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## Auburn's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

The City of Auburn will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial located at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue.

Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. will be the moderator and the Auburn High School Choral Company will sing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. The ceremony will conclude with a memorial wreath laying. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held at Greystone located at 434 E. Magnolia Avenue.

Attendees are encouraged to park at the Development Services Building and Felton Little Park. Handicapped parking will be available on Ross Street which will be closed during the ceremony. For additional information about the Veterans Day Ceremony, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.

In conjunction with the Veterans Day events, the Auburn Veterans Committee also sponsors several activities aimed at increasing awareness about veterans among Auburn's youth. One of these activities is a "Veterans Speakers Bureau." The Committee has compiled a list of veterans from World War II, Vietnam, the Gulf War in Iraq, as well as the current War on Terrorism who are willing to speak to student groups about their military experiences. Other activities include an annual Memorial Day Scholarship sponsored by the Committee for Auburn High School JROTC members. For additional information about these activities, please contact Auburn Veterans Committee Chairman Pat Deery at 844-4145.



## Celebrate Auburn Recycles Day

The City of Auburn will celebrate Auburn Recycles Day on November 12. The theme for this year is "RecycleAuburn: It All Comes Back To You." The Auburn Recycles Day Celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the RecycleAuburn Drop Off Center, located at 365-A N. Donahue Drive. Activities include introduction of the winners of the RecycleAuburn Poster Contest from among entries submitted by junior high school students.

Auburn residents may participate in recycling by becoming involved in the curbside recycling program or by depositing material at the RecycleAuburn Drop Off Center. In addition to accepting newspaper, steel cans, plastic bottles with #1 or #2 recycling code, cardboard, and clear and brown glass at curbside, residents may also drop off green glass, magazines, mixed paper and rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries (no car or boat batteries) at the RecycleAuburn Drop Off Center. Your participation in Auburn's recycling program is important to the City's efforts to preserve the environment.

For further information, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080.



# Council Passes Stronger Nuisance Ordinance

In September, the City Council approved an ordinance aimed at strengthening its existing nuisance abatement regulations addressing the appearance and maintenance of private property. Specifically, citations can now be issued citing individuals to appear in municipal court where the Municipal Judge will evaluate the merits of each situation and issue a ruling.

City Manager David Watkins stated, "This ordinance will allow us to step up the enforcement of nuisances, particularly in Auburn's older neighborhoods. We will be ramping up our efforts to deal with infractions. While not widespread, violations have been slowly increasing. We want to deal with the violators before they get out of hand."

Specifically, a public nuisance is defined in the ordinance as

*any fence, junk, wrecked, damaged, disabled or demolished vehicle, wall, shed, deck, house, garage, building structure, or any part of any aforesaid; or any tree, pole, or any hole, pit, basement, cellar, or any part thereof, by reason of the condition in which the same is found or permitted to be or remain, shall or may endanger the health, safety, life, limb, or property, or cause any hurt, harm, inconvenience, discomfort, damage, or injury to any one or more individuals in the city, in any one or more of the following particulars:*

- (1) *By reason of being a menace, threat and/or hazard to the general health and safety of the community.*
- (2) *By reason of being a fire hazard.*
- (3) *By reason of being unsafe for occupancy, or use on, in, upon, about or around the aforesaid property.*



- (4) *By reason of lack of sufficient or adequate maintenance of the property, and/or being vacant, any of which depreciates the enjoyment and use of property in the immediate vicinity to such an extent that it is harmful to the community in which such property is situated or such condition exists.*

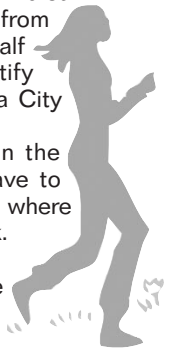
Citizens can report alleged violations for litter, weeds, or unkempt properties to the Planning Department at 501-3040. Issues dealing with building structures should be reported to the Department of Public Safety at 501-3170. Copies of Ordinance 2242 are available in the City Manager's office. For more information, contact City Manager David F. Watkins at 501-7261.

## Special Tips for Walkers

In the Fall, many citizens enjoy walking as a form of exercise. If you enjoy walking, keep the following tips in mind:

- If one is available, walk on a sidewalk to be a safe distance from automobile traffic.
- Always walk on your left and face oncoming traffic.
- Wear reflective clothing between the waist and shoulders on the front and back from one-half hour before sunset until one-half hour before sunrise to help drivers identify the presence of a pedestrian. This is a City ordinance.
- Walk with a friend, especially early in the morning and in the evening. If you have to walk alone, call someone and tell them where you are going and when you will be back.
- Vary your schedule or your route.
- Be sure to wait at an intersection for the "walk" signal at a crosswalk.

By working together, we can improve the safety of our community.



### Board Vacancies

Two vacancies on the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** were announced at the October 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 16 City Council meeting. One incumbent is eligible for reappointment.

One vacancy on the **Public Park & Recreation Board** will be announced at the November 2 City Council meeting and will be filled at the December 7 City Council meeting. The incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.

Two vacancies on the **Cemeteries Advisory Board** will be announced at the November 16 City Council meeting and will be filled at the December 21 City Council meeting. The incumbents are eligible for reappointment.

Citizens interested in serving are encouraged to contact one of their City Council members or notify the City Manager's Office.



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

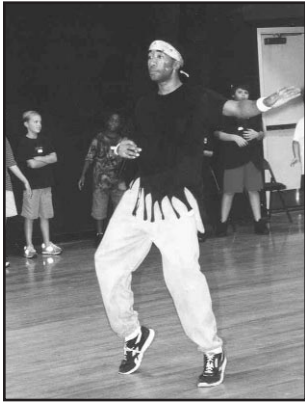
During November, City Hall will be closed for Veterans' Day on November 11 and Thanksgiving on November 25-26. Public Safety services will be on normal schedule. Garbage, trash, and recycling services will be collected as follows:

Monday, November 8 . . . . . Regular Schedule  
 Tuesday, November 9 . . . . . Regular Schedule  
 Wednesday, November 10 . . . . . Regular Schedule

**Thursday, November 11** . . . . . **Veterans' Day Holiday (no pick up)**  
**Friday, November 12** . . . . . **Material normally picked up on THURSDAY will be collected**

**Monday, November 22** . . . . . **Material normally picked-up on MONDAY and TUESDAY will be collected**  
**Tuesday, November 23** . . . . . **Material normally picked-up on WEDNESDAY will be collected**  
**Wednesday, November 24** . . . . . **Material normally picked-up on THURSDAY will be collected**  
**Thursday, November 25** . . . . . **Thanksgiving Holiday (no pick-up)**  
**Friday, November 26** . . . . . **Thanksgiving Holiday (no pick-up)**

# Adventures in Art



During the week of August 30 - September 3, Auburn children participated in the 5th Annual Adventures in Art program at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. This event introduced fourth and fifth grade students enrolled in Auburn City Schools to various forms of arts and crafts. This year's theme was "Mobility."

More than 800 students rotated through various phases of the adventure including a performance dance workshop where they learned about choreography and dance techniques, a visual arts workshop where they created wire sculptures and mobiles, and their day ended with Tesselation Trivia and a "gallery talk" with local artists. The children's work was on display in the children's gallery in September.

The Adventures in Art program would not have been possible without the generous support from volunteers, contributors, and sponsors. Through the efforts of State Representative Mike Hubbard, the City of Auburn received a grant from the State of Alabama to help fund the program.

For additional information about Adventures in Art, or to get involved in next year's program, please contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

## Story Time...

Preschool Story Time is a free reading program offered at the Auburn Public Library for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. There are two preschool programs per week: Tuesdays from 1:30-2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00-10:30 a.m.



The topics for this month are as follows:

November 2 & 3 - Election/Voting

November 9 & 10 - Veterans/Grandpas & Grandmas

November 16 & 17 - Favorite Stories



Toddler Time is a free program at the Auburn Public Library for children ages 18 months to 3 years old and their adult caregivers. Toddler Time is offered Thursday mornings from 10:00-10:30am. The themes for Toddler Time are as follows:

November 4 - Presidents

November 11 - Grandpas & Grandmas

November 18 - Favorite Stories

## Job Vacancies

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. Some of the current regular, full-time job openings include:

- **Water Coordinator (\$2,773.52-3,215.27/month)**
- **Athletic Programs Director (\$3,379.26-3,917.49/month)**

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org), contact the Alabama State Employment Office, or call the City's job line at 501-7250. The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer.



## Meeting Schedule

- Cemeteries Advisory Board** – November 1, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
  - Park & Recreation Advisory Board** – November 2, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
  - City Council** – November 2, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.
  - Tree Commission** – November 3, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.
  - Board of Zoning Adjustment** – November 3, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.
  - Water Works Board** – November 8, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.
  - Greenspace Advisory Board** – November 9, 11:30 AM, City Hall Conference Room.
  - Historic Preservation Commission** – November 9, 4:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.
  - Board of Education** – November 9, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.
  - Planning Commission** – November 10, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.
  - City Council** – November 16, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.
  - Tree Commission** – December 1, 4:30 PM, City Hall Conference Room.
  - Board of Zoning Adjustment** – December 1, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.
  - Cemeteries Advisory Board** – December 6, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
  - Park & Recreation Advisory Board** – December 7, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.
  - City Council** – December 7, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.
  - Planning Commission** – December 9, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.
- Meeting times and places are subject to change –

## A New Look for the Parks and Recreation Department Website

The City's Parks and Recreation website has a fresh new look. The web address is the same, [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks), but it now has new features. Now the quarterly brochure can be accessed from the site as well as other important information related to the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Check it out today.

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# up COMING EVENTS

The **Parks and Recreation winter brochure** is available now. Stop by any Parks and Recreation facility or City Hall to pick up your copy.

The **2005 Parks and Recreation Calendar** is now available. This free 12-month calendar, beginning with January 2005, lists special events, program quarters, brochure release dates, Auburn City School holidays, facility closings, and athletic registration dates! They are available at City facilities including Dean Road Recreation Center, the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, City Hall, Auburn Public Library, Frank Brown Recreation Center, and Boykin Recreation Center. For more information, contact Ali Lloyd-Wallace at 501-2936.



**Photo VI**, the Annual Juried photography exhibition, is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center through November 12. Admission to the exhibit is free. For more information, call the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

**Hot Chile** will perform at the Auburn Public Library on November 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hot Chile is a band composed of three Chilean graduate students with a musical repertoire that combines communication with the audience, Latin-American folklore, and popular music with instrumental and vocal arrangements. For more information, please call the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190.



In recognition of **Children's Book Week** during November 15-21, the Auburn Public Library will have some special activities based on this year's theme, "Let's Book!"

- Celebrate the Native American stories of Tomi DePaola, Paul Goble, and Joseph Bruchac all week with displays and "make and take" activities.
- Native American Puppet Show – Wednesday, November 17 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- "Let's Book" Party – Friday, November 19 from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. All children registered for the fall reading program are invited to celebrate the conclusion of the program.

The **Fibers Unlimited** exhibit at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center will be open to the public from November 17 until December 18. The exhibit is free and will display works exploring form, design, and construction by members of Studio 222. This exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, call the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

**The Alabama and the Movement that Changed America lecture** at Auburn Public Library will be on November 18 at 6:30 p.m. In this lecture series hosted by author Frye Gaillard, Alabama's transformation from the Cradle of the Confederacy to the Cradle of Freedom is told through his own personal accounts and through interviews with participants in the Civil Rights Movement. Frye Gaillard is a freelance writer and author of numerous books, including The Dream Long Deferred, Becoming Truly Free: 300 Years of Black History in the Carolinas, and Race, Rock, and Religion: Profiles from a Southern Journalist. The Cradle of Freedom lecture-discussion programs are funded by a generous grant from the Auburn University Vice President for Outreach. For more information, call the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190.

Please mark your calendars for the annual **Daddy-Daughter Date Night** to be held February 11 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Best Western – University Convention Center Ballrooms. Registration begins December 6. The cost is \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional child. For more information, call Alison Hall at 501-2940.

**Nutcracker Tea Party** will be on Saturday, December 4 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Bring your child and experience the magic of the Nutcracker. Activities will include a reading of the Nutcracker, a mini-performance by the Auburn Ballet School, arts and crafts, and a tea party! Children under the age of six must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and may be reserved by calling the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



**CityFest 2005** applications and sponsorships are now available. Are you interested in participating in Auburn CityFest 2005 as a food or arts and crafts vendor? Do you want to sponsor the event or participate as a volunteer? If so, visit the official CityFest 2005 web site at [www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest](http://www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest). The site has all the information you need to get involved. CityFest will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. For additional information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 501-2930.