



**OWLS Luncheon!**  
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)  
**Wednesday, October 17, 2018—11:30 am**  
JD Withers Bldg., 7 Seventh St.

This monthly gathering is the “don’t miss” event for those age 50 & better. Potluck lunch—bring something to share!  
We will be finalizing our trip list for November so contact Michelle for more information  
770-963-4002 ext 204



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

**MONDAYS: October 8, 15, 22, 29 \$30 (4 lessons—Only \$10 per Lesson!)**

**October 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](mailto:tenniswithjosh@gmail.com) - 770-547-8647

**The Future Auburn - What Will It Look Like?**

The City of Auburn is poised on the brink of growth. Having recently completed the comprehensive plan with community stakeholders, we now have a roadmap to the future that we want to see. The City of Auburn, in partnership with Dave Schmitt of Schmitt + Associates, conducted a Real Estate Market Overview and Analysis. By conducting these studies, we now can visualize and manage the growth that is coming to Auburn.

The City also hosted a meeting with community stakeholders including local business owners, Barrow County School officials, residents and potential business owners and developers. The group talked about the various patterns used to create towns. Traditional towns, and most downtowns are created around streets in a grid, as opposed to suburban (cul-de-sac), sprawl pattern. Information was presented about nearby planned towns that have been successful in creating vibrant downtown walkable areas. This planned progress is what all our stakeholders indicated we want for Auburn. The vision for Auburn incorporates green space, walkability, with planned developments that enhance our quality of life.

The rendition included here is just one of several possibilities for our downtown area. It includes homes, businesses and greenspace all interconnected with sidewalks that will include a pedestrian tunnel to the opposite side of the tracks where the new Municipal Center and new homes are planned.. We are excited about the work we accomplished with our community and can't wait to see it come to life!



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# Auburn Messenger



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*The Mayor's Corner*

Autumn brings changes—it is my favorite season because I love to see all the beautiful colors. I enjoy the cooler evenings, shorter days and somehow an expectancy of the holidays not too far away!  
Change can also bring about uncertainty to some extent. There is a certain rhythm to life. When that rhythm changes, it isn't always easy or comfortable whether that change is health, a renovation, a child leaving for college or a beloved friend passing away. Change isn't always easy but then I am reminded of that rhythm of life and I have seen over the years that although it may be different, the rhythm does return.



Mayor Linda Blechinger

We have approximately 40 team members who work for Auburn. The city functions much like a business where we all get to know each other and know the changes we have experienced or are experiencing individually. We care for each other and pray for each other. When someone has to be out for an extended period of time, others cover their duties without complaint. We care for our businesses, we care for our citizens, we truly love our city and that makes working through some of life's hard times a little easier.

I want to take time to say thank you to all of our City workers. Our front office which includes Customer Service, City Clerk, City Accountant, and Accounts Payable, The City Planner and Community Development Coordinator who oversee DDA/Main Street, planning and zoning, the Whistlestop Shops and so much more, The Assistant to Mayor and Council, who is involved in serving almost every other department! And, last but not least, our City Administrator who oversees all day to day activities.

Public Works Department covers roads, streets, bridges, Stormwater, buildings & grounds and water. Our Parks and Leisure Director.- who is over programming, events and OWLS

Our Police Department, which covers Patrol as well as CID, Evidence, Customer service, and Court of Clerk, Code Enforcement as well as our Chief who oversees all of the operations of the department.

Our awesome Public Library staff and volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year not only providing books and computer access, but storytime, knitting club, coding club, book clubs for all ages and activities/events during the summer.

Year after year, I have seen these folks work. They wear many different hats, completing jobs that just need to get done. Working in the middle of the night to stop a water leak or to remove a tree that fell across the road. I have seen officers staying on the scene of a tragedy comforting parents or spouses. I have seen our customer service work to track down people who have lost something, I have seen (more than one) dog at city hall because it was wandering around lost and staff posted their photo on Facebook until we had an owner!

There are funny stories, if you have ever taken our Citizens Police Academy you know... and sad stories to remember like our PD escorting a funeral service. Praying together for those who are going through hardships.

I just want to say “Thank you” to each and every City employee, I know you often go unrecognized but today, this month, I personally want to say that all of you are the best TEAM I have ever had the honor of working with! As a citizen, I am proud of our city – you are the engine that keeps it all running! As the seasons change and the rhythms of life change, I know with the great staff at the City, we have a strong foundation upon which to build!

**AuburnFest!**  
**10/20/2018**  
**11am to 6pm**

Auburn's Hometown Celebration

**Back to Our Roots!**

Handmade Crafts—Fun Competitions  
Backyard BBQ Competition—Car Show  
Family Fun—Kid Zone—Zip Line



Downtown Auburn



## Auburn Library Programs & Events

October 2, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11AM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles  
 October 2, 15, 22, 29 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time  
 October 3, 17, 24, 31 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time—up to 2 years  
 October 3, 17 at 1PM: Memoir Class  
 October 4 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club  
 October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 5PM: Auburn Teen Nights  
 October 4 at 5:30PM: Auburn Coding Club  
 October 6 at 2PM: Author Signing with CD Gill  
 October 6 at 3PM: Auburn Lego Club  
 October 10 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club  
 October 13 at 10AM: Walking Dead Day  
 October 13 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon  
 October 18 at 5PM: Friends of the Auburn Library  
 October 20 at 11AM: AuburnFest  
 October 25 at 7PM: Well Red Book Club  
 October 26 at 4:30PM: Movie and a Book Club  
 October 26 at 6PM: Teen Scream Party  
 October 27 at 11AM: Family Storytime  
 October 27 at 3PM: STEAM Saturdays  
 October 19 at 5PM: Eek! A Night to Make You Shriek



**Auburn Public Library**  
 24 Fifth Street, Auburn, GA  
 770-513-2925 [www.prlib.org](http://www.prlib.org)

## Older Wiser Laughing Seniors (OWLS) Cookbook Coming Soon!

Do you have a delicious recipe that everyone tells you is the best they ever had? Are you the keeper of the family recipe cards with Great Grandma Sadie's apple butter recipe? The Auburn OWLS are collecting recipes for a cookbook to be published this fall. Recipes can be mailed to City of Auburn, PO Box 1059, Auburn, GA 30011 attn: Michelle. Email [mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org)



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## 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

10/04 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting  
 10/11 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority  
 10/17 at 6PM: Parks & Leisure Commission  
 10/17 at 6PM: Planning and Zoning Commission  
 10/18 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

## Adult Literacy Barrow Announces GED and ESL Classes Have Resumed in Auburn.

After a break for the summer, Adult Literacy Barrow announces that the free GED classes and English as a Second Language Classes have resumed in Auburn. Classes for GED are held Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the JD Withers Building (7 7th Street, Auburn). For more information on GED classes, call 770-531-3361 or visit [www.adultliteracybarrow.org](http://www.adultliteracybarrow.org).

Classes for English as a Second Language will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 pm also in the JD Withers Building. Ingrid Sandez will be the instructor. Please call 404-438-8508 with any questions.



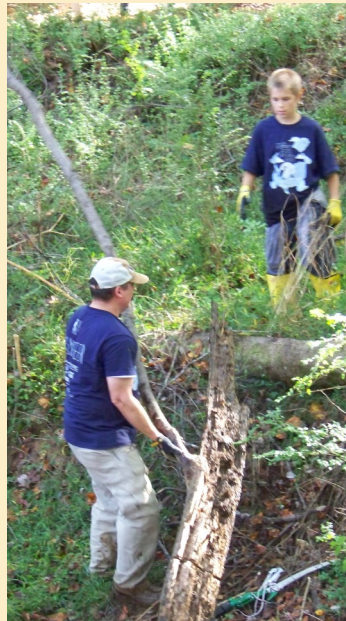
Georgia has more than 70,100 miles of rivers and streams that need help to stay clean. Individuals, neighborhoods, scout troops, schools, churches, clubs and service organizations are being asked to pull together to make a difference for the Apalachee River and its tributaries

Volunteer registration is now open for Georgia's annual river clean-up initiative, Rivers Alive, October 13, 2018. The clean-up will take place from 8:00-1:00 p.m. This is a great time to pull together and help not only keep our rivers healthy, but a wonderful way to get to know other community members. Roll up your sleeves with the local boy scouts, churches and other community volunteers.

This Rivers Alive event is presented locally by Keep Barrow Beautiful (KBB).

Volunteers are needed for privet (an invasive plant species) removal at Shackelford Park, as well as litter pick-up around the river and park.

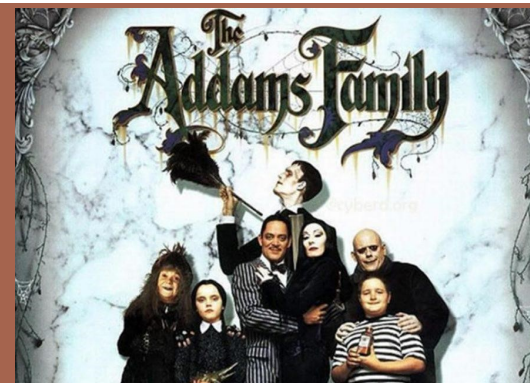
All volunteers must complete the Rivers Alive volunteer waiver form. For more information or to register, contact Joe Moravec at 770-238-9144.



## Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

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

October 13—Movie in Whistlestop Park—Addams Family  
 October 17—OWLS Luncheon—11:30 am—JD Withers Building! Bring a dish to share  
 October 17—Parks & Leisure Commission—6PM



## Great American Clean Up set for 10/12 and 10/13

The City of Auburn will be hosting the “Great American Cleanup” October 12th from 8am to 5pm and October 13th from 8am to 12pm. During this time, any resident (no businesses please) wishing to bring recyclables, scrap metal, and tires (limit four) to the City of Auburn will be able to do so without charge.

One big change to this year's Clean Up is that it is open only to Auburn residents. State issued ID will be required to show residency in the city limits of Auburn. This means that if you pay City of Auburn property taxes you qualify. You MUST be a City resident. If you have any questions regarding this, please give us a call at 770-963-4002 to avoid any problems. Also, 4 Standard Tires can be dropped off free of charge. Over four tires, the new pricing is \$5 Standard Tire and Commercial, Tires w/Rims \$8; and \$8 Tractor Tires.

The Great American Cleanup will help Auburn citizens keep the City of Auburn beautiful!!

City of Auburn  
**Great American Cleanup**  
 Friday Oct. 12th—8:00AM– 5:00PM and  
 Saturday, Oct. 13th—8:00AM—12:00PM  
 Mary Carter Ballfield Parking Lot

### We will be collecting:

- Batteries
- Eye Glasses (for Lion's Club)
- Motor Oil
- Cell Phones
- Junk – junk includes anything you don't want whether usable or not
- Tires – see above
- Ink Cartridges
- Scrap Metal
- Old Cameras/Radios
- Electronics

Questions? Contact Iris Akridge 770-963-4002 ext. 207 or email [iakridge@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:iakridge@cityofauburn-ga.org)



**WE CANNOT ACCEPT:**  
 Paint of Any Type or Paint Thinner  
 Cooking Oil  
 Construction Material (Wood)  
 Yard Waste

## Stormwater Inspections in Auburn

The City of Auburn is currently doing stormwater inspections. Homeowners that have a culvert pipe on their property may be asked to maintain the pipe outfall. Having a clear view of the pipe and no obstructions is very important for the City and the State to complete inspections. This will apply to pipe outlets outside of the right of way.

When there is no granted easements, right-of-entry, rights-of-use, or other form of dedication thereof to the city for maintenance, the property owner is responsible for the maintenance. Letters will be mailed out to those properties that need attention. Auburn, GA Code of Ordinances 18.14.040. B Questions please call Joe Moravec, Storm water Coordinator (770)238-9144 or [jmoravec@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:jmoravec@cityofauburn-ga.org)

