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Auburn CityFest 2012

Presented by the Opelika-Auburn News

It's time for one of Auburn's favorite spring traditions - Auburn CityFest 2012, presented by the Opelika-Auburn News. Join Auburn Parks and Recreation as we host this annual event on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. CityFest is Auburn's largest, FREE, outdoor festival featuring live music, children's activities, arts & crafts and fine arts exhibitors, food, non-profit booths, and much more!



Auburn CityFest 2012

This year, festival goers will have the opportunity to visit fine arts and arts & crafts exhibitors selling everything from paintings, pottery, sculpture and prints to jewelry, hand-woven baskets, children's clothing, and much more. Be sure to visit the non-profit showcase, the children's art exhibition, and the ArtFest tent. Don't miss special appearances by Aubie throughout the day.

Explore birds of prey at the Southeastern Raptor Center tent and don't miss a chance to see demonstrations and educational programs by the Auburn Fire Division, Auburn Police Division, and the Environmental Services Department.

Children will enjoy an adventure through the Children's Imagination Station, complete with inflatable games and performances by the Bama Air Dogs. Other children's activities include face painting, the Gamma Phi Beta carnival, and a world of interactive storytelling with Sean Driscoll of The Story Ship. New this year, enjoy a performance on the Children's Entertainment Stage by internationally-recognized comedian, magician, and juggler Paul Miller. Don't miss your chance to catch performances by local children's dance, theatre, and musical groups throughout the day!

Music lovers will enjoy performances by headliners the Newgrass Troubadours, a group with an infusion of bluegrass, country, classic rock, blues, and jazz. Other musical entertainment includes singer/songwriter Destiny Brown and Auburn-favorite John and the Conners.

Interested in becoming a part of the excitement? Arts & crafts, fine arts, and volunteer applications are available online at www.auburncityfest.com.

Juried Art Exhibition and Preview Reception

The 8th Annual Juried Art Show will be held in conjunction with Auburn CityFest. The show features pieces submitted by artists from across the Southeast. Artwork will be on display the day of the festival at the Historic Nunn-Winston House located on the park grounds. A preview reception honoring the artists will be held on Friday, April 27 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Nunn-Winston House. The event is free and open to the public. Interested in submitting a piece for the show? Log on to www.auburncityfest.com to download an application.

5K and Fun Run

Kick off Auburn CityFest 2012 with the 2nd Annual Auburn CityFest 5K and Fun Run Saturday morning. Walk or run the one-mile or 5K course on the trails at Kiesel Park. Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by the 5K at 7:45 a.m. and the Fun Run at 8:15 a.m. Registration is \$15/person through Friday, April 13 and \$20/person after April 13. Participants registered by April 13 are guaranteed a t-shirt. Proceeds from this event benefit Auburn Parks and Recreation's Scholarship Program. If your canine companion is your favorite running partner, bring them along for the race! All dogs must be current on their rabies vaccination and remain on a leash.



Bring your family and friends and join us for Auburn CityFest 2012, presented by the Opelika-Auburn News, on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CityFest is a rain or shine event. For more information, visit www.auburncityfest.com, or contact the Auburn CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930.

31st Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by Wells Fargo

Join Auburn Parks and Recreation as we celebrate spring at the 31st Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Wells Fargo, on Saturday, April 7 at 11 a.m. at Kiesel Park. This FREE Easter egg hunt is one of the largest in Lee County, with more than 35,000 eggs hidden over a four-acre area. Four "hunting grounds" are available for the following age groups: 3 & under, 4 - 6, 7 - 9, & 10 - 12 years of age. After the hunt, join us for free soft drinks and balloons, courtesy of Wells Fargo; musical entertainment; and a chance to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Auburn will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs. Proceeds will benefit needy families throughout the community.

In the event of rain, join us on Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at Kiesel Park. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Egg Hunt Notes

- Egg hunts are divided by age groups and are held simultaneously.
- Please allow time for traffic, parking, and getting your child to the appropriate field on time.
- All egg hunts will begin promptly at 11:15 a.m.



Board Vacancies

- One vacancy on the **Library Board** will be filled at the April 3, 2012 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Auburn Cemeteries Advisory Board** will be filled at the April 3, 2012 City Council meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Historic Preservation Commission** will be filled at the April 17, 2012 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced on April 3, 2012 and will be filled at the May 1, 2012 City Council meeting.



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

City of Auburn Receives State Planning Award

Auburn, Ala. - The City of Auburn received the "Outstanding Planning Award for a Comprehensive Plan" for its *CompPlan 2030* at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association held on February 16th in Mobile, Alabama. "This acknowledgment is very much appreciated and something for which we can all be proud," said Forrest Cotten, Planning Director.

CompPlan 2030 is the City of Auburn's plan for future growth and development, focusing on land use, now and in the future, including consideration of projected future needs for schools, parks and other public facilities, as well as the transportation infrastructure that ties everything together. The City of Auburn Planning Department employs advanced modeling, via its Auburn Interactive Growth Model (AIGM), that was formally put in place in 2008 to dynamically project growth patterns and how changes in population or land use in one area can affect the City as a whole.

"It was a true collective effort of the City with all of the City's Departments being involved and making valued contributions in many different ways," said Cotten. *CompPlan 2030* was adopted by the City Council in October 2011 after a lengthy review process involving the Planning Commission, Planning staff, and the citizenry. Planning staff plans to update *CompPlan 2030* every five years. For more information on this award, please contact the City of Auburn's Planning Department at 501-3040.

2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Environmental Services Department will host its 9th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Environmental Services Complex, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. Last year's event was a success with the participation of 288 Auburn citizens who contributed varied hazardous chemicals, materials, computers and related equipment for recycling and/or disposal.

Citizens may bring up to 20 pounds of materials per household for disposal. Proof of residency can be shown by bringing a recent water bill. Participation is limited to Auburn residents. No farm, commercial, or industrial waste is permitted. Below are items that are acceptable as well as those items that will not be accepted:

<u>Acceptable Items</u>	Herbicides	Wood preservatives
Adhesives, glues, resins	Insect sprays	Wood stains
Aerosol cans	Kerosene	Wood strippers
Ammonia	Latex paints	
Antifreeze	Metal Polishes	<u>Unacceptable Items</u>
Bleach	Mothballs	
Brake fluids	Muriatic acid (HCl)	Ammunition
Car batteries	Oil based paints	Explosives
Dry cell batteries	Old chemistry sets	Fire extinguishers
Hearing aid batteries	Oven cleaners	Flares
NiCad batteries	Paint thinners	Gunpowder
Cesspool cleaners	Pesticides	Radioactive waste
Creosote	Photo chemicals	Smoke detectors
Drain cleaners	Pool chemicals	Substances regulated by the DEA
Engine de-greasers	Rodent killers	Unknown gas cylinders
Engine & radiator flushes	Rust preventatives	Unknown materials
Transmission fluid	Sealants	Unstable wastes
Radiator cleaners	Solvents	
Floor cleaners	Spot removers	
Gasoline	Used engine oil	
	Varnishes	
	Weed killers	

Please contact Environmental Services at 501-3080 or webenvirsvc@auburnalabama.org if you have further questions.

Summer in the City of Auburn

Spring is in full swing, but summer is just around the corner and Auburn Parks and Recreation is busy preparing for a summer full of events. This year, summer swim lesson registration begins early and recreational swim opportunities are earlier than ever, so be sure to check out our calendar for everything you need to know about what's going on this summer.

March 5...2012 Splash Passes go on sale at the Dean Road Recreation Center - Splash passes may be purchased for individuals or families and are good for unlimited admission to both City pools all summer long. Individual passes are \$50 and family passes are \$125. Family passes are good for immediate family members, including parents or guardians and children under the age of 19, residing in the same household only. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/pools.

April 2...Swim Lesson Registration Begins - If learning to swim is on your summer agenda, sign up for swim lessons beginning Monday, April 2 at the Dean Road Recreation Center. Participants must provide previous swim certificates when registering, if applicable. Lessons are available for ages 6 months - 15 years. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/pools.

April 16...Summer Brochure Available - Auburn Parks and Recreation's summer brochure will be available beginning Monday, April 16 at Parks and Recreation facilities, Auburn City Hall, the Auburn Public Library, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, and online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. Be sure to pick up your FREE copy for your guide to everything summer-related in the City of Auburn.

April 30...Summer Program & Camp Registration - Register for summer camps, programs, and events beginning Monday, April 30 at the Dean Road Recreation Center. Registration continues through Friday, May 25. Spots fill quickly, so be sure to sign up for summer camps early!

Registration for swim lessons and summer programs and Splash Pass sales will be held at the Dean Road Recreation Center Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

"Travel With Care" Safety Tips

This Spring, the City of Auburn, Auburn University, the Auburn Police Division, and the Lee County Sherriff's Office are presenting a transportation safety awareness campaign sponsored in part by Big Dog Running Company. Each year, the campaign focuses on emphasizing a new, but relevant transportation safety message. Some of the most misunderstood traffic laws in Auburn are those pertaining to bicyclists and those pertaining to nighttime visibility. Bicyclists have the same rights as motorists and fare best when they act and are treated as vehicles. Even where it is legal to ride on a sidewalk, studies show that it is safer for a bicycle to ride on the road as opposed to the sidewalk.

All traffic signs and rules apply to bicyclists. If riding at night, bicyclists should have a headlight bright enough to be seen at a distance of at least 500 feet away. A red reflector on the rear of the bicycle should be visible for a distance of at least 300 feet. While these rules should be strictly followed by bicyclists, drivers of automobiles should be cognizant of bicyclists at all times as it's their right as a fellow traveler. The Auburn City Council passed an ordinance in October 2011 requiring motorists passing bicyclists to give cyclists three feet of clearance.

Nighttime visibility is not only important for bicyclists, but also walkers and joggers. National statistics show that almost fifty (50%) percent of pedestrian fatalities occur between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and midnight. City Ordinance requires all walkers or joggers walking or running during hours of darkness to wear reflective material between the waist and shoulders on their front and back that give an indication of the walker's or jogger's presence through reflected light from the head lamp beams of motor vehicles at a distance of a minimum of five hundred (500) feet. A white shirt is not enough; reflective materials are necessary to meet the law.

Most people think that if they can see the headlights of a car approaching, the driver in that car can see them too. However, the reality is that eight out of ten drivers who struck people at night *didn't see them*. Studies show that walkers or joggers in dark colored clothing during nighttime hours are first seen approximately 55 feet away. A driver traveling at 25 mph needs over 150 feet to stop safely. Wearing reflective materials or lights when traveling, by foot or on bike at night, is necessary for your safety. Being seen is not just smart, it's the law.



MEETING SCHEDULE

APRIL

- 2 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- 3 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
- 4 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 6 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue
- 10 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- 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
- 12 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 17 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 19 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 24 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.

Reporting Street Light Outages

Residents experiencing problems with street lights should report those issues to Alabama Power's customer service number at 1-800-245-2244.

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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 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.

Auburn Public Library

For more information, contact Auburn Public Library's Youth Services at 501-3196.



Baby Lapsit - Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for ages birth – 12 months and their caregivers.

Baby First Steps Storytime - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 12 - 24 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Time - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. for ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers.



Preschool Time - Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years and their caregivers.

Lego Play All Day - Saturday, April 7 all day for ages 4 - 12.

Magic Tree House - Monday, April 2 at 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K - 5.

Puppet Show - Tuesday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m. for ages 3 - 11.

American Girls Club - Thursday, April 19 at 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K - 5.



Wii Play All Day - Saturday, April 21 all day for ages 13 - 17.

Childrens' Garden Dedication - Thursday, April 12 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this special event in the Childrens' Garden. For more information, call Youth Services at 334-501-3196.

Parks and Recreation

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

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, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



• **Spring Invitational 2012**, March 19 - April 30. An exhibition of works by artists who formerly resided in Auburn.



2012 Bullfrog Tennis Tournament... The City of Auburn welcomes the best and brightest of youth tennis during the 2012 Bullfrog Tennis Tournament at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarborough Tennis Center March 30 - April 2. Over 250 of the Southeast's best junior tennis players and their families will be in Auburn for the four-day tournament. Businesses are encouraged to display "Welcome Bullfrog Tennis Players" on their marquees during the tournament to encourage and welcome players. For more information on the tournament or to volunteer, contact the Yarborough Tennis Center at 501-2920.

April 2...Therapeutics Camp Applications Available - Therapeutics program participants ages 15 and up are invited to join Auburn Parks and Recreation for Summer Therapeutic Camp June 4 – July 27 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily (no camp the week of July 2 – 6). Registration packets will be available beginning Monday, April 2 at the Dean Road Recreation Center. All packets and registration fees must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 11. Campers will be evaluated on an individual basis. Camp is \$150/participant and \$95/additional sibling. For more information, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

April 6...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer - Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarborough 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. Yarborough Tennis Center non-member court fees apply. For more information, visit auburnalabama.org/tennis or contact the Yarborough Tennis Center at 501-2920.

April 14...6th Annual Art Walk/Run - Join the Junior League of Lee County on Saturday, April 14 for the 6th Annual Art Walk/Run at Town Creek Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The cost is \$15/person before April 1 and \$20/person after. A portion of the proceeds from the event benefit Auburn Parks and Recreation's Adventures in Art and Auburn Studio Project, community-based, art education programs for students in Auburn City Schools. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.



April 15...Teen Scene Field Trip to Montgomery Biscuits Baseball - Grab your glove and join us for an afternoon of baseball at Riverwalk Stadium in Montgomery on Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m. Tweens and teens ages 12 - 15 are invited to join the Teen Scene Field Trip to see the Montgomery Biscuits take on the Mobile BayBears. Come see the future MLB stars in person! The cost is \$15, payable in cash on the day of the trip. Participants must be pre-registered by Friday, April 6. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

May 5...20th Annual Fishing Rodeo Sponsored by Evans Realty - Let's go fishing! Evans Realty is pleased to sponsor the 20th Annual Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, May 5 from 8 – 11 a.m. at the lake at Auburn Technology Park South. Children ages 12 and under and their parent/guardian are invited to spend the morning at the best fishing spot in town! Registration is \$5/child. The first 150 children will receive a FREE, collapsible cooler, courtesy of Evans Realty. For more information, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

Now Available...SummerNight 2012 Applications - Join the City of Auburn, Auburn Arts Association, and Downtown Auburn Merchants for SummerNight 2012 on Friday, June 15 from 6 – 9:30 p.m. in downtown Auburn. Rain date: Saturday, June 16. This FREE community event features artwork and music from area artists on display throughout downtown. Area artists, downtown businesses, and restaurants are encouraged to participate. Applications are available online at www.auburnalabama.org/arts. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.