

# Open Line

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## City Welcomes the 50th Anniversary Dixie Youth World Series

The City of Auburn will host the 50th Anniversary Dixie Youth World Series, August 7-13 at Duck Samford Park. The tournament features teams in two divisions: the AAA tournament, ages 9-10, and the Majors tournament, ages 11-12. Each division will consist of eleven State champion teams and a host team from Auburn. The tournament is expected to attract thousands of people to the City from across the Southeast, including: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.



The World Series will kick off with the **CENTURY 21 Home Run Derby** at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7 at the Auburn University Softball Complex, Jane B. Moore Field. The twenty-four teams competing in the World Series will nominate their top hitter for the contest, and contestants will participate in two divisions for the Home Run Derby title. CENTURY 21 mascots Houser and Nestor will be making appearances at the Derby. Tickets are \$3 at the gate. Admission is free for children 6 years and younger. All proceeds will go to the Dixie Youth Scholarship Program.



The **Dixie Youth World Series Tiger Walk** will follow the Home Run Derby at 6:45 p.m. Members of the Auburn University Marching Band will lead the players in the World Series from Sewell Hall to Samford Stadium-Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park to begin opening ceremonies.

The **opening ceremonies** will begin at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free. All players will be introduced and remarks will be made by former Auburn University athlete, Bo Jackson. Jackson, born in Bessemer, Alabama, was drafted by the New York Yankees out of high school but chose to become an Auburn Tiger. He played for Auburn from 1982 to 1985. While at Auburn, Jackson ran track and played football and baseball. A 1985 Heisman Trophy winner, Jackson was also the first athlete to be selected to All-Star games in two different sports. In his professional career, Jackson played for the Kansas City Royals, Chicago White Sox, California Angels and the Los Angeles Raiders. Opening ceremony entertainment will be provided by the Auburn High School Varsity Singers and the ZOOperstars!, the sports world's hottest entertainment act of inflatable, dancing, bouncing sports characters.

The **tournament games** will be held August 8 - 13 at Duck Samford Park. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth ages 7-12. Admission is free for children 6 years and younger. On Monday and Tuesday, the games will begin at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday's games will begin at 5:30 p.m. The AAA championship game will take place Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and the Majors championship game will play at 1:00 p.m. For more information on the Dixie Youth World Series or to view tournament brackets, visit [www.auburndyws.com](http://www.auburndyws.com).

In celebration of the City hosting the 50th Anniversary Dixie Youth World Series, the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and the Auburn Arts Association are currently presenting the **2005 Youth Art Baseball Exhibit** now through August 15. This exhibit features children's artwork created in the Auburn Arts Association's summer visual art workshops, depicting the sport of baseball. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information on this exhibit, call 501-2963.



# City to Host Softball Tournaments



The City of Auburn will host two Championship Softball Tournaments in August at the Auburn Softball Complex. The 2005 ISA Men's A World Softball Championship will take place August 12-14. The tournament will consist of 12-15 teams competing for the championship title. The championship game will be held on Sunday, August 14 at Noon. Daily admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for youth.

The City will also host the 2005 ASA Men's 40 & over Slow Pitch National Tournament August 26-28. This tournament will feature 30-40 teams from across the country competing for the championship title. Opening ceremonies will begin Friday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m., followed by the first game at 7:00 p.m. Daily admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for youth.

For more information on the ISA and ASA Tournaments, including tournament schedules, contact the Auburn Softball Complex at 501-2976.

## Meeting Schedule

**Cemetery Advisory Board** - August 1, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - August 2, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**City Council** - August 2, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

**Tree Commission** - August 3, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment** - August 3, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

**City Council Budget Work Session** - August 4, 5:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

**Water Works Board** - August 8, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue.

**Greenspace Advisory Board** - August 9, 11:30 AM, City Hall Conference Room.

**Historic Preservation Commission** - August 9, 4:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

**City Council Budget Work Session** - August 9, 5:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

**Board of Education** - August 9, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

**Planning Commission** - August 11, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

**City Council Budget Work Session** - August 11, (if needed) 5:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

**City Council** - August 16, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

**Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - September 6, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

**City Council** - September 6, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

- Meeting times and places are subject to change -

# Golf Digest Ranks Auburn Area #1



*Golf Digest* has named the Auburn-Opelika area as the top American metropolitan area for a golfer to live in its most recent "Metro Golf" survey. This survey appears in the current issue of the magazine and lists 330 metro areas, detailing the best and worst cities for golfers nationwide. The survey ranked cities based on access to golf, weather, and the quality of golf. This year's survey found a trend shifting to smaller, Southern towns for a golfer's ideal setting. The City of Auburn is no exception. With a number of three star-plus golf courses, continued expansion of industry and retail opportunities, and a first-rate school system, it is easy to see how the survey ranks the Auburn area as number one.

To view the article, visit [www.golfdigest.com/cities/](http://www.golfdigest.com/cities/). For more information, contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



## Sign Up For Leisure Link

If you are interested in receiving the Auburn Parks and Recreation online newsletter, *Leisure Link*, simply send your email address to Ali Wilson at [awilson@auburnalabama.org](mailto:awilson@auburnalabama.org). This monthly newsletter will keep you informed of the programs and special events going on in the City of Auburn.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.

# Fall Programs at the Auburn Public Library

The Auburn Public Library offers a number of free programs to children and youth of all ages throughout the year. With fall quickly approaching, a number of programs will resume from their summer break during the second week of August. A few of these programs are listed below. For more information on the programs listed or other programs the Library has to offer, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library/](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library/) or contact the Auburn Public Library at 501-3190.



**Preschool Story Time** is a free weekly reading program held at the Auburn Public Library. This program is offered to 3, 4, & 5 year olds. There are two programs each week:

- Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**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 weekly on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



## Board Vacancies



- One vacancy on the **Cemeteries Advisory Board** was announced at the July 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the August 16 meeting. The incumbent recently resigned.
- One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center Board** will be announced at the August 16 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 20 meeting. The incumbent has served one partial and one full-term and is eligible for reappointment.

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

## New Tenants Coming to Auburn Technology Park North

The City of Auburn broke ground on Auburn Technology Park North's newest tenants on Thursday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m. J&S GmbH and AST GmbH- Automotive Surface Technology will share in a joint venture at the companies' first US location. Officials from J&S headquarters in Berlin, Germany, including President Norbert Janz, were on-hand with state and local officials for the ground-breaking.

J&S contracts with General Motors to supply parts for seatbelt systems. They are a worldwide supplier to the automotive industry at over 40 locations in 18 countries. The Auburn location will produce and assemble the pillar loop of the safety restraint system for automobiles manufactured in North America. J&S is the sole supplier of this patent-protected product worldwide.

Construction on the new facility has been underway for several weeks and is expected to be completed in November of this year. Upon completion, J&S will occupy a 22,000 square foot facility in Auburn Technology Park North with an initial capital investment of over \$4 million and is expected to initially create 30 jobs. J&S represents the City's latest achievement in its efforts to recruit and maintain technology-based, value-added manufacturing.

For more information on J&S or other industries located in Auburn's Technology Parks, contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.



Pictured (L-R): Frank Schindler (J&S Representative), Dr. Paul Parks (Chairman, IDB), Norbert Janz (President, J&S), Mayor Bill Ham, Senator Ted Little, and David Hutchison (Alabama Development Office).

## Veterans Brick Orders Due August 15

Each year, the City of Auburn provides citizens with the opportunity to honor members of the military by purchasing memorial bricks to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument located on the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. Personalized bricks engraved with the veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and years of service may be purchased for \$100. For bricks to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Monument by Veterans Day this November, brick orders must be received no later than August 15. Brick order forms may be obtained at City Hall or on the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org).

For more information on the Veterans brick project, contact City Hall at 501-7260.



## City Website Updates



Citizens will notice several additions to the City's website over the next few weeks, including the City Manager's Audio Blog, and Internet mapping site, and MayorLink. These updates are part of an ongoing effort by the City to keep citizens informed about their community.

**City Manager David Watkins' audio weblog** is a weekly posting of personal and professional insights and comments on current events and long-term projects in the City of Auburn. The weblog was designed to give citizens the opportunity to hear a first-hand experience of issues the City Manager feels are important and relevant each week. Be sure to visit the weblog each week to find out more about what is going on in the City of Auburn. To access the weblog, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/citymanager/cmblog.html](http://www.auburnalabama.org/citymanager/cmblog.html)



**MayorLink** is a new web gallery featuring photos from recent ground breakings, ribbon cuttings, and presentations the Mayor has attended. New photos are added frequently, so be sure to check back frequently. To access MayorLink, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/mayorlink](http://www.auburnalabama.org/mayorlink)

In September, the City of Auburn's Information Technology Department, GIS Division will release an **Internet mapping site** that will allow citizens to utilize the City's geographic data describing the City of Auburn and surrounding area. This site, created entirely by City of Auburn staff, will provide functionality for viewing, searching, and printing geographic data such as parcels, streets, addresses, topography, contours, aerial photography, and much more. Citizens will be able to find any address in the City by simply typing an address number and street name into a text box and pushing a button. The search request will be answered by locating the user directly over the desired site. At this point, the user will be able view a variety of data, including looking at color aerial photography of the area as well as printing a map. The site will allow users to pan or zoom around at their leisure. The purpose of this site is to provide a service to the citizens of Auburn by sharing dynamic geographic data through a simplified graphical user interface over the Internet. Be sure to read next month's *Open Line* for more information on the new Internet mapping site.





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# up COMING EVENTS



The **Parks and Recreation fall brochure** will be released on Monday, August 8. The brochure may be picked up at the Dean Road Recreation Center, Frank Brown Recreation Center, Boykin Community Center, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, Auburn Public Library, and City Hall. For more information about the fall brochure, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks).

**Movie Night** will be held at the Frank Brown Recreation Center on August 12 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Youth ages 6-12 are invited to see the latest blockbuster movie. The cost is \$2 at the door and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact the Frank Brown Recreation Center at 501-2962.



The **library book club** will meet at the Auburn Public Library on August 16 at 6:30 p.m. Participants may read any "beach read." For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center presents the **VSA Exhibition**, provided by Very Special Arts of Alabama, August 16-September 4. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 501-2963.

The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center presents **Is it Art?**, an exhibit featuring problematic objects and works from local establishments and collections, August 18-September 9. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 501-2963.

## Auburn City Pools

Summer Pool Schedule through September 5

### RECREATION SWIM

Monday-Friday - 1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday - 1:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Samford Pool)

Monday and Wednesday Night Family Night - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Samford Pool)

### LAP SWIM (ALL AGES)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday - 6:00 a.m.-7:15 a.m.

Closed Wednesday due to cleaning

### ADULT LAP SWIM (19 AND OLDER)

Monday - Sunday - Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday - 5:00-6:00 p.m.

\*This schedule is subject to change.



**Samford Pool: 328 Samford Avenue (Behind Samford Middle School)**

**Drake Pool: 653 Spencer Avenue (Behind Drake Middle School)**

**Fee: \$2.00 per person (Children 1 & under free)**

**Season Passes: On sale at Dean Road Recreation Center.**

**\$50.00 Individual; \$100.00 Family (Parents & Children)**