



Community Yard Sale
Last One for 2021!
Saturday, September 11, 2021
Burel Park—4th Avenue
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

OWLS Monthly Meeting

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, September 15, 2021—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! This Month’s Special Guest Speaker is Bel Outwater
Auburn Public Library



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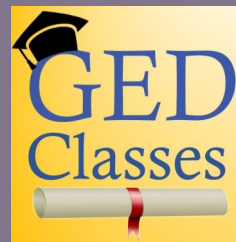
Auburn Messenger



Adult Literacy Barrow Announces GED and ESL

Adult Literacy Barrow and Lanier Tech offer GED, ESL and Citizenship classes in the Perry Rainey Center, 16 College Street (across from the Post Office). To register, please call 770-531-3361

- Free GED Classes Tues & Thurs. evenings 5:30 pm – 8:30
Home country Identification accepted
- Free English Classes (ESL) Mon. & Wed. evenings 5:30 pm – 8:30
Home country Identification accepted
- Free Citizenship Classes Thursday evenings 6:30 pm - 9:00



Fall Planting Time is Here!

You can plant or harvest something from your garden almost all year. The two major planting periods, however, are spring (March to May) and fall (mid-July to September). The spring plantings are harvested in June and July, while the fall plantings are harvested from October to December. January and February are prime times for looking at seed catalogs, preparing garden plots, and getting ready for a productive season. August and September are when your fall crops are planted for your autumn harvest



- Plant the following no later than the dates indicated below:—**August 30:** Snap beans and Irish potatoes (seed can be sprouted two to three weeks before planting).—**September 15:** Cucumbers and squash; plant varieties resistant to downy mildew.
- In order to calculate the planting date, determine the frost date and count back the number of days to maturity plus 18 days for harvest of the crop. If snap beans mature in 55 days and your frost date is November 15, you should plant on or before September 3.
- Start plants for broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale and onions in a half-shaded area for setting out in September.
- Prepare soil for September to October plantings of "cool-season" crops. Apply fertilizer and prepare seeded so rains will settle the rows and make it easier to get seeds to germinate when they are planted.
- If watering is necessary to get a stand, open the furrow for seed, pour in water, plant seed and cover. Use starter solution on the transplanted crops.

Labor Day & Why We Celebrate

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. American labor has raised the nation’s standard of living and contributed to the greatest production the world has ever known. Our nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation’s strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker.

Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with festivities very similar to those outlined by the first proposal for a holiday, which suggested that the day should be observed with a street parade to exhibit "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.

Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of the summer and the start of the back-to-school season.

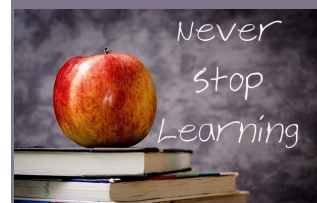
PEOPLE

PASSION

PROGRESS

The Mayor's Corner

September is here and school is back in full swing. Part of the excitement of being in school for me was always the library. It was a place of wonder: The card catalog, learning to find books on the shelf and the sheer amazement of all the adventures contained in the books. All of this gets me thinking about our wonderful Library. A member of the Piedmont Regional Library System, the Auburn Library has an expansive collection of books and resources. I am so proud of our library and the wonderful staff including Manager Bel Outwater, who does such a great job of promoting reading and the fun of life-long learning.



Mayor Linda Blechinger

Did you know :

- **that the Auburn Library was recently expanded?** The addition of 2800 square feet includes a large meeting room/event space, more staff workspace and storage, and five new study rooms. The improvements rearranged the existing library space to better meet the needs of their patrons. Small details like new carpet give the library a fresh new look and feel. The library will be hosting its ribbon cutting on October 23rd at 10 am, just before AuburnFest kicks off. There will be refreshments, giveaways, and library tours so mark your calendars!
- **that September is National Library Card Sign Up Month?** If you don't already have a card, now is the time to get one! Library cards are free to all Georgia residents. All you need to sign-up is a picture ID and proof of current address. It's easy to sign up and convenient. Do you have a book you want to read? Visit the Auburn Library—if they don't have it in stock, they can probably get it for you. Don't have time to read because of your work commute or busy schedule? You should check out the collection of audiobooks. The library also offers a wide range of free digital resources, including eBooks. Access thousands of titles using the Libby or Overdrive apps on almost any tablet or smartphone. Need access to a computer and the internet? The library has multiple computers available for public use.
- **that the Piedmont Regional Library System is now offering ABC Mouse**, a popular online educational program for children, free for at-home use? Patrons just need their library card number and password.

Lastly, the Auburn Library Programming is back in full swing! The library is back to weekly storytimes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 am. They also offer weekly programming for teens every Monday at 5 pm. For adults, they offer 4 different book clubs, including a new true crime book club and a "Book Club Without the Club" where you check out their book pick of the month, read it on your own time, and then just tell any library staff member if you liked it. There's also a Lego club, craft programs for both kids and adults, and more! Find out more by following the library on Facebook, looking at their Google calendar at prlib.org, or picking up a calendar in the library (you can also find a list of programs in this newsletter).



Save the Date! AuburnFest is Saturday, October 23 at 11AM

Come have fun at our annual hometown fall festival including arts, crafts, food, and live music! From 11am to 6PM, reminisce on classic festival memories with the traditional competitions in canning, knitting, pie baking, quilting, and barbecue. Are you a backyard barbecue king? Test out your skills at our annual Trains & Flames Backyard Barbecue Competition. Great prizes and bragging rights to the best barbecue around. Registration for the Trains & Flames Backyard BBQ competition can be requested by contacting Josh at 770-963-4002 ext 206, emailing jcampbell@cityofauburn-ga.org or visiting <https://www.eventeny.com/events/vendor/?id=2144>.



Important Notice! Barrow County Increases Wastewater Rates for Auburn Residents:

The wastewater rates have been increased by Barrow County Board of Commissioners. This will be reflected on your September 2021 billing. An increase for the monthly base rate for sewer will go from \$17.00 for the first 1000 gallons (as opposed to the first 2,000 gallons). The usage rate will go from \$5.07 to \$5.85 per 1000 gallons over the 1000 gal usage.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



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Barrow County Emergency Notification System

Inclement weather is a way of life in the southeast. The City of Auburn participates in the County-Wide Emergency Alert System to keep our citizens informed.

Sign up today to receive notifications of community emergencies, weather emergencies, community events and more!

You can select phone, text or email communications.

Visit www.cityofauburn-ga.org and click "Emergency Alert Link" next to "City Code" on the blue scroll bar to register.



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

- 09/02 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
- 09/06: City Offices Closed—Happy Labor Day
- 09/08 at 6PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
- 09/09 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
- 09/15 at 6PM: Planning and Zoning Commission
- 09/16 at 5PM: City Council Workshop

Auburn Library Programs & Events

- September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time—up to 2 years
- September 4 at 2PM: Lego Club
- September 9—Closed for Labor Day
- September 7-11: Body Image Bootcamp for kids/teens
- September 13, 20, 27 at 11AM: Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
- September 13, 20, 27 at 5PM: Teen Mondays
- September 13, 20, 27 at 11AM: Pre K Story Time
- September 13 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
- September 14 at 5PM: Adult Craft Night
- September 18 at 11AM: Pirate Parrrrty
- September 23 at 6PM: Crime After Crime Book Club
- September 28 at 1PM—Between the Pages Adult Book Club

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COVID-19 Vaccines

For those of you who have not yet gotten your COVID-19 vaccination, there is still time! While we have seen smaller numbers of infections, there has been an uptick in hospitalizations with the new COVID-19 variant. The one thing in common with all the current patients in the hospital with COVID? Almost none had taken the vaccine prior to their illness. It is 90% effective in preventing severe COVID symptoms and hospitalization.

Please reach out to the Barrow County Health Department at 770-307-3011 for more information on local vaccination events and opportunities to get yours.

Together we can win this fight against COVID-19!



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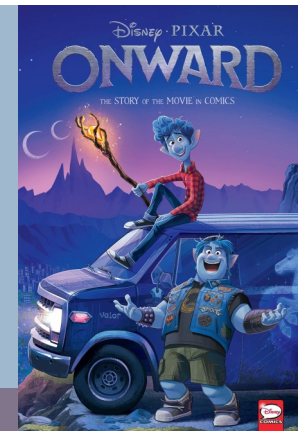
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Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

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 8—Parks & Leisure Commission—6PM
- September 11—Community Yard Sale—last one for 2021)
- September 11—Movie in Whistlestop Park—Trolls
- September 15—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



Great American Clean Up set for 10/15 and 10/16

The City of Auburn will be hosting the "Great American Cleanup" October 15th from 8am to 5pm and October 16th from 8am to 12pm. During this time, any resident (no businesses please) wishing to bring recyclables, scrap metal, and tires (limit four) to the City of Auburn will be able to do so without charge.

Tires can be dropped off—pricing begins at \$5 Standard Tire and Commercial, Tires w/Rims \$8; and \$8 Tractor Tires.

Helping citizens keep the City of Auburn beautiful!!

City of Auburn
Great American Cleanup
Friday Oct. 15th—8:00AM— 5:00PM and
Saturday, Oct. 16th—8:00AM—12:00PM
Mary Carter Ballfield Parking Lot



We will be collecting:

- Batteries
- Eye Glasses (for Lion's Club)
- Motor Oil
- Cell Phones
- Junk – junk includes anything you don't want whether usable or not
- Tires – see above
- Ink Cartridges
- Scrap Metal
- Old Cameras/Radios
- Electronics

Questions? Contact Johnathen Eggleston 770-963-4002 ext. 208 or email jeggleston@cityofauburn-ga.org

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:
Paint of Any Type or Paint Thinner
Cooking Oil
Construction Material (Wood)
Yard Waste

Rivers Alive Is Set for Saturday, October 16

Volunteer registration is now open for Georgia's annual river clean-up initiative, Rivers Alive, October 16, 2021. The clean-up will take place from 9:00am-12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for privet (an invasive plant species) removal at Shackelford Park, as well as litter pick-up in surrounding areas.

All volunteers must have the Rivers Alive volunteer waiver form can be completed and signed at the event. For more information or to register, contact Johnathen Eggleston at 770-963-4002 ext 208.

Georgia has more than 70,100 miles of rivers and streams that need help to stay clean. Individuals, neighborhoods, scout troops, schools, churches, clubs and service organizations are being asked to pull together to make a difference for the Apalachee River and its tributaries.

