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a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

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City of Auburn

Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast returns May 30

MAY 30 • 8 A.M.

You're invited to join us for the 22nd-annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday, May 30. We look forward to gathering again with the community to honor our nation's heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. The Auburn University Naval ROTC will present the colors, and there will be performances by the Auburn University Memorial Day Singers.

Retired Army Lt. Col. James Witte will be the guest of honor and the recipient of this year's Distinguished Veteran Award. The Auburn Heroes Remembered Award will be presented to the family of Grady Jones, a retired Marine and former Auburn Police officer.

Tickets can be purchased at City Hall and are \$25 a person or \$200 for a table of eight.

A free memorial wreath laying ceremony will follow the breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue.

Attendees are encouraged to park at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex, Felton Little Park and the East Glenn Avenue Municipal Parking Lot. Ross Street between Glenn and Harper avenues and Glenn Avenue between Burton and North Debardeleben streets will be closed during the ceremony to provide room for on-street accessible parking.



28th Annual Fishing Rodeo

MAY 14 • 7 A.M.

Cast into summer with the 28th-annual Fishing Rodeo sponsored by Evans Realty! Join us at the lake at Auburn Technology Park South on Saturday, May 14, from 7-11 a.m. The first 175 children will receive a FREE rod and reel courtesy of Evans Realty, and Auburn Parks and Recreation will supply the bait.

Door prizes will be given to lucky participants, and prizes will be awarded to the biggest and smallest fish caught in each age category. We will also give out an award for the most fish caught overall.

This event is a great chance to bring kids and their parents together with America's favorite pastime, fishing! The cost is \$5 per child and can be paid at the event in the form of cash or check. Checks can be made payable to COA. There is a take-home limit of five fish per child, and parents must stay with their child at all times. For more information, visit auburnalabama.org/parks.

Eagle Watch: Helping APD solve crimes

Now you can team up with the Auburn Police Department in solving crimes by signing up for Eagle Watch! This security camera registration program is open to all Auburn residents and business owners. The program is modeled after other video surveillance partnership programs across the country that have seen success in the number of crimes solved through the partnership between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

By registering your security camera, you'll provide APD's Detective Section with the location of the camera(s), your contact information, the type of camera system and the retention period of the video. This information allows our officers to quickly reach you in the event that the retrieval of footage could be helpful in solving a crime in your area.

Registration does NOT give APD the ability to access your cameras without your knowledge or permission. Owners of residential security cameras and/or video doorbells will always be contacted by APD if video evidence is being sought from their area. If video evidence is available, camera owners will be given a secure link via a registered email address to upload any relevant footage.

Commercial camera owners will have the option to provide APD remote access to their video surveillance system. They will also be given Eagle Watch window and/or door decals.

Joining the program is easy — just fill out the form at auburnalabama.org/police/eaglewatch. A representative from APD will be in contact to confirm your registration. Have questions? Contact webpubsfty@auburnalabama.org.



Connect with City staff through Auburn FixIt

It's been two years since we launched the Auburn FixIt app, giving Auburn residents a way to quickly and easily report issues and submit requests directly to the City staff members who can help. Since then, you've submitted 2,519 requests, and more than 1,880 people have downloaded the app. Thank you for helping make Auburn a better place!

Through the app, you can do everything from reporting a missing pet to submitting a request for traffic sign or pothole repair. You can download the app on your phone by searching "Auburn FixIt" in your phone's app store, or you can create an account online at auburnalabama.org/FixIt. To submit a service request simply create an account; select the location of the issue; attach any relevant photos, video or audio; and add any details that we'll need to help resolve the issue. Once the request has been submitted, you can check back at any time to check the status or make additional comments.

Find more info and links to download the app at auburnalabama.org/FixIt.



Move-out tips

As summer approaches and move-out season begins, here are some tips from the Environmental Services Department to make the moving process smooth and clean:

- **Donating** – Before you set everything out for curbside pick-up, remember that gently used items such as clothing and furniture can be donated to local organizations. While clearing out your pantry, non-perishables such as boxed dinners and canned food can be taken to the Food Bank of East Alabama.
- **Garbage** – Keep household garbage separate from discarded trash, such as yard waste and bulky materials. Let us know if you are going to place out more bags of garbage than will fit in your green cart.
- **Recycle** – Empty and clean cans, glass, cardboard and paper can be recycled. Breaking down and recycling cardboard boxes will make more room for non-recyclables in your garbage cart.
- **Trash** – Bulky items, furniture, appliances and yard waste should be placed curbside. Place all trash out in one pile away from obstacles, low tree limbs, power lines, water meters, mailboxes and vehicles.

Questions? Call Environmental Services at 334-501-3080 or visit auburnalabama.org/garbage-and-recycling.

Picking up after your pup

Leaving behind pet waste on the ground may seem harmless, like compost, but it actually has an impact on Auburn's waterways. Stormwater runoff may pick up the waste and wash it into the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This ends up polluting our local water bodies like Town Creek, Parkerson Mill Creek, Moores Mill Creek and Saughatchee Creek.

Animal waste contaminates water by carrying bacteria (E. Coli), viruses and parasites that threaten the health of humans and wildlife. Animal waste also contains nutrients that can feed algae, leading to cloudy water. As the increased algae decays, it reduces the oxygen level within the water and harms aquatic life. On top of that, leaving pet waste on the ground anywhere other than your own property is prohibited by Section 4-19 of the City Code.

Here are some ways to dispose of pet waste that can help keep our waterbodies clean:

- Carry plastic bags when taking your pet for a walk, run or a stroll in the park.
- Pick up your pet's waste using a plastic bag, scoop or disposable gloves. Seal the waste inside a plastic bag (or two) and throw it in the garbage. Remember to wash your hands afterward.
- Pick up after your pet in your yard every few days or more often if you have small children who play there.
- Utilize pet waste stations located at dog parks, apartment complexes or within neighborhoods.
- Bury pet waste in your yard at least 12 inches deep and cover with at least eight inches of soil to let it decompose slowly. Bury the waste in several different locations and keep it away from vegetable gardens.
- Communicate to others how easy and important it is to protect our waterways by picking up after our pets. Let's all do our part!

For more information on the City's Stormwater Program, visit auburnalabama.org/water-resource-management/watershed or contact our Watershed Division at 334-501-3060 or webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org.



Memorial Day holiday schedules

Auburn City Hall and most City facilities will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30. 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 May 30-June 3 as follows:

Monday, May 30	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, May 31	Monday's route
Wednesday, June 1	Tuesday's route
Thursday, June 2	Wednesday's route
Friday, June 3	Thursday's route



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MAY 2022 **upcoming events**

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<p>Family Movie 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>Ward 4 Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Program Registration Begins</p>	<p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Spring Sundown Concert Series @ Kiesel Park 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<p>Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon</p>	<p>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</p>		<p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p> <p>Spring Sundown Concert Series @ Kiesel Park 6 p.m.</p>		<p>Fishing Rodeo @ Auburn Tech Park South 7 a.m.</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<p>Library Board 10 a.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board Noon</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>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>Spring Sundown Concert Series @ Kiesel Park 6 p.m.</p>		<p>City Market @ Town Creek Park 8-11 a.m.</p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31	<p>Auburn Public Library auburnlabama.org/library</p> <p>City Meetings auburnlabama.org/boards</p> <p>Parks & Recreation auburnlabama.org/parks</p> <p>Programs & events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at auburnlabama.org.</p> <p><i>Background Photos: City Market at Town Creek Park</i></p>			