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a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

MAY 2023



City of Auburn

#RECYCLERIGHT ♻️ URBURN

Keeping recycling out of the landfill

Each household with a blue recycling cart can have an impact on Auburn's recycling efforts — for better or worse.

While we accept several different types of materials in our single-stream recycling program, there are many items that do NOT belong in your blue cart. Some of those items can contaminate an entire load of recycling, causing it to be thrown away rather than sorted and recycled.

Only plastics #1-7, cardboard, paper, aluminum cans and steel/tin cans belong in your blue recycling cart.

Leave the following items out to keep our recycling program *free* and *viable*:



PLASTIC BAGS

Trash bags, grocery bags, zip lock bags — none of them should go in your blue cart. Try bringing your grocery bags to a local grocery store for recycling. Items should be placed loose in your cart, not bagged.



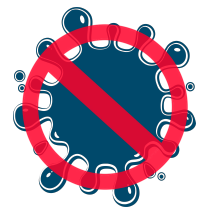
STYROFOAM

While most plastic cups and plastic to-go containers can go in your blue bin, leave the Styrofoam out! Styrofoam breaks up during the recycling process and can contaminate an entire load.



GLASS

Glass is another item that causes a lot of contamination. Instead, collect your glass at home and bring it to our Recycling Drop-Off Center at 365-A N. Donahue Drive.



FOOD WASTE

Many of our recyclables start out as food containers. Rinse off any food residue left on containers before recycling. No need to wash them with soap and water — a simple rinsing should do.

Still have questions about what is and isn't allowed in your blue cart? The What Goes Where tool is available 24/7 at auburnalabama.org/recycle. Just type in an item, and you'll receive information on how to properly dispose of it. And of course, you can always contact Environmental Services at 334-501-3080 or webenvirsvc@auburnalabama.org.

Cast into summer at the Fishing Rodeo

MAY 23 • 7-11 AM

The 29th annual Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by Evans Realty, is coming up this May! Join Parks and Recreation at the lake at Auburn Technology Park South on Saturday, May 13, from 7-11 a.m.

The first 175 children will receive a FREE rod and reel courtesy of Evans Realty. Parks and Recreation will supply the bait for all attendees. Door prizes will be given to lucky participants, and prizes will be awarded to the biggest and smallest fish caught in each age category. An award will also be given to the person who catches the most fish overall.



There is a take home limit of five fish per child, and guardians must stay with their child at all times. Visit auburnalabama.org/parks and click "Register" to sign up. Registration is \$5 per child.

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Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast

MAY 29 • 8 AM

You're invited to join us as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice at the 23rd annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast. The event will begin at 8 a.m. on May 29 at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

Retired Navy Capt. Dick Phelan 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 retired Air Force Capt. Randal Hudon.

Tickets can be purchased at City Hall and are \$25 a person or \$250 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.

Picking up pet waste: Do your part!

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 Saugahatchee 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. You can help prevent this by picking up and properly disposing of pet waste. Let's protect our blueways, Auburn — don't pollute!

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

- Carry plastic bags when taking your pet for a walk, run or 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, please contact the City's Watershed Division at 334-501-3060 or webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org.

Memorial Day Closures

Auburn City Hall and most City facilities will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29. 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 29-June 2.



To leash or not to leash? a reminder about Auburn's leash law

Did you know that Auburn has a leash law? According to City Code, dog owners should keep their dogs "under restraint at all times" for the safety of both the dog and the community.

What does "under restraint" mean? A dog is considered under restraint when any one of the following conditions are in place:

1. The dog is confined in a building, fenced pen or fenced yard on its owner's property or on the property of another person with their consent.
2. The dog is leashed.
3. The dog is tethered — in accordance with section 4-17 — on its owner's property or on the property of another person with the other person's permission. The dog must be tethered so that it cannot access public property or other private property.
4. The dog, though not meeting any of the conditions above, is in a peaceful attitude on the property of its owner and is wearing rabies vaccination tags.

We have designated a few dog parks in Auburn where well-behaved pups are allowed to be off-leash, including Kiesel Park, Town Creek Park and the new Dinius Park. But, please note, dogs may only be allowed off leash if they are "under immediate and effective voice control" of their owners. Dogs who aren't voice trained should be kept leashed for their safety and the safety of others.

More details can be found at auburnalabama.org/environmental-services/animal-control. You can also review what the City Code says about the restraint and tethering of dogs at auburnalabama.org/city-code in Sections 4-16 and 4-17.

PROJECT UPDATE

Will Buechner Parkway

Construction of the new connector road between Martin Luther King Drive and Richland Road is nearly halfway complete!

Will Buechner Parkway will be just over a mile, stretching from MLK Drive near Webster Road to Richland Road near Creekside Elementary School. Work is expected to wrap up late this spring.

This key project will improve connectivity to neighborhoods, schools and future parks in this growing area of town. A multiuse path is also being constructed as part of the project to improve pedestrian connectivity. Find more info at auburnalabama.org/cip.



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MAY 2023 **upcoming events**

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| | Family Movie Matinee 3:30 p.m. Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m. | Story Time (in person/virtual) Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m. Author Talk: Virginia Wise 5:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m. | Story Time (in person/virtual) Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m. | Story Time (in person/virtual) Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Spring Sundown Concert Series 6 p.m. @ Kiesel Park | Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Tree Commission 11:30 a.m. | Story Time (in person/virtual) Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | |
| | Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon | Garden Tea Party 3:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m. | | City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m. Planning Commission 5 p.m. Spring Sundown Concert Series 6 p.m. @ Kiesel Park No Story Time | | Lunch & Learn: Genealogy Noon | Fishing Rodeo 7 a.m. @ Auburn Tech Park South |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| | | Library Board 10 a.m. Greenspace Advisory Board Noon Reader's Review Virtual Book Club 5:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 6 p.m. | | Water Works Board 4 p.m. | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |
| | | | | Spring Sundown Concert Series 6 p.m. @ Kiesel Park | | City Market 8 a.m. @ Town Creek Park Opening Day at Samford Pool | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| | Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast 8 a.m. @ The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center | | | 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: Sundown Concert Series | |