

# open line

a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

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City of Auburn

## Improvements coming to College Street, Samford Avenue intersection

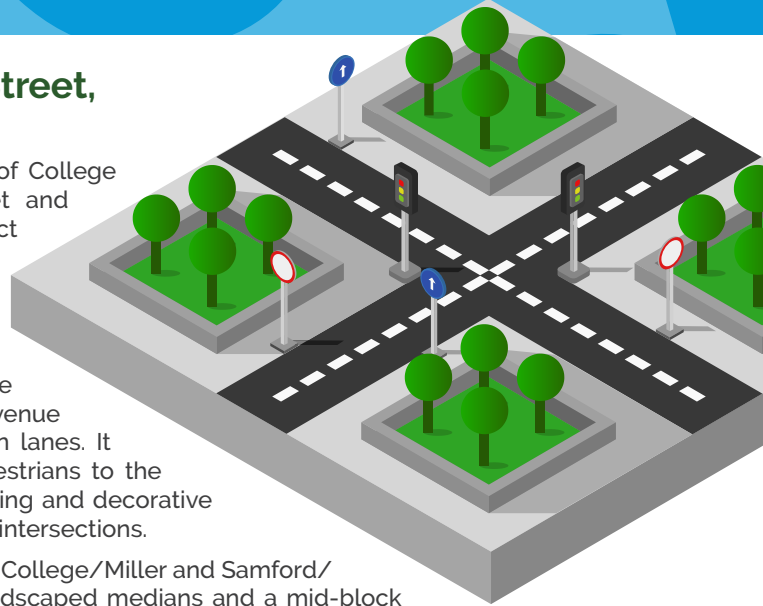
In May, we began work to improve the intersections of College Street/Samford Avenue, Samford Avenue/Gay Street and College Street/Miller Avenue. This long-awaited project will help improve traffic flow and drainage in the area while upgrading the aesthetics of the intersections, which serve as one of the primary entryways into downtown Auburn.

The project will include widening College Street to include two southbound lanes at the intersection of Samford Avenue along with widening at other intersections to add turn lanes. It will also include improved sidewalks connecting pedestrians to the Donald E. Davis Arboretum, decorative pedestrian lighting and decorative crosswalks at the College/Miller and College/Samford intersections.

New traffic signals will be installed at College/Samford, College/Miller and Samford/Gay, which will include dedicated left-turn arrows. Landscaped medians and a mid-block pedestrian crossing will be constructed between Samford and Miller avenues, and drainage improvements will be made throughout the area.

While there will certainly be some growing pains during this project, we look forward to providing our residents and Auburn's visitors with much-needed improvements to traffic flow in this area. We thank you in advance for your patience during this project, which is expected to wrap up by summer 2023.

Please be careful in the area and take alternate routes to avoid delays. Want to receive text/email notifications about traffic impacts throughout the project? Sign up for the Traffic & Street Updates eNotifier list at [auburnalabama.org/eNotifier](http://auburnalabama.org/eNotifier).



## #ShopAuburn this Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

The 2022 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday will take place July 15-17, giving you a chance to purchase certain items free of state and local sales tax. At its May 17 meeting, the Auburn City Council approved an ordinance exempting certain items from the City's 4% sales tax, including clothing, computers and computer software, school supplies and books.

For a full list of what will and won't be tax exempt, visit [auburnalabama.org/tax-holiday](http://auburnalabama.org/tax-holiday) or contact the City of Auburn Revenue Office at (334) 501-7239 or [revenue@auburnalabama.org](mailto:revenue@auburnalabama.org).



## New facility in the works for Environmental Services, Public Works

Construction will soon begin on a new facility for our Environmental Services and Public Works departments on Wire Road near the intersection of Beehive Road. The new complex will provide much-needed and sustainable space for both departments, which have outgrown their current facilities. The site will house office and warehouse space to support administrative activities and supplies storage, pole barns for equipment storage, a fleet maintenance facility, a fueling station and bulk storage space for regularly-used materials.

The new complex is designed to facilitate efficiency within both departments. For example, the project will greatly expand the space available for our Facilities Maintenance team in the Environmental Services Department. Our mechanics currently service the City's entire fleet of more than 600 units out of a six-bay facility. The new facility will have 17 bays, giving mechanics the ability to work on more vehicles at a time and return equipment back to service quicker.

Completing this project will set in motion repurposing the existing site to create a new Boykin-Donahue Campus in Northwest Auburn, which was identified in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan. By relocating Environmental Services and Public Works, there will be space to expand the Boykin campus with new recreational and cultural amenities. The current Recycling Drop-Off Center will also be relocated across the street from its current location on North Donahue Drive to the current site of Fleet Services.

Work on the new Environmental Services and Public Works Complex is expected to last about a year, and the Boykin-Donahue Campus Improvements project will begin after those departments have relocated.



## 2022 WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Each year, the Water Works Board of the City of Auburn (AWWB) distributes its Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report to help keep you informed about the quality and safety of your drinking water. You can find this year's report online by visiting [auburnalabama.org/water-resource-management](http://auburnalabama.org/water-resource-management) and clicking "Consumer Confidence Reports."

The report provides information about the contaminants that may be found in Auburn's drinking water and how these contaminants may affect customers' health. It's also a great chance to learn about where your drinking water comes from, how we treat it and the delivery methods we use to ensure compliance with State and Federal laws.

A copy of the report has been mailed to all customers, and print copies will be available at the Bailey Alexander Water and Sewer Complex (1501 W. Samford Ave.) and other City facilities. Have questions? Contact the Water Resource Management Department at (334) 501-3060 or [webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org).

## Board and commission vacancies

Two vacancies on the Planning Commission were announced at the May 15 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 19 meeting. Applications will close at 5 p.m. on June 20. Once applications have been reviewed, final candidates will be interviewed by members of the Auburn City Council.

Two vacancies on the Greenspace Advisory Board will be announced at the June 21 City Council meeting and will be filled at the July 19 meeting. Applications will open on June 22 and will close at 5 p.m. on July 11.

Applications are available online at [auburnalabama.org/boards](http://auburnalabama.org/boards), along with information about our 22 boards and commissions. Sign up to receive text or email notifications for board and commission vacancy announcements at [auburnalabama.org/eNotifier](http://auburnalabama.org/eNotifier).

**MORE DETAILS** [auburnalabama.org/boards](http://auburnalabama.org/boards)

## Keep Auburn GREEN While You Clean

Are you taking advantage of the warmer weather to declutter and clean your home? Not sure what to do with all that stuff? Here are a few environmentally friendly tips from our Environmental Services team.

**REDUCE.** It is easier to de-clutter when there is less stuff in your home. Only buy what is needed. Reducing the urge to buy impulse items saves money and minimizes clutter.

**REUSE.** Many broken items can be repaired. Online videos and community forums can assist with a variety of repairs. Repairing items can lead to new skills and substantial savings.

**SELL OR DONATE.** Reusable items no longer needed by your family may be needed by another. Donate to a local thrift store or post your items online. Remember to use safety precautions when selling items online.

**RECYCLE.** Magazines, paper, bottles, cans and other recyclable items can be placed in your recycle bin to be processed back into use.

**REMOVE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.** Electronic waste batteries, motor oil and other household hazardous waste (HHW) require special handling. The City holds two HHW collection events each year - one in the fall and one in the spring.

**MORE DETAILS** [auburnalabama.org/environmental-services](http://auburnalabama.org/environmental-services)



## Parks & Rec July happenings

### FLOAT-IN-MOVIE

Auburn Parks and Recreation will host the July Float-In-Movie, "Moana," on July 16 at Samford Pool (465 Wrights Mill Road). Gates will open at 8 p.m., and admission is \$2 or FREE with a splash pass. Concessions will be available for purchase, and floats will be permitted.

### FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for fall sports will begin July 5 and will end July 28. Registration will be held online through Auburn Parks and Recreation's new MyRec software. All those interested in signing up for fall sports can visit [auburnalabama.org/parks](http://auburnalabama.org/parks) and click on "Register" to set up an online account today.

## Independence Day closures & schedule changes

Most City facilities will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. Trash, garbage and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day throughout the week.

The Auburn Public Library will be closed on Monday, July 4. Book drops will remain open, and the online collection of e-books, e-audiobooks and digital magazines are always available at [auburnalabama.org/library](http://auburnalabama.org/library).

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# JULY 2022 **upcoming events**

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	<p>Programs &amp; events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at <a href="http://auburnalabama.org">auburnalabama.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Auburn Public Library</b> <a href="http://auburnalabama.org/library">auburnalabama.org/library</a></p> <p><b>City Meetings</b> <a href="http://auburnalabama.org/boards">auburnalabama.org/boards</a></p> <p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b> <a href="http://auburnalabama.org/parks">auburnalabama.org/parks</a></p>	<p><i>Background photo: Youth soccer</i></p>		<p>1</p> <p>Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual) Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</b></p>
3	<p>4</p> <p>Toon Time 10 a.m.</p> <p>Monday Movie 2 p.m.</p> <p>Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</b></p> <p>Summer Serendipity 2 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Crafternoon 2 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p>Hometown Heroes 2 p.m.</p> <p>Family Story Time APL@ Boykin @ 6 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p>
10	<p>11</p> <p>Toon Time 10 a.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon</p> <p>Monday Movie 2 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Summer Serendipity 2 p.m.</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Summer Crafternoon 2 p.m.</p> <p>Teen Writer's Workshop 6 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hometown Heroes 2 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p> <p>Float-In-Movie Samford Pool @ 8 p.m.</p>
17	<p>18</p> <p>Toon Time 10 a.m.</p> <p>Monday Movie 2 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Library Board 10 a.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board Noon</p> <p>Summer Serendipity 2 p.m.</p> <p>Reader's Review Virtual Adult Book Club 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 6 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Summer Crafternoon 2 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Hometown Heroes 2 p.m.</p> <p>Family Story Time APL@ Boykin @ 6 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p>
24	<p>25</p> <p>Toon Time 10 a.m.</p> <p>Monday Movie 2 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Summer Serendipity 2 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Summer Crafternoon 2 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hometown Heroes 2 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting Noon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.</p>
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