

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The vendor who processes E-checks for Auburn's payment system has announced that the convenience fee for E-checks will be \$1.99 per transaction beginning April 2, 2020.

OWLS Luncheon (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

Wednesday, April 15, 2020—11:30 am

Perry Rainey Center, 16 College Street
(next to Auburn Elementary)

This monthly luncheon is the "don't miss" event for those age 50 and better. Bring a side dish or dessert to share!



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www.cityofauburn-ga.org

April 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: April 6, 13, 20, 27 (4 lessons—Only \$11 per Lesson!) - \$44

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)

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: tenniswithjosh@gmail.com - 770-547-8647



Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, beginning in late 2019, the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, SARS-CoV-2, emerged causing a novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has now become a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared that a Public Health State of Emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the public health emergency from the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to result in significant loss of life and has the potential to result in a major disruption of community affairs, business services, and governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, in order to mitigate or alleviate some of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the City, certain actions are needed; and

WHEREAS, based upon the President's Declaration of National Emergency and the Governor's Public Health State of Emergency, it is in the best interest of the welfare of the City of Auburn, Georgia and its citizens to declare a local state of emergency to activate certain emergency powers under the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vest in me as Mayor of the City of Auburn, Georgia, by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, pursuant to Section 1.13(h) of the City's Charter that a local state of emergency exists and is expected to continue to exist throughout the City of Auburn due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to the City Code of Ordinances of Section 8.24.010 that the following measures are authorized and activated effective immediately:

The City Administrator and Department Heads are authorized to utilize all available resources of the City and subordinate agencies over which the City has budgetary control as reasonably necessary to cope with the impact of COVID-19 on the City;

The Mayor is authorized to undertake all actions permitted by City Code Section 8.24.010 and O.C.G.A. § 38-3-54.

The City Administrator is authorized to award contracts and make purchases for the purpose of meeting the emergency pursuant to City Code Section 2.06.030.

The Chief of Police or his designee is authorized to undertake the actions permitted in the City Code Section 5.50.400.

The Mayor is authorized to executed intergovernmental agreements for grants, if such are available, to meet COVID-19 related necessary expenses or serious needs of the City, individuals, families or businesses adversely affected by COVID-19.

The Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and Department Heads shall perform and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the population during COVID-19 Public Health State of Emergency.

Pursuant to Section 3.04.070 of the City of Auburn Code of Ordinances, the City procedures for soliciting and advertising projects pursuant to the City's Purchasing Ordinance are be suspended during this emergency to meet the needs of the City and its citizens for expenditures necessary for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

That this City Declaration of Local Emergency shall continue until April 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. or further action of the Mayor or City Council.

This 19th day of March, 2020.

Mayor Linda Blechinger

April 2020

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Auburn Messenger

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The Mayor's Corner

In order to keep you, our citizens, informed and up to date, I am using this medium to get information to you as quickly as possible. On March 19, 2020, I signed a Declaration of Emergency for the City. A copy of the Declaration can be found in this newsletter for you to read. This Declaration enables the City to apply for or receive reimbursement for state and Federal funds if it becomes necessary in dealing with the COVID-19. It allows City personnel to take other measures, if necessary, to protect life during this emergency.

The City of Auburn continues to monitor the COVID-19 status. We have been in daily meetings via teleconference with the White House, the Governor's office, Georgia Municipal Association, Gwinnett Municipal Association and the Metro Atlanta Mayor's Association. We have been getting updates on the spread of the virus and the programs that are in place to keep us all healthy and safe. The hope is that by limiting social interactions and group gatherings, we can protect our most vulnerable citizens (those who are elderly or immunocompromised or have other underlying health issues.) and slow the spread of the virus. This plan will also help keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed with cases spiking all at once. Please remember you can be infected and not realize it. When you go out, it is imperative that you use hand sanitizer, and if you are sick with any illness, please use a mask when out and about. We all have relatives or friends that are being treated for cancer or have other diseases. Children with asthma are at risk of getting very sick since COVID-19 attacks the lungs. The health experts indicate the best way to limit the spread of the virus and to end the crisis is to limit social interaction during this time. We are hopeful that the disruption we experience from distancing now will save lives and allow us to return to more normal circumstances sooner. I know our citizens will meet this challenge with discipline, courage, and care for each other. We will continue to update information on our website and Facebook page.

Please note: While the City is still providing all services, we ask that citizens please *not* come into City Hall unless necessary, please use the City drop box for payments, e-mail, telephone and computer as applicable.

Along this line, we are limiting public gatherings and meetings as much as possible. All the meetings and events described in this newsletter are all contingent upon the status of the COVID-19 crisis. Before heading out to any event outside the house, I would ask that you contact the City to make sure the event has not been postponed. The Clean-Up set for the 17th and 18th is one such event. You can reach out to the City at 770-963-4002 ext 200 to find out cancellations, you can visit our website at www.cityofauburn-ga.org and go to Auburn News or you can visit Facebook (City of Auburn, GA). Staff is working diligently to keep this information up to date. We will also be offering "virtual" public meetings so that City progress can continue. If a meeting is set to be online, instructions for access will be provided on the agenda posted on the website, City information box in front of City Hall, and on Facebook.

Our hope and prayer is that by limiting social interactions, we will save lives. Please continue to practice social distancing—follow guidelines provided by local, state and federal authorities. Only by doing this can we try to slow the spread of this virus and protect our vulnerable populations. For more information on how to stay safe, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>



Mayor Linda
Blechinger

Auburn "Ever After"

May 2, 2020 at 4PM

Calling all Heroes & Princesses!

Auburn Ever After is Auburn's premier Kid event! Free Princess Carriage Rides, Games, Activities and a movie 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!



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Cancellations or Postponement of Events & Meetings May Occur
Meetings may be held via web depending on current Health Crisis State of Emergency—please check www.cityofauburn-ga.org for updates

Auburn Library Programs & Events

April 1, 15, 22, 29 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
 April 1, 15, 22, 29 at 11:00AM: Toddler Tales
 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 5PM: Auburn Teen Nights
 April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
 April 11 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
 April 13,, 20, 27 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
 April 13 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
 April 15 at 1PM: Write On!
 April 21 at 5PM: Adult Craft Night
 April 25 at 11AM: Sign Language Class
 April 21 at 2PM: Family Storytime
 April 28 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club
 April 28 at 6PM: SCORE Taking the Guesswork Out of Pricing

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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.

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04/04 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
 04/11 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 04/10 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
 04/18 at 5PM: City Council Workshop
 04/17 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning

Earth Day April 22

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



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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.

April 8—Parks & Leisure Commission
 April 15—OWLS Luncheon—Perry Rainey Center, 16 College Street—Bring a dish to share.

City of Auburn
Earth Day Cleanup
 Friday, April 17—8:00AM– 4:00PM and
 Saturday, April 18—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 – junk includes anything you don't want whether usable or not
- 2 standard tires (over 2 standard, commercial, racing, tractor—\$5)
- Ink Cartridges
- Scrap Metal
- Old Cameras/Radios
- Electronics (only flat screen TVs)

Questions? Contact Johnathen Eggleston 770-963-4002 ext. 208 or email stormwater@cityofauburn-ga.org



WE CANNOT ACCEPT:
 Paint of Any Type or Paint Thinner
 Construction Material
 Yard Waste
 Chemicals
 Residential only—no businesses

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES

Kindergarten Registration and concept screening will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Professional Development Center at 179 W. Athens St. in Winder. Please plan to attend your school's scheduled registration day. They will be listed below as soon as they are released.

Kindergarten Registration Dates

April 27, 2020 - Holsenbeck Elementary	May 8, 2020 - Bramlett Elementary
April 29, 2020 - Winder Elementary	May 11, 2020 - Yargo Elementary
May 1, 2020 - Bethlehem Elementary	May 13, 2020 - Kennedy Elementary
May 4, 2020 - Statham Elementary	May 15, 2020 - Auburn Elementary
May 6, 2020 - County Line Elementary	

BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO REGISTRATION

- Proof of residency (dated within 30 days) such as a utility bill (electric, gas, water, cable/satellite, garbage or house phone), settlement statement or rental/lease agreement.
 - A copy of the enrolling student's Social Security card (which is used solely for the purposes of identification and for application for the Hope scholarship and other post-secondary applications). Parents have the option of signing a waiver stating that they do not wish at the time of enrollment to provide a Social Security number.
 - Student's Birth Certificate (or legible copy) or other acceptable proof of age and identity.
 - Updated Georgia Immunization Form 3231
 - New Health Form 3300 available from <https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/departments/student-registration/index>
- Please do not take forms to the schools for registration. The registration process must be done at the Professional Development Center at 179 West Athens Street in Winder.. You may contact the registration department at 770-867-4527.