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OWLS Luncheon
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

Wednesday, April 20, 2022—11:30 am

Perry Rainey Center, 16 College Street
(next to Auburn Elementary)

This monthly luncheon is the "don't miss" event for those age 50 and better. Lunch will be provided—please RSVP to 770-963-4002 ext 230 or mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org



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The Mayor's Corner

April flowers are in full bloom already! March really brought in those showers to make sure we have a beautiful spring. It is the ideal time to start working on your garden at home. There is nothing like fresh produce that you grew! Don't have room to have a garden at home? No problem! The City of Auburn has a community garden that has a plot for you. Located behind Auburn City Hall and the Police Station, the community garden volunteer committee is busy getting the garden ready for the 2022 season. A work day will be coming up soon and we encourage all of our families to become part of this great project.

Volunteering in your area is a wonderful way to be part of our great community! You meet others with the same community spirit and, if you are volunteering with your family, you are showing your kids what it means to help others. At the City, our staff is always appreciative of those who reach out a helping hand. We could not do all that we do without our volunteers! From our community garden to all the great events we host throughout the year, volunteers are the difference in making it a great time for everyone.

Our volunteers are not just limited to the garden and events. Our Citizens Police Academy Alumni, the Police Explorers, Parks & Leisure, Main Street, Downtown Development, Planning & Zoning, and Zoning Board of Appeals are all made up of volunteers. Some are appointed by Council, some are by virtue of completing a class, and all are because these people like to make a difference in Auburn.

We will be honoring our Volunteers this month in recognition of National Volunteer Week and Georgia Cities Week. Georgia Cities Week is an exciting week in Auburn. We partner with local groups and Barrow County Schools to showcase why Cities are so important and what they have to offer their citizens.

City government is truly government of, by and for the people – the people who are making the decisions about our community are your neighbors, business owners and community leaders. We are in this together, and we want our city to thrive.

We recognize that throughout our lifetimes, the average person will have more direct contact with local governments than with state or federal governments. During this week, we want to recognize the role city government plays in our lives: from public safety to promoting the area's culture and recreation. We hope you will join us in this celebration and learn more about your city and how it operates for you.



Mayor Linda Blechinger



The library has a new reading challenge!

Register for this challenge in Beanstack and track 5 hours of reading in the month of April to win amazing prizes!

Grand prizes include annual passes to Zoo Atlanta, Georgia Aquarium and GA State Parks.



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NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH —APRIL—



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Pre-K Lottery Application

March 1 to March 31

APPLY ONLINE
barrow.k12.ga.us

BCSS Georgia Pre-K Program classes are located at our nine elementary schools.

- Pre-K follows the BCSS calendar and elementary school hours (7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.).
- Bus transportation is available within your child's elementary school zone.
- Pre-K students must attend class within their elementary attendance zone (unless student numbers create a need for a combo class).
- A child must be age-eligible (4 years old on or before September 1). Children who are 5 years of age on or before September 1, and have not attended Georgia's Pre-K Program, may also enroll in the Pre-K Lottery.

Bound for BOLD

Enroll your K-12 student NOW for the upcoming school year

Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Online registration is required for ALL students (new, returning from another school system, or custody changes). **Enroll now to avoid delays in June and July.**

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APPLY ONLINE
bit.ly/BCSSenroll

CITIES PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE STATE'S ECONOMY.



Georgia cities comprise only 9.2% of the land area in Georgia.



Cities contain 44.1% of the population in Georgia.



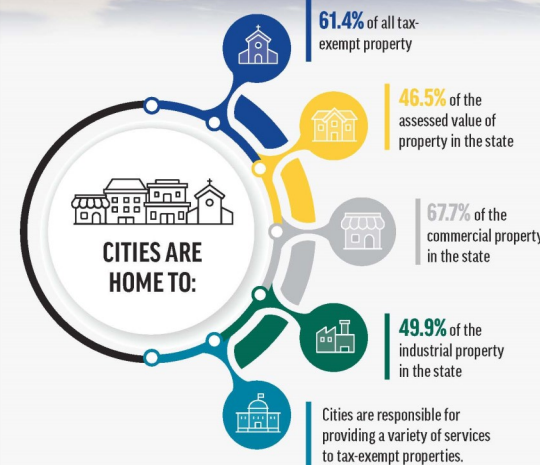
Cities provide 68.9% of jobs in Georgia.



75.1% of Georgia cities have a population of 5,000 or less.



Cities account for 90.5% of GDP in Georgia.



CITIES ARE GROWING AT A FASTER RATE THAN THE STATE'S OVERALL POPULATION:



The population in Georgia cities increases during the daytime by 27.5% due to commuting, and cities provide services (water, sewer, fire and police protection, etc.) to both daytime and resident population.

Earth Day April 22

Since 1970, Earth Day has been celebrated to remind us how important keeping our planet healthy and clean.

Make Earth Day a project day for your family. Pick an area near your home in need of clean up or plant a tree. It's easy and fun! You will enjoy the benefits for years to come



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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All meetings may be held via web depending on current Health Crisis State of Emergency—please check www.cityofauburn-ga.org for updates

- 04/03 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
- 04/10 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
- 04/14 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
- 04/21 at 5PM: City Council Workshop
- 04/20 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning

April is National Safe Digging Month

Why is April so important?

- April is National Safe Digging Month, as well as Safe Digging Month in Georgia by the declaration of the governor.
- According to consumer behavior trends, April marks the beginning of the peak period for outdoor digging projects in Georgia and nationwide.
- Raising safe digging awareness in April encourages citizens to contact 811 during an optimum time for utility line protection.

How does 811 work?

Notifying Georgia 811 kick-starts a process that is crucial to any outdoor digging project. Digging after utility lines have been marked prevents possible mishaps that could otherwise occur during an outdoor project. The service is free and the process is simple:

1. The digger contacts Georgia 811 by dialing 811 or visiting Georgia811.com and submitting an eRequest form at least two business days prior to digging.
2. Georgia 811 then transmits the location and description of the project to the affected member utility companies. After receiving the information, these utility companies send a professional locate technician to identify and mark the approximate location of lines with colored paint or flags.
3. Once underground lines have been marked, the digger now knows the approximate location of utility lines and can dig safely.



Contact **811** before you dig.

Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

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

April 13—Parks & Leisure Commission

April 20—OWLS Luncheon—Perry Rainey Center, 16 College Street



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City of Auburn Great American Cleanup

Friday April 22nd. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday April 23rd. 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We will be collecting:

- Batteries
- Motor Oil
- Scrap Metal
- Electronics (Only Flat Panels TVs Accepted)
- Plastics

Freon Free Appliances
Wood (no construction)

Tires without rims - \$2.00 - \$5.00 each depending on the size
Tires with rims - \$10.00 - \$20.00 each depending on the size

EXACT CASH ONLY NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

- Paint of Any Type
- Paint Thinner
- No Household / Municipal Garbage
- No Chemicals
- No Businesses

**All loose items must be boxed or bagged
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Containers will be set-up at Mary Carter Ballfields

For more information contact Johnnathen Eggleston

jeggleston@cityofauburn-ga.org

770-963-4002 Ext. 208



Whistlestop Shops Bid Welcome to Cookie Crumbs!

The Whistlestop Shops are pleased to welcome Tara Clark and Cookie Crumbs to the Whistlestop Shops. If you love cookies, you have got to stop by and try some. Cookie Crumbs will be open on Saturdays from 11-6 and at any of the City's special events. Interested in ordering cookies? Call Tara at 678-699-1166.

The Whistlestop Shops are your one-stop shop for gifts, t-shirts, candles, jewelry, baked goods and clothes. Stop by to see Massa for your alterations or custom made clothing. Need a custom t-shirt? Visit Brooke at Dragonfly Dreams. There is something for everyone at the Whistlestop Shops.

Interested in making the next step for your home-based business? Check out the Whistlestop Shops. To tour the available shops, please reach out to Michael at parksdirector@cityofauburn-ga.org.

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Cookie Crumbs



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