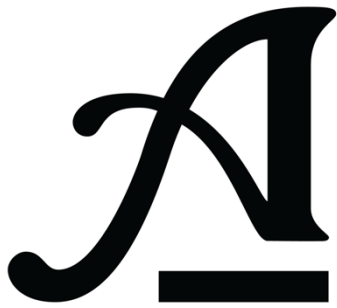




THE MESSENGER

Thank You, Auburn — See You Again in December!

A heartfelt *thank you* to everyone who joined us for **AuburnFest** this year! From live music and family games to incredible food and local vendors, this annual tradition was a huge success because of **you** — our residents, volunteers, businesses, and guests who continue to show up and make Auburn such a vibrant place to live.

Your support helps us keep our small-town charm alive while celebrating the growth and energy we see in our community every year. We are grateful for every smiling face, every hardworking vendor, every sponsor, and every helping hand that made the day special.

Up Next: "Sounding Off Christmas"

Friday, December 6 — 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

We are already gearing up for one of our favorite holiday traditions — **Sounding Off Christmas**, happening this year on **December 6th from 3:00–7:00 PM**. Expect festive lights, holiday music, community performances, seasonal treats, and that cozy Auburn feeling that brings people back year after year.

More details and activity schedules will be announced soon — but mark your calendars now!

Stay Involved Around Town

There's always something happening in Auburn:

- Upcoming community service and clean-up events
- Downtown beautification and seasonal decorations

- Youth and senior activities
- Local business spotlights and markets
- Public meetings and opportunities to get involved

Keep an eye on our website, social media pages, and newsletters for updates so you don't miss what's next.



From the Chief of Police:

Time Change Ahead — Drive With Extra Care

As we prepare to “fall back” this November, the end of Daylight Saving Time brings earlier sunsets and darker evenings across Auburn. While the extra hour of sleep is welcome, the shift in daylight also affects visibility, driving habits, and the routines of families, students, and pedestrians in our community.

Why This Matters for Safety

When the clock changes, daily patterns don't — kids still walk or ride bikes home from after-school programs, people still jog in the evenings, and families still run errands after work. The difference is that **much more of this activity will now take place in reduced light.**

Studies consistently show an increase in traffic accidents in the weeks immediately following the time change due to:

- **Reduced visibility** during evening commutes
 - **Driver fatigue** during routine schedule adjustments
 - **Difficulty seeing children and pedestrians at dusk**
 - **Increased glare from headlights and wet roads in fall weather**
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What You Can Do to Keep Auburn Safe

Together, we can reduce risks by making small but important changes:

For Drivers

- Slow down in neighborhoods, school zones, and crosswalk areas
- Use headlights earlier — don't wait until it's fully dark
- Avoid distractions and give full attention to the roadway
- Be aware that children may be harder to see at dusk

For Parents & Pedestrians

- Encourage kids to wear reflective or brightly colored clothing if outside at dusk
- Remind children to avoid running into the street between parked cars
- Use sidewalks and crosswalks whenever possible
- Carry small lights or reflectors during evening walks

A Community Priority

Auburn's safety depends on all of us adjusting to the seasonal change with caution and awareness. Whether you're picking up dinner, taking your dog out, or heading home from work, please remember: **it gets dark earlier, but people are still out.**

Let's look out for each other, slow down, and make sure everyone gets home safely this fall.

Stay safe, Auburn — and thank you for helping keep our streets and families protected.

OWLS: Auburn's Seniors Building Community, Friendship, and Fun

The City of Auburn is proud to host **OWLS — Older, Wiser, Laughing Seniors** — a group dedicated to keeping our senior residents active, social, and joyfully connected. Whether you're new to town, recently retired, or simply looking for new friendships and outings, the OWLS provide a warm, welcoming place to plug in.

What Are the OWLS?

OWLS is a city-supported social group for adults **55+** who want to stay engaged. Members enjoy:

- Guest speakers and educational programs
- Health & wellness sessions
- Group lunches and potluck socials
- Games, crafts, and seasonal activities
- Community service projects
- Day trips and local excursions

Why Join?

- **Friendship & belonging** — meet neighbors and make new friends
 - **Active living** — keep mind and body moving
 - **Community impact** — give back through local projects
 - **Plenty of laughs** — fun is part of every meeting
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The OWLS meet monthly at the **Perry-Rainey Center**, with additional outings throughout the year. New members are always welcome—no formal sign-up or dues required to attend your first meeting.

Questions or want details on the next meeting?

Contact **Brooke Haney**

- **Email:** bhaney@cityofauburn-ga.org
- **Phone:** 770-963-4002 ext. 230

Come join the OWLS—where staying active, connected, and **laughing** is the plan!



Auburn City Calendar – September 2025

City of Auburn — Upcoming Dates

November 2025

- **Tue, Nov 4 · 6:15–7:15 PM — Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting** (Auburn Public Library, 24 5th St)
- **Wed, Nov 12 · 6:30–7:30 PM — Parks & Leisure Commission** (Auburn Municipal Complex)
- **Thu, Nov 13 · 6:00–7:00 PM — City Council Meeting** (Auburn Municipal Complex)
- **Wed, Nov 19 · 11:30 AM — OWLS Luncheon**
- **Wed, Nov 19 · 6:00 PM — Planning & Zoning Commission** (Council Chambers)
- **Sat, Nov 22 · 10:00 AM–2:00 PM — Downtown Car Show** (4th Avenue)
- **Thu–Fri, Nov 27–28 — City Offices Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)**

Early December 2025

- **Tue, Dec 2 · 6:15–7:15 PM — Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting** (Auburn Public Library) [Auburn, GA](#)
- **Sat, Dec 6 · 3:00–7:00 PM — Sounding Off Christmas** (Downtown Auburn)

👉 For the most up-to-date event details, visit the official [City of Auburn Calendar](#) or call City Hall at **770-963-4002**
