



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, June 8, 2019
Burel Park—4th Avenue
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, June 19, 2019—11:30 am
Perry Rainey Center—16 College Street

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

**This month: Fun activity & game
Planning for July day trip**



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The Mayor's Corner

Summer is here, school is out and the class of 2019 has walked that important walk across the stage. Congratulations to the all the graduating seniors! You worked hard to get where you are and we are proud of each and every one of you!

With the beginning of summer, we are excited about our activities planned throughout the City. Of course, there is the big Independence Day Celebration that is set for Saturday, July 6 in downtown Auburn. This is the best fireworks celebration in northeast Georgia! Beginning at 5PM, we will have vendors, live music, great food, as well as fun activities like the zip line and inflatables. A true hometown festival, this kid-friendly event draws folks from all over the state.

Auburn is also home to one of the most active libraries around. The Auburn Public Library hosts their annual summer reading program beginning this month and running through July. This program offers special programs throughout the summer including the annual visit from Molly the Cow, a wildlife program and more! Please check out the library calendar on page 2 for more information on all the programs offered! There is also a reading contest with prizes awarded for the most books read. For children up to age 11, the Summer Reading program encourages children and families to read all summer long, wherever their journey takes them! Pre-readers participate by having others read to them. Just register at the library and pick up a Reading Log at the front desk. Prizes are earned by reading the required number of books OR hours OR completing fun reading activities. Completed logs must be turned in by July 16 to receive prizes and qualify for the Top Reader Drawings. Drawings will be held at the Blast Off! End of Summer Reading Extravaganza held at 10AM on July 23.

Bel Outwater, the Library Manager has been busy promoting the Auburn Public Library and it shows! She has really racked up the grants, scholarships and recognitions for the library. In 2018, the Public Library Association awarded the Inclusive Intern Initiative Participant funding to Auburn. We were one of only 50 libraries across the country to receive this funding. We also were the 2018 Dollar General Summer Reading Grant recipient, 2018 Penguin Random House Grant Honorable Mention, our Teen program was featured in the book “Teen Advisory Boards” by Diane Tuccillo, the 2018 American Library Association “Libraries Transforming Communities” travel scholarship recipient, 2018 Walton EMC \$5000 grant, 2018 “Stand Up for Health in Your Community” travel scholarship recipient and a 2018 Georgia Library Association Paraprofessional Scholarship recipient. In 2019, the Auburn Public Library has already received a 2019 Professional Development Award for training at the American Library Association’s Midwinter Conference “Implicit Bias, Health Disparities, and Health Literacy: Intersections in Health Equity; a 2019 YALSA/Dollar General Teen Summer Intern Grant, a 2019 Public Library Association Inclusive Intern Initiative participant, 2019 Gwinnett County Public Librarians Award Finalist and a 2019 Library Freedom Institute Project Cohort Participant. That is a great start! Congratulations to Bel and her staff for a job well done!

We are very proud of our library staff and volunteers. With over 3,600 visitors each month (which increases exponentially during the summer months!), the Library needs more room and we are excited to announce that they have been approved for a grant for a much needed expansion. We are so proud of our Auburn Public Library for all that they do! So if you are looking for something for your family to do, check out the Library!



Mayor Linda Blechinger



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

MONDAYS: June 3, 10, 17, 24 \$40 (4 lessons—Only \$10 per Lesson!) - \$40

June Tennis Program Sessions Available at City of Auburn Tennis Courts!

with PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Certified Professional Instructor Josh Honea

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

Stormwater affects everything we do!

When you're washing your car in the driveway, remember you're not just washing your car in the driveway! Everything that was making your car dirty is now making our streams dirty!

The Pollution - Wash Water

- Wash water that flows into the street and storm drains goes directly to the stream
- The average driveway carwash uses 116 gallons of water! Most soaps contain phosphates and other chemicals that can be harmful to fish and wildlife

The Solution – How You Can Help!

- Take your car to a car wash. Car wash stations recycle the wash water and send the dirty water to the waste water treatment plant
- Wash your car in the grass so that the water can soak into the ground and help your grass grow
- Use less water. Use a bucket and rag instead of a pressure washer and put a spray nozzle on the hose so that it shuts off when not needed
- Use soap sparingly and pour out all wash buckets onto grass, not the curb, street or storm drain

For more information contact the Stormwater Coordinator at (770)963-4002 X 207.



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SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY JULY 6, 2019



Auburn Annual Independence Day Celebration
Fireworks, Food, Crafts, Inflatables for the Kids, Live Music!
Great Fun for the Whole Family! - 5:00 pm. Fireworks at Dusk!

Auburn Library Programs & Events

June 1, 8, 15, 22 at 1PM: Beginner's Sign Language Class
 June 3, 10, 17 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
 June 3, 11, 17, 24 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
 June 4 at 10AM: Ice Cream Party with Mobile Dairy
 June 5, 12, 19 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
 June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 5PM: Teen Night
 June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 2PM: Fandom Fridays
 June 8, 29 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
 June 10 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
 June 11 at 10AM: Wildlife Winders
 June 11 at 5PM: Adult Craft Night
 June 15 at 2PM: Family Movie—Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse
 June 18 at 10AM: Taco Dragon Visits
 June 22 at 2PM: Ralph Wrecks the Internet Pajama Party
 June 25 at 10AM: A Space Story Presented by Hands in ASL
 June 25 at 1PM: Between the Pages Book Club

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



"If I Were Mayor..." Essay Contest

In conjunction with Georgia Cities Week, the City of Auburn holds an annual essay contest for the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Auburn Elementary. We always have great submissions and this year was no exception! Congratulations to our 2019 Essay Contest Winners from Auburn Elementary School:

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
3rd Grade	Samuel Yurevich	Kayden James	Makayla Doling
4th Grade	Marley Healan	Piege Rabaya	Taylor Schuenemann
5th Grade	Harper Parypinski	Reece Turner	Deonte Tanner

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

06/06 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
 06/12 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
 06/13 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 06/20 at 5PM: City Council Workshop
 06/19 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning Commission



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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.

June 8—Community Yard Sale
 June 8—Movie in the Park "Spider-Man Into the Spider-verse"
 June 12—Parks & Leisure Meeting—6:30 pm City Hall
 June 19—OWLS Luncheon—11:30 am—Perry-Rainey Center, 16 College Street



It's That Time! U.S. Census Is Coming Soon!

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL

On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.

Survey Finds Only 45 Percent Know That Census Data Guide Community Funding Decisions

Knowing that the census guides how much money a community gets from the government is the most important reason for people to respond to the census, according to results from a 2018 Census Bureau survey.

Thirty percent of respondents specifically said the most significant reason to reply to the census is the knowledge that census data are used to guide public funding decisions. Another 17% said it's that it benefits their community's future, while 15% said the most important reason is that it provides information for local governments.

In another survey, just over 40% of survey respondents did not feel it matters whether they are personally counted in the 2020 Census, and young people ages 18 to 34 were the least likely to believe it matters if they are counted. It matters! Don't be one of the 40%!

When you receive your census invitation, please respond! Accurate numbers are very important to you and your local governments.

Questions about the census in Auburn? Contact Cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org.

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

Beginning in June, the Auburn Farmer's Market will resume at the Burel Park Pavilion. The Farmer's Market will run every Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 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 jcampbell@cityofauburn-ga.org for an application.

