Many clients contact their local University of Georgia Cooperative Extension office frustrated with grasses taking over their flower beds or vegetable gardens.

A common phone call might involve Bermuda grass taking over a bed of juniper ground cover or daylilies. And, if you’ve ever tried to pull Bermuda grass out by hand, you quickly learned that it just grows right back from any root fragments left in the soil. It’s nearly impossible to dig or pull out every piece of grass by hand.

Adding mulch to landscape beds can be an effective way to control small weed infestations or in areas where herbicides cannot be used, UGA Extension experts say. One option to control grasses is to use a herbicide called the “smother and cover” method. Mulch can be used to effectively control small infestations in areas where herbicides cannot be used. To use this method, cover the entire infestation with several inches of mulch. This may include wood chips, pine straw or similar materials. Hay and grass clippings should not be used as mulch, since they may carry weed seeds. Covering the area with a layer of cardboard topped with mulch may improve the effectiveness of this method. The mulch should stay in place for at least two growing seasons to kill tough perennial grasses.

Depending on whether these weedy grasses are growing in a flower bed or a vegetable garden, there may be options available to control weeds with selective herbicides labeled for particular applications. In vegetable gardens, use an herbicide containing the active ingredient glyphosate (brands such as Roundup) or sethoxydim (brands such as Poast and Vantage) around edible gardens and edible vegetable beds. A nonselective herbicide containing glyphosate (brands such as Roundup) can also be used in between rows and along borders of ornamental plants and vegetable gardens. However, because this is a nonselective herbicide, avoid any direct contact or spray drift with desirable plants.

Do not spray on a windy day. Make a shielded spray application by using a piece of cardboard or other barrier to shield plants and spray just the weeds. As long as the spray does not contact the leaves of edible vegetables, fruit trees, shrubs or flowers, it should not damage these plants.
MEETINGS CALENDAR
All meetings are held at City Hall Chambers located at 155 E.
4th Avenue (next to the Police Station) unless otherwise not-
eted—meeting times, locations & dates are subject to change
08/01 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting
08/07 at 6PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
08/08 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
08/14 at 6PM: Planning and Zoning Commission
08/15 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

Important Notice! Barrow County Increases Wastewater Rates for Auburn Residents:
The wastewater rates have been increased by Barrow Coun-
ty Board of Commissioners. This will be reflected on your September
2019 billing. An increase for the monthly base rate for sewer will go
from $16.60 to $17.00 for the first 2000 gallons. The usage rate will go
from $5.07 to $5.85 per 1000 gallons over the 2000 gal usage.

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Congratulations to the Auburn Travel Fast Pitch Team the Georgia Impact 08!
Michael Parks, Parks & Leisure Director for the City of Auburn, will be taking his travel fastpitch team
to California, July 28 - August 3. The Georgia Impact 08 will play in the PGF (Premiere Girls Fastpitch) National Championship in
Huntington Beach, California. The team is made up of girls from across Georgia and North Carolina.
Michael’s daughter, Bailey, is also on the team.

Good luck Georgia Impact 08, representing Georgia and the city of Auburn!

Auburn Libraries Programs & Events
August 3 at 2PM: Lego Club
August 5, 12, 19, 27 at 11AM: Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
August 6 at 5PM: Adult Craft Night
August 10 at 11AM: Adult Health Program
August 10 at 12PM: Saturday Craftnoon
August 10, 21 at 1PM: Write On!
August 12, 19, 26 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
August 12 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
August 14, 22, 24, 31 at 11AM: Auburn Lapidary Story Time - up to 2 years
August 15, 22, 29 at 5PM: Teen Nights!
August 20 at 5PM: 16 Steps to Starting a Business While Working
August 24 at 11AM—Family Story Time
August 30 at 1PM—Between the Pages Adult Book Club
Auburn Public Library 24 Fifth Street, Auburn, GA 770-513-2925 prlib.org

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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.
August 7, 14, 21—Farmer’s Market and Craft Fair—Burel Park Pavilion
August 8—Parks & Leisure Commission—6PM
August 11—Community Yard Sale
August 15—OWLS Luncheon—11:30 am—JD Withers Building.

Adult Literacy Barrow AnnouncesGED and ESL
Adult Literacy Barrow is happy to announce the fall class schedule for the City of Auburn. English as
Second Language (ESL), GED, and Citizenship classes are all free and available to anyone 16 and over.
GED classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30. The instructor will be Ms.
Ingrid Sande. Students may use their home country ID. The ESL class will begin Monday, August 19.
Students will attend class in Auburn at the Perry Rainey Center, first floor, last room on the right.
The GED class is already underway. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30. The instructor is Emily Jones. To register for classes, students attend an orientation at the Winder campus located at 163 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. They should call 770.531.3361 to pick an orientation to attend. Following orientation, students will attend class in Auburn at the Perry Rainey Center, first floor, last room on the right.
There is also a Citizenship class being offered at Saint Matthew Catholic Church beginning Thursday, August 22. Saint Matthew is located on Hwy. 8 between Auburn and Winder on the right hand side. The address is 25 Wilkins Road, Winder. Classes will be held every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 in the educational wing of the Church. Ron Drennan is the instructor.

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