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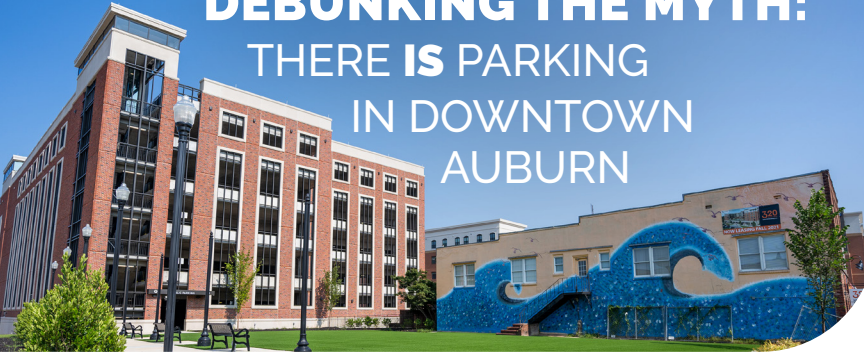
a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

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City of Auburn

DEBUNKING THE MYTH: THERE IS PARKING IN DOWNTOWN AUBURN



Over the last few years, we've been expanding the amount of parking in downtown Auburn to give everyone a place to park as they go downtown to visit, shop, dine or head to Auburn University's campus. With the addition of the Wright Street Parking Deck last year, we now have more than 1,300 public parking spaces.

Here are some reminders as you visit downtown this fall:

WHERE CAN I PARK?

The Wright Street Parking Deck (140 Wright St.) has 350 parking spaces that are open to the public year-round. This is the closest parking for those heading to Auburn University's campus. Parking is charged by the hour — no monthly or other parking passes are available.

All surface parking spaces are limited to two-hours and are available in the Gay Street Parking Lot, on the ground floor of the Municipal Parking Deck, in the Tichenor Avenue Parking Lot and along the street on Magnolia Avenue, College Street, Gay Street, Tichenor Avenue and Wright Street.

HOW MUCH IS PARKING?

Surface parking is \$1 per hour (up to two hours) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Surface parking is free after 6 p.m. and on weekends, as well as on City holidays and during breaks between Auburn University semesters.

Parking in the Wright Street Parking Deck is \$1 per hour 24/7 (with a limit of \$15 per 24-hour period). Special rates may apply on Auburn University's home football game days.

HOW CAN I PAY FOR PARKING?

Those using surface parking may pay using one of the parking kiosks throughout downtown or through the ParkMobile app. Those parking in the Wright Street Parking Deck may pay using the walk-up kiosks inside the deck or at the exit gate.

MORE INFO  auburnalabama.org/downtown-parking

Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

OCTOBER 22 • 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

Environmental Services will host its biannual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Oct. 22. Auburn residents are invited to drop off materials from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Environmental Services Complex at 365-A N. Donahue Drive.

During the event, the department will accept hazardous waste not collected in regular garbage and trash pickup. Computers and electronics will be accepted as well as paper documents for secure, on-site shredding. Residents may bring up to 20 pounds of material per household for disposal at no charge.

Those participating in the event are asked to register ahead of time by filling out the form at auburnalabama.org/HHW. On the day of the event, participants should load the materials they wish to dispose of in the trunk or rear of their vehicle and enter the Environmental Services Complex via North Donahue Drive. Once participants have arrived, workers will remove the materials from vehicles.

Participation is limited to Auburn residents, and proof of residency can be shown by bringing a recent water bill. A list of acceptable materials can be found at auburnalabama.org/environmental-services/household-hazardous-waste-collection-day.



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Town Creek Inclusive Playground

a place for all ages & abilities

Auburn's newest playground opened in June with the goal of giving all — regardless of age or ability — a place to play, together. The more than 60,000-plus-square-foot playground is nestled between Wrights Mill Road and Camellia Drive at 430 Camellia Drive. The playground has more than 30 play structures in five large pods that are designed for different age groups, ranging from infants to adults.

The playground was designed to be as accessible as possible, going above and beyond ADA guidelines where possible. Over 90% of the playground is accessible, far exceeding the 15% required by ADA. There are 10-foot-wide sidewalks throughout the playground with double-wide ramps and pathways on some of the towers.

Many of the benches were installed off-center to allow room for someone in a wheelchair to pull up and sit beside someone on the bench. Some of the picnic tables have space for a wheelchair to pull up to the table as well. There's equipment throughout the park that allows those in a wheelchair to easily transfer on and off, and there are several sensory components throughout the park, including a shaded sensory maze with textured panels. The playground includes accessible fitness equipment stationed alongside a Ninja Fit course, and a quarter-mile loop walking trail surrounds the equipment.

We hope you'll come out and enjoy this great new addition to our community!



Door-to-door soliciting regulations

Do you ever wonder if that door-to-door salesperson is permitted? Under section 16-29 of the Auburn City Code, a solicitor must be registered with the City of Auburn prior to going door-to-door. Each registered solicitor must have a photo ID permit badge as evidence of having registered with the City's Revenue Office.

Solicitors are given the following guidelines by which to abide while they are conducting business in Auburn:

- If any home or neighborhood displays a "No Soliciting" placard, solicitors must discontinue any efforts to solicit and may not leave any literature concerning the solicitation at that residence or in that neighborhood.
- Any solicitor who is asked to leave any residence by the occupant shall immediately and peacefully depart.
- Every solicitor shall carry a permit in plain sight while soliciting within City limits. The same shall be visible about the body of said solicitor so as to be seen by any police officer or by any person who is solicited.

Solicitation is permitted during the following hours only:

- September through May: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- June through August: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sundays year-round: Noon to 6 p.m.

No door-to-door solicitation shall be conducted on City holidays.



State of the City Address

Join us for the fourth annual State of the City Address at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center. Mayor Ron Anders will reflect on all that has happened in our community over the last year and will recognize the 2022 Mayor's Lamplighter Award recipients. Keep an eye out for more details at auburnalabama.org and on social media @CityofAuburnAL.

Boards & commissions vacancies

Two vacancies on the Building Board of Adjustments and three vacancies on the Tree Commission will be announced at the Sept. 20 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the Oct. 18 meeting. Applications will close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 10.

Learn more and find links to apply at auburnalabama.org/boards.

WHAT'S ALLOWED IN AUBURN'S CEMETERIES?

To ensure their beautification and proper maintenance, only certain items may be displayed in Auburn's cemeteries. Please keep these guidelines in mind when honoring loved ones.

Prohibited items include benches, settees, urns, boxes, shells, toys, fences, solar lights, large pots/planters, wind chimes, statues, yard art, and any item that interferes with lot maintenance.

Outside of designated holidays, flags may only be displayed as part of a floral arrangement. Only U.S. flags may be displayed separate from floral arrangements on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Flag Day and Veteran's Day. Flags should be placed centered next to markers one week prior to the holiday and should be removed within one week after the holiday.

Floral arrangements should be placed next to markers. Flower saddles are allowed on upright markers at Pine Hill and Town Creek cemeteries.

Maintenance crews will remove prohibited items from each cemetery every six months, and notice will be posted at the cemeteries at least one week before the cleanup is scheduled.

Find more information about Auburn's cemeteries at auburnalabama.org/cemeteries.

october's spooky events lineup

Enjoy an October packed with fun and spooky events hosted by Auburn Parks and Recreation!

Fall Sundown Concert Series - Come hear live music at Kiesel Park on Oct. 6 and 20 during the Fall Sundown Concert Series. Concerts will take place from 6-7:30 p.m.

Harvest Market - City Market will return in October with the Harvest Market on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Town Creek Park. Stop by from 8 a.m.-noon for seasonal produce, baked goods, meats, flowers and more!

Friday Fright Night Movie - Come out for our annual Friday Fright Night Movie at Kiesel Park on Friday, Oct. 14. The evening will begin with the kid-friendly Disney classic "The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad." This G-rated movie will start at 6:45 p.m. A movie for adults to enjoy will follow at 8 p.m. with the 2007 thriller "Dead Silence," rated R. Patrons are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs, and concession will be sold.

Haunted Zumbathon - The Haunted Zumbathon will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Frank Brown Recreation Center gym. Come dressed up for a costume contest and ready to move! Children ages 8 and under are welcome to participate with a parent.

Downtown Trick or Treat - Auburn Parks and Recreation will wrap up October with the 2022 Downtown Trick or Treat Monday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m. in Downtown Auburn. This event is a great alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating with Downtown Merchants handing out candy, live music on the corner and the annual costume contest!

All events are free and open to the public. Find more info at auburnalabama.org/parks.



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OCTOBER 2022 **upcoming events**

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	<p>Programs & events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at auburnlabama.org.</p>	<p>Auburn Public Library auburnlabama.org/library</p> <p>City Meetings auburnlabama.org/boards</p> <p>Parks & Recreation auburnlabama.org/parks</p>	<p><i>Background photos: Squash and plants from the 2021 Harvest Market</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p>
2	3	<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>Not-Too-Spooky Magic Show 5 p.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 6 p.m.</p> <p>Community English Classes 7-8 p.m. via Zoom</p>	5	6	7	8
	<p>Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.</p>		<p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Creepy Crawlers 3:30 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>Sundown Concert Series Kiesel Park @ 5:30-7 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>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<p>Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon</p>	<p>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</p> <p>Community English Classes 7-8 p.m. via Zoom</p>		<p>Posh Pumpkins 4-5:30 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday Fright Night Movie 6:45 & 8 p.m. @ Kiesel Park</p>	<p>Harvest Market 8 a.m.-noon @ Town Creek Park</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<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>Community English Classes 7-8 p.m. via Zoom</p>		<p>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>Sundown Concert Series Kiesel Park @ 5:30-7 p.m.</p> <p>Southern Ghost Girls Investigation 7 p.m.</p> <p>Registration for Youth & High School Basketball Ends</p>		<p>Haunted Zumbathon 8:30 a.m. @ Frank Brown Rec Center</p>
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	<p>Downtown Trick or Treat 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>Author Talk: Wayne Flynt 4 p.m.</p> <p>Community English Classes 7-8 p.m. via Zoom</p>		<p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Ghoulish Gala 5-7 p.m.</p>		