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Welcome Back Students

Residential Occupancy Reminder

The City of Auburn would like to welcome back all of our students from the summer break. As a new semester begins and students settle in their new housing, we would like to take this opportunity to remind Auburn residents of the City's Zoning Ordinances regarding residential occupancy in the City limits.

In an effort to protect traditional family neighborhoods and provide suitable living environments for students, the City has taken several steps to help identify residential occupancy limitations. Generally speaking, in traditional residential neighborhoods, no more than two unrelated persons may reside at an address. A brochure highlighting specific information on the City's occupancy limitations may be accessed at www.auburnalabama.org and click on **Residential Occupancy Information** under Hot Topics. Brochures are also available in the City's Planning Department, located at 171 North Ross Street, Suite 100. For questions concerning where your particular property lies within the zoning regulations, visit the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org and click on **Map of Occupancy Limitations** under the Hot Topics listing. Zoning information can also be found on the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) site at gis.auburnalabama.org. Residents in violation of the City's residential occupancy are subject to eviction. Property owners found to be in violation of occupancy regulations are subject to fines and possible jail time as set forth in the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance.

If you suspect there is a residence in violation of the City's occupancy regulations, please visit the City's web site at www.auburnalabama.org and click on the **Unrelated Occupancy Complaint Form** under Hot Topics to initiate the formal complaint process. Residents should complete the information requested in the form and return it to the City's Planning Department. Residents will **not** be required to gather evidence for complaint proceedings.

For more information on residential occupancy, please contact the City's Planning Department at 501-3040.



Residential neighborhoods that are zoned as LDD, NC, or DDH allow for no more than two unrelated persons to reside at an address.



Residential areas that are zoned CDD, RDD, UC, or US allow for up to five unrelated persons to reside at an address.

Game Day 2006 Traffic Plan

Football season kicks off with the first Auburn University home game scheduled for Saturday, September 2 against Washington State. As always, traffic will be heavy during home game weekends and residents are asked to be particularly safety conscious when driving. **After each game:**

- 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 keep 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 the roadway will be temporarily one-way northbound from the stadium to State Highway 14.
- Fans wishing to leave and travel southbound on Interstate 85 are encouraged to take **Wire Road** to I-85 South.
- All vehicles in the left lanes on **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 where applicable.
- Fans should be advised that construction will be taking place at the **Bent Creek Interchange (Exit 57)** throughout the season. Please use caution when traveling in this area.

Other changes to the traffic flow plans on campus may be viewed at the Auburn University Game Day web site at www.auburn.edu/communications_marketing/gameday/ and click on the **Parking and Traffic** link. Citizens are encouraged to view this site prior to each home game. For more information, please contact the City of Auburn's Public Safety Department-Communications Division at 501-3100.

Downtown Sidewalk Sales

The City Council passed a resolution at its June 20 meeting authorizing the Auburn Chamber of Commerce to hold a series of Downtown Sidewalk Sales on behalf of the Downtown Merchants for this year's Auburn University home football games. This fall's Sidewalk Sales include:

- Saturday, September 2
- Saturday, September 16
- Saturday, September 23
- Saturday, October 7
- Saturday, October 14
- Saturday, October 21
- Saturday, November 4
- Saturday, November 11



Citizens are reminded to *Shop Auburn!* and keep tax dollars local. For more information on the Downtown Sidewalk Sales, please contact the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 887-7011.

Shop Auburn!
supporting our community makes cents.

Auburn City Pools Notice

Auburn City Pools will close for the season on Monday, September 4 at 9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



Book Sale

The Friends of the Auburn Public Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m.-noon on the Library lawn. For more information, contact the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/library.



At least once a year remove the vent hose from your clothes dryer and clean the lint out of the hose and the cap on the outside of your house. This will help prevent fires and help improve the efficiency of your dryer.

Electrical panels, plugs, and switches should have a cover on them to prevent dust and debris from getting into the wiring. This reduces the risk of fire and electrical shock.

Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor 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 September 4-8 will change as follows:

Normal Collection Day	Holiday Pick-Up Schedule
Monday	Tuesday, September 5
Tuesday	Wednesday, September 6
Wednesday	Thursday, September 7
Thursday	Friday, September 8

Job Vacancies

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:



- **Chief Operator- Water Resource Management (\$16.98-20.27/hour)**

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, sign up for the e-Notifier at www.auburnalabama.org/e-Notifier, 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.

Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** was announced at the August 15 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 19 meeting. The incumbent has served one term.



Two vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** will be announced at the September 5 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 3 meeting. One incumbent has served one full term and one partial term and one incumbent has served a partial term.

Two vacancies on the **Building Board of Adjustments** will be announced at the September 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 17 meeting. Both incumbents have served one full term and one partial term each.

Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the September 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 17, 2006 City Council meeting. Incumbents have served one full term, one full term and one partial term, and one full term.

One vacancy on the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** will be announced at the October 17 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 21 meeting. The incumbent has served two terms.

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

Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park

Enjoy seven fall evenings of free outdoor concerts at Auburn's beautiful Kiesel Park as part of the Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park. This venue is the perfect setting to listen to the sounds of local and regional musicians. Bring the family, a picnic, your lawn chairs, and the dog out to enjoy a relaxing evening under the stars. The 2006 Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park will feature the following performances:

Thursday, September 21	Dave Potts
Thursday, September 28	The Foxhole Satyrists
Thursday, October 5	Saugahatchee Ramblers
Thursday, October 12	Clint Darby and Kip Traylor
Sunday, October 15*	Auburn High School Concert in the Park
Thursday, October 19	Caterpillars of the Community
Thursday, October 26	Auburn Knights Orchestra



All concerts will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. For more information, please contact Alison Hall, Community Programs Director, at 501-2940.

**The Auburn High School Concert in the Park begins at 1:00 p.m.*



Register for the Fall Reading Program at the Auburn Public Library

Registration for the Fall Reading Program at the Auburn Public Library is going on now through September 15. Youth ages 3-11 are invited to join the "Fall on the Farm" reading program. For more information, contact the Youth Services Division of the Auburn Public Library at 501-3196.

Do You Have Your Library Card?

September is the American Library Association's Annual Library Card Sign-Up Month. Join us for the Auburn Public Library's community-wide campaign to reach out to every child, student, and adult in the Auburn community eligible to own a library card.

Libraries play a key role in the education and development of children. Studies have shown that children who are read to in the home and who have access to a library perform better in school and have a better chance of success as an adult. For adults, the library not only is a source of information but can also be a social outlet, especially for new parents, new residents, and senior citizens.

Throughout the month of September, Auburn Public Library staff will be reaching out to the community through educational programming and the Auburn City Schools. A seminar for parents on the Auburn Public Library and its benefits will be held on Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Parents will be able to apply for library cards for their children at that time. Any person age 3 and older who lives, works, or is enrolled in school in the City limits is eligible to sign-up for a library card. Children ages 17 and under must have a parent or legal guardian sign the application.

For more information on programs the Auburn Public Library has to offer to the community, stop by the Library to pick up a brochure, visit www.auburnalabama.org/library, or contact the Library at 501-3190.



Meeting Schedule

Tree Commission - September 1, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - September 5, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - September 5, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment - September 6, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Cemeteries Advisory Board - September 11, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Water Works Board - September 11, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Greenspace Advisory Board - September 12, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission - September 12, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building

Board of Education - September 12, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

Planning Commission - September 14, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

City Council - September 19, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Bicycle Committee - September 26, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N Ross Street

Library Board - September 28, 1:15 p.m., Library Board Room

Cemeteries Advisory Board - October 2, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - October 3, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

City Council - October 3, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Board of Zoning Adjustment - October 4, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

Tree Commission - October 6, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

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up COMING EVENTS

Preschool Story Time, for children ages 3-5 years, will meet each Wednesday this month at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. On September 13, Preschool Story Time will feature a special theme of



"Grandparents." Participants are welcome to invite their grandparents to come along to celebrate the theme. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Join the Auburn Public Library for **Toddler Time** each Thursday this month at 10:00 a.m. Toddler Time is a story time for children ages 18 months-3 years and their caregivers. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Salmagundi ©, offered to children in grades K-5, will meet September 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's theme is "Libraries." For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Author Landon Thomas will be at Auburn Public Library September 6 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss his book The SEC Team of the '80s: Auburn Football 1980-1989. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

Join the City of Auburn and the Auburn Bicycle Committee for a **Moonlight Bike Ride** on September 7 at 8:00 p.m. along the Grove Hill bike path. This free, 3-mile ride will begin and end at Ogletree Elementary School. Participation is open to families, children, youth groups, and avid bike enthusiasts. All participants must have a front light, rear reflector, and wear a helmet. Bicycle safety will be strictly enforced. Volunteers and officers and bike patrol from the Auburn Police Division will monitor the route. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided following the ride. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



Adventures in Art 2006: Celebrate Africa will be presented by the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and the Auburn Arts Association September 11-15 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. This grant-funded program provides Auburn City Schools students in grades 3-5 with a day of art education activities, including performing arts, a gallery talk, and visual arts. For more information or to help with this year's Adventures in Art program, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



The **American Girls Club** will meet on September 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's character is Felicity. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



The **Auburn Public Library Book Group** will meet on September 19 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss books by or about Harper Lee or Truman Capote. Participants may read any book related to the topics. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



Join the Auburn Public Library for a **puppet show** featuring Old MacDonald on September 20 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.



Join us for a **Basic Basket Weaving Workshop** at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center from 8:00 a.m.-noon on September 23. The workshop is open to participants ages 13 and older. The cost is \$50, payable to the instructor. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



Mark your calendar for the following **Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition**. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday for Special Events and Programs only. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



• **New Works VIII**, through September 30, paintings and works on paper by Cleve Webber and Jackie Webber

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Downtown Trick-or-Treat** celebration on Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in downtown Auburn. Join us for this excellent alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. Downtown merchants will provide treats for the children. Musical entertainment will also be provided. Don't miss out on your chance to win the "Best Costume" contest. Downtown Trick-or-Treat is a free event for children ages 3-12 years old. Parents must accompany their children. For more information, or if your downtown business would like to participate, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.



The Auburn CityFest Committee is currently accepting applications and sponsorships for **Auburn CityFest 2007** to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007. Applications for Fine Arts, Arts & Crafts, Food, and Non-Profit Exhibitors are available on the CityFest web site at www.auburncityfest.com. If you are interested in participating in Auburn CityFest 2007, be sure to reserve your space today. Limited space is available. Auburn CityFest 2006, Auburn's largest, FREE, festival, attracted more than 35,000 people to Kiesel Park. To download an application or for sponsorship information, visit www.auburncityfest.com, or contact the Auburn CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930.

