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a monthly newsletter for you, our residents.

APRIL 2022



City of Auburn

Citywide roadway assessment

analyzing and prioritizing street maintenance in Auburn

The latest comprehensive assessment of the City's roadway infrastructure conditions began this January as part of the City of Auburn Pavement Management Plan, Roadway Evaluation and Asset Collect Project. That's a mouthful — what does it mean?

Periodically, the City evaluates and analyzes the 383 total miles of roadway within Auburn city limits. Along with assessing road conditions, we look at all the City's warning and regulatory signs as well as street striping, markings and legends. This data collection process helps us prioritize improvements that need to be made and helps increase the efficiency of our regular traffic infrastructure maintenance.

This evaluation was done manually by City staff in the past, which was a time-consuming process that pulled staff away from other key initiatives. This year, a contractor is performing a digital assessment that is more efficient and will provide better data to help us assess our street maintenance and renewal needs. Ultimately, this data will allow us to rank and prioritize street maintenance based on a number of factors.

To get accurate results, the evaluation vehicles will be driving the speed limit or slower as they survey our roads and neighborhoods. Thanks for your patience as you encounter these vehicles, and please be careful!

Community English conversation classes Tuesdays in April

The Auburn Public Library will host Community English Conversation Classes each Tuesday in April at 6:30 p.m. Join us and improve your English language listening and speaking skills while building international relationships! This four-week series is presented by graduate students in Auburn University's English for Speakers of Other Languages program.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

MARCH 26 • 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

Our Environmental Services team will host the biannual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, March 26. Auburn residents are invited to drop off materials from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Environmental Services Complex, 365-A N. Donahue Drive.

During the event, we will accept hazardous waste not accepted in regular garbage and trash collection. Computers and electronics will be accepted as well as documents for secure, on-site paper shredding. Each household may bring up to 20 pounds of material for disposal at no charge.

Those participating in the event are asked to register ahead of time by filling out the form at auburnalabama.org/HHW. On the day of the event, simply load the materials you're ready to get rid of into the trunk or rear of your vehicle and enter the Environmental Services Complex via North Donahue Drive. Once you've arrived, workers will remove the materials from your vehicle.

Participation is limited to Auburn residents, and proof of residency can be shown by bringing a recent water bill. Find a list of acceptable materials at auburnalabama.org/environmental-services/household-hazardous-waste-collection-day.



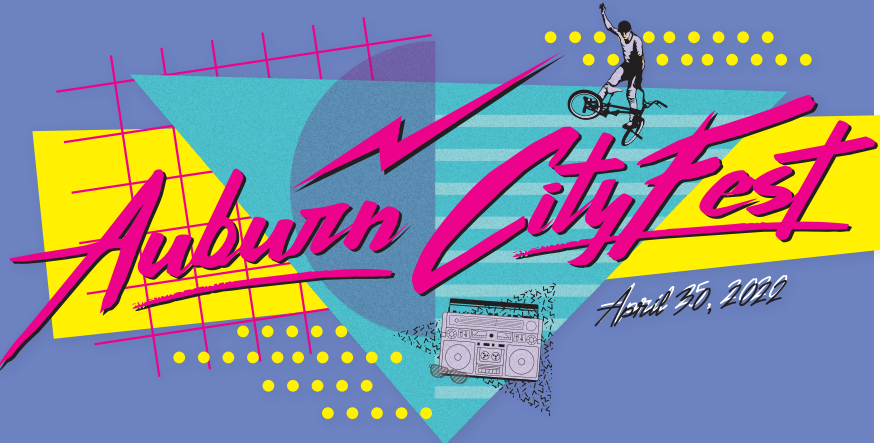
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Get excited for the 21st annual Auburn CityFest on Saturday, April 30! Join Auburn Parks and Recreation at Kiesel Park from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for a fun day filled with food, community and entertainment.

This year's CityFest theme is Totally Excellent '80s, featuring special entertainment and attractions related to everything '80s. We are going back to the future with a DeLorean and the Batmobile onsite.

The headlining entertainment at the Children's Imagination Station will be the BMX Bike Show. This is a one-of-a-kind stunt show with gravity defying tricks. The headlining band at CityFest will be Outside the Inside, the best '80s band in the region coming in from Montgomery. Their show offers a mixture of rock and pop from the '80s. CityFest will also feature a performance by the Auburn Community Orchestra, who will play '80s movie scores.

The Children's Imagination Station will also include acts from Lew-e the Clown and Adam Lowe. There will be a sandbox from Home Depot, and the Kreher Preserve and Southeastern Raptor Center will be on site. Auburn Therapy and Learning Center will provide a Sense Tent as a calm space for those with sensory processing disorders, helping soothe their senses and make Auburn CityFest an inclusive place for all guests.

Auburn's largest free outdoor festival will feature over 100 arts and crafts, local food and nonprofit vendors. For more information, visit auburncityfest.com, email abergman@auburnalabama.org or call CityFest headquarters at 334-501-2930.



Auburn Floral Trail

MARCH 7-APRIL 15

The annual Auburn Floral Trail is underway through April 15, highlighting some of the finest foliage Auburn has to offer! Explore 14 miles of blooming lawns, showcasing springtime flowers like azaleas as well as cherry and plum trees.

The self-guided trail is broken into a 10.5-mile South trail and a 3.5-mile North trail along with two optional sections. It takes drivers along Auburn's neighborhood streets to view trees, shrubs and flowers that come alive after a cold winter. Find more details and a map of the trails at auburnalabama.org/environmental-services/auburn-floral-trail.

Board & commission vacancies

One vacancy on the Board of Education was announced at the Feb. 15 Auburn City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 19 meeting. Applications will close at 5 p.m. on March 21. Once applications have been reviewed, final candidates will be interviewed by members of the Auburn City Council.

One vacancy on the Planning Commission was announced at the Feb. 15 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 5 meeting. Applications will close at 5 p.m. on March 9. Once applications have been reviewed, final candidates will be interviewed by members of the Auburn City Council.

One vacancy on the Downtown Design Review Committee and two vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission will be announced at the March 1 City Council meeting and will be filled at the April 5 meeting. Applications will open on March 2 and will close at 5 p.m. on March 28.

Applications are available online at auburnalabama.org/boards, along with information about our 22 boards and commissions.



To leash or not to leash?

a reminder about Auburn's leash law

Did you know that Auburn has a leash law? According to City Code, dog owners should keep their dogs "under restraint at all times" for the safety of both the dog and the community.

What does "under restraint" mean? A dog is considered under restraint when one of the following conditions are in place:

- The dog is confined in a building, fenced pen or fenced yard on its owner's property or on the property of another person with their consent.
- The dog is leashed.
- The dog is tethered — in accordance with section 4-17 — on its owner's property or on the property of another person with the other person's permission. The dog must be tethered so that it cannot access public property or other private property.
- The dog, though not meeting any of the conditions above, is in a peaceful attitude on the property of its owner and is wearing rabies vaccination tags.

We have a few dog parks in Auburn where well-behaved pups are allowed to be off-leash, including Kiesel Park, Town Creek Park and Dinius Park. But, please note, dogs may only be allowed off leash if they are "under **immediate** and **effective** voice control" of their owners. Dogs who aren't voice trained should be kept leashed for their safety and for the safety of others.

More details can be found at auburnalabama.org/environmental-services/animal-control. You can also review what the City Code says about the restraint and tethering of dogs at auburnalabama.org/city-code in Sections 4-16 and 4-17.

NO ONE LIKES A DISTRACTED DRIVER ❤️ 0

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

SAFETY TIPS TO FOLLOW WHILE DRIVING

1. Turn off phone notifications before you drive
2. Use a hands-free device if you must talk on the phone
3. Avoid multi-tasking while driving...eating, makeup, etc.
4. Set up your playlist and GPS before you start the drive
5. Pull over safely if you are sleepy or drowsy

Tips brought to you by Auburn Public Safety Services

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APRIL 2022 upcoming events

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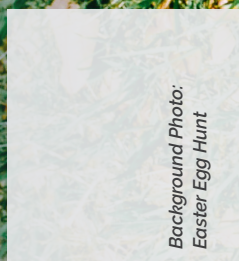


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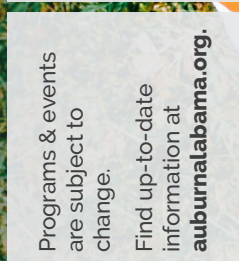
Family Movie 3:30 p.m.
Cemetery Advisory Board 4 p.m.
Ward 4 Meeting 5:30 p.m.



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Easter Egg Hunt*

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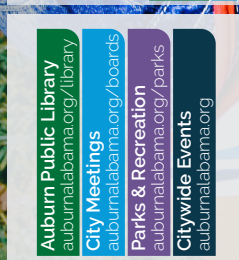
Story Time (in person/virtual)
Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 11:45 a.m.
Community English Conversation Classes
Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
Committee of the Whole TBD
City Council 7 p.m.



Programs & events are subject to change.
Find up-to-date information at auburnalabama.org.

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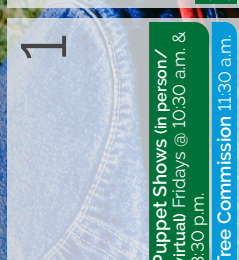
Story Time (in person/virtual)
Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Board of Zoning Adjustment 4:30 p.m.



Auburn Public Library
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City Meetings
auburnalabama.org/boards
Parks & Recreation
auburnalabama.org/parks
Citywide Events
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Story Time (in person/virtual)
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.



Puppet Shows (in person/virtual)
Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Tree Commission 11:30 a.m.

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Story Time (in person/virtual)
Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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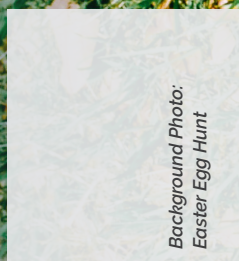


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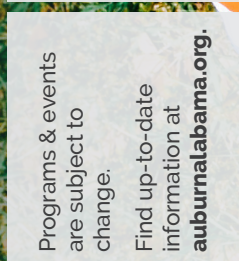
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Planning Commission Packet Meeting Noon

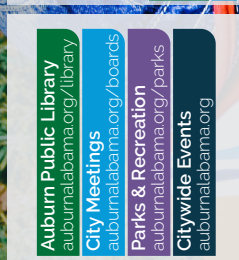


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Historic Preservation Commission 4 p.m.

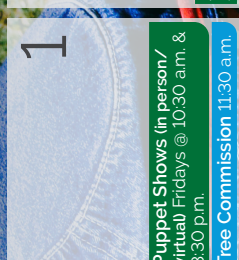


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City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.
Planning Commission 5 p.m.



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Cops on Top 8 a.m.-8 p.m. @ Kroger



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Breakfast with the Bunny @ Kiesel Park

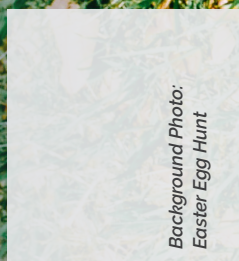


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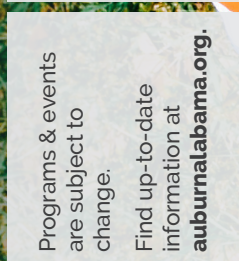


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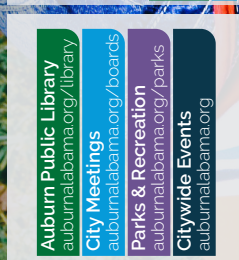
Library Board 10 a.m.
Greenspace Advisory Board Noon
Reader's Review Book Club 5:30 p.m.
Committee of the Whole TBD
City Council 7 p.m.



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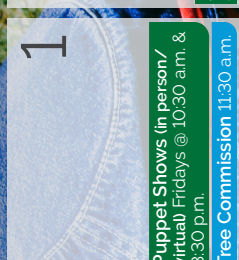


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Water Works Board 4 p.m.



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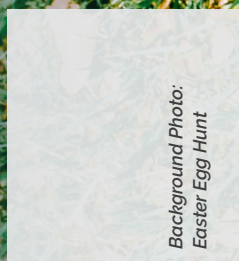
42nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Kiesel Park



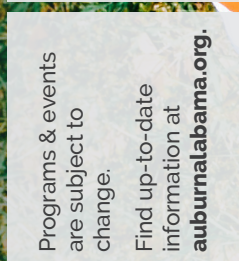
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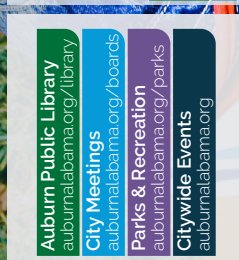
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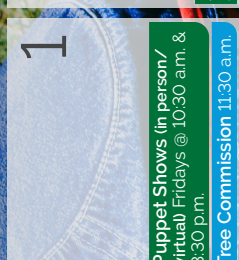


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City Council Agenda Review Meeting 4 p.m.
CityFest Juried Art Show 5:30 p.m. @ Kiesel Park



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21st Annual CityFest
9 a.m.-4 p.m. @ Kiesel Park