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Auburn Recycles

For almost 30 years, the City of Auburn has been committed to making recycling available to residents. In 1987, the City of Auburn became the first municipality in the State of Alabama to provide curbside recycling services. In 1999, the recycling drop-off center at 365-A North Donahue Drive was established, providing citizens the opportunity to recycle 24 hours per day.

To help keep recycling costs manageable, the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department does ask curbside customers to sort their various recycling materials into separate bins at the curb. These items are typically loaded into a truck with separate bins for the separate types of recyclables. We also have standard, back-loading trucks that collect recycling, and are typically used for collecting plastics. Even though these trucks look like regular garbage trucks, rest assured that your materials are being properly recycled.

Acceptable Items at Residential Curbside

- Aluminum cans
- Steel/Tin cans
- Newspapers
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Plastic drink bottles
- Clear Glass & Brown Glass

Due to associated costs, the city is unable to recycle green glass at this time.

For more information on recycling in Auburn, please visit <http://www.auburnalabama.org/recycle> or call (334) 501-3080.



Recycling for the Holidays

Sustainable Holiday Turkey

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. Simply pour any used cooking oil (after it has cooled) into its original container (make sure it doesn't leak) 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 container for future use, courtesy of the City of Auburn. This addition to the City's recycling program has kept over 4,305 gallons of used cooking oil out of our sanitary sewer system.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycling your Christmas tree is as easy as placing it at the curb. The City of Auburn Environmental Services Department will collect and recycle Christmas trees placed at the curb with customers' weekly curbside collections. Trees should be placed at the curb for recycling on your regularly scheduled collection day.

Recycle Your Holiday Boxes

And as long as you're recycling your tree, don't forget to recycle the boxes from your gifts this holiday season. Cardboard boxes and gift boxes are picked up curbside and may be recycled at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. Please break down all boxes for recycling.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Schedules

Auburn City Hall, the Auburn Public Library and city facilities will be closed on Thursday, December 25, Friday, December 26 and Thursday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications will remain open with regular schedules.

The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for each week will change as follows:

Christmas - Week of December 22-26 Collection Schedule

Normal Collection Day Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Monday	No Change
Tuesday	No Change
Wednesday	No Change
Thursday	Wednesday, December 24

New Year - Week of December 29 - January 2 Collection Schedule

Normal Collection Day Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Monday	No Change
Tuesday	No Change
Wednesday	No Change
Thursday	Wednesday, December 31

Carts and recycled materials must be placed at the curb for collection by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. All carts and recycling bins must be removed from the curb by 6 a.m. the following day. The holiday collection schedule is available at www.auburnalabama.org/es (click "Holiday Schedule"). For more information on garbage, trash, and recycling, please contact the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



Water Storage Tank Demolition

In October, the Water Resource Management Department began dismantling the water storage tank located on East University Drive (EUD) near Duck Samford Park. Once demolition of that tank is complete, the elevated water storage tank located on Armstrong Street will be dismantled. The Water Works Board has determined that both tanks are no longer beneficial to the water system and has permanently removed them from service.

As these tanks have outlived their usefulness, removal will ensure that they do not become structurally unsafe. Rehabilitation and ongoing maintenance of the tanks would be cost prohibitive.

Demolition is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Auburn Public Safety Kicks off Toys for Tots

The City of Auburn Public Safety Department kicked off the 2014 Auburn Toy Drive on October 1, 2014. The program is designed to assist families in the Auburn community by providing Christmas gifts to needy children, ages 2-8.

The deadline to register a child to receive a gift was November 5, but there is no deadline to donate. To donate, please bring a new toy to any Auburn Fire station or the Auburn Police Division building. Thanks to the generosity of Uncle Bob's Self Storage, two remote drop-off points have also been established at Uncle Bob's Self Storage businesses located at 1231 Gatewood Drive and 2020 South College Street. Please do not gift-wrap donations. Volunteers will place the gift into an age-appropriate category before delivery, which is scheduled for the week before Christmas.

Donation Locations:

Fire Station 1 359 East Magnolia Avenue	Fire Station 5 234 Technology Parkway
Fire Station 2 1520 Shug Jordan Parkway	Auburn Police Division 161 North Ross Street
Fire Station 3 685 Ogletree Road	Uncle Bob's Self Storage 1231 Gatewood Drive
Fire Station 4 1299 Stoker Street	Uncle Bob's Self Storage 2020 South College Street



Free Parking Downtown

The Auburn City Code sets as a free parking "holiday" the period of time from Auburn University Graduation day through the day before classes begin the next semester. This winter, free parking will be available downtown from Monday, December 15th through Tuesday, January 13th. Enjoy free parking as you shop, dine and do business in downtown Auburn.

ShopAuburn for the Holidays

The busiest shopping season of the year is upon us! Don't forget to ShopAuburn to help keep sales tax dollars local. Revenue from Auburn's sales tax funds our award winning school system, enables the paving and maintenance of our roads, funds police and fire protection and makes possible community events, such as Auburn CityFest.

26th Anniversary Daddy-Daughter Date Night Frozen Enchantment

Auburn Parks and Recreation will host the 26th Anniversary of Daddy-Daughter Date Night Feb. 5 - 7 at the Clarion Inn & Suites on S. College St. Dads and daughters, enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, pictures, and door prizes! Special guests will join us throughout the evening for this "Frozen Enchantment." Don't forget to save your best moves for our dance contest! This event will SELL OUT, so be sure to purchase tickets early. Girls ages 12 and under and their dads, grandfathers, or guardians are invited to join us for one of three nights of music, memories, and fun! Tickets are \$35/couple and \$5/additional child.

NEW THIS YEAR! Tickets will be sold exclusively online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks beginning Monday, Dec. 8 at 8 a.m. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

2015 Daddy-Daughter Date Night

Thursday, Feb. 5 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Holiday Exhibition: Small Works

Don't miss the Holiday Exhibition: Small Works at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Dec. 1 – 22. This invitational exhibition features works in a variety of media, many of which are for sale. Gallery exhibitions are free and open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

8th Annual Holiday Art Sale

Shop for unique, handmade gifts at the 8th Annual Holiday Art Sale, hosted by Auburn Parks and Recreation and the Auburn Arts Association, on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and Harris Center. Shop with 60 local and regional artists, offering one-of-a-kind items such as scarves, ornaments, paintings, photography, ceramics, jewelry, stained glass and holiday décor. Finish up the last of your holiday shopping - or start your shopping - with unique gifts from some of the area's most talented artists.

Admission is FREE and a portion of the proceeds from sales support the Auburn Arts Association's programs at the Arts Center. Visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks for more information.

Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Public Park and Recreation Board** was announced at the November 18, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the December 16, 2014 City Council Meeting.



Two vacancies on the **Board of Zoning Adjustment** will be announced at the December 2, 2014 meeting and will be filled at the January 6, 2015 City Council Meeting.

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

Auburn Christmas Parade

The Auburn Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Christmas Parade downtown on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. The parade will begin on the Auburn campus at Thach Ave. and proceed north on College St. through Toomer's Corner to Tichenor Ave., right on Gay St., and right on Thach Ave. to end where it began. Citizens are encouraged to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season along the parade route, and to stay downtown afterwards to shop and dine with downtown merchants and restaurants.

Be a Santa to a Senior

Auburn Parks and Recreation will be a host site for Home Instead Senior Care's "Be a Santa to a Senior" program at the Harris Center beginning the week of Thanksgiving. Wreaths in the lobby of the Harris Center will be decorated with paper ornaments that list a gift needed by a senior. To donate, visit the Harris Center to choose an ornament. Then return the gift listed on the ornament, along with the ornament to the Harris Center no later than Tuesday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m. Donations should not be gift-wrapped. Gifts will be wrapped and delivered in time for Christmas.

MEETING SCHEDULE DECEMBER

- 1 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 2 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
- 3 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 9 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
Historic Preservation Commission, 4 p.m., DSB Conference Room, 171 North Ross Street
Board of Education, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 11 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 16 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
- 18 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

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

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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 501-7266.

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.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Baby Time – Tuesdays at 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for ages birth – 18 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Time – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for ages 18 months – 3 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Time – Thursdays at 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for preschoolers ages 3 – 5 years and their caregivers.

Pajama Time – Monday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. for the whole family. Put on your pajamas, grab a blanket, bring a favorite bedtime "lovey," and join us for cozy stories, music, and family fun!

Fractured Fairytales – Wednesday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m. for ages 4 – 7. Featuring *The Gingerbread Man* by Nancy Nolte and *The Gingerbread Girl* by Lisa Campbell Ernst. After the stories, stay to decorate gingerbread cookies with Miss Kari!

Family Story Time – Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. Bring the whole family and join us for stories, songs, parachute games, and family fun.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

Letters to Santa – Monday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m. for children in preschool through grade 3. Visit the Auburn Public Library and write your letter to Santa. We will help you write the letter, address the envelope, and mail it to the North Pole for you.

Puppet Show – Wednesday, December 3 at 3:30 p.m. for ages 3 – 7. Featuring "Hansel and Gretel."

Elf on a (Book) Shelf – All through the month of December, look for Dewey, Santa's helper, in Youth Services. Dewey has been sent to the Auburn Public Library to look out for good little boys and girls. If you find Dewey, let a librarian know and you'll get a prize from Santa's sack!

ESL/ELL HOMEWORK HELP – For grades K-12. Tuesdays, December 2, 9 and 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

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

FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Gamers' Club – Thursday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. for ages 9 – 12 and Thursday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. for ages 13 – 18. For more information call Youth Services at 501-3196.

Ugly Sweater Holiday Party – Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. for grades 8 – 12. Wear your ugliest sweater and join us for some holiday cheer, games, and refreshments (wearing a sweater is not required to attend).

LitWits – Tuesday, December 2 and Tuesday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m. for ages 13 – 18.

December 2 - Biographies

December 16 - Holiday and Traditional Stories

Boys and Girls Club Fine Arts Exhibit and Opening Reception – Wednesday, December 10 at 5:00p.m. Bring the whole family and join us for an open house to view the children's art work and enjoy refreshments.

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.

Dec. 6...Holiday Wreath Workshop - The Forest Ecology Preserve will host a Holiday Wreath Workshop at the Ham Wilson Arena on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Enjoy a fun afternoon of making beautiful wreaths or sprays with natural elements for your home's holiday décor. Music and delicious snacks will make the afternoon festive. Children ages six and older can join a parent to help make an ornament. Registration is \$25/wreath or spray. Contact the Preserve at 334-707-6512 or visit www.auburn.edu/preserve for more information.

Dec. 6... "The Polar Express" Holiday Movie - Join Auburn Parks and Recreation on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the gym at the Frank Brown Recreation Center for a FREE holiday movie featuring the animated children's classic, "The Polar Express." All ages are invited. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the Auburn Public Safety Department's Toys for Tots campaign.

Dec. 11...50+ Movie Night at the Harris Center - Adults 50+ are invited to movie night at the Harris Center on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Join us as we watch "Million Dollar Arm" and enjoy dinner and movie snacks as a group. The cost is \$5 and includes dinner. Pre-register at the Harris Center by Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m.

Dec. 13...Ho! Ho! Ho! Hike - The Forest Ecology Preserve will host the Ho! Ho! Ho! Hike on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Preserve. Join us for this "Santa-hunt" as we hike the Preserve looking for the elusive visitor in red. Later, we will return to the amphitheater for a cup of hot chocolate and a warm fire. Sit for a professional holiday portrait for \$10. Donations of canned goods will be accepted for the Food Bank of East Alabama. Registration for the hike is \$3/person.

Now Registering...Polar Plunge Benefitting Lee County Special Olympics - Sign up, dive in, and raise money for a great cause! Brave the cold at the 3rd Annual Polar Plunge on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 9 a.m. at Samford Pool. Registration is free. Participants are encouraged to recruit sponsors in support of taking the plunge for Lee County Special Olympics and its athletes. A free t-shirt will be included with registration for participants with a minimum of \$20 in sponsors. Individual and group costumes are welcomed!