



THE MESSENGER

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 4TH

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Get Ready: Auburn's Municipal Election is Coming November 4

This November, Auburn residents will head to the polls for the municipal election—an important moment to help shape the city's leadership and future. Here's what you need to know, who's running, and how to make sure your vote counts.

What's on the Ballot

- **City Council:** Two seats are up for grabs. Voters will select **two candidates** to represent Auburn on the City Council.
 - **Absentee Voting & Deadlines:** If you prefer to vote absentee, applications are accepted through **October 24, 2025**, at the Barrow County Elections Office.
 - **Advance Voting:** Several early voting dates will be offered at the Barrow County Elections Office in Winder. Specific dates include **October 14-17, October 20-24, and October 27-31**, plus a Saturday on **October 18**, to provide convenient options ahead of Election Day.
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Who's Running

Here are the candidates vying for Auburn's two Council seats:

- **Taylor Sisk (Incumbent)** – seeking re-election and currently serving on the Council.
- **Robert Vogel III (Incumbent)** – seeking re-election to continue on the Council.
- **Jonathan Eggleston** – challenger.

Why It Matters

These elections aren't just about who sits on the Council—they influence how Auburn responds to issues like:

- Local infrastructure improvements
- Public safety and emergency services
- Zoning, planning, and neighborhood growth
- Budget priorities and city services

Who represents Auburn directly shapes how priorities are set, what projects are funded, and how the city plans for growth.

How to Participate

- **Check voter registration** well before the deadline. If you've moved, changed your name, or want to confirm you're ready to vote, verify your status.
- **Make a plan:** Decide if you're going in person, voting early, or requesting an absentee ballot. Mark the late-October advance voting dates.
- **Learn about the candidates:** Look for forums, interviews, or statements to see where each one stands on issues that affect you.
- **Share the word:** Encourage your neighbors, friends, and family to vote. Every vote matters in local elections.

As November draws near, it's the time for Auburn citizens to make their voices heard. Mark your calendar, get informed, and let's all show up to shape the future of our city.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY IS BACK

Food Truck Friday - October 10th

Live Music with the Trey Odum Band

Downtown Auburn is the place to be on **Friday, October 10th** as the City of Auburn hosts another **Food Truck Friday** on 4th Avenue. The evening will feature great food, community fun, and live entertainment from the **Trey Odum Band**, bringing their high-energy sound to the heart of our city.

- **Food Trucks Begin Serving:** 6:00 p.m.
- **Live Music Starts:** 6:30 p.m.

Come hungry! A wide variety of food and beverage vendors will be on site, including:

- Grindhouse Burgers
- Picos Hotdogs
- MKD Boiled Peanuts & Cakes
- Dawgs & Ice
- Cheers Beverage
- Wing Kingh

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors downtown to enjoy a night of music, food, and fellowship. This event is free to attend and a great way to support Auburn's thriving local food scene while enjoying live entertainment.

Mark your calendars now—**Food Truck Friday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m.** We can't wait to see you downtown!

RIVERS ALIVE ON OCTOBER 18TH

Rivers Alive - Join Us October 18 to Protect Our Waterways

The City of Auburn is proud to partner with **Keep Barrow Beautiful (KBB)** to host the annual **Rivers Alive** clean-up event on **Saturday, October 18, 2025**, from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Rivers Alive Flyer 2025

This statewide initiative brings together individuals, neighborhoods, scout troops, schools, churches, clubs, and service organizations to help keep Georgia's waterways clean. With more than **70,100 miles of rivers and streams across our state**, it takes all of us to ensure a healthy environment for future generations

Rivers Alive Flyer 2025

What Volunteers Will Do

This year's Auburn effort will focus on:

- **Storm drain stenciling** to raise awareness about preventing pollution.
- Collecting litter and debris to keep the Apalachee River and its tributaries clean

Rivers Alive Flyer 2025

How to Participate

- All volunteers must complete and sign the **Rivers Alive volunteer waiver form** (available at the event).
- **Registration is now open!** To sign up or learn more, contact **Dustin Peters at 762-338-9103**

Rivers Alive Flyer 2025

Join us in making a visible difference right here in Auburn. By donating just two hours of your time, you'll help preserve the health and beauty of our rivers and streams.



Auburn City Calendar - October 2025

🌟 Community Events

- **Fri, Oct 10 — Food Truck Friday (Trey Odum Band)**
Food trucks at 6:00 PM; live music at 6:30 PM on 4th Ave (Downtown Auburn)
- **Tue, Oct 14 — OWLS Luncheon**
11:30 AM
- **Sat, Oct 18 — Downtown Car Show**
10:00 AM–2:00 PM, Downtown Auburn
- **Sat, Oct 18 — Rivers Alive: Community Clean-Up**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM, volunteer waiver required; contact Dustin Peters (762-338-9103)
- **Sat, Oct 25 — AuburnFest**
Annual fall festival, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM, Downtown Auburn

🏛️ Public Meetings

- **Tue, Oct 7 — Downtown Development Authority Meeting**
- **Wed, Oct 8 — Parks & Leisure Commission Meeting**
- **Thu, Oct 9 — City Council Meeting**, Auburn Municipal Complex
- **Wed, Oct 15 — Planning & Zoning Commission**, City Council Chambers
- **Thu, Oct 23 — City Council Meeting**, Auburn Municipal Complex

👉 For the most up-to-date details, visit the [City of Auburn Calendar](#) or call City Hall at 770-963-4002.
