



Open Line

a newsletter for you, our residents

2025 Neighborhood Conference set for August 16

AUGUST 16 • 8 AM-1:30 PM

Save the date for the City of Auburn's 2025 Neighborhood Conference — an event geared toward neighborhood leaders and associations as well as all residents interested in the quality of life in Auburn's neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Conference is a free event that will take place on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the new Lake Wilmore Park Recreation Center. It will include mini sessions and a closing speaker along with opportunities to meet fellow neighbors who work to make Auburn safer, friendlier and lovelier every day.

The mini sessions will provide valuable information about City services and resources for neighborhoods.

The conference will begin with morning refreshments during check-in. Lunch will be provided, giving participants a chance to engage with fellow neighborhood leaders and community members.

Preregistration is required to attend. During registration, participants will select the sessions they would like to attend during the conference. Registration will open on Monday, July 7, and close Thursday, July 31. Registrants will receive further information about attending after the registration period closes.

For a full list of sessions, registration details and more info, visit auburnal.gov/neighborhood-conference.



woven with care



Auburn Police officers share quilt maker's creations with children in need

When Linda Fenty first called the Auburn Police Department (APD), she didn't expect the interaction to unspool into countless opportunities to share warmth and comfort with children in the community.

In fall 2022, Linda's 5-year-old grandson came to Auburn for a visit. He dreamed of becoming a police officer, so Linda reached out to APD to see if they could arrange a visit. The department wasted no time making it happen, sending three officers to meet him. The visit made a lasting impression — not just on her grandson, but on Linda, too.

Linda was looking for a way to give back to the community, and that day left her with an idea. With decades of quilting experience, she took up

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Officers pose with Linda Fenty at a ceremony recognizing her donation of more than 100 quilts.

her fabric and needles and started making quilts for APD to give children during emergency situations, such as car accidents or domestic disturbances.

Months later, Linda showed up at the police station to say thank you, arms loaded with quilts.

“I think I took 24 quilts that first time,” she said. “These big burly policemen came out to help carry them in. They were so sweet, admiring how soft the quilts were. That made me want to go back and make more.”

With help from friends in her local quilt guild and others at an annual quilting retreat, Linda did indeed make more. Friends donated fabric, supplies and their time. As of last fall, Linda has now donated over 100 quilts that have made it into the arms of children when they need some comfort.

School Resource Officer Jason Goodwin has brought

several of the quilts to the Auburn Early Education Center to share with students when they need a “little extra love on tough days.” Whether it’s a visit to the school counselor or the nurse’s clinic, Linda’s quilts are close by, providing a sense of calm and care for the kindergarten through second graders at the school.

Other quilts have found their way into the arms of children in APD’s care as they wait for placement through the Department of Human Resources. Auburn Police Chief Cedric Anderson shared that, in many cases, children curl up with their quilt and quickly settle in for a nap.

Even now that she’s reached 100 quilts, Linda doesn’t plan on stopping any time soon.

“I told them, as long as they wanted me, they had me for life,” Linda said. “I would be the quilt lady.”

Celebrate Parks & Rec month this July

July is bursting with fun! We’ll kick off the excitement with the release of Parks and Recreation’s **Fall Brochure**, available online and in print on July 1. Check it out for upcoming programs, sports, events and activities for the entire family.

July is also the 40th anniversary of **National Parks and Recreation Month!** This year’s theme, “Build Together,” emphasizes community spirit and teamwork. Stay tuned for special events and activities throughout the month to celebrate this milestone.

Celebrate **Independence Day** with Auburn’s best fireworks show on July 4! The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. at the field behind Duck Samford Stadium. Come early to enjoy live music and DJ Ozz. There will be delicious food trucks, inflatables sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama and giveaways sponsored by Glenda Mitchell Attorney at Law. The fireworks display will light up the night sky around 9:15 p.m. Admission is FREE. Should rain occur, fireworks will be rescheduled to July 5.

Make **City Market** part of your weekend routine! This beloved farmer’s market runs every Saturday throughout the summer from 8–11 a.m. at Town Creek Park. Discover fresh produce, local meats, baked goods, flowers, handcrafted art and more.

Find details about all these events and more at auburnal.gov/parks.



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stream meetings

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AWWB annual water report: come on in, the water’s fine

Each year, the Water Works Board of the City of Auburn (AWWB) distributes its Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report to help keep you informed about the quality and safety of your drinking water. You can find this year’s report by visiting auburnal.gov/wrm and clicking “Consumer Confidence Reports.”

The report provides information about the contaminants that may be found in Auburn’s drinking water and how these contaminants may affect customers’ health. It’s also a great chance to learn about where your drinking water comes from, how we treat it and the delivery methods we use to ensure compliance with State and Federal laws.

A copy of the report has been mailed to all customers, and print copies will be available at the Bailey Alexander Water and Sewer Complex (1501 W. Samford Ave.) and other City facilities. Have questions? Contact the Water Resource Management Department at (334) 501-3060 or webwtrswr@auburnal.gov.



The spillway at Lake Ogletree, the City’s primary water source.

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upcoming events

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	Programs & events are subject to change. Find up-to-date information at auburnal.gov .	Preschool Story Time Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. PreK in PJs Tuesdays @ 1 p.m. Summer Serendipity Tuesdays @ 2 p.m. Adults Create! Sourdough 5:30 p.m.	Baby's 1st Story Time Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Untidy Tales Wednesdays @ 1 p.m. Crafternoon Wednesdays @ 2 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. Hometown Heroes Thursdays @ 2 p.m. Chess Mates Thursdays @ 4:30-6:30 p.m. City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.	City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park Family Story Time Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. Untidy Tales Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m. Movers & Shakers Saturdays @ 1 p.m.	
6	Toon Time Mondays @ 10 a.m. Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon Movie Matinee Mondays @ 2 p.m. Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
		Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m. Adults Create! Sourdough 5:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m.		Planning Commission 5 p.m.		City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park Adults Create! Sourdough 2 p.m.
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		Greenspace Advisory Board Noon Chapter Chats Book Club 5:30 p.m.		City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m. Water Works Board 4 p.m.		City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park Adults Create! Sourdough 2 p.m.
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		Adults Create! Painted Glassware 2 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m.				City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park
27	28	29	30	31	Auburn Public Library auburnal.gov/library City Meetings auburnal.gov/boards Parks & Recreation auburnal.gov/parks Citywide Events auburnal.gov	<i>Background Photo: Evening swim at Samford Pool</i>
			Summer Learning Challenge Wrap-Up Party 2 p.m. City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.			