

Open Line

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City's Environmental Efforts and Outreach

In early December, the City Council, Planning Commission, and Water Board members held a joint public meeting to discuss water related issues. Presenters included Parks and Recreation Director Becky Richardson who spoke about the City's greenway plans, Water and Sewer Director Rex Griffin, who made a presentation on Auburn's Water Supply, Senior Research Fellow Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures Cliff Webber who made a presentation on Watershed Issues and Smart Growth, and City Engineer/Public Works Director Jeff Ramsey and Assistant City Engineer Scott Cummings who spoke about Auburn's storm water management program. The three-hour meeting involved discussion of a variety of water-related issues.



The evening following the Watershed Management meeting, the City Council approved an ordinance that significantly strengthened its enforcement mechanisms that are a part of the City's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. Specifically, it authorizes City officials to issue citations requiring those cited to appear before the municipal judge on charges of violating the City's codes regarding erosion control measures.

In support of these efforts and in conjunction with Opelika, Lee County and Auburn University, the City of Auburn also developed a series of brochures regarding storm water issues in Lee County. These informational brochures were produced by the Auburn, Lee County, Opelika, Auburn University Storm Water Advisory Panel and are intended to educate the public on the protection, maintenance, and restoration of the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of local waters. The brochures focusing on wetlands and illicit discharges will be available after January 18 at City Hall and in the publication rack at the front of the Development Services Building. Citizens can also request copies by contacting Scott Cummings or Matthew Dunn at 501-3000.

To find out more about the environmental protection efforts of the City, contact the Public Works Department at 501-3000 or visit <http://www.auburnalabama.org/pubworks/phase2stormwater.html>.

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Erosion and Sedimentation Control Workshop

On December 8, 2004, the Public Works Department hosted its third annual Erosion and Sedimentation Control workshop at Kiesel Park as part of the City's Storm Water Management Program. The purpose of the workshop was to educate and interact with engineers, developers, and contractors who are generally governed by the City's Erosion and Sedimentation Control (ESC) ordinance and Alabama Department of Environmental Management's stormwater compliance regulations. More than 100 participants attended this year's event.

Representatives from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) gave a presentation which highlighted the problems ADEM inspectors are encountering in the field, suggested some ways to prevent these problems, and discussed the enforcement measures ADEM has implemented to re-



duce the number of violations. Private vendors provided exhibits of installation practices.

Assistant City Engineer Scott Cummings presented an overview of the changes to the City's ESC ordinance. Enforcement measures available to the City include the requirement for the responsible party to have an ADEM permit prior to any construction work being accomplished. In addition, all grading, ESC practices and water crossings must be done in accordance with the City's standard details and specifications. Areas that are cleared of vegetation and will remain so for 15 days or longer without appreciable construction activity must be seeded and mulched within 5 days after being cleared. In addition to the \$500 fine, owners now face up to 30 days in jail at the discretion of the municipal judge.

Keep Storm Drains Clear. . .

Leaves and grass clippings stored or disposed of in or around storm drains, streams, and street gutters will create clogging problems that could lead to flooding during storm events. As this material is transported by rain and winds and deposited in natural water ways, water quality concerns and wildlife impediments result. Please pile or bag leaves and grass clippings in your yard in appropriate locations for Environmental Services to collect three feet behind the curb or off the road (if no curb exists).



Spring 2005 Soccer

Youth Soccer Registration –

First time youth players must bring a birth certificate for registration.

Online registration at
www.auburnalabama.org/soccer
January 24 – February 4

Mail-in Registration: Due February 4

Walk-in Registration at the Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road:

Saturday, February 5 • 10:00 a.m. – noon

Thursday, February 10 • 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All youth soccer registration forms will be available in the lobby of the Dean Road Recreation Center on January 24th. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.



Board Vacancies

Three vacancies on the **Board of Zoning Adjustment** were announced at the December 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the January 4, 2005 City Council meeting. Two incumbents are eligible for reappointment.



Four vacancies on the **Metropolitan Planning Organization (Citizens Advisory Committee)** will be announced at the February 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the March 1 City Council meeting. One incumbent is eligible for reappointment.

Two vacancies on the **Commercial Development Authority** will be announced at the February 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the March 1 City Council meeting. Two incumbents are eligible for reappointment.

Two vacancies on the **Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board** will be announced at the February 15 City Council meeting and will be filled at the March 15 City Council meeting. Two 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.



2005 Holiday Garbage, Trash and Recycling Schedule

This information is provided to give residents the holiday collection schedules for environmental services throughout the upcoming year. We encourage you to cut this out and keep it handy for future reference.

January

New Year's Day Holiday

Friday – December 31, 2004
Monday – 3
Tuesday – 4
Wednesday – 5
Thursday – 6

HOLIDAY

Monday's route
Tuesday's route
Wednesday's route
Thursday's route

Martin Luther King Holiday

Monday – 17
Tuesday – 18
Wednesday – 19
Thursday – 20
Friday – 21

HOLIDAY

Monday's route
Tuesday's route
Wednesday's route
Thursday's route

May

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday - 30
Tuesday - 31
Wednesday - June 1
Thursday - June 2
Friday - June 3

HOLIDAY

Monday's route
Tuesday's route
Wednesday's route
Thursday's route

July

Independence Day Holiday

Monday - 4
Tuesday - 5
Wednesday - 6
Thursday - 7
Friday - 8

HOLIDAY

Monday's route
Tuesday's route
Wednesday's route
Thursday's route

September

Labor Day Holiday

Monday - 5
Tuesday - 6
Wednesday - 7
Thursday - 8
Friday - 9

HOLIDAY

Monday's route
Tuesday's route
Wednesday's route
Thursday's route

November

Veteran's Day Holiday

Monday - 7
Tuesday - 8
Wednesday - 9
Thursday - 10
Friday - 11

Monday's route
Tuesday's route
Wednesday's route
Thursday's route

HOLIDAY

Monday's & Tuesday's route
Wednesday's route
Thursday's route

HOLIDAY

HOLIDAY

December

Christmas Holiday

Monday - 26
Tuesday - 27
Wednesday - 28
Thursday - 29
Friday - 30

HOLIDAY

Monday's route
Tuesday's route
Wednesday's route
Thursday's route

Meeting Schedule

City Council - January 4, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - January 5, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - January 5, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board - January 10, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

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

Historic Preservation Commission - January 11, 4:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - January 11, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Board of Education - January 11, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

Planning Commission - January 13, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

City Council - January 18, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Library Board - January 27, 1:15 AM, Library Conference Room.

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

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

Tree Commission - February 2, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - February 2, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

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

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

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Job Vacancies

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:

- **Housing and Community Development Specialist (\$3,001.34-3,583.76/month)**
- **Customer Service Representative-Codes Enforcement (\$2,021.78-2,414.11/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.



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up COMING EVENTS

The **2005 Parks and Recreation Calendar** is now available. This free 12-month calendar, beginning with January 2005, will list all of our special events, program quarters, brochure release dates, Auburn City School holidays, facility closings, and athletic registration dates! They will be available at City facilities including Dean Road Recreation Center, the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, City Hall, Auburn Public Library, Frank Brown Recreation Center, and Boykin Recreation Center. For more information, contact Ali Lloyd-Wallace at 501-2936.



Mark your calendars for the annual **Daddy-Daughter Date Night** to be held February 11 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Best Western – University Convention Center Ballrooms. Registration is now open. The cost is \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional child. For more information, call Alison Hall at 501-2940.

PTA Reflections Exhibit of selected works by Auburn City Schools PTA is open to the public at the Jan Dempsey Community Art Center during January 10 – 18. The exhibition is free and is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 501-2963.

ABC-123 begins January 10 and continues through February 25. This program, for children ages 3 to 5 years, reinforces preschool readiness and promotes socialization skills. Field trips may be offered and children must be toilet trained to participate. The fee is \$60 and participants should register at Dean Road Recreation Center prior to the first class. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

The **American Girl's Club** will meet from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library on January 14. This meeting will feature "Kit." For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

As a part of the **X-Cell program**, students ages 12 – 15 can enjoy a day of winter fun at Alabama's only alpine ski resort on Saturday, January 15 and Saturday, February 12. Cloudmont Ski Resort, located in Mentone, Alabama has two different one thousand foot ski slope challenges. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch and will leave at 6:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$40.00 which includes admission, lift tickets, a beginner lesson, and all equipment. Participants must be registered by January 10 for the first trip and by February 7 for the second trip. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.



The City of Auburn will host a **LifeSouth blood drive** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the City Meeting Room located at 122 Tichenor Avenue (behind Cheeburger, Cheeburger) on January 18. Call Stephanie King at 501-7245 for more information.

A free **Puppet Show** entitled "It's Too Cold!" will be presented at the Auburn Public Library on January 19. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3190.

Auburn Works on Paper, a juried exhibition featuring drawings and prints by artists from throughout the United States, is open to the public at the Jan Dempsey Community Art Center during January 24 – March 4. The exhibition is free and is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 501-2963.



Registration for all youth baseball, softball and T-ball will be held on Saturday, February 5 & 12 from 8:00 a.m. – noon at Dean Road Recreation Center. Birth Certificates are required for registration. All arrangements for scholarships must be made with the United Way office prior to registration. Look for more detailed information in the Parks and Recreation spring brochure available Monday, February 7.



CityFest 2005 applications and sponsorships are now available. Are you interested in participating in Auburn CityFest 2005 as a food or arts and crafts vendor? Do you want to sponsor the event or participate as a volunteer? If so, visit the official CityFest 2005 web site at www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest. The site has all the information you need to get involved. CityFest will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. For additional information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 501-2930.

