

# HAPPENING IN YOUR CITY

## The Month of May in Auburn, GA

### Community Rhythms in Mid-May

Starting May 6th, the **City of Auburn Farmers Market** becomes a weekly hub every Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on 4th Avenue.<sup>10</sup> This vibrant community event offers fresh, local produce and handmade goods, serving as a social gathering point near downtown landmarks like R.H. Burel Park.<sup>12</sup>

On the first Saturday, May 3rd, Whistlestop Park hosts **Auburn Ever After** from 11 AM to 2 PM.<sup>15</sup> This free, premier kid event features over twenty-five characters, inflatables, live performances, and horse-drawn carriage rides, highlighting the city's commitment to family entertainment.<sup>17</sup>

The second Friday, May 9th, brings **Music & Food Truck Friday** to Downtown Auburn from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.<sup>15</sup> Held near the Whistlestop Shops, this relaxed evening event features live music and diverse food trucks, making use of the pleasant May weather and downtown spaces.<sup>22</sup>

### Exploring Town Landmarks

The **Whistlestop Shops** at 1369 4th Avenue offer unique "microretailing opportunities" in small, standalone structures, open Tuesday through Saturday.<sup>14</sup> This initiative supports local entrepreneurs, reflecting the town's forward-looking vision alongside historical markers like the nearby caboose.<sup>5</sup>

### Late May Transitions

As May concludes, the energy shifts with the approaching end of the school year (last day May 21st for Barrow County Schools).<sup>30</sup> Anticipation builds for Memorial Day weekend events.<sup>31</sup> On Saturday, May 24th, the **"Pharaohs Car Show"** takes place at the Whistlestop Shops.

May in Auburn showcases a blend of pleasant weather, active community life, and accessible green spaces. Events like the Farmers Market, Auburn Ever After, and Music Fridays highlight the town's welcoming spirit.<sup>5</sup> The combination of historic charm and forward-thinking initiatives like the Whistlestop Shops creates a unique sense of place.<sup>5</sup>



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# Messenger



## NEW IN AUBURN

### A New Aroma in Town

Into this evolving landscape that is Auburn, GA, a new coffee shop, "Rise and Grind," opened its doors. Located on 7th Street in the old JD Withers Building the Downtown area got a dedicated coffee shop. The idea was simple: create more than just a place for coffee, but a welcoming hub, a "third place" bridging home and work, reflecting Auburn's own friendly and connected spirit.<sup>4</sup> The shop aimed to fill a niche, offering a dedicated spot for casual gatherings in a town known more for its parks and organized events.<sup>5</sup> The goal was a space that felt both timelessly inviting and refreshingly current.

## RISE AND GRIND COFFEE

### Brewing Connections, One Cup at a Time

The rich aroma of freshly ground beans quickly became a familiar scent. High-quality coffee formed the core offering, Signature drinks with local nods joined the menu alongside simple, satisfying food options.<sup>8</sup> From the start, the focus was on genuine hospitality, reflecting the town's known friendliness.<sup>4</sup>

Early morning commuters, parents before and after school drop-offs, remote workers seeking a change of scenery, and groups of friends all can find their way to the shop.<sup>5</sup>

### More Than Coffee: Auburn's Heart

It's a place where neighbors connect, newcomers feel welcomed, and the community's friendly, engaged spirit is reflected in the daily hum of conversation and the clatter of coffee cups.<sup>4</sup> The coffee shop succeeded by capturing the essence of Auburn – a welcoming blend of tradition, growth, and genuine connection, brewed daily.





# WORKING HARD FOR AUBURN



The City of Auburn's Public Works Department plays a crucial role in maintaining and improving the city's infrastructure. As part of their ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of life for Auburn citizens, the department recently undertook paving work on College Street and 7th Street. This project aimed to improve the road surface, ensuring smoother traffic flow and increased safety for both drivers and pedestrians utilizing these busy streets. By proactively addressing infrastructure needs like paving, the Public Works Department contributes significantly to the overall well-being and functionality of the City of Auburn.



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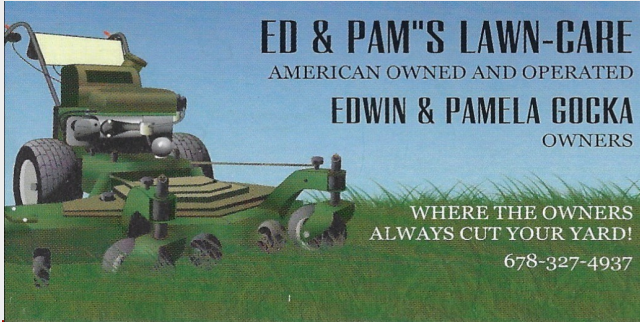
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# CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!

## 1. The Perils of Digging Blind: Understanding the Risks

Digging without calling 811 risks severe injury or death (from gas explosions or electrocution), costly utility repairs and fines, widespread service outages and more. Calling 811 prevents damage 99% of the time, making most utility strikes preventable incidents.<sup>34</sup>

## 2. Following the Safe Digging Process via 811

Safe digging involves several steps:

- Notify 811:** Call 811 or submit an online request the required number of business days in advance (e.g., 2-3 days, varies by state).<sup>6</sup> Provide project details and get a ticket number.<sup>6</sup>
- Wait:** Allow utilities time to mark lines.<sup>6</sup>
- Dig Carefully:** Avoid digging on marks. Hand dig within the tolerance zone (18-24 inches on each side) to expose lines before using power equipment.<sup>7</sup>

## 3. Conclusion: The Smart Choice for Safe Digging

Calling 811 is a simple, free, and essential step for any digging project. It prevents injuries and fatalities, protects vital community services, avoids significant financial penalties and repair costs, and ensures compliance with the law.<sup>1</sup>



# CITY CALENDAR

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
5/6/25 4:00pm	Downtown Auburn	Farmers Market
5/8/25 6:00pm	Council Chambers	City Council Meeting
5/9/2025 6:30pm	Downtown Auburn	Food Truck Friday
5/21/2025 11:30am	Perry Rainey Center	OWLS Luncheon
5/22/2025 6:00pm	Council Chambers	City Council Meeting
5/26/2025 ALL DAY	CITY HALL	OFFICES CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY