



# Open Line

a newsletter for you, our residents



## City receives prestigious GFOA Triple Crown Award

The City of Auburn's Finance team was recently awarded the Government Finance Officers Association, or GFOA, Triple Crown Award, which recognizes governments that have received the following three prestigious financial awards within the same year: the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The City was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; the PAFR award for its Fiscal Year 2024 PAFR; and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Years 2026 & 2027 Biennial Budget document.

"This is a significant achievement that points directly to the caliber of City staff, in this case within the Finance, Budget and Strategic Planning and Human Resources teams," said Mayor Ron Anders. "They put extraordinary effort into perfecting these documents year after year, reaffirming the City's commitment to transparency, accountability to the public, excellence in financial reporting and operating a

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## 2026 SummerNight Downtown Art Walk

The SummerNight Downtown Art Walk returns on Friday, June 5 from 6-10 p.m. in downtown Auburn!

This free, family-friendly event highlights the many talented artists in the Auburn community while supporting our unique downtown area.

SummerNight is hosted by the City of Auburn/Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, Auburn Arts Association, Downtown Merchants Association, and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

During SummerNight, downtown Auburn will transform into a lively arts district featuring local and regional artists, live music, children's activities and a Yacht Rock-themed culinary contest. Shops and restaurants will stay open late, giving visitors the chance to stroll, dine and enjoy the creative energy throughout the evening. This is a rain or shine event.

Find more information about SummerNight at [auburnsummernight.org](http://auburnsummernight.org).

## More summer fun with Parks & Rec

Step into June with a vibrant mix of family-friendly activities and summertime traditions from Parks and Recreation!

Families can cool off at **Family Splash Day** at both Samford Pool and Lake Wilmore Park Pool on June 6. This event is a great chance to enjoy refreshing fun with family, friends and neighbors at the pool.

Guests can visit Water Safety stations throughout the event for a chance to win a special souvenir while learning important skills for a safe summer.

June evenings bring back a favorite Auburn tradition with **Float in Movies**. Guests are invited to bring their favorite

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## Prevent water pollution by picking up pet waste

Leaving pet waste on the ground may seem harmless, like compost, but it has an impact on Auburn's waterways. Stormwater runoff may pick up the waste and wash it into the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This ends up polluting our local water bodies.

Animal waste contaminates water by carrying bacteria (E. Coli), viruses and parasites that threaten the health of humans and wildlife. Animal waste also contains nutrients that can feed algae, leading to cloudy water. As the increased algae decays, it reduces the oxygen level within the water and harms aquatic life. You can help prevent this by picking up and properly disposing of pet waste.

Here are some ways you can help keep our waterbodies clean:

- **Carry plastic bags** when taking your pet for a walk, run or stroll in the park.
- **Pick up your pet's waste** using a plastic bag, scoop or disposable gloves. Seal the waste inside a plastic bag (or two) and throw it in the garbage. Remember to wash your hands afterward.
- **Pick up after your pet in your yard** every few days or more often if you have small children who play there.
- **Utilize pet waste stations** located at dog parks, apartment complexes or within neighborhoods.
- **Bury pet waste in your yard** at least 12 inches deep and cover with at least eight inches of soil to let it decompose slowly. Bury the waste in several different locations and keep it away from vegetable gardens.
- **Share with others** how easy and important it is to protect our waterways by picking up after our pets. Let's all do our part!



**(AWARD, CONT.)** fiscally sound local government while providing high quality public services that our residents desire and expect.”

This is the 39th year the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, which was established by GFOA to encourage state and local governments to go above and beyond the minimum requirements to prepare reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure.

“Our goal is for Auburn citizens to have the information they need to assess the financial health of their city,” said City Manager Megan Crouch. “This is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting, and I could not be prouder of our staff and the hard work of our auditors. This recognition is meaningful to us because it underscores the purpose of our financial work — to ensure long-term financial stability of our city while providing quality public services and clear financial reporting to those we serve.”

This is the sixth time the City has received the PAFR Award, which recognizes governments for producing this report to be easily understandable to the general public without a background in finance. Judges review the PAFRs based on reader appeal, understandability,



creativity, notable achievements and overall quality and usefulness of the report.

This is the 31st year the City has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which recognizes high quality budget documents that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on state and local budgeting as well as GFOA's best practices on budgeting. Learn more about the City's budget at [auburnal.gov/budget](http://auburnal.gov/budget).

## Join us for Summer Learning Challenge Kickoff!

Join us this summer for fun under the sun as the Auburn Public Library celebrates all things dinosaur with the 2026 Summer Learning Challenge theme: "Unearth a Story!"

Our Summer Learning Challenge will kick off with



a DJ dance party, games and lots of activities for all ages at the Auburn Public Library on June 2 from 5:30-7 p.m.

At the event, you can sign up for our tricera-top-notch Learning Challenge or pick up your registration prize if you're already ahead of the pack and registered!

Did you know that reading just 20 minutes a day can help you maintain literacy skills? The Summer Learning Challenge is a program that encourages reading all summer long! All you have to do is read or listen for at least 1,000 minutes during the period of June 1 to July 31.

Register at [auburnpl.beanstack.org](http://auburnpl.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack Tracker app. Pick up your registration prize at the library, while supplies last. Don't forget to log all minutes you spend reading or listening!

Those who complete the Summer Learning Challenge by July 31 will earn an Auburn Public Library shirt, while supplies last.

And remember, the challenge is not just for kids! Everyone can participate, and you do not need a library card to participate.

For more information, email [libraryevents@auburnal.gov](mailto:libraryevents@auburnal.gov) or call 334-501-3296. The Auburn Public Library is located at 749 E. Thach Ave.

Happy learning and happy reading!

## Juneteenth holiday schedules

Auburn City Hall and most City facilities will be closed in observance of Juneteenth on Friday, June 19. Police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. Garbage, trash and recycling will run their normal collection schedules. Keep an eye on [auburnal.gov/parks](http://auburnal.gov/parks) for Parks and Recreation facility closures.

## Boards & commission vacancies

Interested in serving our community? This June, the Auburn City Council will accept applications for two vacancies on the Greenspace Advisory Board. Applications will be accepted June 17 through July 13. Appointments will be made at the July 21 City Council Meeting. Find a link to apply and more info at [auburnal.gov/boards](http://auburnal.gov/boards).

**(PARKS, CONT.)** float and enjoy a movie under the stars. Doors open at 7:45 p.m. and movies begin at 8 pm. Admission is \$5 per person or free with a pool membership. This month's screenings will take place on June 13 and June 25.

Inside the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, visitors can enjoy **The Summer Invitational**, which will be on display June 22 through July 31. This special exhibition features two- and three-dimensional works created around an assigned theme and showcases the imagination and skill of artists from across the region. From gallery exhibitions to open-air movies, June offers a full lineup of ways to enjoy summer with Parks and Recreation!

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## upcoming events

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**Cemetery Advisory Board** | 4 p.m.

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**Summer Learning Kickoff** | 5:30 p.m.

**Preschool Time** | Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m.

**Committee of the Whole** | TBD

**City Council** | 6 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** | 11:45 a.m.

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**Summer Crafternoon** | Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

**Untidy Tales** | Wednesdays | 1 p.m.

**Lunch & Learn** | Wednesdays | Noon

**Baby's First Story Time** | Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment** | 4:30 p.m.

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**Crochet Class** | Thursdays | 6 p.m.

**Chess Mates** | Thursdays | 4:30 p.m.

**AP Lay Day** | Thursdays | 2 p.m.

**Lullabies for Little Ones** | Thursdays | 1 p.m.

**Toddler Tales** | Thursdays | 9:30 a.m.

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**Summer Night Downtown Art Walk** | Downtown Auburn

**Puppet Show** | Fridays | 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

**Tree Commission** | 11:30 a.m.

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**Family Splash** | Samford Pool

**Movie, Craft, and Tea Time** | 2 p.m.

**Movers & Shakers** | Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime** | Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.

**City Market** | Town Creek Park | 8 a.m.

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**AU Women's Camp** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**8**

**Monday Movie Matinee** | Mondays | 2 p.m.

**Toon Time** | Mondays | 10 a.m.

**Puppetry Camp** | 9 a.m.

**Planning Commission Packet Meeting** | Noon

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**Bedtime Buddies** | Tuesdays | 6 p.m.

**Adults Create!** | 5:30 p.m.

**Summer Serendipity** | Tuesdays | 2 p.m.

**American History and You** | Tuesdays | 1 p.m.

**Preschool Time** | Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m.

**Puppetry Camp** | 9 a.m.

**Historic Preservation Commission** | 4 p.m.

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**Summer Crafternoon** | Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

**Untidy Tales** | Wednesdays | 1 p.m.

**Lunch & Learn** | Wednesdays | Noon

**Baby's First Story Time** | Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.

**Puppetry Camp** | 9 a.m.

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**Crochet Class** | 6 p.m.

**Chess Mates** | 4:30 p.m.

**AP Lay Day** | 2 p.m.

**Lullabies for Little Ones** | 1 p.m.

**Toddler Tales** | 9:30 a.m.

**Puppetry Camp** | 9 a.m.

**Planning Commission** | 5 p.m.

**City Council Agenda Review Meeting** | 4 p.m.

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**USTA League Championship** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Float in Movie** | Samford Pool

**Adults Create! Tie Dye** | 2 p.m.

**Movers & Shakers** | Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime** | Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.

**City Market** | Town Creek Park | 8 a.m.

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**Women's ITA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Movers & Shakers** | Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime** | Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.

**City Market** | Town Creek Park | 8 a.m.

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**USTA League Championship** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

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**Monday Movie Matinee** | Mondays | 2 p.m.

**Toon Time** | Mondays | 10 a.m.

**17**

**Bedtime Buddies** | 6 p.m.

**Summer Serendipity** | 2 p.m.

**Preschool Time** | 9:30 a.m.

**Committee of the Whole** | TBD

**City Council** | 6 p.m.

**Greenspace Advisory Board** | Noon

**Auburn Public Library Board** | 10 a.m.

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**Summer Crafternoon** | Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

**Untidy Tales** | Wednesdays | 1 p.m.

**Lunch & Learn** | Wednesdays | Noon

**Baby's First Story Time** | Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.

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**Crochet Class** | 6 p.m.

**Chess Mates** | 4:30 p.m.

**AP Lay Day** | 2 p.m.

**Lullabies for Little Ones** | 1 p.m.

**Toddler Tales** | 9:30 a.m.

**Water Works Board** | 4 p.m.

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**Women's ITA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

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**Women's ITA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Movers & Shakers** | Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime** | Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.

**City Market** | Town Creek Park | 8 a.m.

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**Women's ITA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

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**AU Men's Camp** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Monday Movie Matinee** | Mondays | 2 p.m.

**Toon Time** | Mondays | 10 a.m.

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**AU Men's Camp** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Bedtime Buddies** | 6 p.m.

**Summer Serendipity** | 2 p.m.

**American History and You** | 1 p.m.

**Preschool Time** | 9:30 a.m.

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**AU Men's Camp** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Summer Crafternoon** | Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

**Untidy Tales** | Wednesdays | 1 p.m.

**Lunch & Learn** | Wednesdays | Noon

**Baby's First Story Time** | Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.

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**USTA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**AU Men's Camp** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Crochet Class** | 6 p.m.

**Chess Mates** | 4:30 p.m.

**AP Lay Day** | 2 p.m.

**Lullabies for Little Ones** | 1 p.m.

**Toddler Tales** | 9:30 a.m.

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**USTA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Puppet Show** | Fridays | 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

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**Float in Movie** | Samford Pool

**USTA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Puzzle Swap** | 1 p.m.

**Movers & Shakers** | Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime** | Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.

**City Market** | Town Creek Park | 8 a.m.

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**USTA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

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**Monday Movie Matinee** | Mondays | 2 p.m.

**Toon Time** | Mondays | 10 a.m.

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**Bedtime Buddies** | 6 p.m.

**Summer Serendipity** | 2 p.m.

**American History and You** | 1 p.m.

**Preschool Time** | 9:30 a.m.

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**Summer Crafternoon** | Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

**Untidy Tales** | Wednesdays | 1 p.m.

**Lunch & Learn** | Wednesdays | Noon

**Baby's First Story Time** | Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.

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**USTA Tournament** | Yarbrough Tennis Center

**Puppet Show** | Fridays | 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

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**Parks & Recreation** | [auburnal.gov/parks](http://auburnal.gov/parks)

**Auburn Public Library** | [auburnal.gov/library](http://auburnal.gov/library)

**City Meetings** | [auburnal.gov/boards](http://auburnal.gov/boards)

**Citywide Events** | [auburnal.gov](http://auburnal.gov)

Programs and events are subject to change.

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