



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, June 9, 2018
Burel Park—4th Avenue
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

OWLS Luncheon
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, June 20, 2018—11:30 am
Special Location: Whistlestop Park
Next to City Hall

This monthly luncheon is the “don’t miss” event for those age 50 and better. Bring a dish to share!

This month: Patriotic Picnic

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The Mayor's Corner

June is here and the farmer's market is in full swing! On Wednesdays, now through September, local growers come out to sell the produce grown in their gardens. June is the beginning of reaping what we have sown in the spring. The City has been sowing a lot of seeds in the past years and we are glad to say that our efforts are bearing fruit!

The beautiful Auburn Center is near completion. The upstairs offers an industrial and modern space that can be used for events and weddings. The main floor will offer several spaces for the community to use for various activities including meetings, gatherings, baby and wedding showers and more. We have some interest in the lower level too and we are excited to see how that pans out.

Auburn Station, located along Atlanta Highway near our Gwinnett County line, will consist of 150 acres of residential and commercial development. The first phase will consist of approximately 240 new homes with amenities such as a pool and tennis courts. Future phases within the development will allow for retail and office space as well as proposed apartments and townhomes. Plans for Phase I have been submitted and this will be moving forward soon!

Moriah Woods is a new neighborhood that is currently being built near Mt. Moriah Road and Cronic Town Road. Construction has started on the first phase of the development that will have 30 single-family residential homes priced in the 200's. These are beautiful homes perfect for families! Council also recently approved the rezoning of a tract of land along 6th Street for the construction of 9 new homes.

On the commercial side, we recently welcomed State Farm's Amy Holstein to Auburn. O'Reilly's Auto Parts store will soon be constructed next the Dollar Tree on Atlanta Highway. Their construction plans have been approved and we expect construction to begin soon! We are also receiving interest from all types of businesses, including a micro-brewery and different types of artists that are looking for a community such as Auburn to grow their business.

We look forward to continuing to foster small business in Auburn while supporting our existing businesses. One of our long time business enterprises, Boise Cascade, celebrated their 60th anniversary recently. Boise Cascade is a national leader and distributor of building materials and is a large local employer for Auburn. The company recently expanded their facility and is now one of the largest business enterprises in the county. We also appreciate their involvement and support of the community. Rawhide Boots recently expanded their store and Rocky's Pizza has reopened to rave reviews next to City Hall.

I am proud of all the growth that we are seeing Auburn. It is all part of the plan that you, our citizens, put in place with our comprehensive plan. As we move forward to the next phase of planning, we appreciate your input and hope that you will be involved in the process. This is YOUR city, our home. Let's build a future we can all be proud of.



Mayor Linda Blechinger

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success" - Henry Ford

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY JUNE 30, 2018
Auburn Annual Independence Day Celebration
Fireworks, Food, Crafts, Inflatables for the Kids, Live Music!
Great Fun for the Whole Family! - 5:00 pm. Fireworks at Dusk!



Join us at the Auburn Tennis Courts for Group Lessons! Group Tennis Classes available All Ability Levels

MONDAYS: June 4, 11, 18, 25 (4 lessons—Only \$11 per Lesson!) - \$44

June Tennis Program Sessions Available at City of Auburn Tennis Courts! with PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Certified Professional Instructor Josh Honea

5:00pm-6:00pm **Little Champs Tennis** (4-8 yrs, youth)

6:00pm-7:00pm **Future Champs Tennis—Junior Development I** (9-12 yrs, old)

7:00pm-8:00pm **Competitive Champs Tennis—Junior Development II** (For players 13-18 of all abilities, striving toward a higher level of play through competition)

To register for Group Tennis Lessons or to request more information, please contact:
Josh Honea: tenniswithjosh@gmail.com - 770-547-

Stormwater affects everything we do!

When you're washing your car in the driveway, remember you're not just washing your car in the driveway! Everything that was making your car dirty is now making our streams dirty!

The Pollution - Wash Water

- Wash water that flows into the street and storm drains goes directly to the stream
- The average driveway carwash uses 116 gallons of water! Most soaps contain phosphates and other chemicals that can be harmful to fish and wildlife

The Solution – How You Can Help!

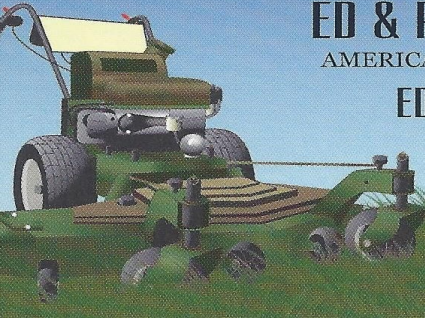
- Take your car to a car wash. Car wash stations recycle the wash water and send the dirty water to the waste water treatment plant
- Wash your car in the grass so that the water can soak into the ground and help your grass grow
- Use less water. Use a bucket and rag instead of a pressure washer and put a spray nozzle on the hose so that it shuts off when not needed
- Use soap sparingly and pour out all wash buckets onto grass, not the curb, street or storm drain

For more information contact the Stormwater Coordinator at (770)963-4002 X 207.



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Auburn Library Programs & Events

June 1 at 3PM: Electric Library
 June 2 at 3PM: Lego Club
 June 4, 11, 18 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
 June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
 June 4 at 10AM: Reptiles Rock
 June 6, 13, 20 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
 June 7 at 12PM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club
 June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1PM: Movies Rock
 June 7 at 5:30PM: Auburn Coding Club
 June 8 at 3PM: Teen Craftapalooza
 June 9 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
 June 11 at 6:30PM: Auburn Cover to Cover Book Club
 June 12 at 11AM: Music Rocks
 June 13 at 1PM: Lifetime Meet & Greet
 June 14 at 5PM: Teen Nights
 June 15 at 3PM: Librarians Ball
 June 19 at 11AM: Ice Cream Rocks with Mobile Dairy Classroom
 June 22 at 11AM: Men's Book Club
 June 22 at 3PM: Bookella
 June 26 at 11AM: Drawing Rocks
 June 28 at 7PM: Well Red Wine Club
 June 29 at 3PM: Teen T-Shirt Party
 June 30—Auburn Independence Day Celebration— Library Closed

Auburn Public Library
 24 Fifth Street, Auburn, GA
 770-513-2925 www.prlib.org



MEETINGS CALENDAR

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 1361 4th Avenue (next to the Police Station) unless otherwise noted—meeting times, locations & dates are subject to change

06/07 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting
 06/14 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 06/13 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
 06/21 at 6PM: City Council Workshop
 06/20 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning Commission

Public Works Week Celebrated in Auburn

The City of Auburn celebrated Public Works week May 21-25 by honoring their Public Works employees with daily surprises. From breakfast to home cooked spaghetti lunch to fun gifts, the Public Works employees enjoyed the fun.

Public Works employees are the backbone of the City of Auburn. They are the ones who respond when a tree comes down in a storm, they are the ones who keep our City beautiful by maintaining the rights-of-way and parks. They are the ones who will respond when the water main breaks in the middle of the night. They are also the ones who make our City so beautiful for Auburn events.

Thank you Public Works for all you do!



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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The City of Auburn Police Department has recently come into possession of a number of firearms that appear to have been stolen from parties unknown. Anyone who has had some weapons stolen from them and does not already have an open case with the Police Department can contact our Evidence Custodian in an attempt to identify these weapons.

You must be able to provide Make, Model, Serial Number, and proof of ownership to claim the weapons if they are yours. You can contact the Evidence Custodian at 770-513-8657.



FREE BASKETBALL CAMP

LEARN FUNDAMENTALS, SKILLS, & VALUES

JUNE 4-7, 2018 BEGINNERS // GIRLS & BOYS 9-13
 AUBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1334 Sixth Avenue, Auburn, GA 30011

AGES 9-10: REGISTRATION: JUNE 4, 8:00 AM CAMP: 8:15 AM - 10:00 AM
AGES 11-13: REGISTRATION: JUNE 4, 9:30 AM CAMP: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Note: No children under age 9
 PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS MUST WEAR TENNIS SHOES
 PARENTS ARE WELCOMED TO STAY FOR SOME OR ALL OF THE CAMP

FOR INFORMATION: CALL COACH E.W. DEMPSEY AT (423) 667-5420

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Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

is devoted to bringing the best in leisure programming to Auburn. From Auburn Dixie Youth Baseball Programs and the Tennis program to the Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors) to green space parks—there is something for everyone.

June 9—Community Yard Sale
 June 13—Parks & Leisure Meeting—6:30 pm City Hall
 June 20—OWLS Luncheon/Patriotic Picnic—Special Location: Whistlestop Park next to City Hall—11:30 am

Insects and Your Garden

Whether you work a large family farm, a home vegetable garden, or a 4'X8' community garden vegetable plot, routine scouting for insects should be an important part of your vegetable growing plan. Insect pests can be a costly problem on vegetables and the lifecycles of some of our insect pests are so short that missing a week of scouting can lead to damaged crops and increased pest numbers. Once a week, inspect the leaves and fruits/vegetables. Look on the undersides of leaves and on the stem. Evidence of boring insects can be seen on the plant stem while insect eggs are often deposited on the leaf undersides. If you are unsure of an insect identification, contact your local UGA Cooperative Extension agent for assistance. Do not automatically reach for an insecticide!

Insect eggs are easily removed. Simply remove the entire leaf and fold the leaf over on itself and smash the eggs. Or, if you want to preserve the leaf, use sticky tape to remove the eggs. Place tape on top of the egg mass and gently pull removing the eggs. Fold the tape on itself and smash the eggs. Squash bugs are a perfect example. Eggs like these are easy to miss if you don't routinely scout your garden! Dealing with squash bug eggs is easier than managing the 30+ pest insects that could mature from these eggs.

Learning about the insects that are common pests for the food crops you are growing can be very helpful. Leaf-footed bugs (*Leptoglossus* spp.) are a problem for tomatoes while squash bugs are pests in cucumbers, squash and pumpkins. Aphids (Aphidoidea superfamily) are a common problem especially when plants are full of liquid, after a rain, or when plants are growing quickly. Mexican bean beetles (*Epilachna varivestis*) can easily destroy a bean crop but these insects have been mistaken for beneficial lady beetles.

It is estimated that only 3% of insects are pests so the insects you find in your garden are not always problematic. Don't assume every insect you find is a "bad bug!" Take time to learn about beneficial insects such as assassin bugs, parasitic wasps, and lady beetles. These can be tremendous allies in your garden. Often these insects need floral resources and the plants you have added to attract pollinators will also help other beneficial insects.

The copper colored ovals in the photo below are aphid mummies. A helpful parasitic wasp laid an egg inside an aphid pest (green insect below). As the egg hatched the resulting larva consumed the aphid insides for nutrition. When the wasp matured it emerged from the aphid leaving the empty shell, aphid mummy, behind. Adult wasps will be looking for some nectar so your pollinator garden will be useful here.

Scouting is just one tool of an integrated pest management (IPM) program. Other tools include:

Altering planting time to miss large insect populations; Using trap crops; Starting with healthy soil; Keeping the garden clean of debris; Hand-pulling weeds; Creating habitat for beneficial insects and pollinators; Watering wisely; Using plants that are proven to do well in your area

For additional information about insect scouting, insect identification, or pollinator/beneficial insect gardening contact your Gwinnett County Extension Office at www.ugaextension.com/gwinnett or 678-377-4010.



It's That Time of Year—Auburn Farmer's Market

Beginning in June, the Auburn Farmer's Market will resume at the Burel Park Pavilion. The Farmer's Market will run every Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm from June through October.

Have a garden this year that provided a bountiful harvest? Come out and set up a table to sell your excess. This would be a great time to think about getting a plot at our Community Garden behind City Hall.

Not a gardener? Looking to buy some homegrown fruits and vegetables? The Farmer's Market will offer locally produced fruits and vegetables. You can find the best jellies and salsa. Do you love homemade Ice Cream? You can usually find chocolate, peach and strawberry ice cream. Local honey, live plants, boiled peanuts, and much more can be found at the Market.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmer's Market, please contact parksdirector@cityofauburn-ga.org for an application.

