January Tennis Program Sessions Available
City of Auburn Tennis Courts!

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

MONDAYS: January 7, 14, 21, 28 (4 lessons—Only $10 per Lesson) - $40

Auburn Youth Athletic Spring Ball Registration Now Open

The 2019 Spring Ball Registration is now open! Your child will love playing in the family-oriented ball program.

Please visit http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/auburngayathletics. Here you will find the link to register your child, the 2019 schedule and more!

Questions? Please contact Parks Director Michael Parks at 770-963-4002 ext 230 or parksdirector@cityofauburn.ga.org

The Mayor’s Corner

Happy New Year! “A fresh start. A new chapter in life waiting to be written. New questions to be asked, embraced, and loved. Answers to be discovered and then lived in this transformative year of delight and self-discovery. Today carve out a quiet interlude for yourself in which to dream, pen in hand. Only dreams give birth to change.” ~ Sarah Ban Breathnach

I pray that you all have a terrific 2019 with good health and blessings for your family.

2018 was an exciting year for the City of Auburn. Great progress was made on our projects including the completion of the Auburn Center, formerly the R&B building (built in 1902 to serve as the women’s dormitory for the Perry-Raney Institute). As of this writing, we are anticipating a ribbon cutting at the new community facility in mid-January. I am so proud of the work that we have done to stabilize and repurpose this wonderful piece of our history. Great pains were taken to preserve the original style of the building while updating its functionality. With meeting rooms, a wedding venue, a resident artist studio, the Auburn Center promises to be the 2019 centerpiece of our community.

January is also a time of reflection. We celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who is the iconic leader of the Civil Rights movement in the United States. Dr. King, responding to how he would like to be remembered, said “I’d like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I’d like for somebody to say on that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody.

I want you to say that day that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked. I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major. Say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won’t have any money to leave behind. I won’t have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind.

At the White House Rose Garden on November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor King. Observed for the first time on January 20, 1986, it was called Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Following President George H. W. Bush’s 1992 proclamation, the holiday is observed on the third Monday of January each year, near the time of King’s birthday. This day has come to be a day of service to others. The King Center states “Every King Holiday has been a national “teach-in” on the values of nonviolence, including unconditional love, tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation, which are so desperately-needed to unify America.” Dr. King would have been proud that we as a nation take time to serve others in his honor. Service can mean anything from reaching out to a neighbor you might need some help volunteering at the local veterans service organization. It can be buying a meal for the person behind you in line. I encourage you to choose an act of service to your community. You will be amazed at the reward you receive—a feeling of accomplishment and good will that far outweighs the effort.

Speaking of service, as always my thoughts return to those serving in our armed forces. My father and uncle served in the US Army and another Uncle in the Air Force (Army Air Corps) during Korea. I have a nephew that served in the navy and his son, following in his footsteps in the Navy, has just been deployed. Please keep all that have served in your prayers, pray for those currently serving and continue to pray for those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Remember their families and speak their names.
Leaves and Stormwater!

Contrary to what many people believe the water that goes in to the storm drainage system, including ditches, is NOT treated at wastewater treatment plants. Rather, it causes clogs in our drainage systems and can lead to flooded basements and other damage. Most people don’t realize that leaves can be a nagging source of local water pollution.

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