

open line

a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

DECEMBER 2021



City of Auburn

DINIUS PARK

explore Auburn's newest amenity

You're invited to take a stroll at Auburn Parks and Recreation's newest amenity, Dinius Park! The 13-acre passive park, located at 1435 E. Glenn Ave., opened in mid-October and offers a slice of the outdoors in the middle of the city.

The park includes walking trails that weave through the woods and around a small pond. Tree clearing was minimized during work to preserve the property's woods and create a secluded, peaceful atmosphere. There are two dog parks — one for small dogs and one for large — along with a nature playground. The park includes a restroom building, and a pavilion will be added at a later date.

The park is open sunrise to sunset. We would like to extend our thanks to the Dinius family who donated the land and funding for the park. The passive park to be enjoyed by the citizens of Auburn will be a culmination of the dreams they had for the land.



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 @CITYOFAUBURNAL



Connect with Auburn Public Safety on social media

You can now keep up with all things police, fire and communications through our new Auburn Public Safety social media accounts! Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @COAPublicSafety.

This October, we launched new, dedicated social media accounts to allow our Public Safety team to be even more available and to better connect with each of you. We hope these channels help you get to know the men and women of our Auburn Public Safety team better, allowing us to be partners in keeping our community safe.

Auburn Public Safety is composed of more than 300 individuals in Police, Fire and Emergency Management and Communications. They work 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and protect Auburn residents and all those who work in and visit our community. On top of that, they've provided police and fire services for Auburn University since 2004.

What kind of content can you expect to see from @COAPublicSafety? Sneak peeks into the daily life of police officers and firefighters. Crime and fire safety tips. News on upcoming events and initiatives. Spotlights on our amazing staff. And, of course, safety advisories when you need to hear from us the most.

We're excited to connect with you in this new way, but please remember to always call 911 in an emergency or call 334-501-3100 to report a crime or other non-emergency matters. Calling is always the best way to reach us because our social media accounts aren't monitored 24/7.

Come follow along for the journey on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @COAPublicSafety.

Reflectivity at night

With more of us out after dark as the days end earlier, please help keep yourself and others safe this season by reporting street light outages and wearing reflective gear when walking or biking!

STREET LIGHTS

Most of Auburn's street lights are maintained by Alabama Power. You can report an outage by contacting 1-800-245-2244 or visiting customerservice2.southerncompany.com/Outages/Report. You can also report outages through the Auburn FixIt app (auburnalabama.org/fixit) or by calling our Engineering Services Department at 334-501-7390.

REFLECTIVE GEAR

According to City Code, everyone walking or running after dark must wear reflective material between the waist and shoulders on both front and back. Bicyclists are required to have a headlight on the front of their bicycles and reflectors on the front and rear spokes of the wheels and pedals of their bikes.

Be safe out there, Auburn!

Holiday schedules

City Hall and most City facilities will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, in observance of Christmas Day and Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of New Year's Day. Public Safety services including police, fire and communications will remain on their regular schedules. There will be no changes to the garbage, trash and recycling pickup schedules during these weeks.

The Auburn Public Library will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Book drops will remain open, and the online collection of e-books, audiobooks and digital magazines are always available. Parks and Recreation facility hours will be adjusted during the holidays, so keep an eye on auburnalabama.org for more details.

Boards & commissions vacancies

Two vacancies on the Cemetery Advisory Board will be announced at the Nov. 2 City Council meeting and filled at the Dec. 7 meeting. One vacancy on the Water Works Board will be announced at the Nov. 16 City Council meeting and filled at the Dec. 21 meeting. Visit auburnalabama.org/boards to apply or to find more information about volunteering for one of 22 boards and commissions.

Business license renewals

Any business providing services or selling goods within Auburn city limits, including a home-based business, is required to have a City of Auburn business license. City business licenses for 2021 expire on Dec. 31 and must be renewed by Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, to avoid late fees.

All current business license holders will receive renewal notices in late December. Any business that does not receive its renewal notice by Dec. 31 should contact the Revenue Office to verify its mailing address and request another notice. The City Revenue Office is located in City Hall at 144 Tichenor Ave. Business hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except City holidays.

Your license can be renewed online using our Citizen Self Services portal. You can register for access at selfservice.auburnalabama.org/css.

For more information, visit auburnalabama.org/revenue/business-licenses or contact the Revenue Office at (334) 501-7239 or revenue@auburnalabama.org.



Jingle Jog 5K returns

DEC. 4 • 7 A.M.

The Jingle Jog 5K is back in 2021 — so pull out those elf ears and Santa hats, Auburn! Join Active Auburn on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7 a.m. as we ring in the holiday season in style. The Santa Stroll Fun Run/Walk will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the Jingle Jog 5K will begin at 8 a.m. Both will start at Toomer's Corner.

Registration for both the Santa Stroll and Jingle Jog 5K is open Nov. 1-26 at activeauburn.org. Pre-registration is \$20 for the Santa Stroll Fun Run and \$25 for the Jingle Jog 5K. Participants must register by Friday, Nov. 19, to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Day-of registration is \$25 for the Santa Stroll Fun Run and \$30 for the Jingle Jog 5K. T-shirts are not guaranteed for day-of registration.

Please note, if you plan to run both the Santa Stroll and the Jingle Jog, please register for the Jingle Jog. Bib numbers are assigned by races, and the numeric value will determine whether your bib is scored (Example: Bibs 100-199 are for Santa Stroll and bibs 200-400 are for Jingle Jog).



**CALL
(334) 501-3100
OR 911
TO REPORT
SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITY**

REMOVE
Valuables from Vehicles

LOCK
Your Vehicles

REPORT
Any Suspicious Activity

Lock It or Lose It: Help prevent crimes this holiday season

As we approach the holidays, the Auburn Police Department reminds you to be vigilant and to take a few simple steps to keep your property safe. Did you know the vast majority of thefts from vehicles are a result of car doors being left unlocked? Through the Lock It or Lose It campaign, Auburn Police asks that you:

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle each time you leave it.
- Lock your vehicle.
- Report any suspicious activity.

You can call 334-501-3100 or 911 in an emergency to report any suspicious activity or 334-246-1391 to report information anonymously.

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DECEMBER 2021 **upcoming events**

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	<p>Programs & events are subject to change.</p> <p>Find up-to-date information at auburnlabama.org.</p>	<p>Auburn Public Library auburnlabama.org/library</p> <p>City Meetings auburnlabama.org/boards</p> <p>Parks & Recreation auburnlabama.org/parks</p> <p>Citywide Events auburnlabama.org</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (virtual) Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Letters to Santa 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (virtual) Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Puppet Shows (in person/virtual) Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Santa Stroll & Jingle Jog Fun Run 7 a.m.</p> <p>Polar Express Holiday Celebration</p> <p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (virtual) Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p>Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon</p> <p>Family Movie 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.</p> <p>Ward 4 Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Polar Plunge Registration Begins</p>	<p>Story Time (in person/virtual) Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time (virtual) Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p>		<p>Planning Commission 5 p.m.</p>		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<p>Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.</p> <p>Reader's Review Book Club 5:30 p.m.</p>		<p>City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.</p>		<p>Doc Magic's Elf Show 2 p.m.</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>No APL programs Dec. 19- Jan. 2</p>	<p>Ward 1 Meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Library Board 10 a.m.</p> <p>Greenspace Advisory Board Noon</p> <p>Committee of the Whole TBD</p> <p>City Council 7 p.m.</p>		<p>Water Works Board 4 p.m.</p>		<p><i>Merry Christmas!</i></p>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						<p><i>Background Photo: Christmas Tree Decor</i></p>