

# open line

a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

DECEMBER 2022



## HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

As you clean up after this holiday season, keep in mind the many ways we can help you make less of an impact on our environment.

### RECYCLE COOKING OIL AND GREASE

Before frying or baking those hams and turkeys, pick up a free container from the Recycling Drop-Off Center (365-A N. Donahue Drive) to recycle the used cooking oil rather than pouring it down the drain. Though it may seem harmless, letting grease and cooking oil run down the drain is the main cause of sewer back-ups. Instead, simply pour any used, cooled cooking oil into a leak-proof container and bring it to the Drop-Off Center or place it by the curb for recycling. To schedule a free curbside grease recycling pickup, call the Water Resource Management Department at (334) 501-3069.

### RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Recycling your Christmas tree is as easy as placing it at the curb. Our Environmental Services team will collect and recycle Christmas trees during customers' weekly curbside collections.

### RECYCLE BOXES

Don't forget to recycle the boxes from your gifts this holiday season. Cardboard boxes and gift boxes are included in our curbside recycling program and may be recycled at the Recycling Drop-Off Center. Please remember to break down all boxes!

## LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

*help prevent crime this holiday season*

As we approach the holidays, the Auburn Police Department reminds you to be vigilant and to take a few simple steps to keep your property safe. Did you know the vast majority of thefts from vehicles are a result of car doors being left unlocked? Through the Lock It or Lose It campaign, Auburn Police asks that you:

- **Remove** all valuables from your vehicle each time you leave it.
- **Lock** your vehicle.
- **Report** any suspicious activity.

You can call 334-501-3100 or 911 in an emergency to report any suspicious activity or 334-246-1391 to report information anonymously.



CALL  
(334) 501-3100  
OR 911  
TO REPORT  
SUSPICIOUS  
ACTIVITY



**REMOVE**  
Valuables from Vehicles



**LOCK**  
Your Vehicles



**REPORT**  
Any Suspicious Activity

## Business license renewals

Any business providing services or selling goods within Auburn city limits is required to have a City of Auburn business license, including home-based businesses and short-term rentals. City business licenses for 2022 expire on Dec. 31, 2022, and must be renewed by Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, to avoid late fees.

All current business license holders will receive renewal notices in late December. Any business that does not receive its renewal notice by Dec. 31 should contact the Revenue Office to verify its mailing address and request another notice. The City Revenue Office is located in City Hall at 144 Tichenor Ave. Business hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except City holidays. Your license can be renewed online using our Citizen Self Services portal. You can register for access at [selfservice.auburnalabama.org/css](https://selfservice.auburnalabama.org/css).

For more information, visit [auburnalabama.org/revenue/business-licenses](https://auburnalabama.org/revenue/business-licenses) or contact the Revenue Office at (334) 501-7239 or [revenue@auburnalabama.org](mailto:revenue@auburnalabama.org).



## Toy Drive donations accepted through Dec. 3

The 2022 Auburn Toy Drive is underway! Auburn Public Safety's annual program is designed to help families in our community by providing Christmas gifts to children in need ages two through eight. Thanks to your generosity, we've been able to make local children's Christmases brighter, and we look forward to doing it again this year.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Auburn Toy Drive can drop off an unwrapped gift at any Auburn Fire station or the Auburn Police Department through Dec. 3.

Helpers will sort the gifts into age-appropriate categories, and gifts will be delivered during the week before Christmas. During this holiday season, please remember those who may be less fortunate. All donations are extremely important. As always, be reminded that no monetary donations can be accepted, but any purchased gift is appreciated.

## Adjusting to shorter days

With more of us out after dark as the days end earlier, please help keep yourself and others safe this season by reporting street light outages and wearing reflective gear when walking or biking!

### STREET LIGHTS

Most of Auburn's street lights are maintained by Alabama Power. You can report an outage by contacting them at 1-800-245-2244 or visiting [customerservice2.southerncompany.com/Outages/Report](https://customerservice2.southerncompany.com/Outages/Report). You can also report outages through the Auburn FixIt app ([auburnalabama.org/fixit](https://auburnalabama.org/fixit)) or by calling our Engineering Services Department at 334-501-7390.

### REFLECTIVE GEAR

According to City Code, everyone walking or running after dark must wear reflective material between the waist and shoulders on both front and back. Bicyclists are required to have a headlight on the front of their bicycles and reflectors on the front and rear spokes of the wheels and pedals of their bikes.

Be safe out there, Auburn!

## December holiday closures & schedule changes

City Hall and most City facilities will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day. Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. There will be no changes to the garbage, trash and recycling pickup schedules during these weeks.

The Auburn Public Library will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1-2. Book drops will remain open, and the online collection of e-books, audiobooks and digital magazines are always available. Parks and Recreation facility hours will be adjusted during the holidays, so keep an eye on [auburnalabama.org](https://auburnalabama.org) for more details.



## State of the City moved to Nov. 16

The fourth-annual State of the City Address has been moved from Oct. 25 to Wednesday, Nov. 16, due to scheduling conflicts. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center. The entire community is invited to this free event where Mayor Ron Anders will highlight all that happened over the last year and take a look ahead at what's to come. Mayor Anders will conclude the evening by presenting the 2022 Mayor's Lamplighter Awards, recognizing six community members' efforts to make Auburn even brighter.

## Board & commission vacancies

One vacancy on the Public Park and Recreation Board will be announced at the Nov. 1 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Dec. 6 meeting. Applications will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 28. Visit [auburnalabama.org/boards](https://auburnalabama.org/boards) to apply or to find more information about volunteering for one of the City's 22 boards and commissions.



**DEC. 3 6:30 AM**

Auburn Parks and Recreation's Jingle Jog 5k and Santa Stroll Fun Run are here again, so pull out those Santa hats and ugly sweaters! Join Active Auburn on Saturday, Dec. 3, as we ring in the holiday season in style.

The Santa Stroll Fun Run (1 mile) will start at 6:30 a.m., and the Jingle Jog 5k will start at 7 a.m. — both beginning at Toomer's Corner. Those who finish the 5k race will receive a special race medal!

Registration for both races is underway online at [auburnalabama.org/parks](https://auburnalabama.org/parks), and fees are as follows:

### SANTA STROLL FUN RUN

Early Bird Registration from Sept. 5-Oct. 28: \$15  
Registration from Oct. 29-Nov. 17: \$20  
Late Registration from Nov. 18-26: \$25  
Day-of Registration on Dec. 3: \$35

### JINGLE JOG 5K

Early Bird Registration from Sept. 6-Oct. 28: \$20  
Registration from Oct. 29-Nov. 17: \$25  
Late Registration from Nov. 18-Nov. 26: \$35  
Day-of Registration on Dec. 3: \$45

Participants must register by Nov. 17 to be guaranteed a T-shirt.



## The 2022-2026 Auburn City Council will be sworn into office on Nov. 7 at noon.

Next month's issue of Open Line will include contact information for the new council. You can also find their information following the Nov. 7 swearing in ceremony at [auburnalabama.org/cc](https://auburnalabama.org/cc).

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**  
Megan McGowen Crouch • 334.501.7261  
[mmcgowen@auburnalabama.org](mailto:mmcgowen@auburnalabama.org)  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
334.501.7280  
[communityservices@auburnalabama.org](mailto:communityservices@auburnalabama.org)  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
334.501.7270  
[webcondev@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webcondev@auburnalabama.org)  
**ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
334.501.7390  
[webengineering@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webengineering@auburnalabama.org)

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
334.501.3080  
[webenvirsvc@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webenvirsvc@auburnalabama.org)  
**FINANCE**  
334.501.7233  
[webfinance@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webfinance@auburnalabama.org)  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**  
334.501.7240  
[webhr@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webhr@auburnalabama.org)  
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
334.501.7200  
[webit@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webit@auburnalabama.org)

**INSPECTION SERVICES**  
334.501.3170  
[webcodes@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webcodes@auburnalabama.org)  
**AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
334.501.3190  
[weblibrary@auburnalabama.org](mailto:weblibrary@auburnalabama.org)  
**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
334.501.3180  
[webjudicial@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webjudicial@auburnalabama.org)  
**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
334.501.2930  
[webparksrec@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webparksrec@auburnalabama.org)

**PLANNING**  
334.501.3040  
[webplanning@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webplanning@auburnalabama.org)  
**PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)**  
334.501.3110  
[webpubsfty@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webpubsfty@auburnalabama.org)  
**PUBLIC WORKS**  
334.501.3000  
[webpw@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webpw@auburnalabama.org)  
**WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**  
334.501.3060  
[webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org)

# DECEMBER 2022 upcoming events

Open Line is produced by the Office of the City Manager  
334.501.7268 | [openline@auburnlabama.org](mailto:openline@auburnlabama.org)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	<p><i>Background photo: Firefighters sort through donations to the Auburn Toy Drive</i></p>	<p>Programs &amp; events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at <a href="http://auburnlabama.org">auburnlabama.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Auburn Public Library</b> <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/library">auburnlabama.org/library</a></p> <p><b>City Meetings</b> <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/boards">auburnlabama.org/boards</a></p> <p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b> <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/parks">auburnlabama.org/parks</a></p>	<p>1</p> <p><b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting</b> 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Letters to Santa</b> 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Puppet Shows (in person/virtual)</b> Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tree Commission</b> 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p>	
4	<p><b>Planning Commission Packet Meeting</b> Noon</p> <p><b>Cemetery Advisory Board</b> 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Library Closed</b></p> <p><b>Daddy Daughter Date</b> Night tickets go on sale</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board</b> 11:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>Doc Magic Elf Show</b> 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> TBD</p> <p><b>City Council</b> 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Board of Zoning Adjustment</b> 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Board of Zoning Adjustment</b> 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Planning Commission</b> 5 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		<p><b>Historic Preservation Commission</b> 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Reader's Review Virtual Adult Book Club</b> 5:30 p.m.</p>		<p><b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting</b> 4 p.m.</p>		<p><b>Jingle Jog &amp; Santa Stroll</b> 6:30 a.m. @ Downtown Auburn</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
<p>No Library programs Dec. 18-Jan. 2</p>		<p><b>Library Board</b> 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Greenspace Advisory Board</b> Noon</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> TBD</p> <p><b>City Council</b> 6 p.m.</p>		<p><b>Water Works Board</b> 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Most City Facilities Closed for Christmas Eve</b></p>	<p><b>Library Closed</b></p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
<p><b>Library Closed</b></p>	<p><b>Most City Facilities Closed for Christmas</b></p>						