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April Tennis Program Sessions Available-City of Auburn Tennis Courts!

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

MONDAYS: APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22 (4 lessons—Only $11 per Lesson) - $44
with PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Certified Professional Instructor Josh Honea

5:00pm-6:00pm Little Champions 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)
8:00pm-9:00pm Advanced-Level Invitational Class (High School Varsity & Highly-Ranked Tournament Players)

To register for Group Tennis Lessons or to request more information, please contact:
Josh Honea: tenniswfhjosh@gmail.com - 770-657-8647

Call Before You Dig!

What sort of digging projects do you have planned for this month?

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Wondering how 811 works? Check out how your yard will look after you call before you dig (visit http://georgia811.com/GA811/InteractiveHouse/InteractiveHouse.html). Be sure to call 811 several days before any digging project.

The following colors represent the various utility lines: red, orange, blue, green, yellow, purple. To see which colors correspond with each utility visit: http://georgia811.com/index.php/have-my-lines-beenmarked/

Did you know digging without calling 811 can lead to lost utility service? Don’t spend a “Day in the Dark.” Check out the video at http://georgia811.com/index.php/video-psas/ to learn more.

Auburn “Ever After”

May 4, 2019 at 4PM

Calling all kids!

Auburn Ever After is Auburn’s premier Kid event! Free Princess Carriage Rides, Games, Activities and the movie “Beauty & the Beast” on the big screen.

Special guests: Belle, Beast, Elsa, Anna, Shrek, Jasmine, Cinderella, Tiana, Rapunzel, Moana, Spiderman, Batman, Hercules, and more—over 45 characters! Mark your calendars!

April showers bring May flowers but I think all our March showers will bring us a beautiful Spring this month in Auburn. Flowers and trees are blooming and we are gearing up for our next event ‘Auburn Ever After.’ Scheduled for Saturday, May 4, Auburn Ever After is our premier children’s event featuring over 40 of your favorite storybook characters visiting with the children. Come out for horse-drawn carriage rides, meet Belle, the Beast, Tiana, Moana, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Shrek, and other characters. This fall, on this day falls May 4, we will have special visitors from Star Wars (May the 4th Be With You as they say!). Not only will stormtroopers be on hand, it is rumored that Darth Vader will be here to celebrate the new peace treaty with the resistance! Photos of this event will be a treasure to you and your children for years to come!

Events like Auburn Ever After are a part what the City staff works hard to bring to our community. Auburn hosts four large events each year including Auburn Ever After, Independence Day Celebration (July 6), AuburnFest (October 26) and Sounding Off the Christmas Season (Sunday, December 1). Thousands of folks come to Auburn because it is known as a safe, friendly place to enjoy events. Our staff works hard to make these events a success, but they could not do it without the help of our outstanding volunteers. Volunteers help with planning, participate in helping our vendors find their spaces and work closely with City staff on the events. Volunteers also play a key role in making decisions in the City in many capacities. Our Parks & Leisure Commission, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, and DDA/Main Street Boards help keep our City running smoothly. Volunteers help us with our Citizens Police Academy and our Police Explorers. What would our Library be without the help of these volunteers? We will be celebrating Auburn Volunteers with a reception in April. If you volunteered in Auburn in 2018, be on the lookout for your invitation!

The City is proud of our Volunteer force. They keep us going but did you ever wonder what impact VOLUNTEERISM has in our community? According to statistics, volunteerism has a value of over $184 billion dollars each year. Volunteers, on average, spend 50 hours per year donating their time to the greater good; 4% of college graduates, 25 years or older, volunteer each year. Volunteerism also improves health by strengthening the body, improving mood, and lessening stress in participants. Those who volunteer regularly have a 27% better chance of gaining employment—50% of hiring managers see the act of volunteerism as a valuable asset when making recruitment decisions according to a study performed by Career Builder. One out of four American’s volunteer in their community but two out of three Americans help their neighbor according to a study performed by The Corporation for National & Community Service. Volunteering happens in big and small ways. The City of Auburn will honor our volunteers by proclaiming April 7-April 12 as Volunteer Appreciation Week in Auburn. We will also be celebrating this as part of Georgia Cities Week. The theme this year is “Georgia Cities: True Colors.” Auburn is a City made of folks from many walks of life. Our community is vibrant because of the contributions of our citizens, teachers, first responders and staff. Celebrating Georgia Cities Week we will be honoring our men & women in blue, our first responders, our teachers, our businesses and everyone who works to make Auburn a phenomenal place.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” - Author Unknown

The Mayor’s Corner

Mayor Linda Blechinger
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easy and fun! You will enjoy cleaning up or plant a tree. It near your home in need of for your family. Pick an area us how important keeping our planet healthy and clean.

Visit www.whistlestopshops.com for more information!

There will be a Fashion Show on 10/5 and a Pumpkin and 11/2 with fun activities, vendors, food and more!

Whistlestop Market Days are scheduled for 4/6, 6/1, 9/28

April 27 at 3PM: STEAM
April 27 at 11AM: Family Story Time
April 25 at 7PM: Well Red Wine Club
April 23 at 5PM: Teen Writing Club
April 17 at 1PM: Write On!
April 13 at 4:30PM: Movie & a Book Club
April 13 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
April 11 at 6PM: Growing Succulents & Cacti
April 10 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
April 9 at 5PM: Adult Paint Night
April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 5PM: Auburn Teen Nights
April 3 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club
April 3, 10, 17, 24 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time
April 2 at 6PM: Protect Your Information and Identity

Since 1970, Earth Day has been celebrated to remind us how important keeping our planet healthy and clean. Make Earth Day a project day for your family. Pick an area near your home in need of clean up or plant a tree. It’s easy and fun! You will enjoy the benefits for years to come.

Earth Day April 22

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.

April 10 – Parks & Leisure Commission
April 17 – OWLS Field Trip—Georgia Aquarium—Spaces are limited—Register with Michelle (770-963-4002 ext 204) or mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org by April 12.

City of Auburn
Earth Day Cleanup
Friday, April 12—9:00AM–4:00PM and Saturday, April 13—8:00AM–2:00PM
Mary Carter Ballfield Parking Lot

We will be collecting:

- Batteries
- Eye Glasses (for Lion’s Club)
- Motor Oil
- Cell Phones
- Freon-free appliances
- Junk – includes anything you don’t want whether usable or not
- 2 standard tires (over 2 standard, commercial, racing, tractor—$5)

Questions? Contact Joe Moravec 770-963-4002 ext. 208 or email jmoravec@cityofauburn-ga.org

Barrow County School System has announced dates for Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year

Your child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2019 to attend Kindergarten. Kindergarten Registration and concept screening will be conducted from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at the Professional Development Center (Central Office), located at 179 W. Athens St. in Winder. To help alleviate crowding and disperse the registrations throughout the day, if at all possible, please attend during the time period listed that corresponds to the first initial of your child’s last name.

Register between May 1st and May 17th and your child will receive a free book, courtesy of the Barrow Book Partnership. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for a FREE PINES library card, from the Piedmont Regional Library System-Winder, Auburn and Statham Public Libraries.

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.

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