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8th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast

The City of Auburn and its Veterans Committee invite citizens to honor the United States military at the Eighth Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday, May 29 at 8:00 a.m. at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr. will be the guest of honor and the recipient of the City of Auburn's Distinguished Veteran Award. Past recipients of this award include General Carl E. Mundy, Jr. (ret.), Dr. Jim Foy, Lieutenant General Hal Moore (ret.), General Jimmie V. Adams (ret.), Major General James Livingston (ret.), and Colonel James S. Voss (ret.). The Veterans Committee will also award its Third Annual Veterans Committee Scholarship to an outstanding Auburn High School Jr. ROTC member.

Tickets for the breakfast are available at City Hall or you may purchase them from a Veterans Committee member for \$20 each. All proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Fund.

At 10:00 a.m., immediately following the breakfast, there will be a memorial wreath laying ceremony to honor the men and women who have courageously served our country at the Veterans Monument at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Ceremony attendees are encouraged to park at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex and Felton Little Park. Handicapped parking will be available on Ross Street, which will be closed during the ceremony.

"The Veterans Memorial was constructed by the City of Auburn to honor our veterans who have served their country in times of war and peace to protect the rights we all cherish as American," said Mayor Bill Ham. "In addition to the Memorial, the City established the Veterans Committee to oversee our efforts to honor our veterans and ensure that their contributions would be remembered for years to come. Friends and family members may honor veterans through the purchase of brick pavers that are installed at the monument. Currently, we have more than 650 bricks honoring our service men and women at the Memorial. In creating the Memorial, it was our wish to ensure that the legacy of our veterans would be honored and remembered for generations to come."

Citizens may purchase a memorial brick to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument. Personalized bricks engraved with the veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and years of service are on sale for \$100. For bricks to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument by Veterans Day 2006, all orders must be received by Tuesday, August 1. Brick order forms may be obtained at City Hall or on the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org.

Please join us on Monday, May 29 as we honor the men and women who have courageously served our country. For more information on the Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast, the wreath laying ceremony, or the Veterans brick project, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



2006 Citizen Survey Results

Citizen Survey

The City recently completed its annual Citizen Survey to determine how Auburn residents feel about City services. This survey was conducted by ETC Institute of Olathe, Kansas. A representative of ETC presented the results of the survey to the

City Council and the public at the April 4 regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole. The annual Citizen Survey has proven to be a great asset to the City Council as a measure of the quality of City services and a gauge for establishing budget priorities for the future.

Major findings of this year's Citizen Survey include:

- 90% of the residents surveyed who had an opinion are satisfied with the quality of the City's public school system.
- Of the citizens surveyed, 94% indicated that Auburn is a good place to raise children. In addition, 94% of residents agree that Auburn is a great place to live.



- The City's Parks and Recreation Department rated in the top 25% of all DirectionFinder® cities in the nation; 83% of Auburn residents are satisfied with the quality of our Parks and Recreation opportunities.

Over the next two years, Auburn residents feel that the City should continue to place a high priority on the management of traffic flow in the City and the maintenance of City streets, buildings, and facilities.

Overall, 86% of residents surveyed who had an opinion indicated that they were satisfied with the quality of life in Auburn. The overall satisfaction with the value of City taxes and fees and image of the City among Auburn residents ranked our City in the top 25% of all DirectionFinder® cities in the nation.

Results of the 2006 City Survey are posted online at www.auburnalabama.org. Copies of the results are also available at City Hall. The City wishes to thank all citizens who participated in this year's survey. For more information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260.



Trash Amnesty Week



It's time for spring cleaning in Auburn. In an effort to promote spring cleaning activities and the beautification of the Auburn community, the City Council has unanimously approved the City of Auburn's 2nd Annual Trash Amnesty Week for the week of May 22 - 26.

During Trash Amnesty Week, the fees normally charged to residents for the collection of oversized yard debris and other bulky waste will be waived. In placing your debris out for collection, we ask that you pay extra attention to the following:

- Collection is scheduled to begin at 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. Please place your debris out for collection prior to that time.
- No household garbage, hazardous waste, or other unacceptable waste should be placed out for collection with your debris. Only yard waste, appliances, bulky wastes, and other such waste should be placed out for collection.
- Debris should be placed at least 3 feet behind the curb, roadway, or sidewalk AND in front of your residence. No debris should be placed in the roadway, on storm drains, near utility lines/boxes such as water meters and phone boxes, or on vacant lots.
- Limbs and other debris should be no longer than 5 feet in length.
- To facilitate our wood debris and metal recycling efforts, we request that all wood debris (i.e. limbs and grass clippings) be placed in a separate pile from metal items.

Due to the large volume of debris expected during Amnesty Week, there may be a delay in the collection schedule. Every reasonable effort will be made to maintain the established collection schedule. For more information, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



The Auburn Water Works Board and the City of Auburn cordially invite you to the dedication of the

Bailey-Alexander Complex

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Bailey-Alexander Water and Sewer Complex

1501 West Samford Avenue

Auburn, AL

Tours of the new facility will begin at 4:30 p.m. The dedication will begin at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Memorial Day Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29 in honor of Memorial Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will be on their normal schedule. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of May 29-June 2 will change as follows:

Normal Collection Day

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Tuesday, May 30
Wednesday, May 31
Thursday, June 1
Friday, June 2

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:

- **Codes Enforcement Officer**
(\$2,942.42-3,513.41/month)
- **Warehouse Facilities Coordinator**
(\$2,665.69-3,182.97/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.

Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at openline@auburnalabama.org.



Board Vacancies

• One vacancy on the **Board of Education** was announced at the April 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 2 meeting. The incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.

• One vacancy on the **Historic Preservation Commission** was announced at the April 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 2 meeting. The incumbent is not eligible for reappointment. One vacancy on the **Historic Preservation Commission** was announced at the April 18 City Council meeting and will be filled at the May 16 meeting. The incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.

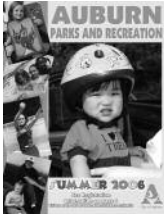
• One vacancy on the **East Alabama Healthcare Authority** will be announced at the May 2 City Council meeting and will be filled at the June 6 meeting. The incumbent has served two terms.

• Three vacancies on the **Planning Commission** will be announced at the June 20 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 18 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.



Parks and Recreation Summer Programs



The Parks and Recreation Summer Brochure will be available beginning May 8 at City Hall, the Dean Road Recreation Center, the Auburn Public Library, and other City facilities as well as online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. This is the largest activities brochure of the year with summer day camp and swim lesson information, special events, programs, and summer classes. Be sure to pick up your copy to learn about everything going on in the City of Auburn throughout the summer. Below is a list of registration dates and deadlines for the summer quarter. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Program Quarter: June 5 – August 4

Program/Class Registration: May 8 – June 1
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Dean Road Recreation Center

Day Camp Registration: May 8 - June 1
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Dean Road Recreation Center

Swimming Registration:
Saturday, May 13, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Dean Road Recreation Center

Adult Softball Registration: May 1 - 23
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Auburn Softball Complex

Auburn City Pools

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 & under are free)

Season Passes

\$50 Individual
\$100 Family (parents & children)

On sale at Dean Road Recreation Center beginning Monday, May 1

SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE May 22 – September 5*

Swim times are subject to change after August 11.

Recreation Swim

1:15 - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
1:15 - 6:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Monday & Wednesday (Samford Pool)

Recreation Morning Swim

9:00 a.m. - Noon Monday-Friday
May 22-June 2 Samford Pool
June 19-July 7 Samford Pool
July 24-Aug. 11 Samford Pool

Lap Swim (all ages)

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

Adult Lap Swim (19 & older)

Noon-1:00 p.m. Monday-Sunday
5:00-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

*This schedule is subject to change

Swimming Lessons

The Parks and Recreation Department will offer swimming lessons to youth ages 6-15 years. For more information, including instruction levels, see the Summer Quarter Brochure or contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



May is National Bike Month

This year will mark the 50th consecutive year the League of American Bicyclists has declared May as National Bike Month™. In support of the League, the City of Auburn is promoting Bike-to-Work/Bike-to-School Week from May 8-12 and Bike-to-Work/Bike-to-School Day on Friday, May 12. The bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation. Don't miss out on your chance to participate in this great recreational activity and support bicycling awareness and safety throughout the month. Look for exciting bicycling activities throughout the month, to include:



Wire Road Bikeway Grand Opening Celebration

Bike Week Proclamation Signing - Saturday, May 6, 1:00 p.m.

The City of Auburn and the Auburn Bicycle Committee invite the public to join us in the grand opening of the Wire Road Bikeway. The program will be held near the entrance to the Soccer Complex on Wire Road. Mayor Bill Ham will also be on hand to sign the Bike Week proclamation.

Bike-to-Work/Bike-to-School Week - Monday, May 8-Friday, May 12

Bike-to-Work/Bike-to-School Day - Friday, May 12

LAB Road I Bicycle Safety Course - Tuesday, May 23, 5:15 p.m.

City of Auburn Traffic Engineer Brandy Ezelle will conduct a bicycle safety course at the Development Services Building. The course is approximately 3 hours long and is open to Auburn residents ages 18 and older. Participants must pre-register by May 16 by contacting Brandy Ezelle at 501-3029.



For more information on National Bike Month activities, please contact Alison Hall, Community Programs Director, at 501-2940.

Meeting Schedule

Cemeteries Advisory Board – May 1, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – May 2, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - May 2, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment – May 3, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission - May 5, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Water Works Board – May 8, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board – May 9, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission – May 9, 4:00 p.m., Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Board of Education - May 9, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

Planning Commission - May 11, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

City Council - May 16, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee - May 23, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N Ross Street

Library Board - May 25, 1:15 p.m., Library Conference Room

Tree Commission - June 2, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Cemetery Advisory Board - June 5, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Park & Recreation Advisory Board – June 6, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - June 6, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment – June 7, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Planning Commission - June 8, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

- Meeting times and places are subject to change -

State Special Olympic Games

The City of Auburn and Auburn University will host the 2006 State of Alabama Special Olympics Summer Games Friday, May 19- Sunday, May 21 on the campus of Auburn University. Auburn will welcome over 1500 athletes from across the State for competition in track and field, aquatics, bocce, bowling, equestrian, golf, gymnastics, power lifting, softball, and tennis. Opening Ceremonies will begin on Friday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. Competition begins on Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed throughout the weekend to assist with activities at all of the athletic venues. Please contact Alison Hall, Community Programs Director and Lee County Special Olympics Director, at 501-2940 for more information.

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up COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for the following **Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions**. The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



- **8th Annual Juried Art Exhibition:** through May 12, exhibit featuring works by Lee County artists and craftspeople
- **Auburn CityKids Exhibition:** through May 12, works by Auburn CityKids participants
- **Complex Cloth:** May 15-June 16, new fabric works by members of Studio 222



The Auburn Public Library presents **Preschool Story Time** for children ages 3-5 years every Wednesday from 10:00-10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. Story Time will not meet on May 31. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Join the Auburn Public Library for **Toddler Time** each Thursday from 10:00-10:30 a.m. Toddler Time is a free story time offered by the Auburn Public Library for toddlers, ages 18 months-3 years, and their caregivers. Toddler Time will not meet on June 1. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



First Fridays at Homeschoolers will meet on May 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This program is offered to homeschooled children in grades K-5. Students will discuss the First Amendment. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Young Adult Coffeehouse, for students in grades 6-12, will meet on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



The **Auburn Area Community Theatre Children's Theatre** will present *The Secret Garden* May 10-12 at 6:30 p.m. and May 13 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults and may be purchased at the door. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



The **Chattahoochee Guitar Duo** will perform at the Auburn Public Library on May 11 at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



The **American Girls Club** will meet on May 12 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The program is open to youth in grades K-5. This month's featured characters are Samantha and Nellie. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

The **Auburn Public Library Book Group** will meet on May 16 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss books on con artists. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



The Auburn Public Library will host a **puppet show** honoring Mother's Day on May 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. All ages are invited to attend. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



The **14th Annual Fishing Rodeo** for children 12 years and younger will be held on June 10 from 8:00 a.m.-noon at the Auburn Technology Park-South Lake. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Bring your lucky fishing pole and Parks and Recreation will provide the bait. Prizes will be given for the smallest, largest, and most fish caught. Don't miss out on your chance to reel in the biggest catfish of the year. There is a fee of \$5 per child, payable to the City of Auburn, and a limit of 5 fish per child. Registration and payment will be accepted the morning of the event. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.

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