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City of Auburn



Change to Plastics Recycling

Since 2003, the City of Auburn has had ongoing discussions with its recycler, Waste Recycling, regarding the continuing downturn in the recycled plastic market. Over the past several years, the City has encountered difficulties identifying vendors to accept the City's plastic materials.

In order to make the City's collected plastics more viable on the recycling market, a change was made recently regarding the type of plastic products accepted as a part of the City's recycling program. As a result, **the City is currently only accepting those plastics bottles that bear the #1 or #2 recycling code.** The recycling code can be identified by looking at the bottom of each container inside of the triangular shaped emblem. Examples of those plastic containers that typically contain the #1 or #2 code are soda and water bottles, milk and other similar beverage containers, and liquid bleach and detergent containers.



In addition, the containers should be rinsed and cleaned prior to placing them out for collection or dropped off at our drop off center located on North Donahue Drive. The presence of plastic products other than those bearing the #1 or #2 code will contaminate the entire load that we deliver to the recycler. This will force the recycler to deem the load as non-recyclable.

Since the change went into effect, the City has received a number of inquiries regarding whether we will collect plastic grocery bags that bear the #2 recycling code. The City does not accept these bags as a part of its recycling program. We have contacted several local stores that distribute these bags to see if they will accept them. Both Wal-Mart and Winn Dixie stores indicated to us that they accept used bags that have been distributed by their respective businesses.

For further information regarding the City's recycling program, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



American Girl Club

The recently formed American Girl Club is currently meeting on the second Friday each month in the Hollifield room at the Auburn Public Library.

Girls of all ages are invited to bring their dolls and join the fun!

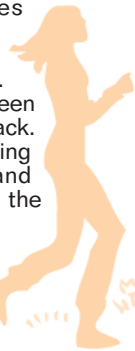


3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

October 8 - Josephina
November 12 - Kaya
December 10 - Molly
January 14 - Kirsten
February 11 - Addie
March 11 - American Girl of Today
April 8 - Kit
May 13 - Samantha and Nellie

Are You Visible?

Citizens who bicycle, jog, or walk at dusk need to wear reflective material in order to be visible to automobile drivers. City Ordinance 1272 requires bicyclist, walkers, and joggers to wear reflective clothing from one-half hour before sunset until one-half hour before sunrise. This reflective material must be worn between the waist and shoulders on the front and back. In addition, all bicyclist must have an operating headlight on the front of their bicycles and reflectors on the front and rear spokes of the wheels and pedals.



These reflective materials must give indication of the presence of a bicyclist, walker, or jogger by the headlights of motor vehicles at a distance of a minimum of five hundred feet. Let's work together to make Auburn's roadways safe places for everyone.

Keep Your Family Safe

City law requires that house address numbers must be at least 4 inches tall and clearly visible from the road. This is important because, in some cases, mailboxes with house numbers are located across the street from the house. A parked car may block house numbers painted on curbs.



An improperly identified house may add precious seconds to a call for an emergency response. Help us help you by making sure your home is clearly addressed. The safety of your family may depend on it.

Meeting Schedule

- 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, 4:00 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.
- City Council** - October 19, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.
- Cemetery Advisory Board** - November 1, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - November 2, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
- City Council** - November 2, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.
- Tree Commission** - November 3, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment** - November 3, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.
- Water Works Board** - November 8, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.
- Greenspace Advisory Board** - November 9, 11:30 AM, City Hall Conference Room.
- Historic Preservation Commission** - November 9, 4:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.
- Board of Education** - November 9, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Board Vacancies

Three vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** were 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. Incumbents are eligible for reappointment.

Two vacancies on the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** will be announced at the October 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 16 City Council meeting. One Incumbent is eligible for reappointment.

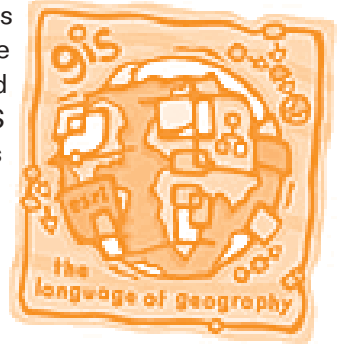
Citizens interested in serving are encouraged to contact one of their City Council members or notify the City Manager's Office.

Test your smoke detectors to make sure they are working properly. There should be at least one detector outside each bedroom area and one on each floor of the house. It is also a good idea to have one in each of the bedrooms.



GIS Division is Award-Winning

The City's Information Technology Department's Geographic Information Services (GIS) Division has recently been recognized by the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) as one of the outstanding GIS groups in the world. The ESRI Special Achievement in GIS award is given to a select few user sites around the world in recognition of outstanding work in the GIS field. The City's GIS Division was selected to receive this award from over 100,000 user sites worldwide. ESRI will share with the global community the importance of Auburn's contribution in GIS by showcasing Auburn's GIS Division on the ESRI Website. City of Auburn's GIS Division employees Brad Chappell, Scott Rutzmoser, and Don Ryan accepted the award at the ESRI World Conference held in San Diego, California in August.



Don't Turn Your Trash Pile into a Pumpkin Patch



The City of Auburn is asking residents to put their old pumpkins in their roll-out carts or garbage cans and not to place them in the trash pile at the curb. Pumpkins are considered a food item and need to be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Trash piles should only consist of discarded shrubbery clippings, grass clippings, weeds, fallen leaves, vines, branches, and limbs.

Get Involved in Parks & Recreation

Are you interested in sharing your hobby or profession with the community? The Parks & Recreation department is currently recruiting program instructors for the Winter Quarter 2004 – 2005. If you are interested in becoming a program instructor, please contact Ali Lloyd-Wallace at 501-2936.

Tutoring at APL for Elementary Students

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. free tutors are available in the Hollifield room of the Auburn Public Library to help elementary students with homework and to practice reading and math. Tutors are volunteers from Auburn University, Auburn High School, and across the community. If you are interested in volunteering, call 501-3196.

Do you have any story ideas that you would like to read about in upcoming issues of *Open Line*? If so, let us know! You may e-mail your ideas to us at dwatkins@auburnalabama.org or mail them to us at City Manager's Office, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1. Auburn, AL 36830

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:

**Collector-Solid Waste
(\$11.32 - 13.13/Hour)**

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.



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

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up COMING EVENTS

Photo VI, the Annual Juried photography exhibition open to artists and photographers residing in Alabama and Georgia, will be open to the public 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center from October 7 through November 12. Admission to the exhibit is free. For more information, call 501-2963.

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:

October 3 – Auburn High School Band Concert in the Park (1:30 p.m.)

October 7 – Dave Potts – Nationally recognized singer/songwriter

October 14 – Highway 280 Band – Don't miss this Bluegrass band

October 21 – TBA

October 28 – Auburn Knights Orchestra

All concerts will begin at 6 p.m. and will end at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For additional information, please contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

Actress and storyteller **Dolores Hydock** will appear at Auburn Public Library on Thursday, October 14, from 7 – 8 p.m. Hydock is coming to Auburn to perform her story concert *Made from Scratch* which celebrates good friends, bad advice, mathematics, magic wishes, turnip greens, true love, computer crashes, casseroles, and other peculiarities of everyday life. For more information, contact the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190.

Teen Read Week will be from Monday, October 18 – Saturday, October 23. The theme of the week is "It's Alive!" Join us for a celebration of teen horror that week.

A free **puppet show** entitled "There's a Monster in my Closet" will be performed at 3:30 p.m. on October 20 in the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



Movie Night at the Auburn Public Library will be on Thursday, October 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

The **Annual Halloween Party** at the Auburn Public Library will be on Thursday, October 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



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.

