

Auburn Library Programs & Events

April 2 at 3PM—Auburn Lego Club

April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time

April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1PM: Stitch-n-Knit Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles

April 4 at 6PM: Auburn Adult Coloring Night

April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:15AM: Lapsit Story Time—Birth to 2 yrs

April 7 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club

April 14 at 5PM: Teen Night

April 16 at 10AM: Auburn Shred Event

April 18 at 6:30PM: Auburn Cover to Cover Book Club

April 18 at 6:30PM: Friends of Auburn Library

April 18 at 4PM: Auburn Chess Club

April 21 at 5PM: Family Fun Night

April 23 at 12 Noon: Saturday Crafternoon

April 23 at 2PM: Auburn Romance

April 23 at 4PM: Auburn Bookworms—book club for tweens

April 26 at 6PM: Auburn Basic Money Skills

Auburn
Public Library
24 Fifth Street
Auburn, GA

Community Garden Update!

We are so pleased with the progress of the Auburn Community Garden. Designed to be installed in three phases, we have now completed the first two Phases. During Phase II, we took care of some of the technical things such as installing stormwater infrastructure and making sure the area drains well. The first ten planter boxes have been constructed. These boxes are 4x8' (exterior dimensions) and of varying height. We did the higher boxes to make it easier for those with physical limitations to participate. Several of the boxes will be designated as handicap accessible, with solid pavers around them rather than gravel. This will make wheelchair access much easier. The sod has been laid and additional evergreen trees were planted for screening. The irrigation is installed and we are getting closer to having these ready for public access. The Steering Committee has been busy this month to discussing bylaws, organizational procedures, and the elements of the next phase (Phase III).

We are very excited about Phase III. This phase will consist of constructing additional planter boxes, seating areas, pedestrian paths, and constructing potting/tool shed. This phase also calls for the planting of fruit bearing trees and bushes. The trees will be planted in groups with seating so not only will we have delicious fruit, we will have pleasant, shaded seating for our citizens to relax and enjoy the gardens. Part of the area in the community garden is reserved for an outdoor classroom where everyone—especially the children—can come and learn about gardening and the importance of this to our community, environment and overall wellbeing.

The entrance to the community garden will be between the Auburn Police Department and Hue Graphics on 4th Avenue. We will begin construction of the access to parking soon. This area will include a courtyard area that contains the stenciled sidewalks that give downtown so much of its personality.

The community garden has its own Facebook page, so please keep an eye on it for photos of our progress and updates on applications for spaces. The community garden will be a showcase for our City and we are very pleased with the progress our committee has made.

Are you interested in becoming more involved? Contact Dan Pruehs, Parks & Leisure Services Director 770-963-4002 ext 230 or parksdirector@cityofauburn-ga.org.



Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

is devoted to bringing the best in leisure programming to Auburn. From Auburn Dixie Youth Baseball Programs and the Tennis program to the Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors) and our green space parks—there is something for everyone.

April 9—Movies In Whistlestop— Disney's Inside Out

April 9 & April 23 —Community Yard Sales

April 20—OWLS Luncheon—JD Withers Building - 11:30 am

April 20—Parks & Leisure Commission Meeting- 6:30 pm

Movies in Whistlestop Begin April 9!

Auburn's Movies in Whistlestop is the 2nd Saturday of every month April - September (with a special spooky showing in November)

This is a great free family event! Movies begin at dusk and are shown on the side of City Hall in Whistlestop Park. A concession stand selling snacks, popcorn and drinks will be available. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy Disney's Inside Out on April 9.

Movie Schedule:

5/14—War Room

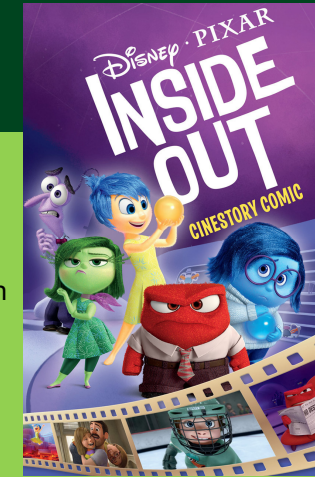
6/11—Casablanca

7/9—Pan

8/27—Cinderella (2015)

9/10—Mary Poppins

11/5—Goosebumps



MEETINGS CALENDAR

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless noted—meeting times, locations & dates are subject to change

04/07 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting

04/20 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure (City Hall Conference Room)

04/20 at 6:30PM: Planning and Zoning

04/14 at 6:00PM: Downtown Development Authority (City Hall Conference Room)

04/21 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

Barrow County School System Kindergarten Registration

Your child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2016 to attend Kindergarten. Kindergarten Registration and concept screening will be conducted from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at the Professional Development Center, 179 W. Athens St. in Winder. Please plan to attend your school's scheduled registration day below.

April 27th, Wednesday Statham Elementary

April 29th, Friday Bramlett Elementary

May 2nd, Monday Holsenbeck Elementary

May 4th, Wednesday Yargo Elementary

May 6th, Friday Auburn Elementary

May 9th, Monday Bethlehem Elementary

May 11th, Wednesday County Line Elementary

May 13th, Friday Kennedy Elementary

May 16th, Monday Make up day at the PDC

Parents can go online, prior to their school's registration day, to Registration Gateway at <https://registration.barrow.k12.ga.us> to Pre-register their kindergarten child. Pre-registration can take place anywhere you have internet access, and at any time. Once the pre-registration process is complete, parents/guardians will need to bring their child for concept screening and the following documents to registration, where your child will receive an enrollment for school:

- **Current proof of residency** (dated within 30 days) such as a utility bill (electric, gas, water, cable/satellite, garbage or house phone), settlement statement or rental/lease agreement,
- **Student's birth certificate** (or legible copy of the Birth Certificate), or other acceptable proof of age and identity.
- A copy of the enrolling **student's Social Security card** (which is used solely for the purposes of identification and for application for the Hope scholarship and other post-secondary applications). Parents have the option of signing a waiver stating that they do not wish at the time of enrollment to provide a Social Security number.
- **Updated Georgia immunization form 3231**, and
- **New health form 3300**- The Georgia Department of Public Health requires the completion of the 3300 health form which includes vision, hearing, dental and nutrition screenings, and must be presented to school
- authorities when a child is being admitted for the first time in a Georgia public school. These forms are available online and from your Doctor or Health Department.

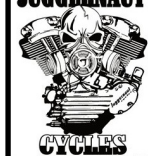


Parents are welcome and encouraged to turn in the required documents at any time to complete the enrollment process, however, parents should bring their child to be screened on the dates provided. Please visit our main website at www.barrow.k12.ga.us for required documents and more information.

If you have any questions, please contact the registration department at 770-867-4527 or your local school.

Barrow County Schools allow for a range of documents to demonstrate age, residency, identity and immunization status; exceptions will be made where appropriate; and no document will be required that would cause or result in discrimination based on race, color, national origin or immunization status

Juggernaut Cycles



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Community Yard Sale

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\$ 10 per space

**2nd & 4th Saturday
8am-2pm
(Next to City Hall)**

OWLS Luncheon (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016
11:30 am**

This monthly luncheon is the "don't miss" event for our age 50 and better friends. Bring a dish to share with everyone and get ready for some fun!



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April Tennis Program Sessions Available!

Join us at the Auburn Tennis Courts for Group Lessons!
Group Tennis Classes available All Ability Levels

Mondays April 4, 11, 18, and 25
\$36 (4 lessons—Only \$9 per Lesson!)

with PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Certified
Professional Instructor Josh Honea

All sessions will be held at the City of Auburn Tennis courts

- 5:00pm-6:00pm **Little Champs Tennis** (4-8 yrs, youth) -
- 6:00pm-7:00pm **Future Champs Tennis—Junior Development I** (9-12 yrs, old)
- 7:00pm-8:00pm **Competitive Champs Tennis—Junior Development II** (For players 13-18 of all abilities, striving toward a higher level of play through competition)

Advantages of group tennis lessons are many!

- Whether learning for the first time or refining your technique, students will receive personalized instruction in a fun and competitive group setting
- Group tennis lessons are an excellent way to meet new people, improve your game, get fit and make tennis friends for a lifetime
- Private & semi-private tennis lessons, advanced level group lessons, league play, and tournament information available upon request.

Adult lessons are also available!

To register for Group Tennis Lessons or to request more information, please contact:
Josh Honea: tenniswithjosh@gmail.com - 770-547-8647

Notice: Water Consumption Rate Increase for April Bills

The water consumption rate increase that was passed on June 6, 2013 by Mayor and Council for the New Increases with Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), effective on March 1st of each year, will go into effect on Water Bills Due by April 15, 2016 with an increase of 0.7%.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 236.525 (1982-84=100). The CPI rose 0.7 percent in 2015, a slightly smaller increase than the 0.8 rise in 2014 and the second-smallest December-December increase in the last 50 years. The index has increased at a 1.9 percent annual rate over the last 10 years.

The .7% increase will be a \$.04 per 1000 gallons increase for City residents. A City customer using 5,000 gallons a month would be billed from \$42.88 to \$43.10.

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The Mayor's Corner

Spring is surely upon us! The trees and flowers are in bloom and Auburn looks spectacular! We are proud of all of our parks and greenspace. We are very pleased to announce that Dan Pruehs has joined the City of Auburn team as the Parks and Leisure Services Director. He has over 15 years of Horticulture and Turf Management experience and has spent the last 13 years entrenched in youth sports.



Mayor Linda Blechinger



Dan Pruehs

Dan will be busy in the upcoming months—he will step in to oversee the construction of the Parks Mill Concession Stand and the new ballfield. Our fields need reconditioning so they can be brought up to tournament shape. While doing all this, he will continue to work with our youth baseball teams and bring in softball programs. We are looking forward to Dan's goal of broadening the sports activities offered by the City of Auburn. The Mary Carter park will expand into a Sports Complex with multipurpose fields and other amenities.

Our children's park will see the installation of two pavilions to hold picnics and provide shelter. As you may know the 6th Street park has public works moving dirt—this is an exciting project. The concept design calls for the construction of a dog park and Dan will be working closely with the Auburn Public Works Department complete this park. The park is located behind Auburn Elementary, will host two sections for the dogs based on dog size. We will also have walking trails and quiet little spaces to sit and relax.

Dan will be also working with our Older Wiser Laughing Seniors (OWLS) to keep them actively involved in the social activities of Auburn, Barrow and Gwinnett counties and beyond. He will be programming and scheduling meetings, trips and socials—let's hope he can keep up with them!

We have such beautiful parks in Auburn and we are glad to welcome Dan on as the Parks & Leisure Service Director. Keep an out at the ballfields and welcome him to our community. Have questions about the parks or our outdoor activities or would you like to volunteer? Give Dan a call at 770-963-4002 ext 230 or email him at parcsdirector@cityofauburn-ga.org.

Clean Catch Basins Mean ... We Can All Weather This Storm!

What are catch basins and what do they do? Catch basins are the square grids that are placed along the curbs to collect water from our streets during storm events! They are the entryway from our streets to our storm water drainage system and represent the first step in storm water collection. On rainy days, rainwater and anything else on the streets enter our storm water drainage system through the catch basins. The City owns all the catch basins within the rights-of-way and is responsible for maintenance of these catch basins. If the catch basin is not within the street rights-of-way, it is considered to be on private property and should be maintained by that property owner.

How can you help keep catch basins flowing freely? The City of Auburn's Public Works crews clean catch basins. However, with the City having to maintain many other areas, the need to have the crew in your neighborhood may not come as frequently as needed. Therefore, by helping to clean the catch basins in front of your house, you can greatly reduce the risk of a clogged drain during heavy rain events until the City crew can respond to your area.

Clogged Catch Basin



Clean Catch Basin



HISTORY AND HEROES

Back Yard Bar-B-Que Contest and Much More!
@ Whistlestop Park
(Near City Hall Auburn Ga)

MAY 7TH 2016 WHISTLESTOP PARK



Back Yard Bar-B-Que
Cookers in by 5pm Friday May 6th
Call for more information
770-963-4002

FUN STARTS @ 10 AM

Live Music
Living History Display
Interactive Demonstrations
Prehistoric Artifacts
Activities for the Children
Motorcycle Ride
and much more !!!



STATIC MILITARY EQUIPMENT

Earth Day Clean Up
Friday 4/15 (8am-4pm)
-Saturday 4/16 (8am-2pm)

We will be collecting:

- Batteries
- Eye Glasses (for Lion's Club)
- Old Cameras/Radios
- Junk of any kind
- Electronics
- Ink Cartridges
- Tires (\$2-5 each depending on size)
- Antifreeze
- Motor Oil
- Cooking Oil
- Cell Phones
- Scrap Metal

We cannot accept: Paint of any kind, paint thinner, construction material (wood), or yard waste

Containers will be set up behind City Hall in Auburn
Call Charlotte at 770-963-4002 x 223
for more information