



### Community Yard Sale

Saturday, August 8, 2020  
Burel Park—4th Avenue  
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

### OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)  
Wednesday, August 19, 2020—11:30 am  
Perry Rainey Center—16 College Street

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

(this may be cancelled if COVID-19 continues to be a concern)



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Tennis Program is on hold due to COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions—please contact Josh Honea: [tenniswithjosh@gmail.com](mailto:tenniswithjosh@gmail.com) - 770-547-8647 for more information

### Property Maintenance—Mold, Mildew and Algae

Within the last month, our city council voted on a new ordinance modification to help maintain property values and healthy standards in our community. While our Code Enforcement Officer and our Patrol Officers have been around the city, it has been noted there are some severe issues with mold, mildew and algae on homes. Not only does this deteriorate your home, but it can lead to serious health issues for those exposed. You will find the Property Maintenance Ordinance (Chapter 17.60) now includes the maintenance of keeping properties free from mold, mildew and algae build up.



Sometimes as property owners and tenants, it is hard to see the areas in need of attention. We all let things slip our minds and need a reminder sometimes. If you notice an algae, mold or mildew build up on your siding (wood, vinyl or any type of siding), it is best to get it taken care of immediately so you don't have an issue of rotting wood, among other things. Failure to tend to these issues immediately can lead to very costly damages and health issues. How to get rid of the growth? There are many ways to remedy the issue of mold, mildew and algae. If you are a renter, call your landlord and see how they would like to remedy the issue. If you are a homeowner, you can remove the growth yourself with many products available at local stores. You can also call someone to pressure wash your home or structure. You can purchase a pressure washer and use that to remove the growth. Just remember, once you remove that growth, you must stay consistent in keeping the mold, mildew and algae away.

If you receive a notification of mold, mildew or algae growth on your home, office, accessory structure or another structure within the city, please make sure it is taken care of within 30 days. As always, if you have a situation where you need assistance, please reach out to our Code Enforcement Officer, Angie Thompson. She can be reached by email at [athompson@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:athompson@cityofauburn-ga.org) or you can call 770-513-8657 Ext 201.

### Auburn Youth Athletics Baseball Registration Through August 10

Rookie Ball (4U) TeeBall (6U)  
Pee Wee (8U) Minors (10U)  
Age cut off May 1<sup>st</sup>



Registration is online  
[AuburnYouthAthletics.org](http://AuburnYouthAthletics.org)

### August is National Wellness Month

All during August, National Wellness Month focuses on self-care, managing stress and promoting healthy routines. Create wholesome habits in your lifestyle all month long and see how much better you feel!

Research has shown self-care helps manage stress and promotes happiness. Whether you challenge yourself to a new yoga pose or try a different spa treatment, make a small change and impact your health in positive ways. There are numerous ways to make those small changes, too.

- Increase your water intake.
- Add more fruits and veggies to your meals.
- Monitor your sleep and make adjustments for better sleep habits
- Join a yoga, walking, or aerobics class.
- Learn to meditate.

These small steps can lead to many more healthy habits in your lifestyle.



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# Auburn Messenger



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## The Mayor's Corner

August is here! It certainly has been an unusual summer in Auburn. We hope everyone is healthy and staying safe while we still navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. As of this writing, Gwinnett County (population 936,250) has 13,878 cases and Barrow has 7984 (population 83,240). The governor has asked that everyone follow Four Rules for Four Weeks: 1) wear a mask when in public or when you can't keep distance inside; 2) Practice social distancing of 6 ft; 3) Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds several times throughout the day with soap and warm water; 4) Follow the Governor's Executive Order (which can be found at <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/6999484/07-15-20-Georgia-Executive-Order.pdf>) I am proud of our community and how it has stepped up to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable citizens. Our community has always been one to step in to lend a helping hand. The City of Auburn partners closely with non-profits in the community to make sure resources are available to those who need it. One very close partnership is with the Barrow County Family Connection. Each year they publish a Resource Guide that is a valuable resource to everyone in our community. You can find this online at [barrowfamilyconnection.org](http://barrowfamilyconnection.org). It contains information about your community, your local governments, frequently used phone numbers, local assistance, and much more. On August 1 from 10AM to 2PM, Family Connection will offer their annual Back 2 School Bash. This will be a drive through format and parents will receive a free backpack and school supplies on a first come-first serve basis for Barrow County students Pre-K through 12th (School system staff will be onsite verifying attendance).



Mayor Linda Blechinger

Barrow County has the Barrow County Senior Citizens Center. The Senior Citizens Center provides many programs for the county's seniors. Unfortunately, the senior program has been on hold during the pandemic, however, the center still delivers meals to home bound citizens on a daily basis through the Meals on Wheels program. If you would like to volunteer or be part of their programs call 770-307-3025.

American Red Cross, East Georgia Chapter provides relief to area residents affected by disaster (fire, flood, or tornado). The Red Cross has continued to hold blood drives to benefit us all. There are monthly blood drives in Auburn at the Perry Rainey Center. The utmost care is taken to keep everyone who donates safe so you can donate with confidence. Call 706-353-1645 for more information on donating or volunteering.

Peace Place offers shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children; case management services including referral to housing, job placement, education and health services; support groups/counseling and TPO assistance. They also have a thrift store at in Arcade (Jackson County) that raises money for the shelter and transitional housing. You can reach their administrative offices at 770-307-3633. (There is 24/7 hotline help available at 770-586-0927).

The Barrow County Veterans Resource Center is a one-stop shop for Veterans in our community. From referral services to a food bank, the Veterans Resource Center continues to assist folks while maintaining social distancing guidelines. Are you a Veteran in need or know of one in our community? Refer them to Shawna and the Resource Center's great staff. They can be reached at 470-209-7761.

Last, but definitely not least, Adult Literacy Barrow (ALC) is a non-profit organization committed to reducing the illiteracy rate in Barrow County. ALC works in partnership with Lanier Technical College and the City of Auburn to provide the educational resources, scholarships and academic support to create a more literate community. In Auburn, not only do they offer GED classes and testing, they offer ESL classes (English as Second Language). Reach out to them 770-531-3361 for more information on their services as well as opportunities to support this important effort.

Obviously, there is not enough room to promote all the opportunities in our community. Please visit Barrow County Family Connection at the website address above to get your Resource Guide. Don't have a computer? Contact Ben about getting your copy today by calling 770-530-0687. According to Ben "We don't do everything, but we know who does. We connect people, whether it be local businesses, nonprofits, or citizens with resources in need."



## 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

08/04 at 5:30PM: Special Called Budget Meeting  
 08/05 at 6PM: Parks & Leisure Commission  
 08/06 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting  
 08/12 at 5PM: Planning and Zoning Commission  
 08/13 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority  
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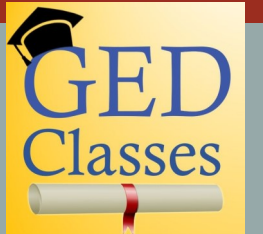
## Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

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

August 5—Parks & Leisure Commission—6PM  
 August 8—Community Yard Sale  
 August 8—Movie in Whistlestop Park  
 August 19—OWLS Luncheon—11:30 am—JD Withers Building.

### Adult Literacy Barrow Announces GED and ESL

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



### U.S. Census Is Still Going On! It's Not Too Late!

**Responding Online**

The 2020 Census will be the first time individuals can respond online. Your invitation to respond will be mailed out mid-March and will include a unique ID, however you can fill out the form without the unique ID. 20% of households will also get a paper form with their unique ID letter. The online response option can be accessed on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can access the form in 13 languages, including Arabic, if you chose to respond online.

**Responding by Phone**

Like in previous Census' you can also use the phone to submit your census responses. By calling, you can ask Census Bureau representatives questions about the Census as well as fill out the form verbally with the representative on the phone. The phone option is also available in 13 languages, including Arabic.

**Responding by Paper**

Also like in previous Census' you can submit a paper form. The Census Bureau has stated that everyone will eventually get access to a paper form. The Bureau will send you a paper form by the 4th mailing if you did not get the paper form in your first mailing. The paper form is only in English and Spanish, however you can use the language guides the Bureau created which are in 59 languages.

**Survey Finds Only 45 Percent Know That Census Data Guide Community Funding Decisions**

Knowing that the census guides how much money a community gets from the government is the most important reason for people to respond to the census, according to results from a 2018 Census Bureau survey. Thirty percent of respondents specifically said the most significant reason to reply to the census is the knowledge that census data are used to guide public funding decisions. Another 17% said it's that it benefits their community's future, while 15% said the most important reason is that it provides information for local governments. In another survey, just over 40% of survey respondents did not feel it matters whether they are personally counted in the 2020 Census, and young people ages 18 to 34 were the least likely to believe it matters if they are counted. It matters! Don't be one of the 40%! If you have not yet responded to the census, please respond! Accurate numbers are very important to you and your local governments. Questions about the census in Auburn? Contact Cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org.