



Open Line

a newsletter for you, our residents

Fall household hazardous waste collection

Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Environmental Services and Public Works Complex (4277 Wire Road, Suite 100).

Participating is simple — just pack up your materials and drop them off between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. From paints and pesticides to batteries and gasoline, we will accept most hazardous materials that are not collected during your regular trash and garbage pickup. You can also bring electronics for recycling and paper documents for secure, on-site shredding.

Each household may bring up to 20 pounds of material for disposal at no charge. Participation is limited to Auburn residents, and proof of residency can be shown by bringing a recent water bill. Find a list of acceptable materials at auburnal.gov/hhw.



Auburn Fire Department hosts Fire Education Days

October is Fire Prevention Month! Throughout the month, the Auburn Fire Department will travel across town, visiting elementary schools around Auburn to host “Fire Education Days,” an interactive, day-long experience designed to stress the importance of fire safety.

During their visits, students will get an up-close look at a fire truck and learn about the equipment used to keep the Auburn community safe. In addition, students will travel through the Auburn “Fire Safety House,” an inflatable house designed to emphasize environmental awareness and demonstrate how to safely escape your home during a fire.

The Auburn Fire Department remains committed to prioritizing public education, believing one of the best ways to eliminate the loss of life or property is through fire education.

For more information on public education opportunities available to the community, visit auburnal.gov/fire/fire-safety-education.



State of the City Address to be held Oct. 28

The Auburn community is invited to the eighth annual State of the City Address. The event will be held Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and the event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Auburn residents will get a glimpse of what their local government has been up to over the last year and what's to come in the years ahead. Mayor Ron Anders will conclude the evening by presenting the 2026 Mayor's Lamplighter Awards that recognize the efforts community members have made to make Auburn even brighter.

The event is free and open to the public. The Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center is located at 910 S. College St.

Auburn Public Library offers terrifyingly good lineup of events

From crafts to a gala, the Auburn Public Library has you covered on free, family fun this fall! With a variety of programming on the horizon, you won't want to miss these terrifyingly good activities!

Posh Pumpkins Oct. 8 @ 4:30–6 p.m.

Design your very own mini posh pumpkin with no carving required. We'll provide all the arts and crafts supplies you need. Pumpkins are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. If you prefer, you're welcome to bring your own pumpkin and decorate it using our materials.

Adults Create! Ghost Portraits Oct. 6 @ 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Oct. 10 @ 2-4 p.m. • Ages 18 and up (Registration Required)

We'll get crafty with lace to make an elegant ghost for spooky season! We'll provide paint, glitter and other crafting supplies if you bring the creativity!

Ghoulish Gala Oct. 22 @ 5:30–7 p.m.

Bring the whole family for a frightfully fun evening at the library. Wear your favorite costume and enjoy music, games, treats and more.

Find more info about these and other upcoming events at auburnal.gov/library.



An October to remember with Auburn Parks and Recreation

Auburn Parks and Recreation is celebrating the season with an assortment of events planned for the entire family!

Start the month off with the first session of the **Fall Live and Local Concert Series** at Town Creek Park on Oct. 1. Bring your lawn chair, blanket and kick back and enjoy the music at this free event. Food concessions will be on site for purchase and leashed

pets are welcome. Can't make it on Oct. 1? This event will also be held on Oct. 8, 15 and 22.

Join the fun on Oct. 3 from 8-11 a.m. at **Harvest Market** also located at Town Creek Park. The market will host local farmers, growers and artists to sell their produce and products.

New! Plan to bring the entire family to **Fall Family Fest** on Oct. 16 at Lake Wilmore Park Recreation Center. This event features create-your-own trick or-treat baskets, face painting, a balloon artist, festive music, and more. Grab dinner from a food truck and enjoy a sweet candy treat with your ticket. Costumes are encouraged and preregistration is required. Admission is free for Auburn residents.

The celebration continues on Oct. 16 immediately following Fall Family Fest with **Friday Fright Night Movie**. Join us for an evening of spooky movies to get you in the mood for Halloween! A kid-friendly movie will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by a Halloween film for older audiences. Patrons are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs to be comfortable, and concessions consisting of delicious food and tasty treats will be available for purchase throughout the movie. The event is free and open to the public.

Last, but certainly not least, the **Artist's Harvest 2 - The Harvest Continues Reception and Market** will be held Oct. 22. This exhibit will encompass the feelings of fall with a nod towards the spookiness of Halloween. It is free to enter, and open to artists of all mediums and styles. Art must be suitable for a family-friendly environment. The exhibition will be on view October 1 - 31.

For information on all upcoming events, visit auburnal.gov/parks. Please note that Citywide Neighborhood Trick or Treat for the City of Auburn is set for Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m. During this time, Auburn Police will have extra patrols in neighborhoods to ensure a safe and family-friendly environment.

Boards and commissions vacancies

Looking for a chance to serve? Vacancies are coming up on the Building Board of Adjustments, Tree Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Visit auburnal.gov/boards-and-commissions/vacancies to find more information about upcoming opportunities.



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upcoming events

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4	5 CityFest Vendor Applications Open Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon Curiosity Crew Mondays 3:30 p.m.	Preschool Time Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. STEAM Lab 3:30 p.m. Adults Create! Ghost Portraits 5:30 p.m. Bedtime Buddies Tuesdays 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m.	7 Baby's First 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.	8 Toddler Tales 9:30 a.m. Lullabies for Little Ones 1 p.m. Posh Pumpkins 4:30 p.m. Planning Commission 5 p.m. The Social Stitch 5:30 p.m. Teen Theme Night 6 p.m. Fall Live & Local Concert	9 Puppet Show Fridays 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out	10 Family Storytime Saturdays 9:30 a.m. Movers & Shakers Saturdays 10:30 a.m. Adults Create! Ghost Portraits 2 p.m.
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