

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## Auburn To Commemorate 10th Anniversary of the Veterans Memorial

When the wreath is laid during Auburn's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony this year, it will mark the 10th Anniversary of the Veterans Memorial. The monument was dedicated in November of 2000 on the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue where now more than 700 bricks have been purchased honoring veterans. For ten years, the central feature of the monument has stood to honor those who have served our country, with the lower wall standing in honor of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. Surrounding the monument are brick pavers in honor of individual veterans with ties to members of our community.

On this upcoming Veterans Day, citizens are invited to honor the men and women who have served our country by attending the City's special ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial located at the intersection of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. A wreath laying will be conducted at the ceremony, which will include performances by the Auburn University Chorus, directed by Dr. William Powell, the Drake Middle School Mixed Choir, directed by Dan Cater, and bagpiper Dan Drummond. Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr., will officiate the ceremony. Immediately following the program, a reception will be held at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, located at 714 East Glenn Avenue.

Attendees are encouraged to park at Felton-Little Park and the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex. Parking for the disabled will be available on Ross Street, between Glenn Avenue and Harper Avenue, which will be closed to through traffic during the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the City Council Chambers at 141 North Ross Street.

This year, 25 new bricks honoring individual Veterans will be installed in time for the Veteran's Day Ceremony. If you would like to honor a loved one who served with a brick paver at the Memorial, new bricks are available for immediate purchase to be installed in time for Veterans Day 2011. To see all of the bricks, that have been installed to date, including information on each honoree, a photograph of each brick in the park and a map of each brick's location, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/Veterans](http://www.auburnalabama.org/Veterans).

Please join with citizens in communities throughout the country on Thursday, November 11, 2010 to honor our nation's heroes. For more information on the Veterans Day Ceremony, please visit the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org/veterans](http://www.auburnalabama.org/veterans) or contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270.

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**Neighborhood Trick-or-Treat set for Sunday, October 31. See page 3.**

## Donating To Auburn City Schools

The current recession has affected citizens, businesses, corporations and even local government. With the stability provided by a long term strategy of fiscally conservative budgeting, diversification in economic development efforts and the presence of a major university, the City of Auburn hasn't been forced to make drastic budget or service cuts like many cities around the country. While the City's appropriations to the school system have remained steady, Auburn City Schools has received far less funding from the State since the recession began in 2008.

Citizens considering making tax-deductible charitable donations before December 31, may want to consider a gift to support the excellent public education provided by Auburn City Schools. High quality public education provides lasting benefits to individual students and to our community as a whole.

If you would like to make a charitable donation to Auburn City Schools, you can do so by writing a check payable to the City of Auburn and sending it to the Finance Department at 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, AL 36830. All donations are tax-deductible. Please designate in writing that you would like for your donation to go to the Auburn City Schools. The City will mail citizens a letter acknowledging all donations that have been received. Please contact the Finance Department at 501-7220 for more information.

## City Receives Juggle.com's "Top City Government Website Award"



The City of Auburn has received the "Top City Government Website Award" from Juggle.com for its web site, [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org). The selection was made following a review of over 3,000 government portals by Juggle.com, a St. Louis based encyclopedia

& reference resource founded in 2008. Juggle cites [auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org)'s "rich information, useful services and excellent visual design." [Auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org) was one of four municipal websites in Alabama to be recognized. Juggle.com hosts the City of Auburn's website award profile at <http://www.juggle.com/auburnalabama-top-city-government-website>.

[Auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org) was born in the late 90's, and has always been conceived of as an information portal for citizens about what's happening in City government. One of the goals of the site is to enhance the transparency and openness of City government by providing accessibility to a wealth of information. The City's budget document, Council packet and most press releases are just part of what is available online for all to see. As the web has evolved, the City has enhanced its online presence to include Facebook and Twitter. Users of these sites can choose to receive links to press releases and web announcements on their own social media feeds.

Auburn City staff appreciates this recognition by [juggle.com](http://www.juggle.com). The City of Auburn is dedicated to using technology as a way to connect citizens with local government, making government even more accessible and responsive in an increasingly digital world.



## November Holiday Schedules

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, in observance of Thanksgiving. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules during the holidays. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling during the weeks of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving will change as follows:

**Veterans Day** Week of November 8-12

Normal Collection Day	Holiday Pick-Up Schedule
Monday	Monday, November 8
Tuesday	Tuesday, November 9
Wednesday	Wednesday, November 10
Thursday	Friday, November 12

**Thanksgiving** Week of November 22-26

Normal Collection Day	Holiday Pick-Up Schedule
Monday	Monday, November 22
Tuesday	Monday, November 22
Wednesday	Tuesday, November 23
Thursday	Wednesday, November 24

Collection carts and recycled materials must be placed on the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Please avoid placing items on or near storm drains, mailboxes, utility poles, or other fixed objects. All items should be properly contained or bundled so they do not fall into the street or down storm drains. All carts and collection bins must be removed from the curb by 6 a.m. the following day.

## United States Army Field Band, Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus to Perform Free Concert November 9

Prepare your patriotic spirit for the Veteran's Day ceremony with a special free performance of the the United States Army Field Band, Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus on Tuesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. at the Julie and Hal Moore Center for Excellence at Auburn High School. The performance, presented by the Opelika-Auburn News and co-sponsored by the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department and Auburn High School, will include classical, semi-classical, popular music selections, choral arrangements, novelty numbers, military marches, and patriotic favorites. Admission is free; however, seating is limited and advanced tickets are required. Tickets will be available for reservation beginning Monday, October 4 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center and The Opelika-Auburn News. For ticket information, please contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

## Board Vacancies

- Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be filled at the November 2, 2010 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** will be filled at the November 16, 2010 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Public Park & Recreation** will be filled at the December 7, 2010 City Council meeting.



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

# Document Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event

In conjunction with America Recycles Day, The City of Auburn's Environmental Services Department-Recycling Division, in partnership with the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and Waste Recycling Inc., will host a FREE Secure Document Shredding and Electronics Recycling Day on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce parking lot, located at 714 East Glenn Avenue. This event provides citizens, businesses and nonprofits the opportunity to properly dispose of outdated, unwanted or broken electronics and the opportunity to safely destroy documents in a secure manner. Businesses will be limited to four archive size boxes of documents for the shredding event. NO HAZARDOUS WASTE. Only Electronics for recycling and Paper Documents for shredding can be accepted at this event. For more information on Auburn's recycling program, contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080 or online at [www.auburnalabama.org/es](http://www.auburnalabama.org/es).

## MEETING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

- 1 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- City Council Organization Meeting**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 2 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 3 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 5 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue
- 9 Greenspace Advisory Board**, 11:30 a.m., City Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 10 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 16 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 18 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 23 Library Board**, 2 p.m., Auburn Public Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- 23 Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street

### Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/boards](http://www.auburnalabama.org/boards).

## The Great Alabama Homecoming

It's the Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns. This November, thousands will hit the road to visit Auburn for the Auburn Tigers Homecoming Game on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Whether you're celebrating Auburn football, returning to your college home or enjoying the festivities in your permanent home town, the City of Auburn wants you to make yourself at home. The City will host homecoming festivities of its own, celebrating Auburn's rich history and cultural roots. The City of Auburn Homecoming will encompass a whole weekend of fun and excitement. Join us for a historic marker unveiling to be held at Toomer's Corner starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Plus, be sure to attend one of the City's speaker series focused on the Auburn's history, founders, historic buildings, athletics and all things Auburn. To wrap it all up, Crossroads will be performing at Town Creek Park starting at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Home Auburn!

### City of Auburn Homecoming Festivities

**November 4 (Thursday)** Growing Up in Auburn  
Firsthand Accounts of what Auburn was like in the Early 1900s  
6:00 p.m., Auburn United Methodist Church

**November 5 (Friday)** An Afternoon with David House  
David House and friends talk about Auburn Athletics Through the Years  
3:30 p.m., Founder's Hall, Auburn United Methodist Church

**November 5 (Friday)** City of Auburn's Homecoming Kickoff  
City Leaders Unveil A New Historic Marker  
6:30 p.m., Toomer's Corner

**November 6 (Saturday)** The Days of Old  
A Look at Historic Homes and Businesses in the Loveliest Village  
10:00 a.m., Jule-Colins Smith Museum of Art

**November 7 (Sunday)** A Walk Through Time  
A Walking Tour of Historic Pine Hill Cemetery  
1:00 p.m., Pine Hill Cemetery

**November 7 (Sunday)**  
Performance at the Park  
An Afternoon with Crossroads  
4:00-5:30, Town Creek Park

Visit [www.auburnalabama.org/smalltowns](http://www.auburnalabama.org/smalltowns) for more information on Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns events.



## UPDATE: Neighborhood Trick-or-Treat Sunday, October 31

The City of Auburn will hold neighborhood trick-or-treat on Sunday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m. instead of on Thursday, October 28 as previously reported. During this time, the Auburn Police Division will provide extra patrols throughout the City for children and their parents/guardians.

Looking for an alternative for traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating? Join Auburn Parks and Recreation for Downtown Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 28 from 6 – 8 p.m. This FREE, family-friendly event features giveaways from downtown "Monster Merchants" and live music. Don't miss your chance to enter the Best Costume Contest, and bring your favorite four-legged friend and enter them for a chance to win the Best Pet Costume Contest.

Downtown Trick-or-Treat is for children ages 12 years and under. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Downtown streets are subject to closure during the event. For more information, City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department at 501-2930.

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## Open Line Feedback

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) or call 501-7255.

# up COMING EVENTS

*Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize any events that are not directly affiliated with a City department.*



**Tuesdays in November...Baby Time** – Mothers of babies ages 6-18 months are invited on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for Baby Time. The program features music, fingerplays, and books. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**Preschool Story Time...Every Wednesday** – Preschoolers ages 3-5 years-old are invited every Wednesday in November at 10:00 a.m. for Story Time. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**Every Week in November...Toddler Time** – Toddlers ages 18 months – 3 years-old are invited every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. for Toddler Time. The program features music, visual aids and simple crafts. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.



**Every Thursday in November...Home School Chess Club** - Open to children ages 5-13 years old each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. for Home School Chess Club. Bring your chess board and play a round of chess. A limited number of chess boards are provided by the library. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**November 3...Magic Tree House** - Children in grades Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited on Wednesday, November 3 at 3:30 to participate in the Magic Tree House. The program features reading and a craft. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.



**November 4...Teen Cafe'** – Children in grades 8-12 are invited to Teen Cafe' on Thursday, November 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**November 9...Puppet Show** – Children, ages 3-11, are invited to a puppet show on Tuesday, November 9 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**November 18...American Girl's Club** – Children in grades Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited on Thursday, November 18 at 3:30 to learn about girls who grew up in various times in history. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**November 13...National Gaming Day** – Children in grades 6-12 are invited to play electronic and board games on Saturday, November 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for National Gaming Day. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.



**Now Showing...Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition** – Mark your calendar for the following Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/arts](http://www.auburnalabama.org/arts) or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

**Photo XII, October 12 – November 20.** A competitive show open to regional artists and photographers.

The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center will be closed to the public November 22 – 26 for building maintenance.

**Available November 1...Parks and Recreation Winter Brochure** – Be sure to pick up your FREE copy of the Parks and Recreation Winter Brochure, available beginning November 1 at City facilities and online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks). The brochure is your guide to winter sports, programs, and special events, including Daddy-Daughter Date Night and the Love Your Heart Run/Crank Your Heart Ride. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks) or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



**November 5...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer** – Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center. Citizens ages 19 and up are encouraged to play. All levels of play are welcome. No partner is necessary. The event will be held rain or shine. Yarbrough Tennis Center non-member court fees apply. For more information, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/tennis](http://www.auburnalabama.org/tennis) or contact the Yarbrough Tennis Center at 501-2920.

**November 10 & 12...Polar Express Tickets on Sale** – All aboard the Polar Express! Children ages 5 and up are invited to hop aboard the Polar Express on Saturday, December 4 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The "train" will depart at 1 p.m. Activities include arts & crafts, sweets & treats, and much more. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite holiday pajamas. Tickets for the event will be on sale November 10 & 12 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The cost is \$8/person. A limited number of tickets are available. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

**November 12 – 21...AACT Fall Production: All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten** – The Auburn Area Community Theatre (AACT) opens their fall season with "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," a gentle, funny, and joyous adaptation of the works of Robert Fulgham. Performances will be held November 12 – 13 & 18 - 20 at 7 p.m. and November 14 & 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door 30 minutes prior to curtain time; however, reservations are recommended. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information, or reservations, contact Steve Bice at [aactreservations@gmail.com](mailto:aactreservations@gmail.com) or call 332-2620.

**December 11...2010 Holiday Art Sale** – Mark your calendars for the 2010 Holiday Art Sale at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on Saturday, December 11. Interested in participating as a vendor? Applications are available online at [www.auburnalabama.org/arts](http://www.auburnalabama.org/arts). For more information, contact Cari Philen, Art Education Specialist, at 501-2944.



**April 30, 2011...Auburn CityFest 2011** – Save the date! Auburn CityFest 2011 is set for Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Applications for fine arts, arts & crafts, food, and non-profit exhibitors are now available online at [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com). Log on today to get your application in early. Spaces fill quickly! Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact the Auburn CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930 for more information. Mark your calendars...we'll see you at Auburn CityFest 2011 on Saturday, April 30!