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a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.





Ceremony honoring Auburn's fallen veterans

Join us for an outdoor ceremony remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day, May 31. The event will be held at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument at the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue at 10 a.m. Mayor Ron Anders will deliver remarks honoring those who died in the line of duty and remembering the Auburn veterans we have lost over the past year.



Attendees are encouraged to park at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex and Felton Little Park. Ross Street and Glenn Avenue will be closed near the intersection

to provide room for on-street, accessible parking. Please note, attendees will be required to adhere to all COVID-19 regulations in place at the time of the event. Learn more about the City's efforts to honor Auburn's veterans at auburnalabama.org/veterans.

This year's Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast has been canceled because of ongoing COVID-19 concerns. We hope to hold the breakfast again in 2022.

Holiday schedule changes

Auburn City Hall and most City facilities will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31. 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 31-June 4 as follows:

Monday, May 31 Tuesday, June 1 Wednesday, June 2 Thursday, June 3 Friday, June 4

HOLIDAY Monday's route Tuesday's route Wednesday's route Thursday's route

Happy Birthday Auburn FixIt!

It has officially been one year since we launched the app that lets you report issues and concerns directly to the City staff who can help resolve them.

Since then, Auburn residents have submitted 1,053 requests about everything from potholes to street sign problems. Thanks to all of you who have played a part in making Auburn even better!

More than 1,300 people have downloaded the app so far. Are you one of them? Visit auburnalabama.org/fixit for more info.

Over the last few years, the Auburn City Council, Auburn Planning Commission and City staff have worked to research, gather public input and write an ordinance that would regulate short-term rentals in Auburn. The Auburn City Council officially approved regulations at its March 16 City Council meeting. So, what does the new ordinance do?

Establishes two types of short-term rentals

The ordinance outlines two different categories of shortterm rentals: homestays and short-term non-primary rentals. Both of these can only operate under specific parameters.

- **Homestays**: A homestay is a homeowner's permanent residence that they rent out as lodging. Homeowners are required to live in their permanent residence for at least 180 consecutive days each year and cannot rent out their home for more than 90 days without being present.
- · Short-term non-primary rental: Short-term nonprimary rentals are not used as the owner's permanent residence. The home is instead an investment property or vacation home that the owner rents out. Shortterm non-primary rentals may only operate 240 days each calendar year and must be leased for less than 30 days at a time.

Limits short-term rentals to certain zones

The ordinance limits where short-term rentals can and cannot operate within Auburn. Both short-term nonprimary rentals and homestays may only operate in zoning districts that allow up to five unrelated occupants to live in one residence.

Those districts include: Comprehensive Development District, Corridor Redevelopment District-Urban, -Suburban, -East and -West (east of North Donahue Drive), Medium Density Residential District, Neighborhood Redevelopment District (east of North Donahue Drive), Redevelopment District, Urban Core/College Edge Overlay District, and Urban Neighborhood-West, -East, and -South.

Short-term rentals are also allowed in the Rural zoning district, which does not have an occupancy limit.

Prohibits parties and events

Short-term rentals may only be used for lodging, which includes eating and sleeping. Only renters may use the home they are renting. No private or commercial events, such as parties, cook-outs, weddings, etc., are allowed.

Requires operators to be licensed

Homeowners operating short-term rentals will be required

to get a business license and zoning certificate with the City of Auburn. Details will be posted at auburnalabama. org/short-term-rentals.

Establishes a two-strike system

If the City receives two or more complaints that are substantiated about a shortterm rental within a calendar year, the short-term rental will no longer be able to operate for the reminder of the year and the entire following year.

Now that the ordinance has been approved, City staff are working diligently to establish procedures to implement and enforce the new regulations. More details will be shared in the coming months on the City's website and social media channels. Sign up for email and text notifications at auburnalabama.org/eNotifier.

Spring Sundown Concert Series THURSDAYS IN MAY • 5:30 P.M.

Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for an evening of music at beautiful Kiesel Park! The Spring Sundown Concert Series will be held every Thursday night in May from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring your lawn chair and blanket, and kick back and enjoy the music during this FREE event. Concessions will be available for purchase. The lineup for this year's concerts is as follows:

- · May 6: Auburn High Jazz Band and DJ K. Cole
- · May 13: H2O and Louisiana Fred
- · May 20: Blake Brock Trio
- May 27: Dion Hawkins and the Experience

COVID-19 Note: Attendees will be required to adhere to all COVID-19 regulations in place at the time of the





Need to report a noise complaint? Contact the Auburn Police Division's non-emergency line, 334-501-3100, day or night. An officer will patrol the area to determine the source of the noise and take appropriate action. Callers have the option to meet with officers or remain anonymous - please do not call the Tip Line with noise complaints.



Last year, 651 single-family homes were permitted in Auburn, with 534 other construction permits issued. As Auburn continues to grow, we want to remind everyone of guidelines contractors must follow when working in Auburn.

Work times

In single-family neighborhoods, no construction work is allowed to begin before 7 a.m. and workers must cease daily operations by 7 p.m. This is the same for commercial or multi-family sites that are adjacent to a single-family neighborhood. Construction projects in commercial or multi-family areas that are not adjacent to subdivisions are allowed to begin work at 6 a.m. Work, such as painting or cleaning, that does not involve noise or disturb the peace may be performed at any time.

When projects involve concrete pouring in high-traffic areas, the City of Auburn allows early morning concrete pours. Earlier start times allow work to finish before peak traffic hours begin for the day. This helps avoid traffic congestion issues caused by multiple concrete trucks in one area.

On-site burning

Residents may also notice on-site burning at active construction sites. The City requires all burning to be supervised, and contractors are required to receive a burn permit prior to any burning. City code restricts the number of days a burn permit is issued, the materials that can be burned and where burning can be located on the site.

The City considers weather conditions and will issue a no burn order if necessary based on yearly rainfall, wind conditions, humidity and other factors. In 2020, the City recorded the highest rainfall total in Auburn on record. Please note, the City has no jurisdiction over burning that occurs in the county.

If you are concerned about construction start times, on-site burning or other issues happening near you, please report the issue through the Auburn FixIt app (auburnalabama.org/fixit), and our staff will reach out to resolve the issue.

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The map above shows where short-term rentals are

permitted in Auburn. View an interactive map at

auburnalabama.org/short-term-rentals.

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MAY 2021 upcoming events

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	Outdoor Storytime Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.	∞	15	22 Samford Pool Opens	29	City Market Town Creek Park @ 8-11 a.m.
554:501:7200 openime@adubdma.brg		Outdoor Storytime Fridays @ 930 am. Virtual Puppet Shows Fridays @ 1030 am. & 330 pm. Tree Commission 1130 am.	City Council Agenda	21	28	City Council Agenda Review Meeting Noon
L		Outdoor Storytime Thursdays @ 9:30 am. Virtual Story Time Thursdays @ 10:30 am. Sundown Concert Series Thursdays @ 5:30-7:30 pm.	13 Planning Commission 5 p.m.	20 Water Works Board 4 pm.	27	
M		Outdoor Storytime Wednesdays @ 930 am. Wirtual Story Time Wednesdays @ 10:30 am. Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.	12	19	26	Summer Program Registration Ends
events T	Auburn Public Library auburnalabama.org/library City Meetings auburnalabama.org/boards Parks & Recreation auburnalabama.org/parks	Outdoor Storytime Tuesdays @ 9:30 am, Virtual Story Time Tuesdays @ 10:30 am, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board II.45 am, Culinary Literacy 5 pm, Committee of the Whote TBD City Council 7 pm.	Historic Preservation Commission 4 pm. Financial Literacy 5 p.m.	Library Board 10 am, Creenspace Advisory Greenspace Advisory Greenspace Advisory Reader's Review Virtual Adult Book Club 5 p.m. Committee of the Whole TBD City Council 7 p.m.	25	
Σ	Programs & events are subject to change. Find up-to-date information at auburnalabama.org.	Summer Program Registration Begins Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m. Ward 4 Meeting 530 p.m.	10 Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon	17	24	31
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