21 – July 2, Samford Pool
July 19 – July 23, Samford Pool
9:00 a.m. – Noon, Monday – Friday

Lap Swim (All Ages):

6:00 – 7:15 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
(Closed Wednesday morning due to cleaning.)

Adult Lap Swim (19 or older):

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Sunday
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
*This schedule is subject to change.

Locations: Samford Pool—328 Samford Avenue
(Behind Samford Middle School)
Drake Pool—653 Spencer Avenue (Behind Drake Middle School)

Fee: Admission is \$2.00 per person (Children 1 year and younger are free)

Season Passes: For sale at Dean Road Recreation Center
• \$50.00 Individual • \$100.00 Family (Parents & Children)

Holiday Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Schedule

July

Independence Day Holiday

Monday – 5	HOLIDAY
Tuesday – 6	Monday's route
Wednesday – 7	Tuesday's route
Thursday – 8	Wednesday's route
Friday – 9	Thursday's

September

Labor Day Holiday

Monday - 6	HOLIDAY
Tuesday – 7	Monday's route
Wednesday – 8	Tuesday's route
Thursday – 9	Wednesday's route
Friday – 10	Thursday's route

November

Veteran's Day Holiday

Monday – 8	Monday's route
Tuesday – 9	Tuesday's route
Wednesday - 10	Wednesday's route
Thursday – 11	HOLIDAY
Friday – 12	Thursday's route

Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday – 22	Monday's route
Tuesday – 23	Tuesday's route
Wednesday – 24	Wednesday's route
Thursday - 25	HOLIDAY
Friday – 26	Thursday's route

December

Christmas Holiday

Monday – 20	Monday's route
Tuesday – 21	Tuesday's route
Wednesday – 22	Wednesday's route
Thursday – 23	Thursday's route
Friday – 24	HOLIDAY

Store all gas powered equipment in a building away from your house. Also store gas cans, paint solvents and other combustible liquids away from the house.

Provide proper ventilation in areas where these items are stored.



New Water Board Payment Policy

The Water Works Board has approved a change to its policy regarding methods of payment for delinquent accounts. Effective July 1, the Water Revenue Office will no longer accept personal checks when service has been interrupted due to nonpayment.

In the past, whenever an account was past due and the service was interrupted, a payment by personal check, cash, or money order for delinquent charges and assessed fees was acceptable. Due to a large number of returned checks generated from this practice, the Water Works Board has approved the acceptance of only cash, money order, or certified check to reconnect service.

This policy change does not affect customers who pay monthly and are not in jeopardy of being disconnected. The Water Works Board will continue to accept personal checks on accounts in good standing.

Meeting Schedule

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - June 1, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - June 1, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - June 2, 4:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

Board of Zoning Adjustment – June 2, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Cemetery Advisory Board - June 7, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Water Works Board – June 7, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

Historic Preservation Commission – June 8, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - June 8, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

Planning Commission - June 10, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

City Council - June 15, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

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

Board of Zoning Adjustment – July 7, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

City Council - July 7, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.
(Rescheduled from July 6).

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

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

PUBLIC MEETINGS ON PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN

The Planning Commission will be holding a series of community meetings during June to obtain comments on the proposed land use plan. The initial meetings will be as follows:

- June 3 - City Hall Annex
- June 8 - Dean Road Recreation Center
- June 17 - Boykin Community Center
- June 22 - Kiesel Park

All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. The public is encouraged to attend. For additional meeting times and locations, please check local newspapers or call the Planning Department at 501-3140.

Looking for a Job?

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

Assistant City Engineer (\$5,166.67/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.



Sign Up Now for Summer Camps

The City of Auburn offers a number of camps for Auburn's children and youth throughout the summer months. Enrollment in the camps is limited and pre-registration is required. A few of the summer camps offered by the City of Auburn are listed below. To learn about more summer camp offerings, visit www.auburnalabama.org/leisure/.

DARE to be Day Camp

Ages: Auburn City School children who have just completed 5th grade

This free camp will offer recreational opportunities, afternoon swimming, guest speakers, and an opportunity for participants to get a close look at a helicopter. Registration forms are available at the Public Safety administration office at 171 North Ross Street. Lunches and snacks will be provided each day and door prizes will be awarded daily. A parent must sign children in and out each day. Contact Sgt. Grady Jones at 501-3125 or Keith Horne at 501-3124 for more information.

When: Monday – Friday • 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • July 12-16

Location: Auburn Junior High School

Coordinator: Sgt. Grady Jones and Keith Horne/Public Safety Department

Visual Art Workshops for Young Children

Ages: 7 and up

The workshops will offer a variety of interesting and challenging art projects to children age 7 and older. To register, call 887-4938. For information on family rates, call the Arts Association at 887-2832.

When: Monday – Friday • 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Session I – June 7-11

Session II – June 21-25

Session III – July 12-16

Session IV – July 26 - 30

Location: Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Coordinator: ChiChi Lovett/Auburn Arts Association/Auburn Univ. Dept. of Art

Fee: \$35 per week per child • Payable to The Auburn Arts Association

Camp Kaleidoscope

Ages: 6-12 years

Join us for lots of fun this summer in day camp. Each week of camp will be filled with games, activities, special guests, and field trips. Every camper will receive a 2004 Camp Kaleidoscope t-shirt.

When: Monday – Friday

Session A: June 7-11

Session B: June 14 - 18

Session C: June 21 - 25

Session D: June 28 - July 2

Session E: July 19 - 23

Session F: July 26 - 30

Session G: August 2 - 6

Time: Morning Session: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Location: Auburn Junior High

Coordinator: Melissa Weldon • 887-4930

Fee: \$45.00 (Morning Session)

\$45.00 (Afternoon Session)

\$80.00 Entire Week, All Day

\$485.00 Entire Summer (saving of \$75.00)

Payable to City of Auburn

* Camp Kaleidoscope will be closed July 5 – July 16.

Small Fry Camp

Ages: 3-5 (child must be 3 years by the first class)

This camp is designed especially for preschoolers. Children will enjoy hands-on activities, music in song and dance, and many other age-related activities. Field trips may be offered.

When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday • 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Session A: June 7-11

Session B: June 14-18

Session C: June 21-25

Session D: June 28 - July 2

Session E: July 12-16

Session F: July 19-23

Session G: July 26-30

Location: Frank Brown Recreation Center

Coordinator: Melissa Weldon • 887-4930

Fee: \$25.00 • Payable to City of Auburn

ASA Advanced Soccer Camp

Ages: 10-18

Instruction will be directed by a USSF & NSCAA nationally licensed Division I college coach for an exciting 4-day long camp environment to improve mental and physical development of the participants. The curriculum will include technical refinement, combination play, principles of attack and defense, and individual, group and team tactics.

Registration Deadline: July 16

When: July 26-29, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$95 • Payable to Auburn Soccer Association

AACT Musical Theatre Camp

Ages: 8 –16 years

This camp provides a wonderful avenue for young actors to explore movement, expression, voice, emotion, projection, and teamwork. With a show stopping performance at the end, this is an opportunity young actors don't want to miss!

When: Monday - Friday • 9 a.m. – Noon • July 26 - 30

Matinee Performance, July 31 • 3 p.m.

Location: Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Instructor: Jessica Higginbotham • 887-2627

Tricia Oliver • 704-0270

Fee: \$120.00 / \$10.00 T-Shirt Fee • Payable to Instructor

Knitting Camp for Kids

Ages: 8 years and older

Students will make a simple two-color hat while learning to cast on, knit, bind off, and make pom-poms. They will also make their own knitting needles, dye yarn with Kool-Aid, and learn how yarn is made. Students should bring two 3-ounce skeins of worsted weight yarn in two different colors.

When: Monday –Thursday • 10:00 a.m. – Noon • July 19 – July 22

Location: Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Instructor: Lisa Royal • rersr@mindspring.com • 826-2538

Fee: \$35 • Payable to Instructor



Upcoming Board Vacancy

Two vacancies on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** will be announced at the June 15 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 20 City Council meeting. The incumbents are eligible for reappointment.

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

The **SIX x SIX Exhibition** at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center is open to the public through June 26. The exhibition consists of thirty-six photographs by Frank Uhlig, as well as small sculpture and other selection of works by regional artists. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.



The **12th Annual Fishing Rodeo** for children 12 years and under will be held on June 5 from 8:00 a.m. - noon. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Join your friends and neighbors at the Auburn Technology Park - South Lake for the best fishing in Auburn! Bring your lucky fishing pole and Parks and Recreation will supply the bait. This year's rodeo is part of the 2004 Wal-Mart Kids All-American Fishing Derby program and the event is also being held in conjunction with the Water Works Wonders National Fishing and Boating Week. Prizes will be given for the smallest fish, largest fish, and most fish caught in the following age groups: 3 - 5 yrs., 6 - 8 yrs., 9 - 11 yrs. and 12 - 15 yrs. The fee is \$5 per child and there is a limit of five fish per child. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 887-4930.



Let's Go Sailing! will be sponsored by the X-Cell Program. Sailors and young pirates are invited to join Parks and Recreation and Lanier Sailing Academy for a morning of sailing on beautiful Lake Martin. This adventure will introduce youth to the basic principles of sailing. Space is limited. The deadline to register is June 11th. Sailors must wear shoes with white soles and snacks will be provided. The trip will take place on Saturday, June 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the cost is \$40.00. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.

The **Starlite Dance Club** is sponsoring an "island magic" themed dance on June 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. George Winter will be providing musical entertainment, and the cost is \$20 per couple. Guests are welcome, but club policy states that "guests are limited to two visits per year....they can join at anytime during the year, dues will be prorated." Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 887-4938.

Local entertainer and nationally known **guitarist Dave Potts** will be performing on June 13 in the Hollifield Room of the Auburn Public Library at 4:00 p.m. Experience the refreshing sounds of a local musician while you enjoy sweet iced tea and southern hospitality. Admission is free. For more details, call Stephanie Leedy at 501-3195.

During the summer, the **adult book group** at Auburn Public Library will be celebrating music themed books. Join us for our discussion of music themed mysteries on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dana Pritchard at 501-3190.



Celebrate **Independence Day** with your friends and neighbors at the City's Fourth of July Celebration. Enjoy food, live music and fireworks on Sunday, July 4th at the Duck Samford fields. The entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. and fireworks will begin at 9:00 p.m. Bring your blanket and your family and enjoy a special evening in Auburn. Admission is free. For more information, call Alison Hall at 887-4930.

Let's Go Paddling! will be sponsored by the X-Cell Program. Youth ages 12-15 are invited to join in for a day of canoeing on the Coosa River. Chip Johnson, an ACA certified instructor with 25 years experience, will guide the trip. All gear will be provided. Chaperones and a certified lifeguard will be present for the trip. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. Space is limited. The deadline to register is July 9. The trip will take place on Saturday, July 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the cost is \$20.00. Cash due on the day of the trip. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.



Hear local artist Dave Potts
at the Auburn Public Library
on Sunday, June 13th at 4 p.m.

Summer Reading Program Begins at APL

"Beat the Heat" this summer at Auburn Public Library. The summer reading programs begin June 7 for all ages:



Rock and Read to Me - for ages 3 - 5 (non-readers)
Step to the Beat - for incoming grades K - 5
Rock 'n Read - for incoming grades 6 - 12
The Beat Goes On - for adults 18 and over

For more information on these programs contact the Library at 501-3190, or visit the Library's web site at www.auburnalabama.org/library/YouthServices.htm.