



# Open Line

a newsletter for you, our residents

## Roundabout refresher

As more roundabouts become operational in the Auburn area, keep these tips in mind when navigating traffic flow:

- Slow down.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Yield to circulating traffic when entering.
- Use turn signal to indicate intent to exit.

Why are roundabouts implemented? Roundabouts reduce serious injury and loss of life crashes as well as traffic congestion. According to the Federal Highway Administration, roundabouts typically reduce all collisions by 37% and reduce crashes with injuries by 75%.



## Protecting pets

While not technically considered citizens, Auburn's canine and feline companions are still regarded as valued members of the community.

Our Environmental Services Department includes Animal Control officers (ACOs), who play a critical role in protecting local pets. They work to keep pets safe, returning lost animals to their homes with the help of CARE Humane Society.

A private nonprofit organization, CARE accepts all stray pets picked up by ACOs in Auburn for a seven day "stray hold" giving owners an opportunity to reclaim their pet. On day eight, the pet is assessed as a candidate for adoption or transferred to rescue organizations. If you have a lost pet, you can report it in the Auburn FixIt app to let our ACOs know to be on the lookout. Download the app on your mobile device or access it online at [auburnal.gov/fixit](http://auburnal.gov/fixit).

CARE also offers resource programs, partially funded by city tax dollars, which are available to all residents. ACOs connect residents with CARE if there is a need for pet food assistance, low-cost or free spay/neuter vouchers, kennels, veterinary care assistance and other pet supplies.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of CARE's affordable spay-neuter programs to help reduce the number of homeless pets in our community. Funding these assistance programs not only supports families and keeps pets in loving homes, but it also eases the strain on City resources and the number of animals surrendered to the shelter. It's a win-win for pets, their owners and the community.

City of Auburn and CARE both host outreach programs and public events throughout the year, such as Bark in the Park in the spring, to educate residents about basic pet care, responsible pet ownership, safe pet handling and the importance of spaying and neutering your pet. Together, Auburn residents, Auburn Animal Control and CARE Humane Society can ensure every pet gets the care and protection they deserve.



Find more info about CARE  
[carehumane.org](http://carehumane.org)

Find more info about Animal Control  
[auburnal.gov](http://auburnal.gov)

# National Library Card Sign-Up Month

Don't have an Auburn Public Library Card? September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month and the perfect time to get yours! Library cards allow patrons to check out up to 75 physical items as well as online resources such as eBooks/ eAudiobooks, magazines, newspaper issues and more.

You may sign up for a library card by visiting any service desk in the Auburn Public Library. Applicants should have a photo ID and proof of residency. The Auburn Public Library extends free borrowing privileges to anyone who:

- lives, owns or rents property in Auburn, or
- is employed in Auburn, or
- attends a SACS-accredited educational institution, kindergarten through college, in Auburn, or
- is eligible for a Horseshoe Bend Regional Library card.

Applicants may register online for a temporary barcode, which can be used right away to access many of our digital services.

**Find out more about the many resources and programs available at the Auburn Public Library at [auburnal.gov/library](http://auburnal.gov/library).**



## 2026 CITY OF AUBURN Municipal Election

### REMINDERS

The 2026 Municipal Election is right around the corner on Aug. 25. While some of you may receive this after the election is past, we wanted to include a few reminders for most of you who will receive this before Aug. 25.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** The last day to register to vote will be Aug. 10. According to state law, voter registration for an election should take place prior to 14 days before election day. Register to vote at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov) or at the Lee County Board of Registrars.

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** The last day to submit an absentee ballot application will be Aug. 18 if sent by mail and Aug. 20 if submitted in person at City Hall. The deadline to turn in absentee ballots is Aug. 24 in-person and Aug. 25 at noon by mail.

**ELECTION DAY:** The election will take place on Aug. 25, and polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

**WARDS & VOTING LOCATIONS:** Your voting location may have changed since the last municipal election. Find your current ward and voting location by entering your address into the Civic Services footer at [auburnal.gov](http://auburnal.gov).

**CANDIDATES:** Candidate qualifying ended on June 23. Ward 1 Councilmember Connie Taylor, Ward 2 Councilmember Kirsten Milenkovitch, Ward 3 Councilmember Beth Witten, Ward 4 Councilmember Tyler Adams, Ward 6 Councilmember Bob Parsons and Ward 7 Councilmember Max Coblenz were unopposed and were certified elected by the Auburn City Council on July 7, in accordance with state law. The following candidates will appear on the ballots for the Aug. 25 election:

Mayor: Ron Anders, Jr., Robert Wilkins  
Ward 5: Toshiro Jackson, Michael “Mike” Menese, Henry G. “Sonny” Moreman  
Ward 8: Augustus Ayers, Tommy Dawson

**Questions? Find more election info at [auburnal.gov/elections](http://auburnal.gov/elections) or give us a call at City Hall at 334-501-7260.**



## A better way to get rid of used cooking oil

As of June, we’ve kept more than 22,000 gallons of used cooking oil and grease out of Auburn’s sewer system, preventing problems with your plumbing and the City’s sewer system. You can help us collect even more and protect our infrastructure by participating in the Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Recycling program.

Our Water Resource Management Department began the FOG Recycling program in 2009 to bring awareness to and reduce the harmful effects of improper disposal of grease and used cooking oil.

Oil should never be poured down the drain. Even if it is poured slowly down the drain with hot water, this will eventually cause issues not only with your personal plumbing but also with the City’s sewer system.

Through the program, you can responsibly recycle used grease and oil by picking up a free container from the new Recycling Drop-Off Center at 356 N Donahue Dr. Once the container is full, bring it back to the drop-off center for disposal. **For more information, visit [auburnal.gov/water-resource-management/fog-recycling](http://auburnal.gov/water-resource-management/fog-recycling).**

## Labor Day closures

Most City facilities will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Garbage, trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day throughout the week.

The Auburn Public Library's book drops will remain open, and the online collection of e-books, e-audiobooks and digital magazines is always available at [auburnal.gov/library](http://auburnal.gov/library).

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed with the exceptions of Samford Pool (9 a.m.-noon for lap swim and 12:30-4 p.m. for recreational swim) and Lake Wilmore Park Pool (9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Samford Pool will close for the season after Monday, Sept. 7.

City of Auburn parks, playgrounds and cemeteries will be open from sunrise to sunset.

Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules.

Downtown public parking will be free on Sept. 7 with the exception of the Wright Street Parking Deck.

## NOISE COMPLAINTS

Need to report a noise complaint? Contact the Auburn Police Department's non-emergency line, 334-501-3100, day or night. An officer will patrol the area to determine the source of the noise and take appropriate action as guided by state law.

Callers have the option to meet with officers or remain anonymous — please do not call the Tip Line with noise complaints.

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## upcoming events

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| <b>Programs and events are subject to change.</b><br><br><b>Find up-to-date information at <a href="http://auburnal.gov">auburnal.gov</a>.</b> | <b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b><br><a href="http://auburnal.gov/parks">auburnal.gov/parks</a><br><br><b>Auburn Public Library</b><br><a href="http://auburnal.gov/library">auburnal.gov/library</a><br><br><b>City Meetings</b><br><a href="http://auburnal.gov/boards">auburnal.gov/boards</a><br><br><b>Citywide Events</b><br><a href="http://auburnal.gov">auburnal.gov</a> | <b>1</b><br><b>Preschool Time</b><br>Tuesdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board</b>   11:45 a.m.<br><b>STEAM Lab</b>   3:30 p.m.<br><b>Bedtime Buddies</b><br>Tuesdays   6 p.m.<br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>TBD<br><b>City Council</b>   6 p.m.         | <b>2</b><br><b>Baby's First Story Time</b><br>Wednesdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Untidy Tales</b><br>Wednesdays   1 p.m.<br><b>Awesome Art</b><br>Wednesdays   4 p.m.<br><b>Board of Zoning Adjustment</b>   4:30 p.m.                 | <b>3</b><br><b>Toddler Tales</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Lullabies for Little Ones</b><br>1 p.m.                                                                                                                                                       | <b>4</b><br><b>Tree Commission</b>   11:30 a.m.<br><b>Puppet Show</b><br>Fridays   9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. | <b>5</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>Saturdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Movers &amp; Shakers</b><br>Saturdays   10:30 a.m.  |
| 6                                                                                                                                              | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>8</b><br><b>Preschool Time</b><br>Tuesdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Planning Commission Packet Meeting</b>   Noon<br><b>STEAM Lab</b>   3:30 p.m.<br><b>Historic Preservation Commission</b>   4 p.m.<br><b>Bedtime Buddies</b><br>Tuesdays   6 p.m.                                      | <b>9</b><br><b>Baby's First Story Time</b><br>Wednesdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Untidy Tales</b><br>Wednesdays   1 p.m.<br><b>Awesome Art</b><br>Wednesdays   4 p.m.                                                                  | <b>10</b><br><b>Toddler Tales</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Lullabies for Little Ones</b><br>1 p.m.<br><b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting</b>   4 p.m.<br><b>Planning Commission</b>   5 p.m.<br><b>Adult Softball and Kickball Registration ends</b> | <b>11</b><br><b>Puppet Show</b><br>Fridays   9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.<br><b>Parent's Night Out</b>          | <b>12</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>Saturdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Movers &amp; Shakers</b><br>Saturdays   10:30 a.m. |
| 13                                                                                                                                             | <b>Samford Pool closes at end of day for the season</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>14</b><br><b>Preschool Time</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Auburn Public Library Board</b>   10 a.m.<br><b>Greenspace Advisory Board</b><br>Noon<br><b>STEAM Lab</b>   3:30 p.m.<br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>TBD<br><b>City Council</b>   6 p.m.<br><b>Bedtime Buddies</b>   6 p.m. | <b>15</b><br><b>Baby's First Story Time</b><br>Wednesdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Untidy Tales</b><br>Wednesdays   1 p.m.<br><b>Awesome Art</b><br>Wednesdays   4 p.m.                                                                 | <b>16</b><br><b>Toddler Tales</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Lullabies for Little Ones</b><br>1 p.m.<br><b>Water Works Board</b><br>4 p.m.                                                                                                                | <b>17</b><br><b>Puppet Show</b><br>Fridays   9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.                                       | <b>18</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>Saturdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Movers &amp; Shakers</b><br>Saturdays   10:30 a.m. |
| 19                                                                                                                                             | <b>Cemetery Advisory Board</b><br>  4 p.m.<br><b>Curiosity Crew</b><br>Mondays   3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>20</b><br><b>Curiosity Crew</b><br>Mondays   3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>21</b><br><b>Preschool Time</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>STEAM Lab</b>   3:30 p.m.<br><b>Bedtime Buddies</b>   6 p.m.<br><b>City Elections Run-offs (if needed)</b>                                                                  | <b>22</b><br><b>Baby's First Story Time</b><br>Wednesdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Untidy Tales</b><br>Wednesdays   1 p.m.<br><b>Awesome Art</b><br>Wednesdays   4 p.m.                                                                                 | <b>23</b><br><b>Toddler Tales</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Lullabies for Little Ones</b><br>1 p.m.              | <b>24</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>Saturdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Movers &amp; Shakers</b><br>Saturdays   10:30 a.m. |
| 25                                                                                                                                             | <b>Curiosity Crew</b><br>Mondays   3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>26</b><br><b>Curiosity Crew</b><br>Mondays   3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>27</b><br><b>Baby's First Story Time</b><br>Wednesdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Untidy Tales</b><br>Wednesdays   1 p.m.<br><b>Awesome Art</b><br>Wednesdays   4 p.m.                                                                 | <b>28</b><br><b>Toddler Tales</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Lullabies for Little Ones</b><br>1 p.m.                                                                                                                                                      | <b>29</b><br><b>Puppet Show</b><br>Fridays   9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.                                       | <b>30</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>Saturdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Movers &amp; Shakers</b><br>Saturdays   10:30 a.m. |
| 27                                                                                                                                             | <b>Holiday Art Sale Vendor Applications open</b><br><b>Curiosity Crew</b><br>Mondays   3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>28</b><br><b>Preschool Time</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>STEAM Lab</b>   3:30 p.m.<br><b>Bedtime Buddies</b>   6 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>29</b><br><b>Baby's First Story Time</b><br>Wednesdays   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Untidy Tales</b><br>Wednesdays   1 p.m.<br><b>Awesome Art</b><br>Wednesdays   4 p.m.<br><b>The 19-49 Social Club: This Ain't Your Granny's Bingo</b> | <b>30</b><br><b>Toddler Tales</b>   9:30 a.m.<br><b>Lullabies for Little Ones</b><br>1 p.m.                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                        |