

Open Line

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City of Auburn website created for your on-the-go life

You're on the move, and the City of Auburn is ready to go with you. Launched in July 2017, the new auburnalabama.org is designed for you.

Many of you have told us how you want to connect with the City online. Our new website reflects your input with a modern approach to website design in a mobile world. It puts information in your hand wherever you are, whenever you need it, with any device you choose.

The website is accessible across all device sizes with dynamic content that adapts to your screen size, no matter how large or small. Want to interact with Auburn maps on your big-screen smart TV? The website is designed to accommodate that. Looking for an empty parking space downtown? Use the downtown parking application on your smart phone for real-time parking availability.

We have designed the new site to be engaging. It gives you a chance to not only gather information but to use City services. Synchronize your calendar with the City's to keep track of community events and public meetings. Sign up for City water services and pay your water bill online. Use one of the many forms to simplify doing business with the City. If you need to talk to a real person, every page on the website belongs to someone who invites you to use the direct contact information on the page to reach out to them for help or more information.

The new website continues the City of Auburn's tradition of award-winning innovation in Geographic Information Services, displaying a rich tapestry of interactive maps that let you explore Auburn from 1966 to the latest building permit issued today. Charts and performance metrics provide rapid visualization for the inner workings of City departments. Our News site curates news and press releases in a journal-like user experience. Use your desktop computer or a mobile handheld device to browse through articles covering a wide range of topics.

The launch of the new website is only the beginning. The City of Auburn is committed to ongoing development and improvement as we continue to develop the online experience. Upcoming improvements will include the ability to apply for a Boards or Commissions vacancy or submit a public records request with the click of a button. Soon, all permits and inspections requests and payments will be available online. Many more features are coming, so visit us often to see what's new.

The City of Auburn recognizes that great work happens outside the office and outside 8-5, and our new website directly addresses that. We invite your input as we continue to develop the City's website as a way to engage with us and stay connected with your community. Visit us at auburnalabama.org.



Adjusting to shorter days in the City of Auburn

As the days grow shorter, many of us are out more after daylight hours. Help keep yourself and fellow residents safe this season by reporting street light outages and wearing appropriate reflective gear when walking or biking.

Street lights: Most street lights in Auburn are maintained by Alabama Power. To report an outage, call Alabama Power at 1-800-245-2244 or visit alabamapower.com. You may also call the City of Auburn Public Works Department at (334) 501-3000 or email webpw@auburnalabama.org, and we will report the outage to Alabama Power.

Reflective material: Everyone walking or running during hours of darkness must wear reflective material between the waist and shoulders on their front and back. All bicyclists are required to have an operating headlight on the front of their bicycles and reflectors on the front and rear spokes of the wheels and pedals of their bicycles.

Make sure your reflectors reflect light from a car's headlights from a minimum of 500 feet. Remember—just because you can see a car's headlights does not mean the driver can see you.

Find more tips to stay safe on Auburn streets and sidewalks at TravelWithCareAuburn.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @TravelWithCareAuburn and Twitter @TravelWCareAU.



Board Vacancies

Two vacancies for the **Board of Zoning Adjustment** will be announced at the Dec. 5 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Jan. 2, 2018 meeting.

Visit auburnalabama.org/boards-and-commissions for more information about volunteering for one of our boards and commissions.



HOW MANY ROOMMATES MAY I HAVE?

Certain areas of Auburn, or zoning districts, limit the number of unrelated people at an address to help reduce overcrowding and preserve neighborhood character.

There are three zoning districts in Auburn which limit to two the number of unrelated occupants living in a dwelling in those zones. Those districts are Neighborhood Conservation (NC), Limited Development District (LDD) and Development District Housing (DDH).



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FIND OUT IF THESE LIMITATIONS AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY

VISIT WEBGIS.AUBURNALABAMA.ORG/UNRELATEDOCCUPANCYLIMITS FOR AN INTERACTIVE MAP OR CONTACT THE CITY OF AUBURN PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT (334) 501-3040 OR WEBPLANNING@AUBURNALABAMA.ORG

2018 Holiday garbage, trash and recycling collection schedule

The New Year brings a new pickup schedule! We encourage you to keep this schedule to refer back to throughout the year.

January - New Year's Day Holiday

Monday, January 1	Holiday
Tuesday, January 2	Monday's route
Wednesday, January 3	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 4	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 5	Thursday's route

January - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 15	Holiday
Tuesday, January 16	Monday's route
Wednesday, January 17	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 18	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 19	Thursday's route

May - Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 28	Holiday
Tuesday, May 29	Monday's route
Wednesday, May 30	Tuesday's route
Thursday, May 31	Wednesday's route
Friday, June 1	Thursday's route

July - Independence Day Holiday

Monday, July 2	Monday's route
Tuesday, July 3	Tuesday's route
Wednesday, July 4	Holiday
Thursday, July 5	Wednesday's route
Friday, July 6	Thursday's route

September - Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 3	Holiday
Tuesday, September 4	Monday's route
Wednesday, September 5	Tuesday's route
Thursday, September 6	Wednesday's route
Friday, September 7	Thursday's route

November - Veterans Day (Sunday)

Monday, November 12	Holiday
Tuesday, November 13	Monday's route
Wednesday, November 14	Tuesday's route
Thursday, November 15	Wednesday's route
Friday, November 16	Thursday's route

November - Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 19	No change
Tuesday, November 20	No change
Wednesday, November 21	Wednesday's and Thursday's route
Thursday, November 22	Holiday
Friday, November 23	Holiday

December - Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 24	Monday's route
Tuesday, December 25	Holiday
Wednesday, December 26	Tuesday's route
Thursday, December 27	Wednesday's route
Friday, December 28	Thursday's route

January 2019 - New Year's Day

Monday, December 31	Monday's route
Tuesday, January 1	Holiday
Wednesday, January 2	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 3	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 4	Thursday's route

January Holiday Schedule

City Hall and most City facilities will close on Monday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules.

The Auburn Public Library's book drops will remain open, and the online collection of ebooks, e-audiobooks, and digital magazines are available 24/7. Keep an eye on news.auburnalabama.org for Parks and Recreation facility hours during the holidays.

Starting a business in Lee County

The Auburn Public Library will host an interactive course tailored to starting a business in Lee County and the state of Alabama on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 5:30-7 p.m. The course will be presented by Brett A. Smith, MPA, JD, LLM, a partner with Huff Smith Law, LLC. Email libraryevents@auburnalabama.org or call (334) 501-3198 to register. This class is FREE and open to the public.



Sixth Annual Polar Plunge Saturday Jan. 27

Sign up, dive in and raise money for a great cause! Brave the cold at the sixth annual Polar Plunge on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at 9 a.m. Recruit sponsors to support you as you take the plunge at Samford Pool in support of Lee County Special Olympics. Individual and group costumes are encouraged! Register at <https://campself.active.com/CityofAuburn>.



JANUARY ^{up}COMING EVENTS

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

	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m. City Council 7 p.m. 50+ Bingo & Lunch 	3	4	5	6
	7	8	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	 <p>City of Auburn</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Meeting Schedule auburnalabama.org (334) 501-7260 Auburn Public Library auburnalabama.org/library (334) 501-3198 Parks and Recreation auburnalabama.org/parks (334) 501-2930

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