



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, July 14, 2018
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Join us at the Auburn Tennis Courts for **Group Lessons!** *Group Tennis Classes available All Ability Levels*

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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 - 770-547-8647

Auburn OWLS (Older, Wiser, Laughing Seniors) Consider Their Next Outing

The Auburn OWLS enjoyed an informative trip to the State Botanical Gardens and are currently deciding their next destination. The OWLS plan two trips each year and the current options are a scenic train ride (either in the mountains or south to Americus) or a trip to Providence Canyon also known as Georgia's Grand Canyon. Interested in being part of the trip? Join the OWLS for the next monthly meeting on July 18.

The OWLS enjoyed a Patriotic Picnic at their regular meeting in June. Seated beneath a tent in the beautiful Whistlestop Park, the OWLS feasted on hot dogs, hamburgers and delicious sides and desserts. Ms. Sue's lemon meringue pie and Richard's homemade hamburger and hot dog relish were the big hits of the day!

Speaking of homemade items, the next project for the Auburn OWLS will be a cookbook with favorite family recipes. Off to a good start, the OWLS collected 25 recipes at the June meeting. Do you have a recipe you would like to have included in the recipe book? Please drop the recipe by City Hall, mail it to Auburn OWLS, P.O. Box 1059, Auburn, Georgia, 30011 or email it to mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org. The OWLS hope to have this ready to go to the publisher in October.

The OWLS be helping out at the American Red Cross's blood drive scheduled for July 24th from 1PM to 7PM at Auburn City Council Chambers (1361 4th Avenue). Appointments to donate blood can be set now! Please contact the American Red Cross at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Auburn."

Last but definitely not least, the OWLS have committed to volunteering at the Auburn Museum. The museum will be open from 1PM to 4PM Tuesdays and Thursdays. Located next to the Library on 3rd Avenue, the museum is Auburn's hidden treasure! Want to visit on another day? Stop by the library and they can give you a tour or contact Michelle at 770-963-4002 ext 204 to schedule your tour.

If you are age 55 or better, come out and join the fun with the OWLS! See what the fuss is all about!

OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, July 18, 2018—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!

Games, Guest Speakers, Fun and Fellowship



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The Mayor's Corner

Summer is officially here! As we celebrate July 4 and our Independence Day with fireworks and family fun, please take a moment to remember our Armed Forces service members; past, present, and future. They have served, and continue to serve, to ensure our freedom by spending their Independence Day away from family and friends. We pray for the safe return of all our young men and women serving in combat zones.

In the City of Auburn, we are elbow deep in our budget season. The City's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. There is a lot of preparation that goes into the yearly budget. So in June, staff begins reviewing the revenue and expenditures of the past year and trying to forecast the same for the next fiscal year. We use a zero-based budget process which allows us to examine yearly where we are, what improvements need to be made and what projects we would like to move forward on. The City Accountant and City Administrator work very closely with all the department heads as they consider budget items needed for the following year. Items to consider range from replacing front loaders, police vehicles to copiers or computers. Will current staffing levels be sufficient for the upcoming year? Will the revenue we expect to come in be higher or lower than the previous year? A crystal ball would be nice but we rely on past years and revenue in each category along with the growth rate of the city.

With all that on my mind, I wanted to take a moment to explain how the City is funded and where the money goes. The City is funded from several sources. The chart to the left shows all the funding sources for the City. Our property tax is included in "Ad Valorem Taxes" it is 21% of the income we receive. The Local Option Sales Tax is the largest percentage of revenue. Every time someone makes a purchase within the county, we receive a percentage of the sales tax through our agreement with the County and other municipalities.

Where does this money go? The Mayor and council along with the department heads have four additional meetings to go line item by line with the department heads. The City always has a balanced budget that is presented to Mayor and Council. The budget process includes public meetings to discuss expenditures as well as a public hearing. These meetings begin in July. The first special called meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24 at 6pm in Council Chambers. The meetings are split up because there are quite a few budgets that must be reviewed. At this time, revenue projections will be presented and expenditures for about 1/2 of the departments will be presented. On Tuesday, July 31 at 6 PM, a special called meeting will be held to discuss the remaining budget expenditures.

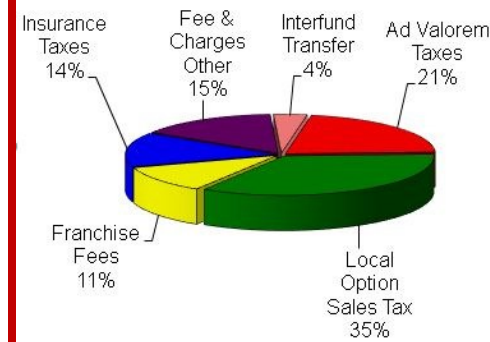
The final proposed budget will be presented on Tuesday, August 21 for review by Mayor and Council. On Thursday, August 30 at 6 PM, there will be a Public Hearing to receive comments and suggestions on the budget. The final budget will be adopted by Council at the City Council Business Meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 6 PM. Once approved, the new fiscal year will begin on October 1. It is pretty incredible that we have been able to deliver services without raising taxes since 1998. In fact we lowered the millage rate in 2010! Thanks to our department heads that work diligently to keep costs down.

All meetings are open to the public and all meetings are advertised. I hope this brief overview has been helpful in understanding the city budget. In the near future, we hope to offer an "Auburn 101" class that is a hands-on learning experience. Watch this space and the website for more information! As always be safe and enjoy your summer!

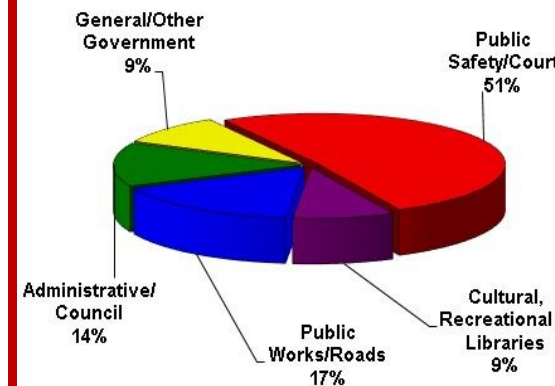


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Where the Money Goes



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Auburn Library Programs & Events

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
 July 4: Library Closed. Happy 4th of July!
 July 5 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club
 July 5 at 6PM: Auburn Coding Club
 July 7 at 3PM: Lego Club
 July 9, 16 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
 July 10 at 11AM: Splat Rocks
 Ju1y 12, 18 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
 July 11 at 6:30PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
 July 12, 19 at 1PM: Movies Rock!
 July 13 at 3PM: Readaroo
 July 14 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
 July 17 at 11AM: Science Rocks
 July 20, 23 at 4:30PM: Movie and Book Club
 July 20 at 5:30PM: "Burning Library"
 July 21 at 1PM: YOU Rock—End of Summer Reading Dance Party
 July 26 at 7PM: Well Red Wine Club

Auburn Public Library
 24 Fifth Street, Auburn, GA
 770-513-2925 www.prlib.org



Important Notice—Road Closure

A portion of County Line-Auburn Road will be closed from 3rd Avenue to Hilltop Circle July 16th through the 20th for storm drain repairs. This is the part of the road next to the Lions Club. The City is asking all non-commercial traffic to detour down Parks Mill Road from Highway 8 or 4th Avenue.

Commercial trucks will need to detour to Mt. Moriah Road then turn right on Harmony Grove Church Road then right on Parks Mill Road

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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

07/04—City Offices Closed for Independence Day
 07/05 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting
 07/12 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 07/19 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

It's Mosquito Season!

This year's mosquito season has had a relatively slow start. Despite a warm February, a cool March slowed development, and winter was dry across middle and south Georgia, where many of Georgia's natural mosquito habitats occur. The recent rains have made the upper portion of the state relatively wet and left water standing in low-lying areas. These temporary habitats can be very productive for mosquitoes due to the lack of fish and other aquatic predators. Localized rainfall events play a major role in most mosquito populations and their potential for disease transmission. All mosquitoes need moisture, either standing water or boggy soil, to develop from eggs to adults. Only adult mosquitoes bite.

Georgians often remember to rinse birdbaths and dump out buckets and toys, and there are many other potential mosquito habitats that people often forget. The most common larval habitats around homes and gardens are the dishes and trays associated with potted plants. Other habitats include tarps, downspouts, underground drainage systems and boats. Basically, anything that can hold water can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Used tires are a particularly problematic habitat for container-breeding mosquitoes. Residents should contact their local solid-waste departments to find out about scrap tire amnesty days or other ways to dispose of old tires.

While local transmission of the Zika virus was not observed in Georgia during the recent outbreak, the risk of being exposed to the West Nile virus (WNV) continues to be a real threat. Last year the Georgia Department of Public Health recorded 64 human cases of WNV and 7 deaths. The number of people exposed to the virus was surely much greater, as only 1 in 5 people exposed to the virus typically become ill. Peak transmission of WNV occurs between 9/15 and 10/15 annually, but suppressing mosquito populations now can help to prevent larger mosquito populations and the compounding effects on disease transmission.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne disease is to avoid mosquito bites. Wearing pants and long sleeves that are loose-fitting and lightly colored minimizes our attractiveness to the host-seeking female mosquito. Only female mosquitoes bite. They need a blood meal to develop eggs. Using Environmental Protection Agency-approved insect repellents is also extremely important. When used as directed, EPA-registered repellents are proven safe and effective. For more information about reducing mosquito populations, visit www.extension.uga.edu/publications.

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) to green space parks—there is something for everyone.

July 14—Community Yard Sale
 July 18—OWLS Luncheon/Patriotic Picnic—11:30 am—JD Withers Building. Essential Oils and Your Health

No Parks & Leisure Meeting in July

Auburn Museum Announces New Hours

Great News! The Auburn Museum will be open regular hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1PM to 4PM beginning in the 2nd week in July! The Auburn OWLS have volunteered to help keep the museum staffed at least two days a week. Located on 3rd Avenue, next door to the Auburn Public Library, the museum is truly Auburn's hidden gem.

From prehistoric artifacts to items from Auburn's own college the Perry Rainey Institute, there are artifacts galore at the museum. Local history, donated by long-time residents, is on display in a restored, climate controlled early 1900s home. Come check out the displays—learn about when the first automobile came through. Interested in what schools were like in the "good ole days?" Take a look around the school room and see books and photos of Auburn's earliest schools.



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It's That Time of Year—Auburn Farmer's Market and Craft Fair

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.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmer's Market, please contact parksdirector@cityofauburn-ga.org for an application.

