



OWLS Monthly Meeting

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

Wednesday, October 20, 2021—11:30 am
-Tentative-

If the COVID-19 numbers start coming down we will meet at the Auburn Library in their new addition. Lunch will be provided.

Michelle will send out a calling post with confirmation of the meeting. To be added to list call Michelle at 770-963-4002 ext 204



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The Mayor's Corner

October is here already! It is time for the leaves to change and the weather to cool off. I know I have enjoyed the cooler temps and low humidity! Autumn also brings the fall wedding season. The Perry Rainey Center is booked solid with fall weddings! It is so gratifying to see that this historic building is now the part of so many new beginnings. Not only do we host events and weddings at the Perry Rainey Center, it is also the location for Lanier Tech's High School equivalency (GED), English as a Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship classes. Did you know that for the past 12 years, adult education classes have been available in the City of Auburn? Starting in 2009 with a grant from the Jackson EMC Foundation, GED classes were provided at Auburn Elementary, and then moved to the J.D. Withers building. When the Perry-Rainey Center opened in 2019, the adult education classes were given a permanent classroom. All classes are free of charge. Since its inception, we have had over 50 adults receive their GED through this program!



Mayor Linda Blechinger

The GED class prepares adult students for the Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Math GED tests. Many of the GED graduates have gone on to college, received promotions at work, or gotten better paying jobs. Many of you do not know that I am also a GED graduate. Since then, I have earned my bachelor's degree and am also a published author. I had the honor of being named the GED recipient of the Year for the State of Georgia in 2018. As I can attest, earning a GED opens many doors, and can change the life not only of the graduate, but their family too.

The English as Second Language class began in 2018, and has helped students from all over the world learn to speak, read, and write in English. A major roadblock to assimilation into a new country is learning the language, and with the ESL classes, students feel more confident applying for jobs, talking to their children's teachers, and participating in the community. It also helps in the process to become a US citizen.

Citizenship classes were added this year, and have already produced 3 new U.S. citizens. One is from Peru, and two from Mexico. Several others are waiting for their interview and will then be citizens.

All classes are free and are held at the Perry-Rainey Center at 16 College St. across from the Post Office. The Auburn class schedule is:

- GED Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 to 8:30
- ESL Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 8:30
- Citizenship Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:00

To register for the GED or Citizenship classes, call 770.531.3361. To register for the ESL class, call 770.531.3363.

"IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO LEARN, NO ONE CAN HELP YOU. IF YOU'RE DETERMINED TO LEARN, NO ONE CAN STOP YOU."

Red Ribbon Week in Auburn

The City of Auburn has proclaimed the last week in October as Red Ribbon week in Auburn to recognize the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those who traffic them. There is hope in winning the war on drugs and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction.

The Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts. Wearing red ribbons continues to represent a pledge to live drug-free and honors the sacrifice of all who have lost their lives in the fight against drugs. This year's theme is "Drug Free Looks Like Me."

The City of Auburn Police Department and the Young Marines are determined to foster a healthy, drug free lifestyle. Thousands of schools across the country also use Red Ribbon Week to engage youth in dialogues about the importance of making positive life choices and avoiding the temptation to use drugs and alcohol.

DRUG-FREE LOOKS LIKE ME!



RED RIBBON WEEK 2021



RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23 - 31

Young Marines
Healthy Drug-Free Lifestyle

It's Time for AuburnFest!!

AuburnFest is just around the corner—October 23 from 11am to 6pm. With 50+ booths featuring hand-made crafts, food, live craft demonstrations of wood-carving and woodturning and live music featuring the Josh Gilbert Band, AuburnFest has something for everyone. Our hometown competitions are always great fun and showcase the skills of our local crafters and bakers. Crocheting, knitting, quilting, canning and pie baking competitions will give someone a blue ribbon and bragging rights!



The 2021 AuburnFest also brings back the ever popular pie eating contest. This fun event will have an adult and children's category so come out and show your hands-free skills at eating a pie!

Just when you thought you couldn't get enough, the Trains and Flames Backyard BBQ competition will be going on. Meet the best backyard bbq competitors around as they compete in chicken, Boston butts, ribs and Brunswick Stew. These competitors are serious and are competing for cash prizes of \$500 for first place. Want to be a competitor? Reach out to Michelle at mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org or call 770-963-4002 ext 204. Want to help prove who is the best? Get your tickets to the People's Choice—for \$5 you get tickets to taste each competitors bbq and vote for the best one.

Last but definitely not least, the AuburnFest Kid-Zone features free inflatables, games and crafts. We will also host our Children's Costume Parade.. Does your little ghost or goblin have the best costume around? Come show it off at AuburnFest!

AuburnFest in Auburn—a great community offering the best, family-friendly events around!

AUBURNFEST Celebration

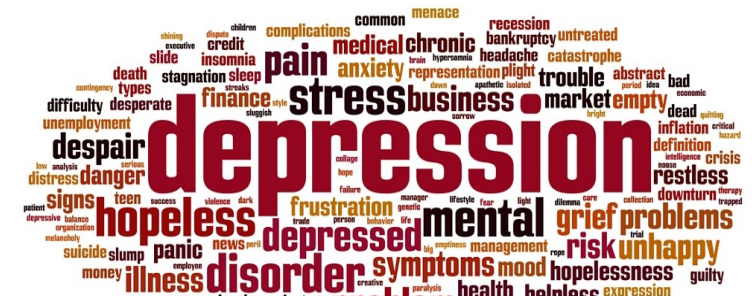
OCTOBER 23, 2021

11 AM - 6 PM
DOWNTOWN AUBURN, GA

CRAFT VENDORS, FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, KIDS ZONE
HOMETOWN COMPETITIONS IN PIE BAKING
QUILTING, CANNING, KNITTING, CROCHETING

BACKYARD BBQ COMPETITION

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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

- 10/07 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
- 10/13 at 6PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
- 10/14 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
- 10/20 at 6PM: Planning and Zoning Commission
- 10/21 at 5PM: City Council Workshop

Auburn Library Programs & Events

- October 2, at 2PM: Lego Club
- October 4, 18, 25 at 11AM: Pre K Story Time
- October 4, 18 at 5PM: Teen Monday Fundays
- October 6, 13, 20 at 11AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
- October 4, 18, 25 at 11AM: Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
- October 7 at 5PM: The Day Esteban Comes to the Library
- October 11—Library closed for staff training
- October 12 at 5PM: Adult Craft Night
- October 16 at 11AM: Saturday Crafternoon
- October 21 at 6PM: Crime After Crime Book Club
- October 23 at 10AM: Grand Reopening
- October 25 at 5PM: Teen Halloween Party
- October 26 at 2PM: Between the Pages Book Club
- October 27 at 11AM Pre-K Fairy Tale Parade
- October 29 at 5PM: EEK! A Night to Make You Shriek

Auburn Public Library
 24 Fifth Street, Auburn, GA
 770-513-2925 www.prlib.org

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 info on local vaccination events and opportunities to get yours.

Together we can win this fight against COVID-19!

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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.

- October 13—Parks & Leisure Commission—6PM
- October 20—OWLS Luncheon—To be announced based on Pandemic recommendations
- October 30—Movie In Whistlestop Park—Coco

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

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

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

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.