

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## Auburn's Public Safety Department



The City of Auburn's Public Safety Department is dedicated to promoting and maintaining a safe environment in all areas of the City. The department effectively delivers high quality emergency response and preventative services, resulting in extremely modest fire losses, a low crime rate, the best fire insurance classification in the State of Alabama, and a very high level of citizen satisfaction. The Public Safety Department consists of five divisions: Police, Fire, Codes Enforcement, Communications, and Administration.

The Police and Communications Divisions of the Public Safety Department provide coverage for the City, Auburn University, and partial extended jurisdictional areas. The Communications Division is staffed with a minimum of two Communications Officers at all times who are responsible for receiving calls for service and relaying information and instructions for police, fire, medical, and all other emergency services.

The Fire and Codes Enforcement Divisions provide services within the City limits, including Auburn University. In addition to fire suppression, the Fire Division issues burn permits and performs hydrant testing on a routine basis to insure proper hydrant function. The Codes Enforcement Division performs site inspections, conducts plan reviews, and issues all building permits in the City.



For more information on the City of Auburn's Public Safety Department, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/pubsafety](http://www.auburnalabama.org/pubsafety). To contact the Public Safety Administration offices, please call 501-3110. As always, in the event of an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A  
BIRTHDAY BASH AND BLOCK PARTY HONORING

AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S  
SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
TOOMER'S CORNER

Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. and continue into  
the afternoon, culminating in a fireworks show  
downtown at 5:30 p.m.

Sponsored by  
The City of Auburn  
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Auburn University

For more information, visit  
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## Board Vacancies

• One vacancy on the **Water Works Board** will be announced at the February 21 City Council meeting and will be filled at the March 21 meeting. The incumbent is eligible for reappointment.



• Two vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission** will be announced at the March 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 4 meeting. The incumbents are eligible for reappointment.

• One vacancy on the **Library Board** will be announced at the March 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 4 meeting. The incumbent 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.*

**Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at [openline@auburnalabama.org](mailto:openline@auburnalabama.org).**



## Notice

Tickets to the 17th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night are sold out. Please look for announcements in Fall 2006 editions of *Open Line; Leisure Link; Parks and Recreation's Auburn City Schools newsletter, Playtime;* and the Parks and Recreation Quarterly Brochure to find out information on next year's Date Night. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



## Safety Tip

Every home should have at least one 5 lb. multi-purpose fire extinguisher in the kitchen or laundry room. It should be one that can be inspected on a yearly basis and recharged if necessary.



## Announcing the City of Auburn's Citizens Public Safety Academy

The City of Auburn's Public Safety Department will begin a Citizens Public Safety Academy on February 16. The academy, open to Auburn residents ages eighteen and older, will run for 14 consecutive weeks from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. each Thursday. Graduation will be held on May 25. During the training period, participants who are accepted will learn about the different areas of public safety including police, fire, communications, and codes enforcement services. Citizens interested in participating in the academy are encouraged to apply early due to limited seating. The program is free for participants. For more information on the Citizens Public Safety Academy, including application procedures, contact the Department of Public Safety at 501-3110.

## Business License Renewal Deadline is February 28

Any business providing services or selling goods within Auburn's city limits is required to have a City business license. City business licenses expire each year on December 31 and are required by City ordinance to be renewed no later than February 28 to avoid a late fee. All businesses should have received business license renewal packets in the mail. Any business that did not receive its renewal packet should contact the Revenue Office at 501-7239 to verify its mailing address and request another packet.

Any business that would like to have wallet-sized, laminated duplicates of its business license for employees who make deliveries or sales calls in Auburn or who provide services at customers' sites may request them from the Revenue Office. The price for these is \$1 each.

The City Revenue Office is located in City Hall at 144 Tichenor Avenue. For more information about the City's business license requirements, call 501-7239.



# Street Safety

The usage of golf carts, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and go-carts in the City of Auburn continues to rise. Therefore, it is important for citizens to understand the operating rules on public roads to ensure the safety of pedestrians, residents, and the operators of these vehicles.

Under Alabama law, a motor vehicle is described as "every vehicle, which is self-propelled." Citizens should be aware that it is against the law for anyone under the age of 16, except with a learner's permit, to operate a motor vehicle on the road. In addition, section 32-5-65 of the Code of Alabama makes it illegal for any owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle to permit a child under 16 to drive. This is a misdemeanor and punishable by imprisonment for no more than 10 days and a fine of no more than \$100. Any subsequent convictions can carry more harsh penalties.

In order for a vehicle to be street legal, it must have properly working headlights, taillights, brake lights, seatbelts, and a registered tag. Alabama law states that any vehicle, which has a maximum speed of 25 mph, must be identified with a reflective device.

For more information on street safety or street legal vehicles, contact the Public Safety Department-Police Division at 501-3100.



# Looking for Income Tax Forms and Information?

A variety of income tax forms are available at the Auburn Public Library. Federal tax forms, information, and frequently asked tax questions are also available on the Internal Revenue Service website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



## Meeting Schedule

- Tree Commission** - February 1, 4:30 p.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue
  - Board of Zoning Adjustment** - February 1, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Cemeteries Advisory Board** - February 6, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
  - Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - February 7, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
  - City Council** - February 7, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Planning Commission** - February 9, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Water Works Board** - February 13, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
  - Greenspace Advisory Board** - February 14, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue
  - Historic Preservation Commission** - February 14, 4:00 p.m., Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center
  - Board of Education** - February 14, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room
  - City Council** - February 21, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Bicycle Committee** - February 28, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street
  - Tree Commission** - March 1, 4:30 p.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue
  - Board of Zoning Adjustment** - March 1, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Cemetery Advisory Board** - March 6, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
  - Park & Recreation Advisory Board** - March 7, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
  - City Council** - March 7, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber
  - Planning Commission** - March 9, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber
- Meeting times and places are subject to change -

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# up COMING EVENTS

Be sure to pick up your copy of the **2006 Parks and Recreation Calendar**. This free, 12 month calendar lists special events, program quarters, brochure release dates, Auburn City School holidays, facility closings, athletic registration dates, City holidays and events, and much, much more. Calendars are available at 

several City facilities, including the Dean Road Recreation Center, City Hall, the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, and the Auburn Public Library, as well as online at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org). For more information, contact Ali Wilson at 501-2936.


The Auburn Public Library presents **Preschool Story Time** for children ages 3-5 each Wednesday from 10:00 -10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

**Toddler Time** for toddlers, ages 18 months-3 years, and their caregivers is held each Thursday from 10:00 -10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

 **Young Adult Coffeehouse**, for students in grades 6-12, will meet on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The theme is "Valentine's Party at the YAC." For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.


**First Fridays for Homeschoolers** will meet on February 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This program is offered to homeschooled children in grades K-5. This month's topic features Honest Abe. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Mark your calendar for the following **Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions**. The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.


 • **Emerging Artists-Gallery II**: February 3-25, works in paper by Natalya Kochak.  
• **Winter Invitational 2006**: February 3-March 4, exhibit featuring still life images in a variety of media by regional artists.


**Registration for youth soccer** is going on now. Registration forms are available online and at the Dean Road Recreation Center.


• **Online Registration** will take place through Friday, February 3. To register, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/soccer](http://www.auburnalabama.org/soccer).  
• **Mail-in Registration** is due by Friday, February 3. Registration forms may be mailed to: Auburn Soccer Association PO Box 1533 Auburn, AL 36831  
• **Walk-in Registration** will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon and Thursday, February 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Soccer Complex on Wire Road. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

 **Registration for all youth baseball, softball, and t-ball** will be held on Saturday, February 4 and Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon at the Dean Road Recreation Center. Birth Certificates are required for registration. All arrangements for scholarships must be made with the United Way office prior to registration. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.


 The **Plantation Heirs** will perform at the Auburn Public Library on February 9 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

 The **American Girls Club** will meet on February 10 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The program is open to youth ages 4-11. This month's featured doll is Addy. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.


 The **17th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night** will be held on Friday, February 10 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Best Western University Convention Center and features dancing with DJ Ozz, refreshments, pictures, door prizes, dance contests, and more. This event is for girls 12 years and younger. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

 The **Parks and Recreation Spring 2006 brochure** will be available on Monday, February 13 at all City facilities and online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks). Be sure to pick up your copy to learn about all of the classes, programs, and special events, including CityFest 2006, going on in Auburn this spring. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Registration for **Bike Bash 2006** begins February 13 online at [www.auburnalabama.org/cycle](http://www.auburnalabama.org/cycle) or at the Dean Road Recreation Center. The City of Auburn and the Auburn Bicycle Committee will host Bike Bash 2006 on Saturday, March 18th in conjunction with the Auburn University Sesquicentennial Celebration. Bike Bash is an event to encourage biking activities, endorse bicycle safety, promote the health benefits of this great leisure sport, and emphasize local bike-friendly trails and areas. For more information, contact Dee Watson at 501-2962 or Alison Hall at 501-2940. Look for more information on this community event in next month's issue of *Open Line*.

 The Auburn Public Library will hold a **puppet show** entitled The Birthday Party on February 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. All ages are invited to attend. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

 The Auburn Public Library will hold its **Annual Valentine's Party** on February 16 at 6:30 p.m. Youth ages 3-10 are invited to attend. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

 Come enjoy a day of winter fun on the **X-Cell Club Field Trip II** at Alabama's only alpine ski resort on February 18. Cloudmont Ski Resort, located in Mentone, AL has two different 1,000 ft ski slope challenges. Participants will leave at 6:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$40.00, payable in cash on the day of the trip, and includes admission, lift tickets, a beginner lesson, and all equipment. Please bring a brown bag lunch. This event is open to youth ages 12-15. **All participants must be registered by February 14.** For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.

**Auburn CityFest** presented by the Opelika-Auburn News will be held Saturday, April 29 at Kiesel Park. CityFest is Auburn's largest, FREE, outdoor arts and crafts festival. This event will include hundreds of arts & craft and fine arts exhibitors, live musical entertainment, children's activities, delicious food, and much, much more. Are you or your business interested in participating as an arts and crafts, fine art or non profit exhibitor? If so, visit [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com) to download an application. The application deadline is quickly approaching. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2030, or visit [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com).

