

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

12/01 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting

11/17 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

DDA, Parks & Leisure, and Planning & Zoning will not meet in December

Auburn Library Programs & Events

December 1 at 11:30AM: Auburn Between the Pages Adult Book Club

December 3 at 3PM: Auburn Lego Club

December 3 at 5PM: Sounding Off the Christmas Season
December 5, 12 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time

December 5, 12, 19 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles

December 5 at 6PM: Santa at the Library

December 6, 20 at 5PM: Teen Writing Club

December 7, 14 at 11:15AM: Lapsit Story Time—up to 2 yrs

December 8 at 5PM: Hour of Code

December 9 at 6PM: Teen Christmas Party

December 10 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon

December 12 at 6PM: Adult Coloring Night

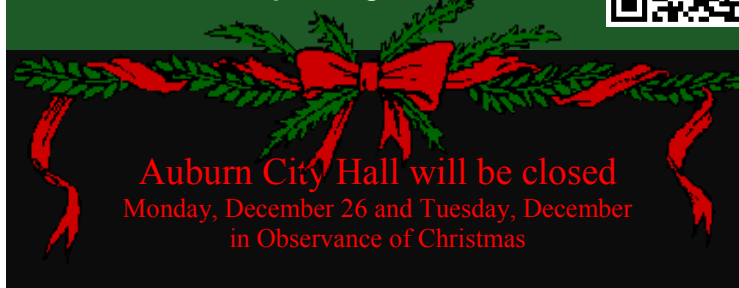
December 12 at 6:30PM: Auburn Cover to Cover Book Club

December 19, 21 at 11:30AM: Auburn Family Story Time

December 19 at 6:30PM: Friends of the Auburn Library

December 24-25: Merry Christmas! Library Closed

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



Auburn City Hall will be closed
Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27
in Observance of Christmas

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Free GED Classes in Auburn Enrolling Now

If you're among the 39 or more million adults in the U.S. who never graduated from high school, then you've probably considered getting your GED® certificate, the adult learner's alternative to a high school diploma. The GED certificate is worth considering, and it's a credential worth getting. The City of Auburn has a successful partnership with Lanier Technical Institute to offer free GED Classes to anyone 16 or over that needs to earn it.

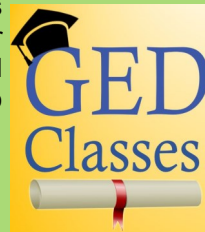
Sometimes, due to family or personal financial circumstances, teens have to drop out of high school to go to work. In 2009, the average high-school dropout earned \$10,000 less than someone with a high school diploma. If staying in school is economically impractical, a GED shows employers that you've still achieved a goal—someone who has earned a GED is looked on more favorably than someone who simply dropped out and ended his education there. A GED will indicate a level of completion while freeing you up to earn money. A GED certificate will help you get a job, and even keep it. Employers would rather hire someone who has the basic skills to pass the GED test than someone who does not. Completing the GED test means that the graduate has the fortitude to successfully finish a seven and one-half hour exam. This GED certificate is not a small thing.

Having the GED certificate opens up a lot of doors for advanced training. Most specialized training programs require either a high school diploma or a GED. Also with GED certificate, you'll be eligible for most workplace or on-the-job training programs, along with higher educational opportunities.

Consider the impact on your family. Your family benefits because a GED certificate is a way to increase financial security. Research also shows that once parents get a GED certificate, they're more likely to encourage their children to seek educational opportunities and complete educational milestones.

Classes are held morning and evenings in Auburn at the J.D. Withers building near Auburn Elementary. There is no cost to attend classes, and there are scholarships available to pay for the GED test.

For more information call 770/531-3361—Start today!



Whistlestop Shops are Now Open!

The City of Auburn is proud to announce that all nine Whistlestop Shops, 1373 Fourth Avenue, located next to City Hall, are now open! A wonderful mix of crafts, handcrafted goods, soaps, candles, jewelry, coffee, pastries, chocolate dipped bakery sweets, clothing, quilts and more—the Whistlestop Shops are waiting for YOU! This will be your one stop for your Christmas and gift giving needs. Meet your new Whistlestop Neighbors:



Coffee & Sweet Spot—There is a chill in the air and the only thing that will take the bite out of it is a good, hot cup of coffee. The Coffee and Sweet Spot should be the first stop on your shopping adventure. Offering hot/cold specialty coffees, cupcakes, cookies, tea cakes and more. Relax at the tables in front of the shop with your coffee and reenergize yourself before venturing out to finish your Christmas shopping. You may just find the perfect gift waiting for you along with your coffee!

Tammie's Hometown Treasures—Tammie's offers distressed handpainted signs, small furniture and adorable gifts. Whether your decorating theme is old country or beach bungalow, Tammie's will have just what you are looking for. You will find Tammie in her shop painting items and creating custom pieces for her customers.

The Infant Tree—This adorable little shop offers unique infant apparel gifts, from blankets, bibs and burp cloths to your favorite team inspired infant clothes. Infant Tree even offers Photography Services for all ages. Stop by and visit to pick up your gift for the football fan today.

Susan's Scents & More!—This shop offers all natural bath, body and beauty products as well as fashion accessories and home décor. Have you heard about Essential Oils? This is the shop to visit! Proprietor Susan Conway has been creating products and selling them from her home for years. The Whistlestop Shops have given her the opportunity to expand and reach more customers in a new storefront. Want more information on Susan's Scents? Please visit www.SusansScentsandMore.com.

Shimmer Goodies & Gifts—Do you have a sweet tooth? Well Shimmer has got you covered. For years owner Kathie has loved baking and candy making—she thought the best thing about it was the sharing! When offered the opportunity to open her own storefront business, Kathie jumped at the chance. She offers homemade cookies, brownies, candies and truffles. Her favorite? Butterfudge Brownie Fingers. Stop in and have a taste!

Tiffany's on the Corner—Tiffany's has just what you want for that someone special. Partnering with local artists to create unique designs, you will not find a better selection of gifts including handmade gifts, unique wreaths, vintage suitcase pet beds and handmade jewelry. In January, Tiffany's will be holding "Make it—Take it" classes. Drop in to visit and register for a drawing of "Ladies of the Light" signature jewelry.

The Dispensary—Candles are something that proprietors Nichole & Brian Allen have always loved to have around. There is something about a cold night, a fire and a candle burning in the dark. Making candles that are low cost, but high quality, the Dispensary is a "do not miss" shop for your Christmas gift shopping. All candles are handmade in Barrow County.



Grammy's Wood N Cow—Who doesn't love a quality handmade quilt? If you are one of those who appreciates the fine art of quilting, knitting and hand-creating items, you will love Grammy's Wood N Cow. From totes, backpacks and memory pillows to full size quilts, there is something for everyone on your gift list.

Launi's Dipped Delights—Launi's Dipped Delights is the place to go for your hand dipped bakery sweets. On the menu are Cake Balls, Nut Clusters, Pretzel Rods, Peanut Butter Balls, Caramels, Rice Krispie Treats all dipped in savory Chocolate. These are incredibly unique gift ideas for the "hard to buy for." Find that perfect gift that satisfies the most particular friend.

Auburn is honored to have had so many fine shops move into the downtown area. We encourage everyone to "Shop Local" - let's show these businesses that Auburn is the best place to live, work and grow your business!



Mention this ad and enjoy this special!

Buy One 6"—Get One 6" free with purchase of a medium drink



Join us at the Auburn Tennis Courts for Group Lessons! Group Tennis Classes available All Ability Levels

MONDAYS: December 5th and December 12th \$18 (2 lessons—Only \$9 per Lesson!)

December Tennis Program Sessions Available!

with PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Certified Professional Instructor Josh Honea All sessions will be held at the City of Auburn Tennis courts

5:00pm-6:00pm Little Champs Tennis (4-8 yrs, youth) -

6:00pm-7:00pm Future Champs Tennis—Junior Development I (9-12 yrs, old)

7:00pm-8:00pm Competitive Champs Tennis—Junior Development II (For players 13-18 of all abilities, striving toward a higher level of play through competition)

To register for Group Tennis Lessons or to request more information, please contact:

Josh Honea: tenniswithjosh@gmail.com - 770-547-8647

Giving gifts that give back

December is a busy month for many people, and these days, a lot of that busy-ness centers on gift-giving. City of Auburn is working hard to reduce the effects of polluted storm water runoff. So we thought this might be an appropriate time to provide a list of unusual but thoughtful gifts that can benefit us all.

For the person who likes to garden, or for a new home owner, why not give them a rain barrel? Diverting rooftop runoff to a rain barrel not only reduces the amount of water that flows to the street, but it also can be used for irrigation. It's estimated that a rain barrel can save 1,300 gallons of water during the summer season.

For the car enthusiast, try a gift certificate for an oil change at a local garage, or a nice clean and wax at the local car wash, one that recycles its dirty water. Keeping oil and soapy water out of storm drains benefits us all.

For the dog lover, a gift of a portable bag dispenser that attaches to a dog's leash will ensure that Fido's waste is kept off the sidewalks and out of local waters. That's something we all can enjoy.

And for any children who enjoy feeding local waterfowl, buy them a disposable camera for those trips to the pond instead of edibles. Feeding geese and ducks causes them to concentrate in higher numbers than they would if they had to rely solely on natural food supplies, and results in large quantities of their waste polluting those local waters.



OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

11:30 am (Special Location—Auburn Lions Club)

This monthly luncheon is the "don't miss" event for our age 50 and better friends. Bring a dish to share!

This month: Christmas Celebration!



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The Mayor's Corner

I hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful! Now we are looking forward to the Christmas season. If you have been downtown lately, you will see that we are celebrating the time of year in style yet again. Our Public Works and Parks & Leisure Departments as well as other City Staff do an amazing job of making our downtown the photo destination for the holidays. We are so happy to host the Whistlestop Ice Skating Rink for the month of December. Bring your skates (or use the available ones at the rink) and enjoy ice skating with your family. The volunteers manning the rink are all working to raise money for a variety of local clubs. Beautiful lights, ice skating, hot chocolate and family and friends—there is no better winter combination than that!

Not only is Auburn a Christmas wonderland but as you stroll through our downtown you can visit our beautiful Whistlestop Shops which are now open for business! Offering unique gifts, crafts, baked goods, handmade infant clothes, quilts, memory pillows, candles, stunning jewelry and more, Auburn is now your one stop shop for your Christmas giving. Add these shops to our successful Rawhide boots, Hue Graphics and other retailers, and you will find that there is no need to shop anywhere else. This month's newsletter will focus on our new shops—please take the time to drop by and visit. Don't forget Shop Local! Support these small businesses and make your gifts as unique as you and your recipients are.

Christmas is a time of giving and celebrating our families and the traditions passed down through the years. Please remember that we have wonderful opportunities to give to those in need—contact Michelle at mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org to find out how you can help support an Auburn family in need.

No matter what your family traditions are, I send my best wishes for a healthy, happy holiday season and a blessed New Year. May the joy and blessings of Christmas warm your hearts and homes this season.



Mayor Linda Blechinger

Auburn is hosting an Ice Skating Rink for the Month of December!

Bring your skates or get skates from the volunteers at the rink and enjoy this winter tradition. The Whistlestop Park Ice Skating Rink will be located next to City Hall in the center of our Whistlestop Shops. Bring the family and enjoy the fun of ice skating—visit the Whistlestop Shops for some hot coffee and cocoa, snacks and unique gift ideas.

The Ice Skating Rink will be open evenings now until the end of the month. Come by and enjoy the fun and help support local non-profit groups. Want more information on volunteering or hours? Contact Alex Mitchem at 770-963-4002 ext 202 or communitydevelopment@cityofauburn-ga.org



Drought Update and Fireworks Ban

Barrow County is still under a Level 2 Drought. Drought Response Level 2 limits outdoor landscape watering to two days a week determined by odd and even-numbered addresses. Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. Odd-numbered addresses may water Thursday and Sunday before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.

Governor Deal has issued an executive order to ban Fireworks for most of north Georgia (including Barrow and Gwinnett County) due to the severity of the drought. This ban on the ignition of fireworks will remain in place until the drought restrictions are lifted.

The Georgia Forestry Commission is not issuing any burn permits due to the continuing drought. Burning outdoors is not advised until further notice.

Important Notice:

Republic Sanitation Services, who provides waste services for the City of Auburn, has announced that effective January 1, 2017 cash payments for services will no longer be accepted. For more information, please contact Republic Services at 678-963-2800.



Pilates + Yoga = Piyo

Now at The North Georgia School of Dance

This low-impact, high intensity workout is great for all fitness levels ages 12 and up!

Join us for a FREE trial class on Monday, December 5th from 5:00-6:00 PM

Weekly classes will begin January 13th

North Georgia School of Dance 1269 4th Ave Auburn, GA 30011

www.thebook.com/piyolive

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Ad must be Camera Ready and be submitted as a high resolution PDF.

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