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Summer Resurfacing Underway

Each year the City Council allocates money in the budget for road resurfacing to maintain the quality of Auburn's streets and roadways. D&J Enterprises of Auburn was the low bidder on this summer's resurfacing project and is currently working on resurfacing the streets approved by the City Council.

The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department annually evaluates the condition of the City's streets. Criteria such as the condition of the street and the amount of traffic are used to determine the priority list for upcoming paving projects. Because the condition of the City's streets ranked so high on this year's citizen survey, the City Council has approved an aggressive paving plan.



The roads and road segments to be resurfaced under this summer's contract are Dumas Drive, East Samford Avenue (East University Drive to Green Street), East University Drive (Intersection at Glenn Avenue), Elizabeth Drive, Green Street (East University Drive to Terrace Acres Drive and Denson Drive to East Magnolia Avenue), Janet Drive (Hollon Avenue to Heard Avenue and Wright's Mill Road to Hollon Avenue), Kimberly Drive (East University Drive to 320 Kimberly Drive), Tisdale Circle, Windsor Circle, and Windsor Drive.

In addition to road paving, work will be done to replace broken curbs and gutters and upgrade sub-standard inlets. Please be aware of signage on streets throughout the City indicating work zones. Also, please be alert for work site locations as announced through local radio and newspapers. We appreciate your patience as we strive to maintain and improve Auburn's roadways.

For more information about the summer resurfacing project, contact Robert V. Smith at 501-3000.

Fall Concert Series...at beautiful Kiesel Park

Enjoy free outdoor evening entertainment this Fall at Kiesel Park. This park is the perfect setting to listen to talented local and regional musicians. Bring the family, a picnic supper, your lawn chairs and maybe even the family dog and enjoy a relaxing evening under the stars. This year's series will feature a number of outstanding artists. Be sure to check out next month's issue for more details on these concerts.

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| September 19 at 5:00 p.m. | - Auburn Community Orchestra Concert |
| October 3 at 1:30 p.m. | - Auburn High School Band Concert |
| October 7 at 6:00 p.m. | - Nationally recognized singer/songwriter Dave Potts |
| October 14 at 6:00 p.m. | - Highway 280 Band - Don't miss this Bluegrass Jam Session! |
| October 21 | - TBA |
| October 28 at 6:00 p.m. | - Auburn Knights Orchestra |

For additional information, please contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

What's New at the Auburn Public Library?

The Auburn Public Library's new integrated library computer system has recently been completed. The replacement of the previous system has been a two-phase project. The first phase brought the new system online inside the Library. The second phase provided external users access to the Library's holdings and their personal account information via the Internet.

One of the most important benefits the new system offers citizens is a publicly accessed catalog. This feature, called the PowerPAC, utilizes a familiar Web-based interface to deliver information. Using the PowerPAC, patrons can search the Library's holdings and, for many titles, view enriched data such as book jackets, reviews, summaries, and series information. Registered borrowers whose accounts are current can view their account status, renew items, place and cancel holds, and view their position in hold queues. Patrons who would like to set up an account for access through the Internet should contact the Library at 501-3190.



The PowerPAC can be found by visiting the Library's homepage at www.auburnalabama.org/library and clicking "Library Catalog." With so many new services available, there has never been a better time to explore the Auburn Public Library.

Creek Clean Up



In an effort to address components of the City's Phase II Storm Water Program, the City of Auburn hosted a stream clean up project on Saturday, July 17. Phase II storm water regulations require all municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) in urbanized areas to develop and implement best management practices to sufficiently address six minimum control measures. Two of the six control

measures, public education and public involvement, were addressed in this creek clean up project.

Approximately 10 - 15 cub scouts, boy scouts, parents, and City personnel participated in the clean up effort. Scouts collected trash and debris from the streams at Felton Little Park, McTeer Park, Wrights Mill Road School, and the Tacoma Street Storm Water Detention Pond. The scouts also assisted City staff in installing signs at Town Creek. After completing the clean up effort, the City provided a handout emphasizing the importance of our water resources and keeping those resources clean.



As a part of its storm water program, the City of Auburn typically hosts two creek clean up projects a year - one during the spring to coincide with Earth Week activities and one during the fall/winter. In addition to the stream clean up project, the City addresses the public education and public involvement criteria of its Phase II Storm Water Program through many other activities. Some of these include presentations for public meetings, hosting of workshops related to storm water management, Earth Week, the Lee County Water Festival, and the City's web site 24-hour hotline to report illicit discharge. For information concerning the City of Auburn's Phase II Storm Water Program, please call 501-3000 or visit the City's website at

www.auburnalabama.org/pubworks/phase2stormwater.html.

Meeting Schedule

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - September 7, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - September 7, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Planning Commission - September 9, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board - September 13, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

Cemetery Advisory Board - September 13, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Greenspace Advisory Board - September 14, 11:30 AM, City Hall Conference Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Historic Preservation Commission - September 14, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - September 14, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

City Council - September 21, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

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

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

City Council - October 5, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - October 6, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - October 6, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board - October 11, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

Greenspace Advisory Board - October 12, 11:30 AM, City Hall Conference Room.

Historic Preservation Commission - October 12, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - October 12, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

Planning Commission - October 14, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** was announced at the August 17 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 21 City Council meeting. The incumbent is eligible for reappointment.



Three vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** will be announced at the September 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 5 City Council meeting. One incumbent is eligible for reappointment.

Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the October 5 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 2 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.

Every home should have at least one 5 lb. multi-purpose fire extinguisher in the kitchen or laundry room. It should be one that can be inspected on a yearly basis and recharged if necessary.



Are You Registered to Vote?

With elections just around the corner, it is important for each citizen to be sure they are properly registered to vote. This information has been compiled to encourage Auburn residents to register to vote to simplify the voting process in the upcoming election.

Why register to vote?

- To participate in government. Only through voting do you have a voice in choosing elected leaders and representatives.
- Because it is our responsibility. As citizens, we should strive to understand and accept our obligations.
- Because we can. Voting is a privilege.

Who is eligible to vote?

To register to vote in the State of Alabama, you must:

- (1) be a citizen of the United States; and
- (2) reside in Alabama; and
- (3) be at least 18 years old; and
- (4) have not been convicted of a felony, or if you have been convicted, you must have had your civil rights restored; and
- (5) have not been declared "mentally incompetent" by a court.



To vote in the City of Auburn, you must also be a resident of Auburn.

Where do I need to go to register?

There are several convenient locations where you can register to vote.

- (1) **Board of Registrars.** You may register with the Lee County Board of Registrars Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Board office is located in the Lee County Courthouse in Opelika. They can be reached by telephone at 737-3635.
- (2) **Office of the Lee County Judge of Probate.** The office is located in the Lee County Courthouse in Opelika. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To reach the Probate office by telephone, call 737-3670.
- (3) **Auburn City Hall.** City Hall is located at 144 Tichenor Avenue, at the corner of Tichenor Avenue and Gay Street. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. You may call City Hall at 501-7260.
- (4) **Auburn Public Library.** The Library is located at 749 East Thach Avenue at the corner of Thach Avenue and Dean Road.

What must I do if I've changed my address since I registered?

Whether you have moved across town or you have recently moved to Auburn, you must complete a new registration form.

I'm a college student living away from home. Where should I register?

You can register either at your home or school address. It is important to update your registration each time you move. If you are registered at your home address while you are at school, remember to request an absentee ballot at least 30 days before the election. Check with your county election board for the exact deadline.

When should I register?

You should register as soon as possible. In order to vote in any election in Auburn, an individual must be registered to vote at least ten days prior to the election.

Where will I vote after I become a registered voter?

The location of your voting place will be listed on the Voter Identification Card that is mailed to you after the Board of Registrars approves your application. You should present the card when you appear at the voting location listed.

For more information about registering to vote, please contact Mariele Fischer or Earline Cobb at City Hall at 501-7260.

Be Prepared for Football Traffic

Football season kicks off with the first Auburn University home game scheduled for Saturday, September 4 against Louisiana Monroe. As always, traffic will be heavy during home games and residents are asked to be particularly safety conscious when driving.

This year, due to the construction at the Interstate bridge on South College, travelers are encouraged to use the **Bent Creek exit off I-85**.

Those using **South Donahue** to exit the campus area are encouraged to travel to East University Drive where they will be directed to East Glenn Avenue and then to the Bent Creek/I-85 connection.

Those traveling on **East Thach Avenue** will find that Thach will be a temporary one-way street eastbound from South College Street to South Dean Road. Residents on East Thach should bear this in mind when exiting their driveways, as both lanes will be moving "east-only" for up to two hours after each game.

Travelers on **North Donahue Drive** will find that roadway will be temporarily one-way northbound from the stadium to State Highway 14.

All vehicles in the left lanes on these temporary one-way streets will be required to turn left and those in the right lane will be allowed to turn right or go straight when applicable.

Any updates to the traffic flow plans can be viewed at the Auburn University Game Day web site: http://www.auburn.edu/communications_marketing/gameday04/ and citizens are encouraged to view this site prior to each home game.

**Please note that effective immediately the new phone number for the
Parks & Recreation Department is 501-2930**

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The **Parks & Recreation fall brochure is available now** at Dean Road Recreation Center, Frank Brown Recreation Center, Boykin Community Center, the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, Auburn Public Library, and City Hall. For additional information about the quarterly brochure, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.

The **New Works VI Exhibit**, "Transformations," is now on display at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday through September 30. This collaborative exhibition features works by Marliee Keys and Sheri Shumacher. Admission is free. For more information, call 887-4938.

The **Village Squares** have met weekly for square dancing since 1980. The club currently meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center with Larry Belcher serving as caller. They are committed to promoting modern Western Square Dancing for couples. Toward this end, they will duce others to the thrill of westerners vary in background and age. one of the open houses that will at 7:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey considering joining the group will and introduced to a few simple vided. The next class will start Details are available from Bill 821-8752.



The Auburn Community Orchestra will present the first concert of the **Fall Concert Series** at Kiesel Park on September 19. This free concert will begin at 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

The **Young at Heart Club** senior citizen picnic will be held at Kiesel Park on September 24. Meet at Kiesel Park at 11:00 a.m. and bring a covered dish. Interested seniors should sign up for this event at Dean Road Recreation Center. Registration deadline is September 17 by 5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

The **Young at Heart Club** will travel to Montgomery to the Faulkner University Dinner Theatre to see Voices From the South on October 15. The price of \$25 includes transportation and your ticket. Seniors can register at Dean Road Recreation Center until September 30 at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

Mark Your Calendar For...the Annual Downtown Trick or Treat celebration on Saturday, October 30 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in downtown Auburn. This special event is for children 3 – 12 years old. Join us in this excellent alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. Downtown merchants will provide treats for the children and live musical entertainment will be provided. Parents must accompany children at this event. For additional information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



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:

Police Officer
(\$2,512.67-2,912.87/Month)

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.

