



Community Yard Sale
Last One for 2020!
Saturday, September 11, 2020
Burel Park—4th Avenue
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

OWLS Monthly Meeting

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, September 16, 2020—11:30 pm
Perry Rainey Center

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

Subject to cancellation if COVID-19 continues to be a concern



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Adult Literacy Barrow GED and ESL Classes in Auburn

Adult Literacy Barrow is happy to announce the fall class schedule for the City of Auburn. English as Second Language (ESL), GED, and Citizenship classes are all free and available to anyone 16 and over.

ESL classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30. Students will attend class in Auburn at the Perry Rainey Center, first floor, last room on the right.

The GED classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30. To register for classes, students attend an orientation at the Winder campus located at 163 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. They should call 770.531.3361 to pick an orientation to attend. Following orientation, students will attend class in Auburn at the Perry Rainey Center, first floor, last room on the right. For more information call Sally Brown with Adult Literacy Barrow at 770.531.3369

Every Drop Counts—Watching Water Wasters

Each year, millions of gallons of water are wasted. Take a look at these helpful suggestions on how to eliminate water waste and reduce your water bills.

- Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash
- Replace your showerhead with an ultra low-flow version, saving up to 2.5 gallons per minute
- In the shower, instead of increasing the hot or cold water flow to adjust the water temperature, try decreasing the flow to achieve a comfortable water temperature.
- Don't let the water run while shaving, washing your face, or brushing your teeth
- Minimize the use of kitchen sink disposals; they require a lot of water to operate properly. Start a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing of food waste
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run to get a cool glass of water
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost them overnight in the refrigerator
- When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water. Quickly rinse under a slow stream of water from the faucet. Use the dirty water to run your sink disposal if necessary
- Fully load automatic dishwashers; they use the same amount of water no matter how much is in them
- Unlike your dishwasher, the amount of water your washing machine uses is adjustable; adjust according to load size
- Buy water saving washing machines. Horizontal loading machines use less water than top-loading machines.
- Install a hot water recirculation device. By recirculating water that would otherwise go down the drain, you can save 2-3 gallons of water per shower or 16,500 gallons a year per household.
- Never install a water-to-air-heat pump or air conditioning system. Air-to-air models are just as efficient and do not waste water
- Install water-softening systems only when necessary. Save water and salt by running the minimum amount of regenerations necessary. Turn softeners off while on vacation
- Verify that your home is leak free. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a hidden leak
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at the rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year
- Retrofit all wasteful household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictions
- Insulate your water pipes. You'll get hot water faster and avoid wasting water
- Don't overwater your lawn. Generally, lawns only need watering every 5 to 7 days in the summer. Buy a rain gauge to see how much water your yard gets.

Watch next month's newsletter for more tips on how you can save water and money!

It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things.

Theodore Roosevelt

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

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The Mayor's Corner

I can't believe it is September already. Even as the pandemic halted so many activities across the nation, Downtown Auburn's revitalization continued to move forward. Work on the new municipal complex is making great strides! As many of you know, having City Hall and the Police Department next to the railroad tracks is a safety issue. Should we have a major train derailment, emergency operations would be greatly impacted. The National Public Safety Institute and the Georgia Public Safety Training System recommend that government facilities be moved a safe distance from the tracks to maintain continuity during an emergency. In the last few years, citizens, staff and officials have been visioning the downtown area with an eye on moving our municipal operations to a new site. The property behind Auburn Elementary was secured from the Hawthorne family and planning has been underway ever since. We are so excited that the engineering, architectural, environmental and legal work has progressed even in these uncertain times. Financing was secured in the form of \$12.5 million in URA Bonds that have been issued to finance costs of the new City Hall complex, including roads, paving, parking, landscaping, and storm water related facilities. The term is 30 years, at an interest rate of 2.7%. Repayment of these bonds will come from the SPLOST proceeds dedicated to this project as they come in over time. Private development, including new residential and commercial developments, is anticipated to generate an estimated \$1,257,300 annually. This will afford the City the opportunity to prepay this financed amount with no prepayment penalty.

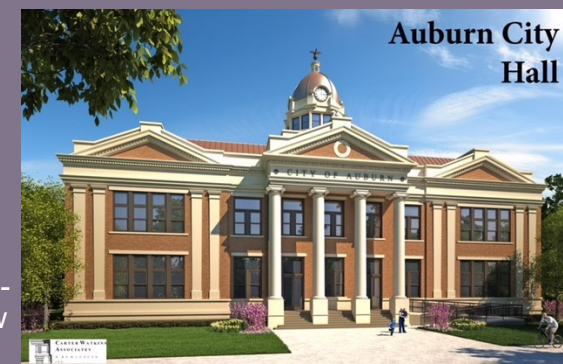


Mayor Linda Blechinger

Jim Monacell and Ansly Moyer with Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP and Andrew Tritt with Stifel Investment Services helped navigate the path for securing financing. We were very proud that Moody's Credit rated Auburn at "A1," citing credit characteristics including, "a small, but growing tax base located in both Barrow (Aa1) and Gwinnett Counties (Aaa) along with stable financial operations including substantial reserves and cash balances and prudent budgetary management." Our City staff and elected officials have worked hard to be good stewards of our taxpayer's money and this rating shows how successful they have been.

Building the new City Hall has brought about partnerships with nationally known Architect Lew Oliver and master developer, Dave Schmit (Schmit+Associates). Recently P. Allen Smith, well-known horticulture expert, Georgia PBS television host, garden designer, conservationist, and lifestyle expert began consulting on the project as well. These creative professionals have designed a site plan that includes housing, walking trails and plenty of green space.

The new City Hall will be a 33,000 sf replica of the Perry Rainey Institute, the building that housed students from the late 1800s until the 1940's. When it fell into disrepair and was demolished, the land was deeded to the school system to be used for education. Auburn Elementary now sits on the former Perry Rainey Institute site. We recently renovated the building adjacent to the college which was built in 1902 to house students. This building is now known as the Perry Rainey Center and the new City Hall will be visible from the top floor. We are pleased to announce that the groundbreaking for this project is slated for September 16 at 9:30 am. Please make plans to come out and celebrate this milestone with your fellow citizens!



Auburn City Hall

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

09/03 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
 09/07—City Offices Closed—Happy Labor Day
 09/09 at 6PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
 09/10 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 09/16 at 6PM: Planning and Zoning Commission
 09/17 at 5PM: City Council Workshop

Building a Better Auburn Library

Due to growing pains, we will be rolling back to porch pickup as of September 1st. Follow us on Facebook or call 770-513-2925



Hours: M-F 10-4; Sat 10-2

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 September

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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.

September 09—Parks & Leisure Commission—6PM
 September 11—Community Yard Sale—last one for 2020
 September 16—OWLS Luncheon—Perry Rainey Center—Bring a dish to share

Auburn Farmer's Market is every Wednesday from 6-8PM at the Burel Pavilion on Mt. Moriah

2020 Census—Time is Running Out!

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more.

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. This results also determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

Redistricting

The U.S. Constitution mandates that the country count its population once every 10 years. The results are used to adjust or redraw electoral districts, based on where populations have increased or decreased.

State legislatures or independent bipartisan commissions are responsible for redrawing congressional districts. The U.S. Census Bureau provides states with population counts for this purpose.

Federal Funding

The results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country—for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.

Business Declarations

The 2020 Census will be valuable to businesses, as the results will provide a rich set of data on the communities they serve, including population trends and growth projections.

Business owners rely on census results to make decisions, such as where to open new stores, restaurants, factories, or offices, where to expand operations, where to recruit employees, and which products and services to offer.

Impact in Our Community

What is the impact to our community? School lunches. Plans for highways. Support for firefighters and families in need. Census results affect your community every day.

Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems.

Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education.

The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

It's not too late to complete the 2020 Census.

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United States Census 2020



It's safe.



It's easy.



It's important.