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City of Auburn



Introducing Trash Amnesty Month

Need more than a week for outdoor spring cleaning? Say hello to Trash Amnesty month.

The Auburn City Council has long designated one week a year as Trash Amnesty Week to allow Auburn residents to take care of spring yardwork without paying extra fees. This year, at the request of our Auburn Environmental Services staff, the City Council approved expanding the timeframe of Trash Amnesty Week to maximize its utility for residents.

Auburn's first Trash Amnesty Month will run from March 20 through April 28, 2017 giving Auburn residents six full weeks to clean and beautify their yards for the season. During this time, the City will waive fees normally charged for the collection of oversized yard debris and other bulky yard waste.

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. Please avoid placing items on or near mailboxes, utility boxes or poles, or other fixed objects. All items should be properly 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.

Due to the large volume of pickup expected during Trash Amnesty Month, residents may experience a delay in their normal collection schedule.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH
9AM - 4PM • KIESEL PARK
FREE TO THE PUBLIC • RAIN OR SHINE

THE 17th ANNUAL
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APRIL 29, 2017
PEACE, LOVE & CITYFEST

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Over 100 Arts and Crafts Vendors, Great Food, Children Activities and More!

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Auburn CityFest Juried Art Preview Exhibition & Reception

Join the Auburn CityFest Committee, Auburn Arts Association, and the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau as we honor the artists participating in the 13th Annual Juried Art Show held in conjunction with Auburn CityFest. The art works will be displayed during Auburn CityFest 2017 at the Historic Nunn-Winston House on Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on the grounds of Kiesel Park. Jurors will present more than \$1,000 in awards. The Auburn Arts Association will accept submissions for the show through mid-April. Download an application at auburncityfest.com and submit your piece today!

17th Annual Auburn CityFest

Get ready for one of Auburn's favorite spring traditions, Auburn CityFest! Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for the 17th Annual Auburn CityFest 2017: *Peace, Love and CityFest* presented by Opelika-Auburn News and sponsored by MAX Credit Union on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Enjoy live music, delicious food, fun children's activities, a variety of arts & crafts from local and regional artists and more! This year's CityFest will feature live music by the WannaBeatles and performances by Steve Trash, the 'Rockin' Eco Hero,' headlining in the Children's Imagination Station. This FREE outdoor arts and crafts festival is held RAIN or SHINE on the last Saturday of April. For more information, visit auburncityfest.com.

Contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at (334) 501-2930 or webpagesrec@auburnalabama.org for more information.



Moore's Mill Bridge Demolition Underway

Demolition of the old Moore's Mill Bridge is underway, scheduled to last through at least mid-March. Work will take place at night, with rolling roadblocks pacing traffic on I-85 as necessary.

The Moore's Mill Bridge Replacement Project replaces the bridge on Moore's Mill Road at Interstate 85 and includes related road, sidewalk, and intersection improvements. The project will provide a wider, five-lane bridge to improve traffic flow across the interstate. The project includes improvements at the intersections of Moore's Mill Road at East University Drive and the Moore's Mill Road at Grove Hill Road. Other improvements include extending the multi-use path on Moore's Mill Road to connect to Moore's Mill Park. These improvements will tie into recent work widening Moore's Mill Road between East University Drive and Dean Road. Partial funding for the Moore's Mill Road Bridge Replacement Project was provided through the State of Alabama's ATRIP program.

The Moore's Mill Bridge replacement is an Alabama Department of Transportation project.

April is National 911 Education Month

Did you know that the first 911 call made in the United States was in Haleyville, Alabama in 1968? Or that a deactivated cell phone can still be used to call 911? April is National 911 Education Month, established with the goal of educating the public on the purpose, procedure, and history of 911 in the United States. April 9 - 15 is also National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, dedicated to the men and women who work hard every day processing emergency calls in Auburn 911 and throughout the county.

Stay tuned to the City of Auburn (@CityofAuburnAL) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn more throughout the month of April.



THE NUMBER TO KNOW

2017 Citizens Public Safety Academy

Applications are available for the 2017 Citizens Public Safety Academy which takes place March 23 - May 4, 2017.

The program is free for Auburn citizens age 18 and older. Each week, a variety of presenters will inform participants on topics including: enforcement of building codes, fire prevention, emergency communications, crime scenes, and crime prevention. Hands-on training may include fire-arms training and CPR certification. Academy graduates will develop close ties with their classmates and have a better understanding of the challenges faced by Public Safety professionals every day.

To apply, fill out the application available in the Citizen Public Safety Academy Press Release online at auburnalabama.org.



Auburn Police Division Launches Lock It or Lose It Campaign

Lock it or Lose It. That's the message of a new Auburn Police Division (APD) campaign to raise awareness and prevent crime. The campaign focuses on the partnership between law enforcement and the community to reduce theft from unlocked vehicles.

In Auburn, nearly eight out of ten thefts from vehicles have one thing in common: the vehicle was unlocked. Auburn Police Division asks for your help in preventing these crimes by simply locking your vehicle. APD also recommends that you remove valuables from your vehicles and report any suspicious activity. Look for the "lock it or lose it" signs around town as a reminder.

According to Police Chief Paul Register, "The Police Division has been successful over the years in preventing and reducing crime, in large part, because of assistance from the community. We are once again asking for the public's assistance by locking all vehicles and reporting suspicious activity to the Police Division."

Call 334-501-3100 or 911 in an emergency to report any suspicious person(s) or activity (or) 334-246-1391 to report information anonymously.

Board Vacancies

Library Board (1 vacancy)

Apply by: March 27, 2017

Appoint: April 4, 2017 City Council Meeting

Historic Preservation Commission (3 vacancies) Mayor Nominated

Apply by: March 27, 2017

Appoint: April 4, 2017 City Council Meeting

Board of Education (1 vacancy)

Apply by: April 10, 2017

Appoint: April 18, 2017

To apply for a vacancy on any board or commission visit auburnalabama.org/boards and fill out an application form. E-mail your completed form to boards@auburnalabama.org or you can send it via mail or in person to City Hall: 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, AL, 36830. Additional materials, such as a résumé or letter of interest, may be attached to the application form. Please note: Incumbents may be eligible for reappointment. Appointment dates may be subject to change at the Council's discretion.

Auburn University Replaces the Auburn Oaks at Toomer's Corner

Auburn University replaced the Auburn Oaks at Toomer's Corner with two new live oaks Saturday morning, Feb. 18.

The tree replacement follows a fire in September that severely damaged the Magnolia Avenue tree. Since the College Street tree had not yet fully established itself, Auburn University decided to replace both trees with matching, smaller trees. According to Auburn University, using trees that are slightly smaller than the original replacements should help them become established.

Rolling of the trees is on hold until they are fully established. The university is also reminding fans not to roll the 10 smaller oaks lining the walkway from Toomer's Corner to Samford Hall. Those trees, planted in spring 2016, are descendants of the original Auburn Oaks.

MEETING SCHEDULE

APRIL

- 3 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 4 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 11:45 a.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
- 5 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 7 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 E. Glenn Avenue
- 11 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
- 13 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 18 Library Board**, 4 p.m., Library Conference Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- 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
- 20 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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City of Auburn

upCOMING EVENTS

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

Auburn Public Library

Engagement and Outreach: 334-501-3198 | auburnalabama.org/library

Open Mic Night- Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Calling all artists! Are you a writer, comedian, or songwriter looking for a place to showcase your work in a safe environment? Join us at the Auburn Public Library for a chance to share. Refreshments provided.

STORYTIMES

Baby Time- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Babies and their favorite adults enjoy 20 minutes of interactive stories and songs.

Toddler Time- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Toddlers and their favorite adults enjoy 30 minutes of interactive stories and songs.

Preschool Storytime- Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Preschoolers and their favorite adults enjoy 30 minutes of interactive stories and songs.

Saturday STEM Storytime- Saturdays at 10 a.m. Preschoolers and their favorite adults learn all about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics at this special storytime.

BOOK CLUBS

Business Book Club- Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m., Join us for this new book club, which will focus on the latest business titles. March's selection is *Leaders Eat Last: why some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't* by Simon Sinek.

Literary Classics for Teens (13-18) - Monday, April 3 at 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

Show and Tell- Monday, April 17 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library- a book club where you can read any book!

Read & Reflect- Tuesday, April 25 at 10 a.m. at the Harris Senior Center, featuring *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance.

Parks and Recreation

Auburn Parks and Recreation: 501-2930 | auburnalabama.org/parks.

2017 Auburn Bike Bash – The 18th annual Bike Bash, hosted by the City of Auburn, Auburn Bicycle Committee and Auburn City Schools, will take place Saturday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to noon at Ogletree School (737 Ogletree Road). Bicycle rides of varying distances will be offered, along with live music, bicycle inspections, helmet fittings, exhibits and activities for children, and a cookout. Visit www.bikebash.org for more information or to become a sponsor. Contact Gabby Meredith at gmeredith@auburnalabama.org or (334) 501-2946 for more information.

36th Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Come celebrate Spring with the 36th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Wells Fargo and Auburn Parks and Recreation, at beautiful Kiesel Park on Saturday, April 15 (Rain Date: Sunday, April 16). This is one of the largest FREE hunts in Lee County with more than 35,000 eggs hidden over a four-acre area. Four "hunting grounds" are available for the following age groups: 3 & under, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 years of age. Join us for live musical entertainment, free sodas and balloons, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny! Please remember to arrive early to find parking and your child's correct age group. Egg Hunt start times will be staggered by age group. The first age group (3 & under) will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by 4-6 Hunt @ 10:45 a.m., 7-9 Hunt @ 11 a.m., and 10-12 Hunt @ 11:15 a.m. Contact Alison Hall at ahall@auburnalabama.org or (334) 501-2930 for more information.

Lee County Special Olympics Events – Come out and support the Lee County Special Olympics during our April events!

- **Track and Field Games** – Tuesday, April 11 at Smiths Station High School Track (Rain Date: Tuesday, April 18)
- **Cops on Top Fundraiser** – The Auburn and Opelika Police Departments, with the help of the Lee County Sheriff's Department, will be raising money and awareness for the Special Olympics organization on Friday, April 14 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Opelika Kroger in Tiger Town and the Auburn Kroger on Dean Road.

Contact Alison Hall at ahall@auburnalabama.org or (334) 501-2930 for more information on these events.

Pool Season 2017 – Check out the following for info on the upcoming pool season!

- **Swim Team Online Registration** will begin Monday, April 3. Register at www.auburnaquatics.com.
- **First Time Swim Team Member Evaluation** will be held at Samford Pool on Monday, May 15 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Swimmers must be able to swim 25 yards without assistance.
- **Pool Season Open House** will be held Saturday, May 20. Join the City of Auburn aquatics staff between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to meet the lifeguards, do PFD (personal flotation device) screenings, swim & dive tests, and learn about programs and classes offered during the summer.
- **Summer Pool Season 2017** will begin Saturday, May 27 and go through Sunday, October 1. Auburn City Pools are in two locations: Samford Pool (465 Wrights Mill Road) and Drake Pool (653 Spencer Avenue). Daily Admission is \$2/person for swimmers and non-swimmers. Children age 1 and under are FREE.
- **Splash Passes** for the 2017 pool season are available for purchase at the Harris Center! Splash passes are valid for unlimited daily admission to both pools all summer, as well as free admission to special events AND discounted concessions. Individual passes are \$50 and family passes are \$125. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/pools or call (334) 501-2930.

Save the Date!

- **S'more Fun with Mom Registration and Ticket Sales** begin Tuesday, March 14. Tickets are \$30 per couple and additional sons are \$10. Register online at www.auburn.edu/preserve. For more information, contact Jennifer Lolley at preserve@auburn.edu or (334) 707-6512.
- **Float-N-Movie: "Star Wars: The Force Awakens"** will be held on Thursday, May 4 from 8:15 p.m. – 10 p.m. at Samford Pool.
- **Sundown Concert Series at Town Creek Park** will be held every Thursday in May (5/4, 11, 18, 25) from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Bring the family, a picnic and your lawn chairs to enjoy a FREE, relaxing evening of entertainment. Contact Jarrett Jones at jjones@auburnalabama.org or (334) 501-2941 for more information.