

open line

a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

JUNE 2023



City of Auburn

PROJECT UPDATE

Lake Wilmore Community Center

Construction began in April on Auburn Parks and Recreation's future Lake Wilmore Community Center just off Ogletree Road.

The new community center will bring much-needed recreation space to our community, particularly to the south side of Auburn. The facility will include two full-sized basketball courts, activity rooms, a fitness room and an indoor walking track. Outside, visitors will find a zero-entry pool with shallow areas for lessons and water aerobics and a lap pool. The pool will be heated and will have a cover feature to allow for year-round use.

This first phase of the project is expected to finish in late summer 2024. A second phase will begin in 2024 that will include four lighted multi-purpose athletic fields with synthetic turf. These fields will be designed to support year-round use, serving our growing sports programming needs.

Keep up with the project's progress and find more info at auburnalabama.org/cip.



SITE WORK IN APRIL



ZERO-ENTRY & LAP POOL



EXTERIOR FRONT



GYMNASIUM

Board & commission vacancies

Interested in serving our community? The Auburn City Council will make appointments to Indian Pines Recreation Authority at its June 6 meeting. Applications will open on May 3.

Find a link to apply and more info at auburnalabama.org/boards.

Updating your customer information

To better communicate with our customers, our Utility Billing Office is asking all water and garbage customers to verify or update their contact information. Those whose accounts are connected to the City of Auburn Self Services portal may review and update their information online at selfservice.auburnalabama.org.

If you haven't set up access to the Self Services portal, you can fill out a form to update your customer information at auburnalabama.org/utility-billing/forms. The form is also available in person at the Bailey-Alexander Complex, 1501 W. Samford Ave.



AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS
Summer Safari Learning Challenge

This summer, the Auburn Public Library invites you to embark on the Summer Safari Learning Challenge! Beginning June 1 and running through July 31, the challenge encourages participants to read or listen for at least 1,000 minutes — that's just 20 minutes a day!

Reading 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 Safari Learning Challenge, and you don't need a library card to participate. Those who complete the challenge by July 31 will win a T-shirt (while supplies last) and will be entered into grand prize drawings.

Participating is simple:

- Register at 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 or listen for at least 1,000 minutes during the challenge.
- Log your reading via Beanstack to complete the challenge.

Earn your first prize by attending the Summer Safari Learning Challenge Kickoff on Thursday, June 1, from 5-7 p.m.! There will be a DJ, Kona Ice, games, activities and more. 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 or call 334-501-3296.



K9 TRADING CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

You can now collect trading cards that showcase Auburn Police K9s and their handlers!

The newly released APD Deck includes eight cards, one for each of our K9s. Each card includes a K9's photo and name, the year it joined the force, specialty training and background information like breed, favorite toy, handler and more.

APD's K9s are trained professionals that help locate narcotics, explosives, firearms and missing people and items. Each K9 has a unique personality and life story, some coming from other countries or retiring from a different career before joining the force.

Start collecting all eight cards in the APD Deck any time you meet a member of our K9 Unit. Simply say hello and ask for a card!



Construction regulation reminders

Last year, 514 single-family homes were permitted in Auburn, with 530 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

According to City Code, no construction work is allowed to begin before 7 a.m., and workers must cease daily operations by 7 p.m. in single-family neighborhoods. 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 needed 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), and our staff will reach out to resolve the issue.



This year's SummerNight Art Walk is coming up on Friday, June 9, from 6-10 p.m. in downtown Auburn! The annual event transforms downtown Auburn into an arts district, complete with works from local and regional artists, live music, amazing food and a variety of children's activities. Downtown businesses will be open after regular hours, so come shop, dine and relax into the evening!

This year's theme is peaches, and community members are invited to put their skills to the test by entering the Peachy Keen Culinary Contest. The contest will be divided into five categories, and individuals may submit up to three peach-themed dishes. Winners will be awarded cash prizes.

This free event is hosted by the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, Auburn Arts Association, Auburn Downtown Merchants Association and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. Applications for the culinary contest and more details are available at auburnsummernight.org.

Juneteenth holiday schedules

Auburn City Hall and most City facilities will be closed in observance of Juneteenth on Monday, June 19. 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 19-23 as follows:

Monday, June 19	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, June 20	Monday's route
Wednesday, June 21	Tuesday's route
Thursday, June 22	Wednesday's route
Friday, June 23	Thursday's route

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JUNE 2023 upcoming events

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		<p>Auburn Public Library auburnalabama.org/library</p> <p>City Meetings auburnalabama.org/boards</p> <p>Parks & Recreation auburnalabama.org/parks</p> <p>Citywide Events auburnalabama.org</p>	<p>Programs & events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at auburnalabama.org.</p> <p>Baby's 1st Storytime Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m.</p> <p>Untidy Tales Wednesdays @ 1 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Crafternoons Wednesdays @ 2 p.m.</p> <p>Culture Explorers Club (Grades 4-6) Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Toddler Tales Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Lullabies for Little Ones Thursdays @ 1 p.m.</p> <p>Hometown Heroes Thursdays @ 2 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Family Storytime at Boykin Thursdays @ 6 p.m.</p> <p>Author Talk: Anessa Kent 4 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>SummerNight Downtown Art Walk 6 p.m.</p>	<p>City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park</p> <p>Family Storytime Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Untidy Tales Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Movers & Shakers Saturdays @ 1 p.m.</p> <p>Float in Movie 8 p.m. @ Samford Pool</p>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		<p>Preschool Story Time Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Prek in PJ's Tuesdays @ 1 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Serendipity Tuesdays @ 2 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 6 p.m.</p>		<p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p>		<p>City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
		<p>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</p> <p>Library Board 10 a.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board Noon</p> <p>Reader's Review Virtual Book Club 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 6 p.m.</p>		<p>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p>		<p>City Market 8-11 a.m. @ Town Creek Park</p> <p>Float in Movie 8 p.m. @ Samford Pool</p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
				<p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p>		<p>Background Photo: Children play with Aubie at the Auburn Public Library</p>	