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Governor Riley Names Portion of Highway 280 The Lt. General Hal Moore Highway

Governor Bob Riley recently visited Auburn for an official ceremony naming the portion of Highway 280 between mile markers 98 and 101 the Lt. General Hal Moore Highway. Thanks to an effort spearheaded by Representative Mike Hubbard, this portion of Highway 280 now stands as a tribute to Auburn's own local hero.

Moore retired from the Army in 1977 as a 3 Star General with over 32 years of active service. A longtime citizen of Auburn, Moore dedicated a portion of his retired years researching and authoring the book *We Were Solders Once...and Young*. The book spent over 17 weeks on the *New York Times* Bestseller List and is considered a classic on the Vietnam War.



"The fact that this portion of Highway 280 not only runs through Auburn, but also leads to Fort Benning, GA is a fitting tribute to General Moore," said Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. "General Moore truly is an American hero and we are grateful to Governor Riley and Representative Hubbard for ensuring this tribute to his legacy."

East Samford Avenue Extension Opens



Construction of the East Samford Avenue Extension between East University Drive and East Glenn Avenue was completed in May. The road is now open to traffic. The project, totaling \$2.5 million, included extending East Samford Avenue from its previous terminus east of East University Drive to East Glenn Avenue; installation of water and sewer services and other utilities; the addition of two six-foot wide bike lanes; and new traffic signals at East University Drive and East Glenn Avenue.

In the 2009 Citizen Survey, Auburn citizens indicated the management of traffic flow and congestion was their top priority for City officials to address over the next two years. The completion of the East Samford Avenue extension is expected to help improve east-west traffic flow in the City.

For more information, please visit the City of Auburn Public Works Department online at www.auburnalabama.org/pw or contact them by phone at 501-3000.

A Place To Call Home

City Accepting Applications for the Northwest Village Subdivision



The City of Auburn and the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation are currently accepting applications for homeowners in the Northwest Village Subdivision, Auburn's newest

affordable housing subdivision. The subdivision, located off Foster Street in Northwest Auburn, features beautiful three bedroom and two bath homes in a variety of styles and finishes. Applicants must meet income requirements set forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Qualified buyers are eligible to receive the first-time homebuyers' tax credit, totaling up to \$8,000.



This project is the City's latest effort to provide affordable home ownership opportunities for all citizens. For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/cdbg or contact the City of Auburn Community Development Division at 501-7280.



City of Auburn Non-Emergency Number

Please note the City of Auburn's 24-hour non-emergency number is 501-3100. Citizens are encouraged to use this number when contacting the Public Safety Department with non-emergency requests and issues such as cars blocking the roadway and noise complaints. In addition, this number may be used for all after-hours issues.

This number was established to keep 911 lines open for true emergencies. In the event of a true emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

Board Vacancies

- Three vacancies on the **Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority** will be filled at the July 7 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Water Works Board** will be filled at the August 4 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Greenspace Advisory Board** will be filled at the August 4 City Council meeting.



Citizens interested in serving are encouraged to contact their City Council member or notify the City Manager's Office at webocm@auburnalabama.org or call 501-7260.

Independence Day Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules. There will be no change in the collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of June 29 - July 3.

Summer Camps and Programs

The City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of summer camps and programs for children of all ages. Join us for visual art workshops for children, art for young children, young artist atelier, and much more this summer. For more information, including registration fees and deadlines, pick up a FREE copy of the Parks and Recreation Summer Brochure. Brochures are available at City facilities or download a copy online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks/brochure.asp.



For more information, visit the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks or call 501-2930.

MEETING SCHEDULE

JULY

- 1 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- 6 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- 7 Industrial Development Board**, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 9 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber
- 10 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
- 14 Greenspace Advisory Board**, 11:30 a.m., City Meeting Room
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Development Services Building
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room
- 21 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 23 Library Board**, 8 a.m., Library Board Room
- Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room
- 28 Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Development Services Building

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/boards.

Auburn City Pools Open Samford Pool Renovations Complete

Beat the heat this summer at Auburn City Pools! Visit Drake Pool, located at 653 Spencer Avenue behind Drake Middle School, or the newly-renovated Samford Pool, located at 328 Samford Avenue behind Auburn Junior High School. Daily admission is \$2/person and children 1 & under are free. Individual season passes are available for \$50. Family passes are \$100. Season passes are on sale now at the Dean Road Recreation Center.

Patrons at Samford Pool may notice a new look this summer. Immediately following the close of the 2008 pool season, the Samford Pool Renovations Project began. The project, totaling more than \$300,000, included replacing the existing concrete deck, a new drainage system, and new lighting. Work was completed prior to the opening of the 2009 pool season.

For more information, including a detailed summer pool schedule, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks/pools.asp or contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.



FEMA Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study Update

*Property Owners in Floodplain Encouraged to
Contact Insurance Agent About Flood Insurance*

Lee County and the City of Auburn are in the process of updating their Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study. Property owners affected by the new proposed floodplain have been notified by mail and are encouraged to contact their insurance agent about purchasing flood insurance. Property owners affected by the new maps will likely face higher flood insurance premiums once the proposed maps are in effect. The proposed maps are tentatively scheduled to go into effect in March 2010.

For more information, please visit the City's FEMA webpage at www.auburnalabama.org/fema, or contact the City of Auburn Public Works Department at 501-3000 or webpw@auburnalabama.org.

For an interactive map of the current and proposed FEMA floodplains and to determine if your property is in the floodplain, visit the City's FEMA map at www.auburnalabama.org/fema/maps.asp.

Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Celebrates 10 Years



Join the City of Auburn as we celebrate 10 years of

the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on Thursday, July 30. Stop by the Arts Center from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to see special displays highlighting a decade of community partnerships involving art education programming, art exhibitions, theatre, and dance. A reception will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Join us as we celebrate the past and look to the future of our educational programs, performances, and events at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/arts or contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



Annual Fourth of July Celebration

Sponsored by
Briggs & Stratton Corporation

Celebrate our nation's 233rd birthday at the City of Auburn's Annual Fourth of July Celebration, sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation, on Saturday, July 4 behind the home side of Duck Samford Stadium. Gates open at 6 p.m. Enjoy great food, live music, and a show-stopping fireworks display. Music and children's activities begin at 7 p.m., followed by one of the largest fireworks displays in Lee County at 9 p.m.

Admission is free to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs. Enjoy a picnic dinner with family and friends or purchase refreshments from local vendors on-site. In the event of rain, the fireworks display will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 5. For more information, please visit the City of Auburn website at www.auburnalabama.org or contact the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.



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Open Line Feedback

Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at openline@auburnlabama.org or call 501-7255.

up COMING EVENTS

Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize any events that are not directly affiliated with a City department.



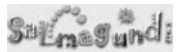
All Month Long...Summer Reading Program at the Auburn Public Library - Join the Auburn Public Library for their summer reading program, continuing through July 31. Children ages 3 - 11 are invited to "Be Creative @ Your Library." Rising 6th - 12th graders can "Express yourself @ Your Library." Set a summer reading goal and win prizes for every five books you read. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/library or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in July...Auburn Stride Walkers - Citizens of all ages are invited to join the Auburn Stride Walkers Club. The club meets at various City walking trails on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m. Schedules are posted on the City's website at www.auburnlabama.org/parks/stridewalkers.asp. Participation is free. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946 or Dee Watson at 501-2948.



Tuesdays in July...Movies for Tweens - Rising 5th - 8th graders are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Movies for Tweens every Tuesday this month at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/library or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Wednesdays in July...Preschool Story Time - Preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Preschool Story Time every Wednesday this month at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/library or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Wednesdays in July...Salmagundi® - Rising K - 5th graders are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Salmagundi® every Wednesday this month from 2 - 3 p.m. Don't miss special activities and performances all summer! For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/library or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Thursdays in July...Toddler Time - Toddlers ages 18 months - 3 years are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Toddler Time every Thursday this month at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Thursdays in July...Young Adult Coffeehouse - Rising 8th - 12th graders are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for Young Adult Coffeehouse every Thursday this month at 6:30 p.m. Express yourself this summer through writing, art, music, and performance! For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/library or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Beginning July 6...Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition - 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 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



• **Summer Invitational 2009**, July 6 - August 14. Monochromatic works in a variety of media by local and regional artists.



July 11...Auburn Dog Club Volunteer Work Day - Calling all dog lovers! Join us July 11 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for a day of volunteering and fun with the animals and staff of the Lee County Humane Society at the Wash-n-Wag fundraiser. Participants will meet at the Humane Society. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at mweldon@auburnlabama.org or call 501-2946.

July 14...Brown Bag Lunch Series at the Auburn Public Library - Bring your lunch and join the Auburn Public Library for the Brown Bag Lunch Series on July 14 from Noon - 1 p.m. Randy Jinks will present a program on vacation opportunities at Alabama's State Parks. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/library or contact the Reference Desk at 501-3195.



Register by July 16...X-Cell Field Trip on the Coosa River - Youth ages 12 - 15 are invited to spend the day paddling the Coosa River on July 25 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Participants should wear appropriate clothing, sunscreen, and footwear for the water. Top quality river equipment will be provided. **Participants must be able to swim.** Bring a light lunch in a soft-sided, waterproof container. Participants must be registered by July 16. The cost is \$30, payable in cash on the day of the trip. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at mweldon@auburnlabama.org or call 501-2946.

July 20 - August 5...Online Fall Soccer Registration - Online registration for fall soccer will be held July 20 - August 5. Log on to www.auburnlabama.org/soccer to register. For more information, contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.



July 21...Auburn Public Library Book Club - The Auburn Public Library Book Club will meet July 21 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/library or contact the Reference Desk at 501-3195.



July 27...Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure Released - Be sure to pick up your FREE copy of Parks and Recreation's fall brochure beginning July 27. The fall brochure is your guide to fall sports and special events, including Downtown Trick-or-Treat and the Fall Concert Series at Kiesel Park. Registration for fall programs will be held August 3 - 28. Brochures are available at City facilities or download a copy online at www.auburnlabama.org/parks/brochure.asp. For more information, contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.

August 5...Walk-in Fall Soccer Registration - Walk-in registration for fall soccer will be held August 5 from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road. For more information, visit www.auburnlabama.org/soccer or contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.



August 7 - 9...Sales Tax Holiday Weekend - The Auburn City Council has approved an ordinance authorizing Auburn's Sales Tax Holiday Weekend for August 7 - 9. For a complete list of items exempt from sales tax during the weekend, please visit www.auburnlabama.org/taxholiday. For more information, please contact the City of Auburn Revenue Office at 501-7239.