

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## Only Rain Goes Down the Drain...

*City of Auburn's storm drain marker program educates citizens on the importance of protecting our storm drains*



Auburn citizens may have noticed some colorful artwork adorning their neighborhood storm drains. With the help and creativity of students from Auburn City Schools and the Auburn University Sustainability Initiative, the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department launched its Storm Drain Marker Program in an effort to educate citizens about Auburn's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and its connection to surrounding bodies of water. The program uses storm drain markers designed by students from Auburn City Schools to remind citizens that rainwater is the only substance that may safely and legally be allowed to enter the storm drain system.

Keeping Auburn's storm sewer system free of debris prevents backups that could lead to flooding along streets and in neighborhoods, and allows rainwater to flow easily through the system. Since water flows from the MS4 into lakes, streams, and rivers, debris or contaminants in the system can also pollute vital water resources. Want

to help keep Auburn's storm drains clear? There are a number of ways you can help:

1. **Storm Drain Marker Kits** - The City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department offers storm drain marker kits, free of charge, to individuals and civic groups interested in helping us protect our water resources. Each kit contains the materials necessary and instructions to mark several storm drain inlets, as well as educational information on our local watersheds. Storm drain marker kits are the perfect opportunity to earn volunteer hours or fulfill merit badge requirements for organizations.

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City of Auburn

## Document Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event Friday, November 13



The City of Auburn's Environmental Services Department - Recycling Division, in partnership with the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Sand Hill Recycling, Waste Recycling, and Weston Solutions, will host a FREE, secure document shredding and electronics recycling day on Friday, November 13 from 9 a.m. -

2 p.m. at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce parking lot, located at 714 East Glenn Avenue. This event provides Auburn citizens, businesses, and non-profits the opportunity to properly dispose of outdated, unwanted, or broken electronics and destroy documents in a secure manner. Last year, more than 10,000 pounds of documents were shredded and 15,000 pounds of electronics were collected during the event. This event will be held rain or shine.

Television sets cannot be accepted for recycling during this event. However, Auburn residents may recycle their electronics year-round through curbside collections or at the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department, located at 365-A North Donahue Drive. Televisions of all sizes may be left at curbside for collection. Items accepted by appointment only at the Environmental Services Department include computer-related equipment and televisions 19" and smaller. To make an appointment, contact the Environmental Services Department by email at [webenvirsvc@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webenvirsvc@auburnalabama.org) or by phone at 501-3080.

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For more information, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/es](http://www.auburnalabama.org/es) and click on the announcements button or contact André Richardson in the City of Auburn Environmental Services Department at 501-3084.

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- Yard Debris Containment** - Items placed for garbage, trash, and recycling collection should be properly contained so they do not fall into the street, street gutters, or down storm drains. Please avoid placing items on or near storm drains, mailboxes, utility poles or boxes, or other fixed objects. Debris deposited in storm drains can clog storm pipes, leading to flooding during storm events, and can contribute to polluting our vital water resources.
- Illicit Discharge Reporting** - The City of Auburn's Illicit Discharge Ordinance prohibits the deposit of materials other than stormwater into the City's storm sewer system. Examples of illicit discharges include, but are not limited to, dumping paint, concrete, grass clippings, or oil down a storm drain. If you suspect a violation, please contact the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department at [webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org) or call 501-3060. Please provide your name, address, phone number, location or address of the suspected violation, the type of problem, the date of the occurrence, and the name of the individual/company suspected of being involved. All reports will remain confidential. Visit us online at [www.auburnalabama.org/wrm-watershed](http://www.auburnalabama.org/wrm-watershed) and click on the illicit discharges button for more information.



By working together, we can help protect Auburn's invaluable water resources. For more information, or to obtain a Storm Drain Marker Kit, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/wrm-watershed](http://www.auburnalabama.org/wrm-watershed) or contact the City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department - Watershed Division at [webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org) or call 501-3060.

## FEMA Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study Update

### 90-Day Appeal and Protest Period Underway

Lee County and the City of Auburn are in the process of updating their Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study. Property owners affected by the proposed floodplain have been notified by mail. FEMA has initiated the 90-day appeal and protest period. Property owners interested in drafting an appeal or protest are encouraged to contact the City of Auburn Public Works Department prior to submitting an appeal. The 90-day appeal and protest period will end on November 2. The proposed maps are scheduled to go into effect in July 2010.

Visit [www.auburnalabama.org/fema/maps.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/fema/maps.asp) for an interactive map of the current and proposed FEMA floodplains. Property owners are encouraged to visit the site to determine if their property is in the proposed floodplain.

For more information, please visit the City's FEMA webpage at [www.auburnalabama.org/fema](http://www.auburnalabama.org/fema) or contact the City of Auburn Public Works Department at 501-3000 or [webpw@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webpw@auburnalabama.org).

## Board Vacancies

- Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be filled at the November 3 City Council meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** will be filled at the November 17 City Council meeting.



Citizens interested in serving on a City Board or Commission are encouraged to contact their City Council member or notify the City Manager's Office at [webocm@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webocm@auburnalabama.org) or call 501-7260.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- 3 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 4 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber
- 6 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
- 10 Greenspace Advisory Board**, 11:30 a.m., City Meeting Room
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Development Services Building
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room
- 12 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber
- 17 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber
- 19 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room
- 24 Library Board**, 2 p.m., Library Board Room
- Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Development Services Building

### Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/boards](http://www.auburnalabama.org/boards).

The City of Auburn and the Auburn Veterans Committee cordially invite you to the

# Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

at the

## Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument

(corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue)

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

10:00 a.m.

*Please join us for a reception immediately following the ceremony at the*

## Auburn Chamber of Commerce

714 East Glenn Avenue

Auburn, AL

Parking for the ceremony will be available at Felton-Little Park and the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex. Ross Street will be closed during the ceremony to provide parking for the disabled. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the City Council Chamber on Ross Street.

For more information, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/veterans](http://www.auburnalabama.org/veterans) or contact the City of Auburn Economic Development Department at 501-7270.

## City of Auburn Non-Emergency Number

Please note the City of Auburn's 24-hour non-emergency number is 501-3100. Citizens are encouraged to use this number when contacting the Public Safety Department with non-emergency requests, such as cars blocking the roadway and noise complaints. In addition, this number may be used for all after-hours issues.

This number was established to keep 911 lines open for emergencies. In the event of an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.



## Change Your Clock - Change Your Batteries

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1. Remember to move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

The Auburn Fire Division encourages citizens to use the end of Daylight Saving Time as a reminder to change the batteries in smoke detectors throughout your home. A working smoke detector should be placed on every level of your home, in the kitchen, and in every bedroom.

## November Holiday Schedules

City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications, will remain on their regular schedules during the holidays. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling during the weeks of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving will change as follows:

### Veterans Day

Week of November 9-13

#### Normal Collection Day

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

#### Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Monday, November 9  
Tuesday, November 10  
Thursday, November 12  
Friday, November 13

### Thanksgiving

Week of November 23-27

*Scheduled collections are earlier the week of Thanksgiving*

#### Normal Collection Day

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

#### Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

Monday, November 23  
Monday, November 23  
Tuesday, November 24  
Wednesday, November 25

Collection carts and recycled materials must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Please avoid placing items on or near storm drains, mailboxes, utility boxes, utility poles, or other fixed objects. All items should be properly contained or bundled so they do not fall into the street or down storm drains. All carts and collection bins must be removed from the curb by 6 a.m. the following day.

Citizens interested in receiving garbage, trash, and recycling announcements and holiday schedules via email may sign up for the e-Notifier online at [www.auburnalabama.org/e-Notifier](http://www.auburnalabama.org/e-Notifier).

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## Open Line Feedback

Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share? If so, please contact us at [openline@auburnlabama.org](mailto:openline@auburnlabama.org) or call 501-7255.

# up COMING EVENTS

Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize any events that are not directly affiliated with a City department.



**Now Showing ...Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition** - Mark your calendar for the following Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibition. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

• **Photo XI**, October 16 - November 30. Annual juried exhibition of photographs by regional artists and photographers.

**Please note the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center will be closed for building maintenance the week of November 23 - 27.**

**Weekly in November...Auburn Public Library Story Times for Children** - Join the Auburn Public Library as they host special story times for children ages 6 months - 5 years and their caregivers. All story times are held at 10 a.m. Please note, Preschool Story Time will not be held on November 11 and there will be no story times the week of Thanksgiving. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/library](http://www.auburnlabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

- **Tuesdays** - Baby Time (ages 6 - 18 months)
- **Wednesdays** - Preschool Story Time (ages 3 - 5 years)
- **Thursdays** - Toddler Time (ages 18 months - 3 years)



**Available November 2...Parks and Recreation Winter Brochure** - The Parks and Recreation Winter Brochure will be available at City facilities and online at [www.auburnlabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnlabama.org/parks) beginning November 2. Program registration will be held November 23 - December 24. The program quarter begins January 4 and continues through March 5. Be sure to register early for winter programs! For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnlabama.org/parks) or contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.

**November 3...Auburn History Club** - Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join the Auburn History Club at the Auburn Public Library on November 3 at 4 p.m. November's discussion will center on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/library](http://www.auburnlabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

**November 4...Magic Tree House Club** - Youth in grades K - 5 are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for the Magic Tree House Club on November 4 at 3:30 p.m. This month's featured book title is *Monday with a Mad Genius*. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/library](http://www.auburnlabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**November 5...Guest Author at the Auburn Public Library** - The Auburn Public Library will welcome Jack Sacco, award winning and Pulitzer Prize nominated author of *Where the Birds Never Sing*, on November 5 at 2 p.m. In his riveting book, Sacco tells the harrowing and ultimately triumphant tale of an American GI in World War II as seen through the eyes of his father, Joe Sacco - a farm boy from Alabama who was flung into the chaos of Normandy and survived the terrors of the Bulge. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/library](http://www.auburnlabama.org/library) or contact the Reference Desk at 501-3195.

**November 6...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer** - Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarborough Tennis Center. Citizens 19 and up are encouraged to come play. All levels of play are welcome. No partner necessary. The event will be held rain or shine. Yarborough Tennis Center non-member court fees apply. For more information, contact the Yarborough Tennis Center at 501-2920.



**November 6 - 15...Auburn Area Community Theatre Performance** - The Auburn Area Community Theatre will present William Gibson's *The Miracle Worker* at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center November 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14 at 7 p.m. and November 8 & 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.

**Beginning November 12...Adult Basketball Registration** - Adult basketball registration will be held weekdays at the Dean Road Recreation Center from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. beginning November 12 - December 9. Competition is divided into two leagues and is open to all adults. The season runs January - March. For more information, contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930.



**November 12...National Gaming Day** - Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to celebrate National Gaming Day 2009 at the Auburn Public Library on November 12 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of board and video games for teens. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/library](http://www.auburnlabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**November 12 & 13...Polar Express Tickets on Sale** - All aboard the Polar Express! Children ages 5 and up are invited to hop aboard the Polar Express on December 5. The "train" will depart at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Participants may choose their departure time. Activities include arts & crafts, sweets & treats, and much more. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite holiday pajamas. Tickets for the event will be on sale November 12 & 13 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The cost is \$7 per person. A limited number of tickets are available. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



**November 17...Puppet Show** - Youth of all ages are invited to join the Auburn Public Library for a puppet show entitled *Coyote and the Wet Blanket* on November 17 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/library](http://www.auburnlabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**November 17... Auburn Public Library Book Club** - The Auburn Public Library Book Club will meet on November 17 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, including November's topic, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/library](http://www.auburnlabama.org/library) or contact the Reference Desk at 501-3195.



**November 19...American Girls Club** - Youth in grades K - 5 are invited to join the American Girls Club at the Auburn Public Library on November 19 at 3:30 p.m. This month's featured character is Kaya. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/library](http://www.auburnlabama.org/library) or contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

**April 24, 2010...Auburn CityFest 2010** - Auburn CityFest 2010, presented by the *Opelika-Auburn News*, is set for April 24, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Applications for fine arts, arts & crafts, food, and non-profit exhibitors are now available on the CityFest website at [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com). Interested in participating in the 10th Anniversary of Auburn CityFest? Space is limited, so be sure to apply early! Sponsorships are also available. Join us for Auburn's largest, free outdoor arts and crafts festival. For more information, or to download an application, please visit [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com) or contact the Auburn CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930.

