It’s not just a slogan – Clean water IS the clean choice: Don’t Litter!

Litter and debris continue to plague our waterways. Trash is a highly visible form of pollution that has harmful effects on our waterway, wildlife, and human health. We’ve seen it from cigarette butts piled on our street corners to television sets dumped in the stream, litter is everywhere! Yard waste, paint can, furniture, old tires and household trash are dumped on the roadside and in other areas across our City.

All of this litter leads to major problems in our waterways. Yard waste caused excess nutrients to form in streams which remove the necessary oxygen from the water causing fish to die. Litter and trash can cause storm drains and pipe to become blocked which causes flooding. Plastic Entangle wildlife and cause animals to die.

What can you do to prevent water pollution from trash and debris?

Proper disposal: dispose of trash properly and educate others about proper waste disposal.

Reduce your own waste: examine how much waste you produce and look at ways to reduce it by recycling as much as possible is a great way to reduce waste! Remember, YOU can make a difference! Reducing water pollution takes everyone working together!

For more information contact the Stormwater Coordinator at (770) 963-4002 X207.

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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 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at the Professional Development Center, located at 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 Holmenbeck Elementary
• May 4th, Wednesday Yang Elementary
• May 6th, Friday Auburn Elementary

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 trash service), settlement statement or rentallease 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 770-887-4527 or your local school.
Progress! Auburn Moving Forward...

Community Garden

The Community Garden is really starting to take shape! The committee has worked very hard to keep the momentum going and we are all very pleased with our progress! Irrigation is in, boxes are in place and sod is coming next. Keep an eye on our progress at the new Auburn Community Garden Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Auburn-Community-Garden-530850166733405/ . Garden spaces will be available soon!

Electronic Sign

Our new electronic sign is up and running. A beautiful, state-of-the-art sign, this will be an easy way to keep up with what’s going on in Auburn. Meetings, updates on weather conditions, AMBER Alerts, and community events will all be visible as you travel through downtown Auburn.

Roy E. Parks Children’s Park

We love our kids and we love our parks! Recently, the Roy E. Parks Children’s Playground underwent some needed maintenance. With the installation of new mulch and the construction of the retaining wall and steps, the park looks great! Thank you to the Public Works Department for all their hard work making this a safe, fun environment for our children. Check it out today!

January was a very special month for me and the City of Auburn. I was honored by being elected and sworn in as the Georgia Municipal Association’s 3rd Vice-President. I will move up to 2nd Vice President in June. The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) was created in 1933; it is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members. GMA’s membership currently totals 521 municipal governments, accounting for more than 99% of the state’s municipal population. A 63-member Board of Directors, composed of city officials, governs GMA.

We are fortunate indeed to be counted a leader in this association. I am humbled by the vote of confidence and will continue to serve as Mayor of Auburn as well as third Vice-President of GMA with enthusiasm! GMA has been vital to me in my capacity as an elected official offering training classes such as, Parliamentary Procedures in Council Meetings, Finance, Operating a Water Utility, Parks and Recreation, Downtown Development, Emergency Management, Human Resources, Municipal Law and many more!

I am also proud to have served on many boards at GMA – including the Legislative Policy Council or Federal Policy council. Because of these boards and the connections that I have made, I have had the opportunity to work closely with the Legislative staff at GMA to make sure any legislation that passes does no harm to cities.

The City of Auburn participates in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Retirement Fund, the GMEBS OPEB Trust, the GMEBS Life and Health Insurance Fund and the GMA Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance Fund (WCSIF). I am part of a 15 member board of trustees that oversees these funds. By serving on these boards, I can advocate on behalf of small to medium sized cities.

Sometimes I am asked how I do all that do and my answer is simple, I love what I do, it is not a chore to me. I feel that God makes all of us for a reason we to contribute and help others. My heart is to do all I can for Auburn – my life. I hope is a testimony of the grace of God!

Auburn Welcomes Tommy Lowmon as the New Main Street Coordinator

The City of Auburn is pleased to welcome Tommy Lowmon to our team. He comes to us with a wealth of experience in Main Street, Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development. Tommy is very well respected throughout the State of Georgia and we are so excited he decided to join us. He and his wife Tonya along with their two children, Taylor and Ty have moved here from Blackshear.

“Hello Auburn,

I am Tommy Lowmon your new Main Street/DDA Manager. It has been exciting getting to meet so many folks from the City of Auburn. This community has been very friendly and inviting. Although I am new to downtown Auburn, I have 11 years experience in Downtown Development across the State of Georgia. I have worked with many state organizations over the years and was President of the Georgia Downtown Association in 2014 where I continue to serve as a State board member. I am a State Certified Downtown Development Professional and I am ready to dedicate my past experience to the future growth and development of the City of Auburn. Auburn is a community rich in history and character. It is on the cutting edge of innovation and creativity and I am blessed to be a part of it.”

Tommy Lowmon