

# open line

a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

JANUARY 2023



City of Auburn



The City of Auburn invites you to go behind the scenes of City operations and engage with staff as a member of the 2023 class of the Auburn Citizens' Academy.

The Citizens' Academy is a program that allows Auburn residents to gain a deeper understanding of all City departments through tours, presentations and conversations with staff members who help make Auburn the vibrant community you know it to be.

Applications will be available starting Feb. 1. Those who apply should be able to commit to attending the majority, if not all, of the sessions. Sessions will occur on weekdays, and applicants should receive approval from their employers to participate in the program.

A full schedule will be announced when applications become available on Feb. 1. Space is extremely limited.

## New City Council takes office

The 2022-2026 Auburn City Council was sworn into office on Nov. 7, including three new members and six returning members. Contact information for each council member is available on the inside of this issue of Open Line and online at [auburnalabama.org/cc](http://auburnalabama.org/cc).

Not sure who represents your area? Find your ward and council representative by visiting [auburnalabama.org](http://auburnalabama.org) and entering your address at the bottom of the page.

## 11th-annual Polar Plunge

JANUARY 28 • 9 A.M.

Sign up, dive in, and raise money for a great cause! Brave the cold at the 11th-annual Polar Plunge on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Samford Pool. Recruit sponsors to support you as you take the plunge in support of Lee County Special Olympics.

Superheroes will be the theme for this year's plunge. Individual and group superhero costumes are encouraged!

This event is presented by Auburn Parks and Recreation and Lee County Special Olympics. All proceeds from the Polar Plunge benefit Lee County Special Olympics.



## Boards and commission vacancies

Three vacancies on the Board of Zoning Adjustment will be announced at the Dec. 6 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Jan. 3 meeting. Applications will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 26.

Visit [auburnalabama.org/boards](http://auburnalabama.org/boards) to apply or to find more information about volunteering for one of 22 boards and commissions.

# Cold weather safety tips for pets



It's important to take care of your pets as the colder temperatures come to our area. Our Animal Control Division reminds you of the following tips to keep your pet healthy and comfortable in colder weather:

**Provide Shelter:** A well-constructed dog house insulated with clean, dry bedding, such as straw, wood shavings or a blanket, will help keep your dog warm. Face the dog house opening away from the direction that the wind normally blows to help hold in warmth and prevent rain infiltration. It's also a good idea to add a weather-resistant door flap. A flap can be purchased or, in a pinch, a heavy-duty fabric, old vehicle mud flap or a piece of linoleum flooring will do.

**Water:** Make sure your pet always has access to fresh, clean water. Proper hydration is important to help your dog stay warm. It's also important to check water bowls often to make sure the water doesn't freeze over. To prevent lightweight bowls from tipping over, you can secure a bucket to a post or a tree, place the bucket inside of an old tire or dig a hole in the ground and place the bucket inside of it.

**Food:** Monitor your pet's diet. Animals expend more calories in colder months than warmer times of year to keep warm. You may need to increase your pet's daily amount of food to compensate.

**Cold Sensitive Pets:** Remember that colder temperatures may be harder on some pets than others. Short hair breeds, smaller breeds and dogs that are young or old are more susceptible to the cold and should be closely monitored while outdoors. If your dog is sensitive to the cold because of age, illness or breed, adjust winter care accommodations accordingly.

**Hypothermia:** Know the warning signs! Hypothermia is a potentially deadly condition where the body temperature falls below normal. Signs include shivering, lethargy and lack of coordination. If you notice any of these symptoms in your pet, immediately move the animal to a warm location and wrap it in a blanket. Contact a veterinarian while warming your pet.

If you have a concern about an animal, document what you see including the date, time, exact location, type of animal and as many other details as possible. Then contact the City of Auburn Animal Control Division at (334) 501-3090. After hours, please contact the Auburn Police Department at (334) 501-3100.

## House check for the holidays

Heading out of town for a while and need someone to keep an eye on your home? Our Auburn Police Department can help.

Auburn Police offer periodic house checks at no cost to Auburn residents. If you plan on being away from your home for an extended amount of time, you can fill out a form at [auburnalabama.org/police/house-check](http://auburnalabama.org/police/house-check) or call (334) 501-3150 to sign up for the service. Please include helpful information like if you'll be leaving vehicles parked at the residence, if lights will be left on or if you expect any authorized visitors. Be sure to leave us your local emergency contacts. And, before you leave, make sure to lock your doors and secure all windows.

This is just one way that we're working to keep our community safe during the holiday season! For more tips and info about services, follow Auburn Public Safety on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @COAPublicSafety.



## 2023 Holiday Collection Schedule

The New Year brings a new garbage, trash and recycling pickup schedule. Keep this list to refer to throughout the year and avoid missing your garbage pickup day. You can also find the schedule online at [auburnalabama.org/garbage-and-recycling](http://auburnalabama.org/garbage-and-recycling). To find your collection day, look up your address at [webgis.auburnalabama.org/coamap](http://webgis.auburnalabama.org/coamap) or call (334) 501-3080.

Monday's Route: ■ Tuesday's Route: ■ Wednesday's Route: ■ Thursday's Route: ■ Holiday: ■

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## January holiday schedules

City Hall and most City facilities will close on Monday, Jan. 2, for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 16, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Garbage, trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day both weeks.

Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. The Auburn Public Library's book drops will remain open, and the online collection of ebooks, e-audiobooks, and digital magazines are available 24/7. Keep an eye on [news.auburnalabama.org](http://news.auburnalabama.org) for Parks and Recreation facility hours during the holidays.

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# JANUARY 2023 **upcoming events**

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.	3 Story Time (in person/virtual) Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m. Spring brochure available & Spring sports registration begins	4 Story Time (in person/virtual) Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.	5 Story Time (in person/virtual) Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.	6 Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.	7 Story Time (in person/virtual) Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
8 Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon	9	10 Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m. Reader's Review Virtual Book Club 5:30 p.m.	11	12 City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m. Planning Commission 5 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17 Library Board 10 a.m. Greenspace Advisory Board Noon "Explosions in My Life" by James Patterson 4 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m.	18	19 Water Works Board 4 p.m.	20	21 Health & Fitness Fair 2 p.m. @ Frank Brown Rec Center
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Polar Plunge 9 a.m.
29	30	31 Programs & events are subject to change. Find up-to-date information at <a href="http://auburnlabama.org">auburnlabama.org</a> .	Background Photo: Polar Plunge		Auburn Public Library <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/library">auburnlabama.org/library</a> City Meetings <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/boards">auburnlabama.org/boards</a> Parks & Recreation <a href="http://auburnlabama.org/parks">auburnlabama.org/parks</a> Citywide Events <a href="http://auburnlabama.org">auburnlabama.org</a>	