

# Open Line

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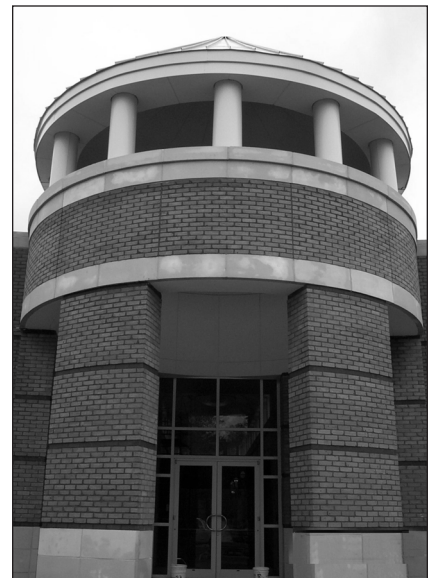
## New Auburn Public Library Opens

The long-awaited opening of the new Auburn Public Library is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18. The new 24,065 square foot facility is located at the corner of Thach Avenue and Dean Road. Ground-breaking for the \$3.2 million Library building was held on February 14, 2000. Hosey Construction Company of Auburn constructed the new Library facility.

When the doors open on April 18, Auburn citizens will be welcomed to a library twice the size of the present one. There will be enough shelf space to allow for a large expansion of the book collection. Study tables will be placed along the walls of windows and comfortable seating will be located in a conservatory area facing Dean Road. The library will also have a larger storytelling area used for children's programs as well as an area specifically for young adults.

The new facility will also allow for additional computers available for public use. An Electronic Services Librarian will be on staff to assist patrons in the use of these computers. The new library will also house a small computer lab where classes on computer use will be taught. To help pay for these computers and electronic resources, the Library was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Alabama Public Library Service.

Until the new Library is opened to the public, patrons may continue to return library materials to the outside book drop at the rear of the Ross Street library location. Overdue fines will not be charged on items returned during this time, and library staff will be available to answer reference questions by phone at 887-4997.



In addition, the Horseshoe Bend Regional Library in Dadeville has generously loaned the City of Auburn its bookmobile which will be stationed in the parking lot of the new Library on Thach Avenue. The bookmobile will give patrons the opportunity to check out books during April 2-6 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day.

We hope you will have the opportunity to visit and enjoy the new Auburn Public Library.

## **Spotlight:**

# **Auburn Center for Developing Industries**

The City's small business incubator facility, Auburn Center for Developing Industries (ACDI), was designed to give small business entrepreneurs a nurturing environment during their early years or during a transition to the Auburn community. ACDI tenants share a wide range of office facilities and services including automated office equipment, secretarial support services, maintenance, utilities, and telecommunication equipment.



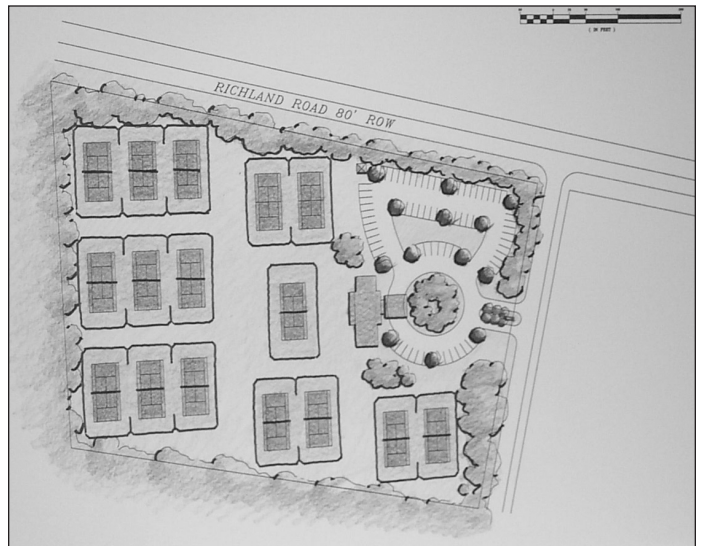
One of the first three business incubators in Alabama, ACDI began operations on Pumphrey Avenue in December 1988 as a 12,000 square foot multi-tenant building. Since that time, four single-tenant buildings have been added to the complex which now totals 47,600 square feet.

Targeted industry groups include advanced technologies, research and development, assembly, and light manufacturing. Many of ACDI's current and past tenants are companies that have evolved as a result of research begun at Auburn University. Throughout its history, ACDI has housed a total of seventeen companies. Currently, ACDI has six tenants.

## **Tennis Center is Coming**

A master plan has recently been developed for a future tennis complex with clay courts to be located on property donated to the City of Auburn by Cecil M. Yarbrough, III. The property is located on Richland Road and is easily accessible from Shug Jordan Parkway. The total project eventually will consist of 16-20 courts with a control building and parking. The control building will house a pro shop, locker rooms, a players' sitting area, and a snack bar. The consultant for the master planing is Volkert and Associates of Gulf Shores.

Plans call for the complex to be built in two phases with the first phase consisting of the construction of 8-10 clay courts, the control building, and parking. User fees and contributions will be used to finance the project since the City's general fund will not be used. The Parks and Recreation Department, with assistance from the local tennis association, will soon begin obtaining commitments from local tennis players to purchase annual playing passes. These commitments will be used to amortize revenue bonds issued through the Public Parks and Recreation Authority. Courts will also be available to the public for a daily fee. Contributions toward the project are being accepted and are tax deductible.



Construction of this facility will allow further expansion of the tennis program, provide a first-class facility for local players, and make the City of Auburn more competitive in bidding on national, sectional, and state tennis events.

For additional information or to sign up to obtain annual playing pass information, contact Becky Richardson at 887-4930 or David Hume at 887-4935.

# Auburn CityFest

The Parks and Recreation Department will host Auburn CityFest, the City's first ever all-day community festival, on Saturday, April 28th at Kiesel Park. This community celebration will kick-off at 9:00 a.m. with the Annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The festival activities will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Auburn CityFest will give citizens the opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled day in the park with family and friends. The festival will feature an artist marketplace, arts and crafts, children's activities, art contests, musical entertainment, tasty food, and a Nunn-Winston House Tea sponsored by the Auburn Beautification Council and Tidy Tigers. Several non-profit organizations will distribute goodie bags, door prizes, and organization literature.

The Children's Station will offer many exciting activities for kids of all ages to enjoy. Activities will include demonstrations by the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine Canine Unit, a Southeastern Raptor Rehabilitation Center exhibition sponsored by Craftmaster Printers, several large inflatable games, including a giant slide and a rock climbing wall sponsored by the Alabama Army National Guard. Many of the activities featured in the Children's Station would not be possible without the generous support of Alabama Power.

The SunCom Entertainment Pavilion will showcase



musical entertainment throughout the day. Entertainment acts include Dave Potts, the Tony Brook Band, Shadowwood, and Blue Routes. Children will surely enjoy Sunny, the SunCom mascot, who will dance to the beat of the music at the SunCom Entertainment Pavilion.

The Auburn CityFest is a celebration of the Auburn community and is an opportunity for all attendees to enjoy a day at Kiesel Park. Admission to Auburn CityFest is free to the public. For additional information on Auburn CityFest, please contact Julie Wall at 887-4930 or Alison Hall at 887-4938. You can also visit the Auburn CityFest web site at [www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest](http://www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest).

## Meeting Schedule

**Cemeteries Advisory Board** - Monday, April 2, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center.

**City Council** - Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment** - Wednesday, April 4, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber.

**Tree Commission** - Thursday, April 5, 4:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room.

**Water Works Board** - Monday, April 9, 4:00 p.m., Engineering Conference Room.

**Historic Preservation** - Tuesday, April 10, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room (Special Called Meeting).

**Board of Education** - Tuesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room.

**Planning Commission** - Thursday, April 12, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber.

**City Council** - Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber.

**Historic Preservation** - Tuesday, April 24, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room.

**Bicycle Committee** - Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m., Engineering Conference Room.

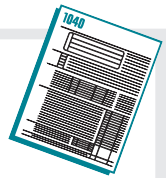
**City Council** - Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment** - Wednesday, May 2, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber.

**Tree Commission** - Thursday, May 3, 4:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room.

*-Meeting times and places are subject to change-*

## Still need income tax forms?



State and federal income tax forms are available in the lobby of City Hall and in the front lobby of the Ross Street library as long as supplies last.

## Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Board of Education** will be announced at the April 3rd City Council meeting. The appointment will be made at the May 1st City Council meeting.

Citizens interested in serving are encouraged to contact one of their City Council members or notify the City Manager's Office prior to the meeting.

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**Do you have any story ideas that you would like to read about in upcoming issues of Open Line?** If so, let us know! You may e-mail your ideas to us at [dwatson@auburnalabama.org](mailto:dwatson@auburnalabama.org) or mail them to us at City Manager's Office, 171 North Ross Street.

# up COMING EVENTS

The **Horseshoe Bend Regional Bookmobile** will be stationed in Auburn during April 2-6 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day at the site of the new Auburn Public Library at the corner of Thach Avenue and Dean Road.

The **Third Annual Juried Art Exhibition** will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center through April 27. This annual competitive exhibition is open to artists and craftspersons who reside or are employed in Lee County. The show provides area residents an opportunity to view recent creative work by local artists.

The City of Auburn's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at Kiesel Park will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14. Mark your calendars for this fun community event for the entire family sponsored by SouthTrust Bank.

Performances of **The Rainmaker** will be held at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on April 26 - April 29 and May 3 - May 6. For ticket information, please contact Brooks Applebaum at 821-4475.

**Auburn CityFest**, a festival celebrating art and music, will be held at Kiesel Park from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. Free admission.

The **Student Art Exhibition 2001** displaying works by Auburn High School advanced art students will be open to the public at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center during April 30 - May 12. Free admission.

The **Auburn Community Orchestra** will perform at the Opelika Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. Robert Schumann's Fourth Symphony will be followed by Dvorak's Cello Concerto performed by Montgomery's Symphony Principal Cellist Bo Li. Free admission.

The **Fishing Rodeo** for children 12 and under will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Children ages 12 and under accompanied by a parent are invited to participate in a morning of great fishing at the Auburn Technology Park Lake. Bring your lucky fishing pole and all bait is provided. For more information call Donna Forbus at 887-4930. Registration fee is \$7.00 per child.



The Fishing Rodeo will be held on May 5.

A **Safe Kids Car Seat Check Up Event** will be held at Auburn City Hall on Saturday, May 5 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. This event will provide hands-on car seat installation assistance and life-saving child passenger safety information as a free service to Auburn residents. For more information on this event contact Wendy Hassett at 821-1900.



This year's **Bike Bash** will be held at Ogletree Elementary School on Saturday, May 12 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Join Auburn bicyclists in participating in one of several organized bike routes of various distances, demonstrations, information booths, live music, and more. T-shirts will be given to registered participants. The pre-registration fee is \$7.00 per bike participant. Group rates are available. For more information or to volunteer, call Dee Watson at 887-4930.

The **Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast** will be held on Monday, May 28 at 7:00 a.m. in the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center. Tickets are now available at City Hall for \$20 each. All proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Fund.



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