

City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in Observance of Memorial Day



OWLS Luncheon
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, May 15, 2018—11:30 am

Perry Rainey Center
16 College Street—Auburn

This month: Celebrating Older Americans!

We will also be planning our fall overnight trip. Don't miss it! Bring a dish to share.

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MONDAYS: May 6, 13, 20 (3 lessons—Only \$11 per Lesson!) - \$33



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

National Public Works Week May 19-25

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services communally known as Public Works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The week of May 19-25 is dedicated to Public Works Departments to enhance the respect of the often unsung heroes of our society – the professionals who go above and beyond to serve the public good with daily dedication. City of Auburn Public Works employees are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

The City of Auburn's Department of Public Works appreciates the support and participation of our employees with National Public Works Week. Special appreciation is also extended to Mayor Linda Blechinger, the City of Auburn Council, City of Auburn Employees, and Auburn residents for their part in making May 19 - 25 a week of success.



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The Mayor's Corner



Mayor Linda Blechinger

It's a beautiful day in Auburn! May is the full abundance of spring with the promise of the summer days to come. We will be celebrating Auburn Ever After on Saturday May 4th. This event is one of my favorites—all the little princesses and heroes decked out in their finest come downtown to meet their favorite characters. Belle and the Beast from Beauty and the Beast, Tiana from Princess and the Frog, Cinderella, Shrek, Sleeping Beauty, Tinkerbell, Spiderman, Hercules and more have promised to be here this year! Don't miss this event! There will be free princess carriage rides, crafts and activities all afternoon, ending with Beauty and the Beast on the Big Screen.

May also brings us a celebration of our older residents. Officially recognized as "Older Americans Month" by the Auburn City Council, I'd like to take a moment to honor the people who have worked so hard and deserve so many thanks. While raising families and building careers, Older Americans gave back to their communities in a variety of ways. Whether they mentored a child, volunteered at a church food bank or served their country, each one deserves recognition for their commitment to us. As Older Americans, they continue to volunteer and serve their neighborhoods in their own ways. Reach out to your neighbors, lend a helping hand to those that need it, and encourage those who have become shut-ins to become more involved. You never know the impact you might have on someone and you never know what you might learn from them!

Older Americans Month also serves to raise awareness concerning elder abuse and neglect. As we age, the risk of abuse and neglect increases. We must be sure resources are in place to protect them from the risks of abuse and neglect. There are many resources available from the Athens Community Council On Aging. Visit www.accaging.org to get more information on programs and services available as well as helpful hints on how you can become involved. We owe a debt of gratitude to our Older Americans and this is our chance to show them how much they mean to our community!

One way the City of Auburn thanks our older citizens is by offering the Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors). This vibrant group of seniors meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am for guest speakers, games and fun field trips. A pot luck lunch of yummy food is served. The OWLS recently visited the Georgia Aquarium for a day of fun. Last year trips included the Botanical Gardens and the SAM Shortline railroad excursion to Americus and Plains. The OWLS plan their own outings and have a great time together. Want to be involved? Drop by next month on May 15 at 11:30. Meetings are held in the new Perry Rainey Center across the street from the Auburn Post Office. With over 50 members on the membership roll, you are sure to make new friends and have a great time while doing it! Interested in getting on the contact list for the OWLS so you will know about meetings, trips and other events? Email Michelle at mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org for more information.

Other ways you can celebrate Older Americans Month as an older American or in honor of older Americans is to connect with friends, family, and services that support older American participation. You can also create relationships with our older Americans by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment. Volunteer at the Winder adult day care run by the Council on Aging. Contribute your time, talent, and life experience to benefit others. As an older American, volunteer your time at your local school, building a strong relationship with our youth. They can benefit from your experience and you will feel more useful and young by having given of your time.

Kindness can transform someone's dark moment with a blaze of light. You'll never know how much your caring matters. Make a difference for another today. Amy Lee Mercree, Author



Auburn Library Programs & Events

May 1, 29 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
 May 2 through May 6: Spring Books Sale
 May 2, 9, 30 at 5PM: Teen Nights
 May 4: Free Comic Book Day
 May 6, 13, 20, at 11AM: Auburn Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and needles
 May 6 at 11AM: Auburn Ready to Read—Pre K
 May 7 at 5PM: Adult Craft Night
 May 11 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
 May 11 at 1PM: Auburn Write ON! Weekend Edition
 May 13 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
 May 15 at 1PM: Write ON
 May 24 at 11AM: Summer's Here Party
 May 28 at 10AM: Summer Reading Program Kick Off
 May 28 at 1PM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club

Auburn Public Library
 24 Fifth Street
 Auburn, GA 30011
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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

05/02 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
 05/08 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
 05/09 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 05/15 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning
 05/16 at 5PM: City Council Workshop
 05/27—Memorial Day—City Offices Closed

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JULY 8-11, 2019
 FOR BEGINNERS // GIRLS & BOYS AGES 9-13

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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.

May 8—Parks & Leisure Commission

May 15—OWLS Luncheon —Perry Rainey Center (16 College Street across from Post Office) 11:30 am

Memorial Day—Remembering Our Fallen

Memorial Day is set for Monday, May 27, 2019. A somber holiday, we have found that there is some confusion about the difference between Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Armed Forces Day is to celebrate all the branches of our Armed Forces—Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. Veterans Day honors all who have served in our Nation's Armed Forces—Past and Present.

Memorial Day is the day we honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States. The National Holiday was set as the last Monday in May by Congress in 1968 and signed into law by Lyndon B. Johnson.

Each year, millions of Americans celebrate the unofficial beginning of summer on Memorial Day. With family picnics, outings, and other gatherings, at times this may feel like just a long weekend to kick off a summer of fun. The original intent of Memorial Day is much different. Many organizations, veterans and citizens take the day to place flags on the graves of our fallen service members. Many attend remembrance services. How do you remember and honor them?

- Did you know that at 3PM on Memorial Day, everyone is invited to observe a moment of silence in honor of these brave men and women who paid the ultimate price for our freedom?
- Did you know that since September 11, 2001, 216 Service Members from Georgia have fallen in service to our Country?
- Did you know that, contrary to popular belief, it really is inappropriate to wish someone a “Happy” Memorial Day?

We encourage you and your family to rediscover the true meaning of Memorial Day, either by attending a Memorial Day Ceremony near you, volunteering to place flags at military graves or just by observing a moment of silence at 3PM. Dacula has a huge Memorial Day Parade where marchers carry the names of our Georgia Fallen. Barrow County VFW holds a Memorial Day Ceremony at Rose Hill Cemetery in Winder. Gwinnett County holds a Memorial Day Ceremony at their Veterans Memorial at the County Courthouse. Stone Mountain Park will host the Remembering Our Fallen from Georgia Memorial in “Memorial Hall” in front of the carving. Admission is free to all of these events.

Take a moment and remember. Remember and say their names.
 “A Nation Who Forgets Its Defenders Will Itself Soon Be Forgotten” Calvin Coolidge

Pest Control - Mosquito Control Tips

As everyone knows, mosquitoes are very annoying pests. They attack humans and animals alike, and can spoil an outdoor gathering rather quickly. Fortunately, there are ways to control mosquitoes. The American Mosquito Control Association www.mosquito.org reports that there are over 2,500 different species of mosquitoes around the world. The best way to control mosquitoes is to eliminate their breeding sites.

Here are some breeding control tips:

- Do not allow water to accumulate anywhere in your yard for more than two days. Cans, buckets, pots, plastic swimming pools and tires are all containers that tend to collect and hold water. Removing these items will help control the number of mosquitoes that hatch in your yard.
- Keep the gutters clean. If leaves or other debris clog your gutters and prevent them from draining, water will accumulate in the gutter system, providing the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Do not over-water your lawn or garden. This may cause water to be left standing for more than one day.
- If your cistern, septic tank or cesspool seeps, fixing the problem will help control the number of mosquitoes that plague your yard.
- Filling swampy areas, ditches and drain puddles will eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. If filling is not possible, these areas may be treated with commercial mosquito control products.
- If you have a backyard pond, stock it with mosquito fish (minnows). These fish eat mosquitoes and their larvae.
- Change the water in your wading pool or birdbaths at least once per week. Stagnant water makes the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.

