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Veterans Day 2013

Citizens are invited to attend the City of Auburn's Veteran's Day ceremony to be held at the Auburn Veterans Memorial beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 11. The event will include a wreath laying along with performances by the Drake Middle School Singers directed by Chris Deason and music from bagpiper Dan Drummond. Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr., will officiate. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, located at 714 East Glenn Avenue.



Attendees are encouraged to park at Felton-Little Park and the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex. Parking for the disabled will be available on Ross Street, between Glenn Avenue and Harper Avenue, which will be closed to through traffic during the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the City Council Chambers at 141 North Ross Street.

Surrounding the monument are brick pavers in honor of individual veterans with ties to members of our community. This year, 22 new bricks honoring individual Veterans were installed in time for the Veteran's Day Ceremony. If you would like to honor a loved one who served, new bricks are available for immediate purchase to be installed in time for Veterans Day 2014. To see all of the bricks that have been installed to date, including information on each honoree, a photograph of each brick in the park and a map of each brick's location, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/Veterans and click on the "Veterans Bricks" menu item.

First observed as Armistice Day beginning November 11, 1919, Veteran's Day became a legal federal holiday in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. In order that we not forget the service of our past and current military, on November 11, 2013, citizens have a chance to recognize a debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom.

Please join citizens in communities throughout the country on Monday, November 11, 2013 to honor our nation's heroes. For more information on the Veterans Day Ceremony, please visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org/veterans or call 501-7270.

Purple Heart Trail Sign Unveiled

Local veterans and City officials unveiled Auburn's Purple Heart Trail signage on September 12. A portion of Glenn Avenue, stretching from Donahue Drive to Bent Creek Road, has been dedicated as the Purple Heart Trail to honor Purple Heart recipients. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. Special thanks to Leslie Digman for spearheading the effort to make Auburn a part of the Purple Heart Trail, and to the Auburn Veteran's Committee for recommending it to the City Council.



Library Receives Donation from the Late Margaret Nichols

The Auburn Public Library extends a heartfelt appreciation to the family of the late Margaret Nichols, mother of Sam Nichols and Clare Long. A longtime resident of Auburn, Ms. Nichols and her husband Sam lived on Cary Drive for many years. Auburn Public Library Director Chris Warren commented, "during her time in Auburn, Ms. Nichols served on the Auburn Public Library Board, and we are grateful that Ms. Nichols remembered the library with a generous gift from her estate. Because of her generosity, the library was able to add shelving for our growing collection and updated seating for our patrons."



Frying a Turkey for the Holidays? Recycle your grease through the City's Cooking Oil/Grease Recycling Program

If your holiday plans include frying a turkey, don't pour the leftover grease down the drain, recycle it through the City of Auburn's Cooking Oil/Grease Recycling Program. To participate, simply pour any used cooking oil (after it has cooled) into its original, leak-proof container and drop it off at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. While you're there, pick up a new empty container for future use, courtesy of the City of Auburn. This program has been a great success, with approximately 2,957 gallons of used cooking oil returned to the Recycling Center since the beginning of the program in March 2009.

For those who wish to have used oil/grease picked up at curbside, the City of Auburn's Water Resource Management Department launched, on August 12, 2011, a Curbside Grease Recycling Program in concert with the City's Cooking Oil/Grease Recycling Program. This program provides Auburn citizens with another way to participate in the City's Household Cooking Oil/Grease Recycling Program by having their used cooking oil/grease picked up at their residence. If you would like to utilize this curbside service, or would like to find out more information about this program, please call the Water Resource Management Department at 501-3069 to schedule a free curbside collection. Additional details regarding the Curbside Grease Recycling Program can be found in the August 2011 Open Line at www.auburnalabama.org/openline.

Please help us keep our sewers clean by disposing of household cooking oil and grease in the proper manner. Visit www.auburnalabama.org/wrm or contact the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department at 501-3060 for more information.

Auburn Public Library Waives Overdue Fines for Food Drive Participants

On Tuesday, November 5th, the Auburn Public Library will collect donations of unexpired canned goods and nonperishable food items. Those who donate will be eligible to have one dollar in existing overdue fines waived for each food item donated. All food will be donated to the Food Bank of East Alabama. Donate to the Food Bank and help ensure that families in the area do not go hungry during this holiday season. For more information, please visit the Auburn Public Library or go to www.auburnalabama.org/library.



MEETING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

- 4 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4:00 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 5 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 6 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 12 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 14 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 19 Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- Library Board**, 2 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- 21 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 26 Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

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

New Activities for Adults 50+

Auburn Parks and Recreation invites active adults ages 50+ to explore a variety of new and existing programs at the Harris Center, 425 Perry Street. A variety of FREE programs for all interests are offered each month, including:

Bingo and Lunch - Enjoy bingo and lunch with your friends on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish.

Zumba Gold® - Lace up your sneakers and join us for Zumba Gold® every Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Wear comfortable workout clothes and don't forget to bring a water bottle and towel.

Monthly Newsletter - Sign up to receive our monthly newsletter. Just email us at webparksrec@auburnalabama.org with "Senior Newsletter" in the subject line.

NEW! Game Day Wednesdays - Bring a friend and enjoy a morning of dominos, checkers, or cards over a cup of coffee every Wednesday from 10 - 11 a.m.

NEW! Speaker Series - Join us on the second and fourth* Thursday each month from 10 - 11 a.m. as we host speakers on a variety of topics. Upcoming speakers include:

Thursday, Oct. 10 Health and Medication Monitoring Service provided by the Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn University

Thursday, Oct. 24 History of Photography as an Art

Thursday, Nov. 14 Evaluating and Appraising Antiques

Thursday, Nov. 21* Importance of Advanced Planning for Your Loved Ones

**Second and third Thursday in November due to Thanksgiving holiday.*

In addition to free weekly and monthly events, a variety of programs and trips are offered each quarter for participants to enjoy. For more information, stop by the Harris Center weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or contact the City of Auburn's Special Programs Coordinator at 501-2939.



Auburn Firefighter Serves as Counselor at National Burn Camp in Washington D.C.

Auburn Fire Division Lieutenant Joshua Smith, who has volunteered as a camp counselor at the Alabama Burn Camp for six years, recently attended the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) International Burn Camp in Washington, D.C. Lt. Smith was chosen to attend by a state board of fire and medical professionals who run the annual Alabama Burn Camp, Camp Conquest, at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin. Burn camps are designed to help children who have severe burns feel comfortable sharing their story and building relationships with other burn survivors.

While in Washington D.C. on September 21-28, Lt. Smith served as a counselor to a 13-year-old child who he met at Camp Conquest. Lt. Smith joined participants from 40 other regional burn camps throughout the United States and Canada. The two toured several monuments, memorials, and museums, visited the White House and the Capitol, met national leaders, and spent time with local D.C. firefighters. Lt. Smith said his goal while on the trip was to make sure the child had the time of his life and was able to participate in as many activities as possible. Lt. Smith has been a firefighter with the Auburn Fire Division since 2000.

Board Vacancies

Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the October 1, 2013 meeting and will be filled at the November 5, 2013 City Council meeting.



Two vacancies on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** will be announced at the October 15, 2013 meeting and will be filled at the November 19, 2013 City Council meeting.

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

Next Stop, The North Pole! Tickets on Sale for Polar Express Holiday Celebration

All aboard the Polar Express! Children ages 5 and up are invited to hop aboard the Polar Express on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Kiesel Park. The "train" will depart at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Activities include arts & crafts, sweets & treats, a visit with some special friends from the North Pole, story time, and much more. Children are encouraged to bundle up and wear their favorite holiday pajamas while they participate in indoor and outdoor activities.

Tickets for the event will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 6 and 7, only from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The cost is \$10/person. A limited number of tickets are available, so be sure to purchase tickets in advance! For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

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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@auburnalabama.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.

Auburn Public Library

For more information, contact Auburn Public Library's Youth Services at 501-3196.

There will not be any Library Youth Services programs during the week of November 25-30, 2013 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Baby Time - Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for ages birth – 18 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Time - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. for ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Time - Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years and their caregivers.

Legomania – Join us every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for “free play” with Legos®.

Special Programs

Writing for College – Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. for students in grades 11-12. The Community Writing Center will assist college bound high school students with entrance essays and letters of application.

Teen Café – Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. for students in grades 8-12. Participants will learn how to make homemade ice cream and sorbet using herbs from the Teen Herb Garden.

Elementary After School Snacks – Friday, November 15 at 3:15 p.m. for students in grades K-5. Participants will learn how to make their own nutritious snacks using simple ingredients from mom's kitchen.

Parks and Recreation

For more information on any of the events listed, or to pre-register for a program, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.

Now Showing - Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions – 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 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/arts or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

Fall Invitational, through Oct. 18. An invitational exhibition of selected works by area artists and craftspersons.

Photo XV - Annual Juried Photography Exhibition, Oct. 21 - Nov. 22. Photographs by artists in Alabama and adjacent states.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in November: Auburn Stride Walkers – Get moving with the Auburn Stride Walkers! Citizens of all ages are invited to join the club for walks at various City walking trails every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. FREE to the public!

Nov. 8 – 17 - AACT Presents *The Alto Part* – Join the Auburn Area Community Theatre as they present their fall production, *The Alto Part*, Nov. 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Tickets will be available 30 minutes prior to each performance and are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

Register by Nov. 21 - Tiger Trekkers Hiking Club Weekday Walkabout Hike to Coleman Lake - Citizens ages 16 and up are invited to join the Tiger Trekkers Hiking Club for a Weekday Walkabout Hike at Coleman Lake in the Talladega National Forest. Join us Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sturdy hiking shoes are required. Registration is \$5/person, payable in CASH on the day of the trip. Participants must be registered by Thursday, Nov. 21.

Beginning Dec. 9 - Daddy-Daughter Date Night 2014 Tickets on Sale - Tickets to Daddy-Daughter Date Night (DDDN) 2014 go on sale Monday, Dec. 9 at 8 a.m. at the Harris Center. DDDN 2014 will be held Feb. 6 - 8 at the Clarion Inn & Suites University Center on South College Street. Last year's event SOLD OUT, so be sure to purchase your tickets early! Tickets are \$30/couple and \$5 for each additional child. Participants must live or work in Auburn to purchase tickets.

Now Accepting Holiday Art Sale Vendors

Calling all artists! The Auburn Arts Association and Auburn Parks and Recreation will host the 7th Annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center (JDCAC). Interested in participating as a vendor? Applications are now available for a limited number of vendor spaces. Visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks to download an application. In lieu of a vendor fee, vendors are asked to donate 10% of the proceeds of sales to the Auburn Arts Association.

The annual Holiday Art Sale offers citizens a festive and unique shopping experience, featuring local artists selling creative, handmade works. Works include pottery, paintings, stained glass, photography, cards, prints, jewelry, scarves, hats, and much more! Admission to the event is FREE for all ages!

Don't delay! Vendor applications are due Friday, Nov. 22. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact the City of Auburn's Art Education Specialist, at 501-2944.

