

# open line

a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

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City of Auburn

## Investing in Auburn's workforce

*\$3M investment to fund new ACDI Business Center*

Auburn industries will soon have a new space to train and develop their employees' skills at the new Auburn Center for Developing Industries (ACDI) Business Center.

In March, Congress approved the Consolidated Appropriations Act which included a \$3 million federal appropriation to fund an expansion of ACDI. Congressman Mike Rogers requested the funding on behalf of East Alabama communities.

"It is critical that Alabama businesses have all the tools they need to thrive," Rogers said. "I am honored to continue my fight to create more job opportunities across Alabama's Third Congressional District."

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**MEGAN MCGOWEN CROUCH, AUBURN CITY MANAGER**

ACDI currently provides startups with incubator space and houses the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center, which helps develop the skills of Auburn's existing industries. In the same facility, the City collaborates with Auburn University's Interdisciplinary Center for Advanced Manufacturing Systems (ICAMS). This funding will help expand the center's training capabilities by adding classroom training and conference room space called the ACDI Business Center.

"This new addition will help strengthen and equip Auburn's workforce, allowing Auburn to better compete in the global market," Auburn City Manager Megan McGowen Crouch said. "This greatly needed expansion will give us another tool to prepare our industries for technological changes and will help us recruit value-added, technology-based industries to our community going forward."

The new space will be a comprehensive center for business innovation and training in areas greatly needed by our pioneering startups and industry partners. The new facility will create space for collaboration and training between technology providers, industries and academia.

Some of the focus areas will include multi-axis machining, industrial automation, digitalization of manufacturing processes, metrology as well as tool and die. The center will also serve as an education tool to teach students about advanced manufacturing and provide pre-graduation job training.

"I know I can speak for our Economic Development staff in thanking Congressman Rogers for championing this cause and for everything he does for Auburn and East Alabama," Auburn Mayor Ron Anders said.

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AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

# Summer Learning Challenge



This summer, the Auburn Public Library invites you to take the Summer Learning Challenge! Beginning June 1 and running through July 31, the challenge encourages participants to read at least 20 minutes every day until you reach 1,000 minutes of reading.

Reading just 20 minutes a day helps maintain literacy skills — if you stop reading altogether, literacy skill loss can occur in as little as one month.

No matter your age, everyone is eligible to compete in the Summer Learning Challenge, and you don't need a library card to participate. Those who complete the challenge by July 31 will win their choice of either a 75th anniversary commemorative T-shirt or hoodie (while supplies last) and will be entered into grand prize drawings!

Participating is simple:

- Register at [auburnpl.beanstack.org](http://auburnpl.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack Tracker app to any smartphone or tablet. Visit the library at 749 E. Thach Ave. to pick up a prize just for registering (while supplies last).
- Read at least 18 hours during the 60-day challenge.
- Log your reading via Beanstack to complete the challenge.

Let's keep our brains active and make sure we continue learning this summer by reading at least 20 minutes a day. Happy Learning!

Questions? Email [libraryevents@auburnalabama.org](mailto:libraryevents@auburnalabama.org) or call 334-501-3296.

**(CONTINUED FROM FRONT)** "Each congressperson has limited opportunities to influence such funding, especially of this significance. We appreciate Congressman Rogers' support of all we do in collaboration with Auburn University to support industries and modern jobs in our community."

ACDI has long served the Auburn community as a space to help fledgling companies grow and provide support for Auburn industries. The center is a partnership between the City of Auburn and its Industrial Development Board. It provides space and programming to collaborate with Auburn University, the Alabama Technology Network, Alabama Industrial Development Training and Southern Union State Community College.

## Auburn Fire brushes up on wilderness rescue

For first responders, there are so many resources available to use in wilderness aid and search and rescue situations. Our Auburn Fire Department participated in a multi-agency Wilderness Class at Chewacla State Park in March to hone their skills and prepare for future emergencies.

Firefighters learned how to evaluate lost person behaviors, apply appropriate search patterns and other keys to operating in a search and rescue environment.

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency conducted training during the class using a helicopter to rescue students deep in the woods of the park. Several agencies, including Alabama Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, used search dogs with disruption and scent tracking skills to find lost or stranded victims.



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## Construction regulation reminders

Last year, 741 single-family homes were permitted in Auburn, with 568 other construction permits issued. As Auburn continues to grow, we want to remind everyone of guidelines contractors must follow when working in Auburn.

### WORK TIMES

In single-family neighborhoods, no construction work is allowed to begin before 7 a.m., and workers must cease daily operations by 7 p.m. This is the same for commercial or multi-family sites that are adjacent to a single-family neighborhood. Construction projects in commercial or multi-family areas that are not adjacent to subdivisions are allowed to begin work at 6 a.m.

Work, such as painting or cleaning, that does not involve noise or disturb the peace may be performed at any time.

When projects involve concrete pouring in high-traffic areas, the City of Auburn allows early morning concrete pours. Earlier start times allow work to finish before peak traffic hours begin for the day. This helps avoid traffic congestion issues caused by multiple concrete trucks in one area.

### ON-SITE BURNING

Residents may also notice on-site burning at active construction sites. The City requires all burning to be supervised, and contractors are required to receive a burn permit prior to any burning. City code restricts the number of days a burn permit is issued, the materials that can be burned and where burning can be located on the site. The City considers weather conditions and will issue a no-burn order if necessary based on yearly rainfall, wind conditions, humidity and other factors

If you are concerned about construction start times, on-site burning or other issues happening near you, please report the issue through the Auburn FixIt app ([auburnalabama.org/fixit](http://auburnalabama.org/fixit)), and our staff will reach out to resolve the issue.



## City Council meetings now start at 6 p.m.

*Learn more about the Council and find future meeting info at [auburnalabama.org/cc](http://auburnalabama.org/cc).*



The SummerNight Downtown Art Walk will return on June 10 from 6-10 p.m.! SummerNight features works by local artists, live musical entertainment, children's activities and a Crazy for Coconuts culinary contest. Downtown merchants and restaurants will be open after regular business hours, so come take advantage of this opportunity to shop, dine and enjoy downtown!

Artists, culinary artists, volunteers and those interested in sponsoring the event are encouraged to apply by May 27 at [auburnsummernight.org/applications](http://auburnsummernight.org/applications). SummerNight is a downtown entertainment district event, allowing attendees to enjoy beverages purchased from downtown businesses as they stroll through downtown.

This event is **FREE** to the public. Find more info at [auburnsummernight.org](http://auburnsummernight.org).

SummerNight is hosted by Auburn Parks and Recreation's Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center (JDCAC), the Auburn Arts Association and Auburn Downtown Merchants Association.

## Juneteenth holiday schedules

Auburn City Hall and most City facilities will be closed in observance of Juneteenth on Monday, June 20. Police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. Garbage, trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the week of June 20-24 as follows:

Monday, June 20	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, June 21	Monday's route
Wednesday, June 22	Tuesday's route
Thursday, June 23	Wednesday's route
Friday, June 24	Thursday's route

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# JUNE 2022 upcoming events

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		<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>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Summer Crafternoon</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Board of Zoning Adjustment</b> 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Summer Learning Challenge Kickoff</b> 5-7 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Hometown Heroes</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting</b> 4 p.m.</p>	<p>3</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>4</p> <p><b>City Market @ Town Creek Park</b> 8-11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. &amp; 1 p.m.</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p><b>Toon Time</b> 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Planning Commission Packet Meeting</b> Noon</p> <p><b>Monday Movie</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Cemetery Advisory Board</b> 4 p.m.</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>Summer Serendipity</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> TBD</p> <p><b>City Council</b> 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Summer Crafternoon</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Summer Reading Workshop</b> 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Hometown Heroes</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Planning Commission</b> 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Family Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>SummerNight Downtown Art Walk</b> 6-10 p.m.</p>	<p><b>City Market @ Town Creek Park</b> 8-11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Family Splash @ Samford Pool</b> 10 a.m.-5 p.m.</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<p><b>Toon Time</b> 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Monday Movie</b> 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Summer Serendipity</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Historic Preservation Commission</b> 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Summer Crafternoon</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Artist Talk with Cathy Fussell</b> 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Hometown Heroes</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>City Council Agenda Review Meeting</b> 4 p.m.</p>		<p><b>City Market @ Town Creek Park</b> 8-11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Day in Clay @ Dean Road Ceramics Studio</b></p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<p><b>Toon Time</b> 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Monday Movie</b> 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Library Board</b> 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Greenspace Advisory Board</b> Noon</p> <p><b>Summer Serendipity</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Reader's Review Virtual Adult Book Club</b> 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> TBD</p> <p><b>City Council</b> 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Story Time with Auburn Tree Commission</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Summer Crafternoon</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Author Talk with Anna Moates &amp; Anna Penland</b> 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Hometown Heroes</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Water Works Board</b> 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Family Story Time (in person/virtual)</b> 6 p.m.</p>		<p><b>City Market @ Town Creek Park</b> 8-11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Float-In-Movie @ Samford Pool</b> 8-11 p.m.</p>
26	27	28	29	30	<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>Toon Time</b> 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Monday Movie</b> 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Summer Serendipity</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Financial Literacy Workshop</b> 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Summer Crafternoon</b> 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Hometown Heroes</b> 2 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Background Photo: Swim lessons at Samford Pool</i></p>	