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a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

JULY 2024



City of Auburn

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH PARKS & REC

Join us as we celebrate Independence Day with the entire Auburn community! Auburn Parks and Recreation's annual Independence Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4, in the field behind Duck Samford Stadium. Gates will open at 5 p.m., and the fire works will begin around 9 p.m.

There will be live music, free inflatables, children's activities, giveaways and food for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to park at Duck Samford Stadium (1840 E. Glenn Ave.) or the Duck Samford and Bo Cavin Baseball fields (333 Airport Road).

The fireworks will be launched from the old water tower site on East University Drive, next to Duck Samford Park. Please note that Duck Samford Baseball Fields 1-3 (1720 E. University Drive) will be closed to the public to accommodate the fireworks shoot site.

In the event of inclement weather, fireworks display will be held on Friday, July 5.



Neighborhood Conference registration opens July 8

AUGUST 17 • 8 AM-2 PM

Save the date for the third annual City of Auburn Neighborhood Conference — an event geared toward neighborhood groups and residents interested in the quality of life in Auburn's neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Conference is a free event that will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harris Center and Frank Brown Recreation Center. It will include sessions on a variety of topics and opportunities to meet fellow neighbors who work to make Auburn safer, friendlier and lovelier every day.

The conference will begin with the opportunity to network with fellow neighborhood leaders and residents. Each participant will then attend break-out sessions during the conference. Preregistration is required to attend, and attendees will select their sessions during the sign-up process. Registration will open on Monday, July 8, and close Monday, July 29.

The sessions will provide valuable information about City services and resources for neighborhoods. Look for more information to be released soon on the City's website, auburnalabama.org. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided to attendees.



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#ShopAuburn this Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

The 2024 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday will take place July 19-21, giving you a chance to purchase certain items free of state and local sales tax. Certain items will be exempt from the City's 4% sales tax, including:

- Clothing: All apparel suitable for general use is exempt unless it otherwise appears on the taxable list; clothing items must cost \$100 or less per article of clothing to be exempt.
- Computers and Computer Software: A single purchase with a sales price of \$750 or less will be exempt. Items exempt include computers, computer software, and school computer supplies.
- School Supplies: Any items of \$50 or less per item commonly used by a student in a course of study will be exempt. Supplies may include art supplies, reference maps and globes, textbooks on an official schoolbook list with a sales price of more than \$30 but less than \$50, and books with a sales price of \$30 or less per book.

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

Auburn Public Safety School Supplies Drive

Auburn Public Safety will hold a school supplies drive again this year benefiting the Auburn Housing Authority! Anyone interested in donating can drop supplies off at the Public Safety Complex at the corner of North Ross Street and Magnolia Avenue or the Auburn Public Library at 749 E. Thach Ave. Donations will be accepted July 22-30.

Auburn Housing Authority residents are invited to the giveaway event, which will be held on Aug. 1 at Ridgecrest Apartments. Follow Auburn Public Safety on social media @COAPublicSafety for more details as the event draws closer.

Wildlife on the Roadway: Protecting you and our four-legged neighbors

As much as we've tried, we haven't been able to train our local deer, raccoon, armadillo and opossum populations to use crosswalks.

That means we need you to keep an eye out for wildlife on our roadways! There are an average of 2,242 animal-vehicle crashes in Alabama each year, according to a report from the Federal Highway Administration.

Wildlife can be found pretty much anywhere in Auburn, but please be particularly alert when driving in heavily wooded areas or near waterways. Scan the road from side to side, and make sure to not drive distracted!

If you do see an animal on or near the road, brake but don't swerve or leave your lane. If you're ever in an animal-vehicle crash, give the #AuburnPolice Department a call — 911 in an emergency, or call our non-emergency line at 334-501-3100. Drive safe, Auburn!



Board & commission vacancies

The Auburn City Council is looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission and the Greenspace Advisory Board.

Three vacancies on the Planning Commission will be filled at the July 16 Auburn City Council meeting. Applications will close on June 17 to allow time for the council to conduct interviews. One vacancy on the Greenspace Advisory Board will be filled at the July 16 meeting. Applications will close on July 8.

Applications and more information about each entity are available at auburnalabama.org/boards.

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STREAM MEETINGS

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AWWB annual water report: come on in, the water's fine

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 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.



The spillway at Lake Ogletree, the City's primary water source.

Independence Day closures & schedule changes

Most City facilities will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules.

Monday's trash, garbage and recycling pickup route will run as usual, but Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's routes will be delayed by one day.

JULY 2024 upcoming events

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Toon Time Mondays @ 10 a.m. Movie Matinee Mondays @ 2 p.m. Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.	2 Preschool Story Time Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. Prek in PJs Tuesdays @ 1 p.m. Summer Serendipity Tuesdays @ 2 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m.	3 Baby's 1st Story Time Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Untidy Tales Wednesdays @ 1 p.m. Summer Crafternoons Wednesdays @ 2 p.m. Art Adventurers (registration required) Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.	4 Independence Day Celebration @ 5 p.m. Independence Day Holiday - Most City facilities closed.	5 Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Puppetry Pats (registration required) Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.	6 City Market @ Town Creek Park, 8-11 a.m. Family Story Time Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. Untidy Tales Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m. Movers & Shakers Saturdays @ 1 p.m. Author Talk 2 p.m.
7	8 Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon	9 Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m. Adults Create! @ 5:30 p.m.	10	11 Toddler Tales Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. Lullabies for Little Ones Thursdays @ 1 p.m. Hometown Heroes Thursdays @ 2 p.m. City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m. Planning Commission 5 p.m.	12	13 City Market @ Town Creek Park, 8-11 a.m. Adults Create! @ 2 p.m. Float-In-Movie @ Samford Pool, 8-10 p.m.
14	15 Philippine Festival	16 Greenspace Advisory Board Noon Chapter Chats Book Club (for adults) 5:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Water Works Board 4 p.m.	26	27 City Market @ Town Creek Park, 8-11 a.m. So you've written a book... now what? 2 p.m.
28	29	30	31	Auburn Public Library auburnalabama.org/library City Meetings auburnalabama.org/boards Parks & Recreation auburnalabama.org/parks Citywide Events auburnalabama.org	Programs & events are subject to change. Find up-to-date information at auburnalabama.org .	Background Photo: City Market at Town Creek Park