

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

September 2010

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## Dawson Appointed Chief of Police



City Manager Charles M. Duggan, Jr. is pleased to announce the appointment of Tommy Dawson as Chief of Police. Dawson has served as Acting Chief of Police since May 1, 2010.

"Chief Dawson's 23 years of service has equipped him to serve with distinction as Chief of Police for the City of Auburn. I am confident that he will protect and serve Auburn citizens with an unwavering sense of duty and commitment," Charles M. Duggan, Jr. said.

Dawson joined the APD as a patrol officer in 1987. He served as a narcotics division sergeant, patrol lieutenant and detective lieutenant before being promoted to Assistant Chief in January 2008. Dawson graduated from Montgomery's Faulkner University with a degree in Criminology, and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2006.

"Chief Dawson has done an excellent job while he was the Assistant Police Chief as well as during his time as the Acting Police Chief," said Bill James, Director of Public Safety. "He has a great rapport with the community, the police staff and other departments in the City. I don't expect this to change in his capacity as Police Chief. I look forward to

working closely with him as we prepare for the future," James added.

Dawson's appointment was effective July 7, 2010. He says he is humbled and honored to be allowed to serve the citizens of Auburn as Chief of Police.

## Hubbard Awards Grants to Auburn Police and Fire Divisions

Alabama State Representative Mike Hubbard has secured almost \$30,000 for the City of Auburn Police and Fire Divisions. "We are very appreciative of Representative Hubbard's support of our public safety department. We want to provide our police and firefighters with the most up-to-date equipment to ensure their safety while they work to protect us and to ensure that our citizens live in a safe community," said Mayor Bill Ham, Jr.

The Auburn Police Division has been awarded approximately \$10,000 to purchase new rain suits for all 65 officers on patrol. The two-piece suits are reversible, more visible, and offer much more protection against the elements than do the current rain suits. Auburn Police have also received a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of new flashlights. According to Police Chief Tommy Dawson the money will be used to buy 90 LED flashlights for the agency's sworn officers. The flashlights burn longer, have a strobe mode, and offer a rapid charging system.

Representative Hubbard has also secured approximately \$7,800 for the Auburn Fire Division, which will be used to purchase a thermal imaging camera. The thermal imaging device can be used to help firefighters locate people trapped in a burning building.



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## Sundown Concert Series

Auburn Parks and Recreation has the perfect solution for FREE, fall entertainment! Join us for the Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in September and October. Enjoy live performances by local and regional musicians under the shade trees at one of Auburn's favorite parks. With varied performances from jazz and folk music to country and classic hits, this series has something for everyone. Bring the family, a picnic, lawn chairs, or a blanket and join us for an evening of entertainment. Don't forget – dogs are always welcome!

This year's concert series features the following artists:

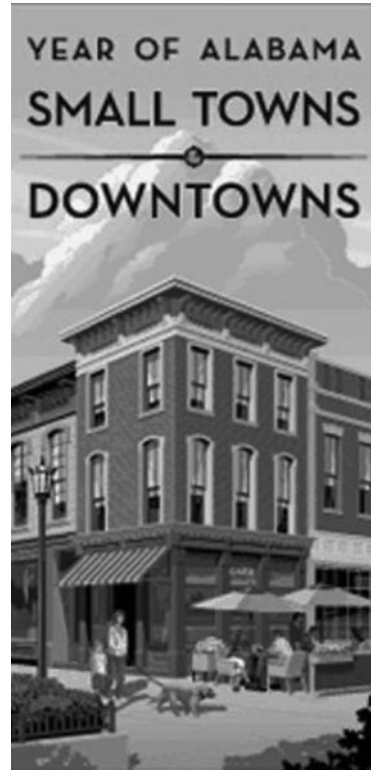
September 16	Martha's Trouble
September 23	Dave Potts
September 30	Weston Burt Band
October 7	The Auburn Knights Orchestra
October 14	Spoonful James
October 21	Auburn Road

The Sundown Concert Series at Kiesel Park is a free, family-friendly event. No alcohol, please. For more information, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks) or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



## The Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns

In celebration of the state's small towns and downtowns, the City of Auburn will be hosting a series of events to celebrate our rich heritage, diverse business community and southern charm. A speaker series will kick-off in August and continue through November. On the weekend of November 5-7, the City will host a Homecoming event in conjunction with the Auburn Football Homecoming festivities. A historic marker will be unveiled, tours will be provided, and lifelong Auburn residents will discuss the evolution of the loveliest village over the years. Visit [www.auburnalabama.org/smalltowns](http://www.auburnalabama.org/smalltowns) for more information on Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns events.



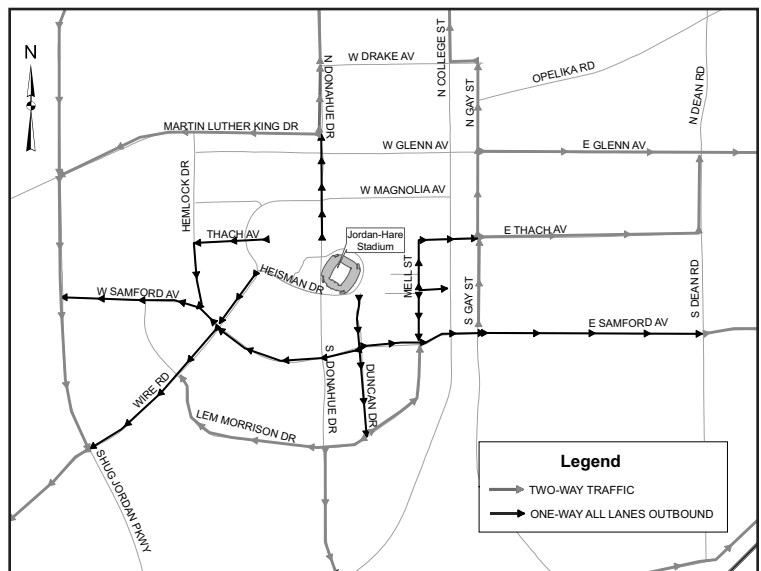
## AU Football Post-Game Traffic

Football Season is finally upon us. The City of Auburn has developed a post-game map to help fans navigate their quickest route home from Jordan-Hare Stadium. Please remember to drive safely as streets will be filled with vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The City of Auburn encourages citizens to stay safe while enjoying some of the best football around. War Eagle!

### One-way Outbound Streets

- Samford Avenue will be one-way east bound from Duncan Drive to Dean Road
- Samford Avenue will be one-way west bound from Duncan Drive to Shug Jordan Parkway (one inbound lane will be open to transit and emergency vehicles only.)
- Duncan Drive will be one-way south bound
- Donahue Drive will be one-way north bound from Thach Avenue to MLK Drive
- Mell Street will be one-way north bound from Roosevelt Drive to Thach Avenue
- Mell Street will be one-way south bound from Roosevelt Drive to Samford Avenue
- Thach Avenue will be one-way east bound from Mell Street to Gay Street
- Wire Road will be one-way south bound from Roosevelt Drive to Shug Jordan Parkway.
- West Thach Avenue will be one-way west bound from Wire Road to Hemlock Drive.
- Hemlock Drive will be one-way south bound from West Thach Avenue to Samford Avenue.

One-way routes will be in effect for post-game traffic for approximately two hours.



# Budgeting for the Future



In late July, the City Council of the City of Auburn passed the Budget Ordinance establishing the City's budget for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012. The complete budget document approved by the Council can be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.auburnalabama.org/budget>. "With this budget, we continue our conservative approach to City budgeting," said Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. "Since

the recession began, cities around the nation have made headlines for layoffs, budget cuts and service reductions. Because of our strategies of fiscal responsibility and economic diversification, we've maintained our commitment to Auburn City Schools and to quality services for citizens, even while tightening our belt to stay financially strong for the future."

The City's budget documentation has been awarded 10 Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards covering 15 budgeted fiscal years. Even with the economic uncertainty nationally over the last two years, municipal bond ratings have held steady or improved, with the City currently holding an Aa2 rating from Moody's and an AA+ rating from Standard and Poor's.

## MEETING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER

- 1 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 3 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue
- 7 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 9 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 13 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 South Dean Road
- 14 Greenspace Advisory Board**, 11:30 a.m., City Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 21 City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 23 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue
- 28 Library Board**, 2 p.m., Auburn Public Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- 28 Bicycle Committee**, 7 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street

**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).

# Labor Day Collection Schedule

There will be no trash collection on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling will be delayed by one day during the week of September 6-10, as listed below.



City of Auburn

Monday, September 6	Holiday
Tuesday, September 7	Monday's Route
Wednesday, September 8	Tuesday's Route
Thursday, September 9	Wednesday's Route
Friday, September 10	Thursday's Route

## How Many Roommates Can I Have?

### A Reminder of the City of Auburn's Residential Occupancy Regulations

As we welcome back students from the summer break, residents are reminded that the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance sets forth limitations regarding residential occupancy in the City limits. Traditional residential neighborhoods are typically zoned to allow for no more than two unrelated persons to reside at an address. Apartment complexes, mobile home parks, and other multi-family housing units are properly zoned to allow for more than two unrelated tenants.

Not sure if you are in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance? Visit the City's website at [www.auburnalabama.org/students](http://www.auburnalabama.org/students). The site contains links to the City's Zoning Ordinance, the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) site, a brochure highlighting specific information on the City's occupancy limitations, and information on how to report suspected residences in violation of occupancy regulations. Residential occupancy brochures are also available at the City of Auburn Planning Department, located at 171 North Ross Street, Suite 100.

Property owners found to be in violation of occupancy regulations are subject to fines and possible jail time, as set forth in the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance. Residents in violation of residential occupancy regulations may be subject to eviction by property owners.



For more information, please visit [www.auburnalabama.org/pl](http://www.auburnalabama.org/pl) or contact the City of Auburn Planning Department at 501-3040.

## Board Vacancies

- Three vacancies on the **Industrial Development Board** will be announced at the September 7, 2010 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 5, 2010 City Council meeting.
- One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center** will be filled at the September 21, 2010 City Council meeting.
- Two vacancies on the **Building Board of Adjustment & Appeals** will be announced at the September 21, 2010 City Council meeting and will be filled at the October 19, 2010 City Council meeting.



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

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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.



**Tuesdays in September...Baby Time** – Mothers of babies ages 6-18 months are invited on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for Baby Time, except September 7. The program features music, fingerplays, and books. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**Preschool Story Time...Every Wednesday** – Preschoolers ages 3-5 years-old are invited every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for Story Time, except for September 8. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.



**Every Week in September...Toddler Time** – Toddlers ages 18 months – 3 years-old are invited every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. for Toddler Time, except for September 9. The program features music, visual aids and simple crafts. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**Every Thursday in September...Home School Chess Club** - Open to all ages, each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Bring your chess board and play a round of chess. A limited number of chess boards are provided by the library. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.



**September 1...Magic Tree House** - Children in grades Kindergarten – 5th Grade are invited on Wednesday, September 1 at 3:30 to participate in the Magic Tree House. The program features reading and a craft.

**September 14...Puppet Show** – Children, ages 3-11, are invited to a puppet show on Tuesday, September 14 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Auburn Public Library Youth Services at 501-3196.

**September 16...American Girl's Club** – Children in grades Kindergarten – 5th Grade are invited on Thursday, September 16 at 3:30 to learn about girls who girl up in various times in history.



**September 21...Come hear some of Mental Floss Magazine cofounder Will Pearson's** favorite trivia bits and win Mental Floss door prizes for trivia challenges on Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Auburn Public Library.

**Now Showing...Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions** – Mark your calendar for the following Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions. The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/arts](http://www.auburnlabama.org/arts) or contact the Arts Center at 501-2963.



• **Adventures in Art**, through September 3. Letterpress works by Kevin Smith.

• **Fall Invitational, September 7 – October 9.** An exhibition of recent works by area artists and craftpersons.



**Now Available...Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure** – Be sure to pick up your FREE copy of the Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure, available now at City facilities and online at [www.auburnlabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnlabama.org/parks). The brochure is your guide to fall sports and special events, including Downtown Trick-or-Treat and the Fall Concert Series at Kiesel Park. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnlabama.org/parks) or contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in September...Auburn Stride Walkers** – Get moving with the Auburn Stride Walkers Club! Citizens of all ages are invited to join the club for walks at various City walking trails every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Participation is free. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946 or Dee Watson at 501-2948.



**September 1...Auburn CityFest 2011 Applications Available** – Save the date! Auburn CityFest 2011 is set for Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Applications for fine arts, arts & crafts, food, and non-profit exhibitors will be available online at [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com) beginning September 1. Log on today to get your application in early. Spaces fill quickly! Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact the Auburn CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930 for more information. Mark your calendars...we'll see you at Auburn CityFest 2011 on Saturday, April 30.

**September 3...First Friday Night Tennis Mixer** – Join the Auburn Community Tennis Association (ACTA) for the First Friday Night Tennis Mixer on September 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center. Citizens ages 19 and up are encouraged to play. All levels of play are welcome. No partner is necessary. The event will be held rain or shine. Yarbrough Tennis Center non-member court fees apply. For more information, visit [www.auburnlabama.org/tennis](http://www.auburnlabama.org/tennis) or contact the Yarbrough Tennis Center at 501-2920.



**September 6...Auburn City Pools Close for the Season** – Auburn City Pools are still open, but dive in while you can. Pools close for the season at the end of the day on September 6. Daily hours are available online at [www.auburnlabama.org/parks/pools.asp](http://www.auburnlabama.org/parks/pools.asp). For more information, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.



**September 11...Woofstock 2010** - Join the Lee County Humane Society (LCHS) and Auburn Parks and Recreation for Woofstock 2010 on Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Woofstock is a celebration for Lee County residents and their pets and includes live entertainment, children's activities, disc dog demos, LCHS adoptions, and much more. All dogs are welcome as long as they remain on a leash. For more information, visit [www.leecountyhumane.org](http://www.leecountyhumane.org).

**Register by September 23...X-Cell Club Field Trip to Six Flags** – Attention kids ages 12 – 15, join Auburn Parks and Recreation for a fun-filled day at Six Flags on October 10 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. We'll see the shows, eat the treats, and ride the rides. Come join us! The cost of the trip is \$30, payable in cash on the day of the trip. Don't forget to register by September 23. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 501-2946.