

# Your City Hall News

April 2026



## From the Gold Dome to the Red Caboose

### *Legislation Affecting Auburn*

Each year, the Georgia General Assembly meets to make decisions that directly impact cities like Auburn. While much of this work happens at the state level, the effects are felt right here at home—in our roads, our budget, and the services we provide.

As the 2026 legislative session moves forward, several key areas stand out that will influence Auburn residents and City operations.

#### Increased Investment in Local Roads

One of the most impactful developments this session is the State's continued investment in local transportation infrastructure. Additional funding through the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) program will help cities like Auburn move forward with critical road repairs and resurfacing projects.

This support allows us to:

- Accelerate needed roadway improvements
- Address maintenance more efficiently
- Maximize the impact of local dollars

This is a major benefit for Auburn and directly supports the road work residents are already seeing throughout the city.

#### Tax Relief & Long-Term Planning

State leaders are also advancing measures aimed at reducing the overall tax burden for residents, including adjustments to income tax rates and property tax policies.



## At the State Level

State leaders are increasing funding for local roads and exploring tax relief measures that could benefit residents. These decisions help support infrastructure improvements in Auburn while shaping how cities plan for the future.

“Unlike many communities, Auburn has a leadership team that actively monitors State-level decisions—keeping a constant pulse on changes that impact our residents and ensuring we respond with excellence and intention.” - Peggy



## Gold Dome to Red Caboose

While these changes may provide financial relief, they also highlight the importance of careful long-term planning at the local level. Cities must continue to balance maintaining high-quality services—such as public safety, infrastructure, and parks—while adapting to changes in revenue structures.

Auburn remains committed to managing resources responsibly while continuing to deliver the services our community depends on.

### Growth & Development Changes

Proposed legislation could streamline certain permitting and development processes across the state. These changes are designed to support growth and reduce delays in construction timelines.

For Auburn, this means:

- Continued growth opportunities
- Increased demand on infrastructure and services
- The need to plan carefully to maintain quality of life

As our city continues to grow, we remain focused on ensuring development is thoughtful, sustainable, and aligned with the needs of our community.

### Staying Focused Locally

While decisions at the State Capitol set the framework, Auburn's focus remains local—continuing to improve infrastructure, enhance services, and invest in our community.

We will continue to monitor legislative developments and adapt as needed to ensure Auburn remains a great place to live, work, and grow.

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**As always, we appreciate the support of our residents and look forward to continuing to move Auburn forward—together.**





## A Day at City Hall

As the sun comes up over Auburn, the lights inside City Hall begin to flicker on. By 8:00 a.m., employees are arriving—coffee in hand, computers booting up, and the day already beginning to take shape.

Phones start ringing early. Emails are being answered. Questions from the day before are being followed up on. Before the doors even open, work is already underway.

By 8:30 a.m., the front doors open and the day shifts into full motion.

Residents begin coming in—some to pay utility bills, others with questions about services, permits, or city projects. Over the course of the day, familiar faces and new ones alike come through the doors, each with a need that City Hall is there to meet.

Behind the scenes, there's just as much happening.

In Finance, the team is hard at work—processing payments, balancing accounts, and ensuring everything lines up down to the last dollar. At the same time, Accounts Payable is making sure the City's bills are paid, vendors are handled, and operations keep moving without interruption.

In Human Resources, efforts are focused on recruiting and hiring new employees, onboarding team members, managing benefits, and supporting the people who keep Auburn running every day.

Down the hall, the Planning Department is reviewing plans, answering development questions, and issuing permits—helping guide responsible growth while ensuring projects meet the City's standards.

Throughout it all, coordination is constant. Questions are answered. Problems are solved. Departments work together to keep everything moving forward.

At the center of it all, the City Administrator works to bring structure to a fast-moving environment—prioritizing needs, supporting staff, and helping turn a full day of moving pieces into organized progress for the City.

By 4:30 p.m., the doors close, but the work doesn't necessarily stop. Final tasks are wrapped up, tomorrow's priorities are set, and another full day of serving the Auburn community comes to a close.

From the front counter to behind the scenes, City Hall is more than a building—it's a team of people working every day to keep Auburn running smoothly.



# Your Police Department News

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## AUBURN POLICE DEPT

Prepared, Visible, and Equipped for Spring

As Auburn moves into the spring season, the Auburn Police Department continues to focus on three key priorities: **training, safety, and modernization**. Each plays an important role in ensuring our officers are ready to serve and our community remains safe as activity increases across the city.

### Ongoing Training & Readiness

Training is a constant priority for our officers, and recent sessions at the firing range are a key part of maintaining that readiness.

Regular firearms training ensures officers remain:

- Skilled and confident in critical situations
- Familiar with department standards and safety protocols
- Prepared to respond effectively when it matters most

These sessions are not just about qualification—they are about reinforcing discipline, decision-making, and professionalism in high-pressure environments.

### Spring Safety: More Activity, More Awareness

With warmer weather comes more people out and about—families in parks, kids playing outside, and increased use of neighborhood streets.

**“It’s reassuring to know our police department is not only trained and prepared, but genuinely cares about the community they serve. That shows in everything they do” -Ann P.**



## AUBURN PD cont...

We encourage residents to keep a few safety reminders in mind:

- **Watch for pedestrians and children**, especially in residential areas
- Be mindful of **golf cart traffic**, which becomes more common this time of year
- Ensure golf carts are operated safely and in accordance with local regulations
- Always **lock vehicles and remove valuables** to prevent opportunistic theft

Auburn is a community where people enjoy being outside, and a little extra awareness goes a long way in keeping everyone safe.

### Upgrading Equipment Through Grant Funding

The Auburn Police Department is also taking steps to modernize its equipment thanks to a recently secured grant.

All patrol vehicles are being outfitted with **new in-car computer systems**, providing officers with:

- Faster access to critical information in the field
- Improved reporting capabilities
- Enhanced communication and efficiency during calls

These upgrades allow officers to spend less time managing technology and more time focused on serving the community.

### Committed to the Community

From ongoing training to proactive safety efforts and smart investments in technology, the Auburn Police Department remains committed to providing professional, responsive service to our residents.

As always, we appreciate the continued support of the Auburn community and look forward to a safe and active spring season.

“Between the training, the safety reminders, and the technology upgrades, it’s clear the City is investing in both its officers and its residents. That kind of commitment doesn’t go unnoticed.”-Cameron



# Your Public Works News



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## Auburn Public Works: Road Projects Approved

As Auburn moves into the spring season, activity is picking up across the city—from road improvements and park enhancements to the return of one of our favorite traditions: youth baseball.

### Road Work Already Underway

Residents may have already noticed increased activity on roadways throughout the city, as Public Works crews and contractors continue making progress on key repairs and improvements.

Current efforts include:

- Pothole repairs and asphalt patching
- Full-depth roadway repairs where needed
- Ongoing resurfacing in targeted areas

These projects are part of a broader effort to improve driving conditions, extend the life of our streets, and ensure safer travel for everyone. With additional funding support and careful planning, Auburn is working to move these projects forward as efficiently as possible.

We appreciate the community's patience as this work continues and remains committed to delivering long-term results—not just temporary fixes.

“Getting these road projects funded is a big win for Auburn. It really shows the work happening behind the scenes—especially from the City Accountant and Public Works—to plan it out and follow through.”- Jamie M.





## Building, Beautifying, and Baseball

### Park Beautification in Full Swing

Alongside roadway improvements, Auburn's parks are receiving attention as crews prepare for a busy season of outdoor activity.

Recent work has focused on:

- Refreshing playground areas with new mulch
- Tree trimming and general landscaping
- Cleaning and maintaining park structures and facilities

These efforts help create safe, welcoming spaces for families while preserving the quality and longevity of our park system. As more residents head outdoors, these improvements ensure Auburn's parks are ready to be enjoyed.

### Youth Baseball Returns to Auburn

With fields prepped and parks looking their best, youth baseball is officially back in Auburn—bringing energy, excitement, and community spirit along with it.

Families, friends, and neighbors will once again gather at local fields to cheer on young athletes, creating the kind of moments that define small-town life.

Youth sports play an important role in our community by:

- Encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship
- Providing opportunities for kids to stay active
- Bringing families together throughout the season

As games get underway, we're proud to see our parks filled with activity and our community coming together once again.





# Your City Council News

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## City Council March Recap

The Auburn Mayor and City Council held two meetings in March, continuing to address routine business, upcoming projects, and organizational needs for the City.

### March 12, 2026 – Council Business Meeting

The March 12th Business Meeting focused on regular City business and a public hearing.

- A **public hearing** was held regarding the Nemrut, LLC alcohol license re-application, with a citizen speaking in favor of the request
- Council **approved the Consent Agenda unanimously**, including minutes from prior meetings
- The Nemrut, LLC alcohol license re-application was **tabled until April 23, 2026** for further consideration

The meeting concluded with an opportunity for citizen comments before adjournment.

### March 26, 2026 – Council Workshop

The March 26th Workshop Meeting focused on upcoming items and internal planning.

Key discussion items included:

- An **Intergovernmental Agreement**, to be placed on the April 9 agenda
- A **Final Plat Revision for Kingstown Cove**, also moving forward for April consideration
- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** related to the Auburn–Winder Water Reservoir project

Council also approved the **hiring of a new Executive Assistant**, helping strengthen City operations and support services

An executive session was held for personnel matters before adjournment.

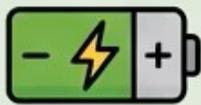
### Looking Ahead

Several items discussed in March are scheduled for consideration in April, including development-related updates and intergovernmental agreements. These efforts reflect ongoing work to support growth, infrastructure, and efficient City operations.

# CITY OF AUBURN, GA GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Friday, April 17th: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 18th: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Plastics



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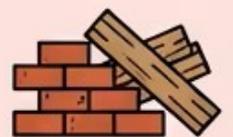
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