



### Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**  
Burel Park—4th Avenue  
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

### OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017—11:30 am  
JD Withers Bldg., 7 Seventh St.

This monthly luncheon is the “don’t miss” event for those age 50 and better. Bring a dish to share!

**This month: Game Day & Planning**



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# Auburn Messenger



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## The Mayor's Corner



Mayor Linda Blechinger

August is here and so are the dog-days of summer. For the City of Auburn, this is not a time of relaxation. On the contrary, we are busy in our budget review season getting the FY 2018 budget ready. Each year Auburn elected officials and city staff roll up their sleeves to review revenues and expenditures of the previous year. This is a great time to evaluate where we are as a community and where we are headed.

I am so pleased with what the City of Auburn has been able to accomplish. Over 35 projects are on our completed list! While it may not be easily seen since the projects are all over Auburn, I just wanted to highlight some of the things we have accomplished in the last year.

The first thing that comes to mind are our wonderful Whistlestop Shops. We completed eleven shops and a restroom in Whistlestop Park next to City Hall. These micro-retailing shops have drawn a lot of people downtown to shop and we couldn't be more pleased. There is a waiting list for shops that grows longer every day. You will find the most unique gifts, yummy treats and amazing crafts in your own downtown. Come out and take a stroll to see everything Auburn has to offer.

Whistlestop Shops are the most visible project that we completed but there are so many more that you may not have noticed. The 6th Street Park Phase I has been completed with the installation of the road and clearing of trees and brush. This park will feature walking trails along the stream and is the site of our future Dog Park.

The installation of our new Downtown Sound System was completed as well. We now have music playing downtown during the daytime hours. The great thing about this is we can also use it for our events. Now, instead of the visitors near the stage being blasted by loud music (so that it can be heard down the street), the music and announcements play at an even level throughout downtown. It also eliminates issues with sound during our monthly Movies in Whistlestop.

We write often about our Community Garden and have finished two phases in the past year which included the original construction of the boxes and the addition of more boxes. Phase III will include the construction of a potting shed, a water feature and fencing. The beautiful arbor was also completed between Hue Graphics and the Police Department, providing a comfortable seating area downtown. This arbor also provides a great focal point for our events—serving as a photo opportunity for Elsa and Anna during Auburn Ever After and Santa's Reindeer during Sounding Off the Christmas Season.

The Caboose Museum Phase I has been completed including the installation of artifacts from the railroad. Phase II will include climate control and repainting of the caboose exterior.

Not as visible, but even more important are the multiple infrastructure projects that we have completed. These include required GPS of all stormwater outfalls and catch basins as well as fire hydrants and street signs. These are state and federally mandated projects.

Our Public Works Department has worked on many needed projects including the extensive Greentree Water Line. This subdivision operated on a failing community well with poor water quality and pressure. Phase I has been completed with the installation of all new water lines that are hooked up to City water and all residents now have access to safe, reliable water.

There are many other projects large and small that your City is working on daily. Want to know more? Come sit in at a City Council meeting. Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. We would love to see you there!

### Important Notice—County-Wide Wastewater Rate Increase

Barrow County has notified us that a wastewater rate increase was passed by Barrow County. This increase will go in effect on water bills mailed in August (due September 15). Wastewater is determined by the number of gallons of water used in a household.

The current rate of \$15.60 will increase to \$15.90 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used and from \$3.27 to \$4.47 for each 1,000 gallons above 2,000.



## August Tennis Program Sessions Available at City of Auburn Tennis Courts!

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

**MONDAYS: August 7, 14, 21, 28** (4 lessons—Only \$10 per Lesson!) - \$40

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)

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

## Rain Gardens or Buffer Zones: It's all about stormwater runoff.

Stormwater Runoff comes from rain falling on lawns, patios and driveways or from rooftops (especially gutter downspouts) and storm drains. Once the water flows or volume exceeds the absorption ability of the surrounding vegetation, it can drain directly into the our streams. This runoff water often carries bird or animal feces, insecticides, fertilizers and other pollutants which may enter the streams without any type of filtration.

**The Solution is simple..... add a Buffer Zone or Rain Garden to absorb rain water flow and runoff.**



### Online Payment Site for Water & Tax Payments

We have a new online payment site for your water and tax payments! Please go to [www.cityofauburn-ga.org](http://www.cityofauburn-ga.org) and click on “Pay Water Bill Online” at the left side of the screen. If you have the old site bookmarked, please update it to make sure your payments post properly!

You can now look up the account by your account number, name OR address. Starting 8/1/17 you will need your online PIN number. This PIN number will be printed on your August water bill.

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## Auburn Library Programs & Events

August 2 at 11AM: Color & Chill  
 August 3 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club  
 August 3 at 6PM: Auburn Coding Club  
 August 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11AM: Adult Coloring  
 August 5 at 3PM: Auburn Lego Club  
 August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time  
 August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles  
 August 8 at 2PM: East Georgia Genealogical Society  
 August 8, 22 at 5PM: Teen Writing Club  
 August 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time—up to 2 years  
 August 10 at 5PM: Teen Night  
 August 12 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon  
 August 14 at 6:30PM: Cover to Cover Book Club  
 August 21 at 2PM: Auburn Eclipse Party  
 August 21 at 6:30PM: Friends of Auburn Library  
 August 24 at 5PM: Teen Book Club  
 August 26 at 11:30AM: Family Story Time  
 August 26 at 4PM: Bookworms Book Club for Tweens

**Auburn Public Library**  
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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 1361 4th Avenue (next to the Police Station) unless otherwise noted—meeting times, locations & dates are subject to change

08/03 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting  
 08/09 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commissioner  
 08/10 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority  
 08/16 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning  
 08/17 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

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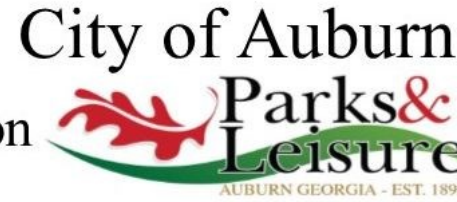
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## Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

is devoted to bringing the best in leisure programming to Auburn. From Auburn Youth Athletics Baseball Programs and the Tennis program to the Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors) to green space parks—there is something for everyone.  
 August 9—Parks & Leisure Commissioner  
 August 12—Community Yard Sale  
 August 12—Movies in Whistlestop—Disney's Finding Dory  
 August 16—OWLS Luncheon—11:30 am—JD Withers Building. Games & Trip Planning



## Auburn Youth Athletics 2017 Fall Baseball Registration



The Auburn Youth Athletics Program is pleased to announce that registration for Fall Ball is now open.

**Registration can be done at Auburn City Hall Monday—Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.** Additional registration days will be held at the Auburn Ball Fields located on Mary Carter Road on **Saturday, August 5, 2017—9:00 am to 1:00 pm** and **Saturday, August 12, 2017—9:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Registration Deadline is August 25th at 4:30 pm**

All Players Welcome! Player Registration Fees include team jersey and hat, player insurance, umpires, field maintenance & other associated playing fees. Additional fees may be required by individual teams. No out-of-county fees. Registration forms can be downloaded at

[www.cityofauburn-ga.org/parks.aspx](http://www.cityofauburn-ga.org/parks.aspx)

Rookie	age 3-4 years	\$ 85.00
T-Ball through Majors	age 5-12 years	\$115.00
Dixie Boys	age 13-19 years	\$150.00

For more information, contact Parks & Leisure Director Dan Pruehs at 770-963-4002 ext 230 or email [parksdirector@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:parksdirector@cityofauburn-ga.org).

## It's That Time of Year—Auburn Farmer's Market

The Auburn Farmer's Market has resumed at the Burel Park Pavilion. The Farmer's Market will run every Wednesday from 1:00 to 6:00 pm from June through October.

Have a garden this year that provided a bountiful harvest? Come out and set up a table to sell your excess. This would be a great time to think about getting a plot at our Community Garden behind City Hall.

Not a gardener? Looking to buy some homegrown fruits and vegetables? The Farmer's Market will offer locally produced fruits and vegetables. You can find the best jellies and salsa. Do you love homemade Ice Cream? You can usually find chocolate, peach and strawberry ice cream. Local honey, live plants, boiled peanuts, and much more can be found at the Market.



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