



Open Line

a newsletter for you, our residents



Fall in Love with February Fun!

From dancing and art to sports and creativity, February is full of ways to connect and celebrate with Auburn Parks and Recreation!

Daddy Daughter Date Night

The month begins with a night to remember at the 36th annual Daddy Daughter Date Night on Friday, Feb. 6, from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Wire Road Soccer Complex. This year's "Masquerade" theme sets the scene for an evening of dancing, laughter and memories that will last a lifetime.

Juried Photography Biennial

Keep the creativity flowing at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, where the 2026 Juried Photography Biennial is on display through Feb. 26. This competitive exhibition showcases the work of photographers and artists from across Alabama and neighboring Georgia counties.

Day in Clay

Art lovers won't want to miss the return of Day in Clay on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Ceramics Studio. Enjoy a relaxed open house with demos and hands-on clay workshops. Registration is online only. Space is limited, so sign up early to secure your spot!

Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

Round out the month by cheering on athletes at the Special Olympics Lee County Bowling Tournament, set for Feb. 24-26. Join the community in celebrating teamwork, inclusion, and the joy of competition.

BECOMING AN Auburn Tree Steward

Are you a self-pronounced tree hugger? Do you take great pride in caring for trees?

The Auburn Tree Commission has a new initiative to recognize those who go the extra mile to support Auburn's tree canopy.

Auburn residents are invited to apply to become an Auburn Tree Steward, a designation that celebrates individuals who care for the trees on their property. No expertise is required! Applicants are not required to be tree professionals, foresters or arborists. You only need to demonstrate your commitment and care for the trees on your property.

As part of the evaluation process, applicants will host Tree Commission members for a brief visit to showcase the applicants' support for and preservation of trees on their property.

To apply, visit auburnal.gov/trees and follow the link to become a Tree Steward. Completed applications can be emailed to urbanforestry@auburnal.gov.





APPLY TO BE A PART OF THE
2026 Citizens' Academy & Public Safety Academy

2026 Public Safety Academy applications open Jan. 19!

This two-month program offers residents a behind-the-scenes look at the emergency services available within their community. You'll hear directly from leaders within our police, fire and communications departments and will learn all about the endless efforts that go into keeping our community safe.

Applications close on Feb. 9, and participants must be 19 years of age or older to apply. For more information, visit auburnal.gov/academies.

2026 Citizens' Academy applications open Feb. 2!

The academy gives residents a closer look at how their local government operates and provides an opportunity for connection with fellow community members and City staff across all departments.

Apply online at auburnal.gov/academies. Applications will be open until Friday, Feb. 13.

In this seven-month program, participants will get a behind-the-scenes view of things like the water treatment process, the ins and outs of municipal court, Auburn's traffic control center and so much more! Citizens' Academy gives Auburn residents the opportunity to learn about each of the City's departments through tours, presentations and conversations with those who help make Auburn the vibrant community you know it to be.

The 2026 Class will meet monthly beginning in March and ending in September. Those who apply should be able to commit to attending the majority, if not all, of the sessions.

The program is open to all Auburn residents who are at least 19 years old. Space is limited, and all applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by March.

Find more info and apply at
auburnal.gov/academies.



Borrow a board game from the Auburn Public Library

Have you heard? You can check out board games at the Auburn Public Library! Auburn residents can now borrow one board game per library card with a two-week borrowing period.

The library's collection includes a variety of popular games suitable for different age groups and interests, from classics like Monopoly and Scrabble to strategy-based games and family favorites. The collection will continue to grow as the program develops.

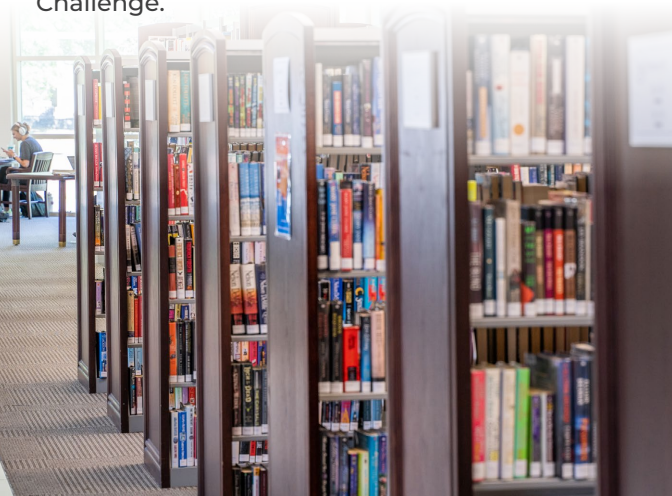
Games can be checked out in person at the Auburn Public Library, 749 E. Thach Ave. For more information, email weblibrary@auburnal.gov or call the library at 334-501- 3190.

Auburn Public Library Winter Learning Challenge

Join the Auburn Public Library's Winter Learning Challenge! All ages are invited to read or listen to at least 1,000 minutes from Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 to earn a T-shirt (while supplies last).

Participating is simple:

- **Register** at auburnpl.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack Tracker app. Pick up your registration prize at the Library (while supplies last)!
- **Read or listen** for at least 1,000 minutes between Jan. 1-Feb. 28.
- **Log** your reading via Beanstack to complete the Challenge.



Get a free tree this Arbor Day

Celebrate Arbor Day by contributing to Auburn's tree canopy! The Auburn Tree Commission and Auburn Public Works will hold the annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Species available will be American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*) and Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) — free while supplies last! Planting instructions will be included with each seedling.

Locations and pickup times will be posted on the City's website, auburnal.gov, and social media channels, @CityofAuburnAL, closer to the date.

Renew your Auburn business license by Feb. 17

Any business providing services or selling goods within Auburn city limits is required to have a City of Auburn business license, including home-based businesses and short-term rentals. City business licenses must be renewed by Feb. 17, 2026, to avoid late fees.

You can renew your business licenses by visiting selfservice.auburnalabama.org.

If this is the first time you are using our Citizen Self Service portal, you must first register your account and contact the Revenue Office to link your business license account to your registered username (instructions are available online). If you cannot renew online, contact the Revenue Office at revenue@auburnal.gov or (334) 501-7239 for further assistance.

For more information, visit auburnal.gov/revenue/business-licenses.

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upcoming
events

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	Curiosity Crew Mondays @ 3:30 p.m. Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m. Camp Registration Opens	Preschool Story Time Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. S.T.E.A.M. Lab Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m. Bedtime Buddies Tuesdays @ 6 p.m. Adults Create! Faux Stained Glass 5:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m.	Baby's 1st Story Time Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Untidy Tales Wednesdays @ 1 p.m. Awesome Art Wednesdays @ 4 p.m. Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.	Toddler Tales Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. Lullabies for Little Ones Thursdays @ 1 p.m. Be My Valentine Crafternoon @ 3:30 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons (ages 13-18) 6 p.m.	Puppet Shows Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Tree Commission 11:30 a.m. Daddy Daughter Date Night 6:30 p.m. @ Wire Road Soccer Complex	Day in Clay 9 a.m.-noon @ Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Family Story Time Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. Untidy Tales Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m. Movers & Shakers Saturdays @ 1 p.m. Adults Create! Faux Stained Glass 2 p.m. Daddy Daughter Date Night 6:30 p.m. @ Wire Road Soccer Complex
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	Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon	Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.		City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m. Planning Commission 5 p.m. Teen Game Night 6 p.m.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Auburn Public Library Board 10 a.m. Greenspace Advisory Board Noon Chapter Chats Book Club 5:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m.		Water Works Board 4 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons (ages 13-18) 6 p.m.		Internet Safety Sessions: Parents/Caregivers 2 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Lee County Special Olympics Bowling Tournament	Lee County Special Olympics Bowling Tournament	City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m. Teen Game Night 6 p.m. Lee County Special Olympics Bowling Tournament	Auburn Area Community Theatre presents "Peter/Wendy"	Internet Safety Sessions: Students 2 p.m. Auburn Area Community Theatre presents "Peter/Wendy"
	Auburn Public Library auburnal.gov/library City Meetings auburnal.gov/boards Parks & Recreation auburnal.gov/parks Citywide Events auburnal.gov	Programs & events are subject to change. Find up-to-date information at auburnal.gov .	Background Photo: Daddy Daughter Date Night			