

open line

a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

JULY 2023



City of Auburn



THE YARD: A NEW SPACE FOR AUBURN STARTUPS

In May, our Economic Development team celebrated the grand opening of its newest resource for local startups, The Yard. The facility — funded by the Industrial Development Board of the City of Auburn — offers entrepreneurs a unique workspace where they can grow their tech or manufacturing businesses in a supportive environment.

"I'm excited to unveil Auburn's newest incubator space and celebrate another way Auburn is playing a key role in developing businesses in our community," Auburn Mayor Ron Anders said. "Through partnerships with Auburn University to educate, equip and empower startups at every stage in their development, we have been able to create a healthy entrepreneurial ecosystem that will further the growth of technology-based companies right here in Auburn."

Located at 2175 Pumphrey Ave., The Yard includes five office suites, two manufacturing bays and shared areas to facilitate collaboration among tenants. The initial concept for the building was born out of a design-build competition among students in Auburn University's architecture and building science programs. The winning team envisioned a

sustainable structure made from recycled shipping containers, and architect John Randall Wilson and HBS Construction put in the work to bring the idea to life.

The finished product used 10 recycled sea shipping containers that were insulated and brought up to the most recent energy code, keeping sustainability and innovative design at the forefront of the project. The Yard expands the City's efforts to help fuel local startups, adding to space available at the Auburn Center for Developing Industries, which has been a resource for budding businesses since the '80s.

"The Yard, with its industrial design, creates a crucial space for tech and manufacturing startups to continue their development and flourish in an environment that fosters entrepreneurship and innovation," said Arndt Siepmann, the City's Economic Development deputy director. "We look forward to seeing what exciting ideas become a reality in Auburn."

Those interested in leasing space at The Yard can contact the Economic Development team at webecondev@auburnalabama.org or 334-501-7270.

2023 Independence Day Celebration

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Celebrate Independence Day with the entire Auburn community this summer! Auburn Parks and Recreation will host its annual Independence Day Celebration on Tuesday, July 4, behind Duck Samford Stadium.

There will be great food and treats available for purchase along with an appearance from Aubie, live music, a DJ and free inflatables. Gates will open at 5 p.m., and there will be Independence Day themed giveaways while supplies last. Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to July 5. Find more details at auburnalabama.org/4th-of-july.



Reminder: Vaccinate your pets!

There are several things you can do to protect yourself and your pet from rabies. Infection can occur if pets are bitten by rabid wild animals, and when rabies occurs in domestic animals, the risk to humans is increased. To prevent infection:

- Visit your veterinarian with your pet on a regular basis and keep rabies vaccinations up to date for all cats, ferrets and dogs. This is legally required in Alabama.
- Maintain control of your pets by keeping cats and ferrets indoors and keeping dogs under direct supervision.
- Spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or vaccinated regularly.
- Do not feed your animals outside, and do not feed, pet or attempt to handle wild or stray animals.

If you see a stray or injured animal, **do not touch it**. Call Animal Control at 334-501-3090.

To learn more about local animal bite and rabies protocols, contact Animal Control or visit alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/rabies.html or cdc.gov/rabies.



#ShopAuburn this Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

The 2023 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday will take place July 21-23, giving you a chance to purchase certain items free of state and local sales tax. At its May 16 meeting, the Auburn City Council approved an ordinance exempting certain items from the City's 4% sales tax, including clothing, computers, computer software and school supplies.

For a full list of what will and won't be tax exempt, visit auburnalabama.org/tax-holiday or contact the City of Auburn Revenue Office at (334) 501-7239 or revenue@auburnalabama.org.

Holiday closures & schedule changes

Most City facilities will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. Monday's trash, garbage and recycling pickup route will run as usual, but Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's routes will be delayed by one day. The first Auburn City Council meeting of the month will be held on July 11.

Board & commission vacancies

Interested in serving our community? The Auburn City Council will make appointments to the Auburn Planning Commission, Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority and Greenspace Advisory Board at its July meetings. Applications and more information about each entity are available at auburnalabama.org/boards.

July at the Auburn Public Library

CULTURE EXPLORERS CLUB - Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Rising fourth through sixth graders are invited to embark on an expedition of discovery and learning at the Auburn Public Library in Culture Explorers Club! Each Wednesday in July, participants will explore the traditions, customs, food and more of a different culture from around the world.

#TEENTRENDS - Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Rising seventh through 12th graders will explore a different topic each Thursday throughout July, ranging from anime and manga to gaming and more! Teen participants will have the opportunity to help guide the topics for future #TeenTrends!

SUMMER SAFARI FINALE - July 27 @ 5 p.m.

Let's get together to say "goodbye" to summer! Everyone is invited to the Boykin Community Center for treats, games and activities from 5-6 p.m. followed by Family Story Time from 6-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 27.



WHO SHOULD I CALL?

Whether you have a question about your water bill, want to know more about our library collection or have an emergency, here are the best places to start. Keep this on your fridge for easy reference!



City of Auburn

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GARBAGE, TRASH & RECYCLING

Environmental Services
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UTILITY BILLING

Finance, Utility Billing Office
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serviceorders@auburnalabama.org



WATER SERVICE

Water Resource Management
334-501-3060
After Hours: 334-501-3100
webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org



ANIMAL CONTROL

Environmental Services
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After Hours: 334-501-3100
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LIBRARY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Auburn Public Library
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RENT A PARKS & REC FACILITY

Parks & Recreation
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ATHLETICS

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RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

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RECREATION & CULTURE



REPORT RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES

Public Works
334-501-3000
webpw@auburnalabama.org



REQUEST SIDEWALK OR TRAFFIC CALMING

Engineering Services
334-501-7390
webengineering@auburnalabama.org



REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

Alabama Power
1-800-245-2244
customerservice2.southerncompany.com/Outages/Report



PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergencies: 911
Non-emergency: (334) 501-3100
Anonymous Tip Line: (334) 246-1391
webpubsfty@auburnalabama.org



CEMETERIES

Parks & Recreation
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AUBURNFIXIT

You can also request City services and report issues through the Auburn Fixit app. Once you make a report, you can track its progress from beginning to resolution.



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JULY 2023 **upcoming events**

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	<p>Auburn Public Library auburnalabama.org/library</p> <p>City Meetings auburnalabama.org/boards</p> <p>Parks & Recreation auburnalabama.org/parks</p> <p>Citywide Events auburnalabama.org</p>	<p>Programs & events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at auburnalabama.org.</p>	<p><i>Background Photo: Samford Pool</i></p>			<p>1 City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park</p> <p>Family Storytime Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Untidy Tales Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Movers & Shakers Saturdays @ 1 p.m.</p>
2	3	4	<p>Baby's 1st Storytime Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Untidy Tales Wednesdays @ 1 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Crafternoons Wednesdays @ 2 p.m.</p> <p>Culture Explorers Club (Grades 4-6) Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Toddler Tales Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Lullabies for Little Ones Thursdays @ 1 p.m.</p> <p>Hometown Heroes Thursdays @ 2 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Family Storytime at Boykin Thursdays @ 6 p.m.</p>	7	8
	<p>Toon Time Mondays @ 10 a.m.</p> <p>Family Movie Matinee Mondays @ 2 p.m.</p> <p>Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Independence Day Celebration 5 p.m. @ Duck Samford Park</p>			<p>Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>#TeenTrends, Grades 7-12 Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park</p> <p>Adult Crafting: Canvas Paintings 2 p.m.</p> <p>Float in Movie 8 p.m. @ Samford Pool</p>
9	10		12	13	14	15
	<p>Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon</p>	<p>Preschool Story Time Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Parks & Rec Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Summer Serendipity Tuesdays @ 2 p.m.</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 6 p.m.</p>		<p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p>		<p>City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<p>Library Board 10 a.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board Noon</p> <p>Reader's Review Virtual Book Club 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 6 p.m.</p>		<p>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p>		<p>City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31			<p>Summer Safari Learning Challenge Finale 5-6:30 p.m. @ Boykin Community Center</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p>		<p>City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park</p>