

Open Line

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City of Auburn

We strive to serve: reorganizing the way your local government works

As your local government, we are constantly assessing the way the City of Auburn operates. We are always looking for opportunities to provide better services, and recently we began a reorganization process to do just that.

The reorganization pulls together existing divisions and services to improve efficiency and streamline workflows that involve different areas of our organization. Through this effort, we hope to develop superior customer service, collaborative teamwork and enhanced communication while ultimately making better use of City resources to improve the appearance of the community and provide high-quality infrastructure.



A key part of the reorganization is the grouping of departments into four Business Units: **Administrative Services, Development Services, Public Safety Services** and **Public Services**. These units are comprised of departments and divisions that work together to bring you related services, helping us to tighten our processes and fostering more collaboration among City departments.

The **Administrative Services Business Unit** includes the Office of the City Manager, Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources and Economic Development departments. This grouping of existing departments focuses on ensuring that budget goals and priorities are transparently linked to the strategic plans that drive them. The Unit will also focus on enhancing communication with our residents through neighborhood outreach.

Departments in the **Development Services Business Unit** will work together to promote sustainable growth by protecting existing neighborhoods and encouraging quality development. It includes the Planning Services, Engineering Services, Inspection Services, Commercial Development Services and Community Development Services departments. Inspection Services was formerly the Codes Enforcement Division in the Public Safety Department, and Commercial Development Services and Community Development Services were formerly housed in the Economic Development Department.

The Public Safety and Judicial departments make up the **Public Safety Services Business Unit**.

The Public Services Business Unit includes departments that work most directly with you, our residents: Water Resource Management, Public Works, Environmental Services, Parks and Recreation and Library. This grouping will increase communication and collaboration amongst departments that provide direct services to the public and help them more comprehensively address the community's needs. For example, right-of-way maintenance will now fall under a single division in Public Works rather than being split between multiple departments.

Ultimately, this restructuring is designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of how we serve you. We look forward to enhancing the quality of the services you expect and deserve from your local government.

April is National 9-1-1 Education Month

Are you 9-1-1 aware? If you had to call to request emergency services at any given time, would you be able to provide your exact location? Would you also be prepared to provide vital details to ensure that the proper aid is provided to you?

The difficult and stressful situations that prompt citizens to dial 9-1-1 for assistance can make remaining mindful of your surroundings extremely challenging. In 2008, Congress established April as 9-1-1 Education Month to provide resources to engage with the public to help them better understand the history and proper use of the 9-1-1 system.

April 8th – 14th has also been declared National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week to spotlight the hard work of the dedicated individuals who answer and process the 9-1-1 emergency calls for service.

Please stay tuned to the City of Auburn on social media @CityofAuburnAL to learn more about 9-1-1 throughout the month of April.



18th Annual Auburn CityFest: Native Alabama

Auburn's largest FREE outdoor event of the year is just around the corner—the Auburn CityFest! Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for our 18th Annual CityFest on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Kiesel Park.

This year's theme is "Native Alabama," so be prepared to learn about and experience Alabama's rich history and culture. The Medicine Tail Singers, a traveling drum group with members from many southeastern Native American tribe backgrounds, will provide the headlining entertainment, performing various Native American dances and songs. There will also be many special guest performers and a variety of free children's activities throughout the day. Guests are invited to shop and explore over 100 arts and craft, food and nonprofit vendors.

The Auburn CityFest is a RAIN or SHINE event. Do not miss this fun-filled and family-friendly day! For more information, visit auburncityfest.com.

14th Annual Auburn CityFest Juried Art Preview Show & Reception

If you are excited for Auburn CityFest 2018, join us on April 26 for the 14th Annual Juried Art Show Preview Reception, brought to you by the Auburn CityFest Committee, the Auburn Arts Association and the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau.

Artists from the Southeast are invited to submit works for this competition. More than \$1,000 in awards will be presented. The reception will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the historic Nunn-Winston House on the grounds of Kiesel Park. This reception is FREE to the public, and food and beverages will be offered. The Auburn Arts Association will accept submissions for the show through mid-April.

Download an application at auburncityfest.com, and submit your piece today! For more information, call (334) 501-2930 or email webparksrec@auburnalabama.org.

Auburn's largest **FREE** outdoor festival!



THE 18TH ANNUAL
AUBURN CITYFEST
NATIVE ALABAMA

www.AuburnCityFest.com

➡ *Come Rain or Shine* ⬅

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

9am - 4pm | Kiesel Park | Auburn, AL

TIPS: garbage, recycling and trash collection

Whether you're new to the area or a longtime Auburn collection customer, here are some tips to remember when putting your garbage and recycling carts by the curb for collection.

TIP #1: Give your carts some wiggle room.

Remember to place carts at least 3 feet from other carts and obstacles like mailboxes, poles and vehicles. This gives our truck operators plenty of space to pick up your garbage and recycling without damaging any obstacles near the carts.

TIP #2: Do NOT place glass in single-stream recycling carts.

For single-stream recycling customers and all those interested in becoming part of the program this year, remember that GLASS IS NOT ACCEPTED in single-stream carts.

When glass and other unacceptable items, like Styrofoam, break and spread in carts or trucks with acceptable materials, the load is contaminated and ends up in landfills rather than being recycled.

Glass IS accepted 24/7 at our Recycling Drop-Off Center at 365-A N. Donahue Drive.

Please help make our program successful by making sure the right materials are placed in carts.

TIP #3: Remove caps from bottles and jugs and cut down boxes.

Removing the caps from plastics and cutting down boxes helps the compaction process, creating more space for more materials. Place caps loosely in carts or bins.

For more info about the City of Auburn's recycling, garbage and trash collection, visit auburnalabama.org/garbage-and-recycling.



Trash Amnesty Month returns in time for spring-cleaning

Ready to clear out the clutter in and around your home this spring? Trash Amnesty Month will return March 19 through April 27, allowing Auburn residents to take care of spring-cleaning without paying extra fees.

This will mark the 14th year the City of Auburn's Environmental Services Department has provided a trash amnesty period. Last year marked the first Trash Amnesty Month, an extension of the weeklong amnesty period that the Auburn City Council long-designated to waive collection fees for oversized yard debris and other bulky yard waste that exceeds five cubic yards.

Please follow these guidelines when taking advantage of Trash Amnesty Month:

Place debris at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. Place items at least 3 feet from mailboxes, utility boxes, poles or other fixed objects. All items should be contained or bundled so they do not fall into the street or down storm drains.

The City will accept yard waste, appliances and bulky items for collection. Please do not include materials such as household garbage or hazardous waste.

Limbs and other debris should be no longer than 5 feet in length.

To facilitate recycling efforts, please separate all wood debris, including limbs and grass clippings, from metal items.

Because of the large volume of pickup expected during Trash Amnesty Month, residents may experience a delay in their normal collection schedule. For questions, contact Environmental Services at (334) 501-3080 or webenvirsvc@auburnalabama.org.

Web Feature: Keeping up with City happenings

It keeps getting better!

In case you missed it, the City has added calendars to the new website, auburnalabama.org. From City meeting schedules to aquatic events and library programs, calendars are popping up all over the website and putting more information at your fingertips online.

Staying connected is easier than ever with a click of the mouse or a tap on your phone. Subscribe to any or all City calendars by using the buttons available on each calendar's page.

Once connected, you'll be ready for that next theater performance at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center or on top of that business license renewal.

Happy surfing.

Board Vacancies

Two vacancies for the **Historic Preservation Commission** will be announced at the March 6 Auburn City Council Meeting and will be filled at the April 3 meeting. One vacancy for the **Board of Education** will be announced at the March 20 Auburn City Council Meeting and will be filled at the April 17 meeting.

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



APRIL upCOMING EVENTS

<p>1</p> <p>Rain date for 37th Annual Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Young Writers Club 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cemeteries Advisory Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>2018 Swim Team Registration Begins</p> <p>Scale Back Alabama Lee Co. Weight-Out Week Begins</p>	<p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>50+ Bingo 10:30 a.m. @ Harris Center</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Auburn Public Library Studio 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>STEM Lab 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Auburn Regional Alabama Launchpad Finals @ Ag Heritage Park</p> <p>Lee County Special Olympics Track & Field Meet @ Smiths Station</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Active Auburn Glowga Party 7 p.m. @ Boykin Community Center</p>	<p>7</p> <p>STEM Storytime 10 a.m.</p>
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<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Young Writers Club 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Show And Tell Book Club 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>50+ Bingo 10:30 a.m. @ Harris Center</p> <p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Library Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Auburn Public Library Studio 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>STEM Lab 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4 p.m.</p> <p>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Puppet Shows 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Rain Date for Trolling: An evening with George Hardy 6 p.m. @ Davis Arboretum</p>	<p>21</p> <p>STEM Storytime 10 a.m.</p> <p>Bike Bash 8 a.m. @ Richland Elementary School</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Young Writers Club 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Baby Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Final Monthly Market for the season 4:30 P.M. @ Harris Center</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Auburn Public Library Studio 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Toddler Time 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>STEM Lab 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p>Gamer's Society 4 p.m.</p> <p>Auburn CityFest Juried Art Preview Reception 5:30 p.m. @ Kiesel Park</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>STEM Storytime 10 a.m.</p> <p>Auburn CityFest 9 a.m. @ Kiesel Park</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Young Writers Club 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Auburn Thunder Soccer Tryout registration begins</p> <p>Soccer Camp & ARPD Sports Camp registration begins</p>		<p>Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize events that are not directly affiliated with a City department.</p>	<p>City Meeting Schedule auburnalabama.org (334) 501-7260</p> <p>Auburn Public Library auburnalabama.org/library (334) 501-3198</p> <p>Parks and Recreation auburnalabama.org/parks (334) 501-2930</p>	 <p>City of Auburn</p>	<p>View our online edition of Open Line at auburnalabama.org/openline</p>

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