



### Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**  
Burel Park—4th Avenue  
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

### OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)  
Wednesday, September 20, 2017—11:30 am  
JD Withers Bldg., 7 Seventh St.

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

**This month: Seniors on the Go**



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# Auburn Messenger

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## The Mayor's Corner



Mayor Linda Blechinger

Summer is usually a slower pace in our area—folks are taking last minute vacations before school begins, older kids are heading off to college and frankly, the heat can just make you feel lazy. Auburn has not had that problem this year! We have been busy moving forward on projects and welcoming new businesses to the City.

Just since June of this year, we have had 12 new businesses open in Auburn. These include a photographer, home construction, a preschool, online sales and other home based businesses. We are humbled that these businesses chose Auburn as their business home. We are really excited to announce that four of these new businesses have moved in to the Whistlestop Shops:

- Team FAN-Tastic owned by Lori Brigman: Sports Merchandise, Handmade Wreaths, Jewelry, Light Blocks, Sweatshirts and other Custom Gifts. Have a particular color scheme you need a Wreath for? Come see Lori. Love your favorite College or Professional teams? Find one of a kind gifts at Team FAN-Tastic
- The Family Apothecary owned by Sarah McLain: Handcrafted aromatherapy jewelry, all natural organic herbal home and bath goods, organic herbal tincture kits, teas, etc. A registered nurse, Sarah has a passion for empowering families to make wise choices for their health. The Family Apothecary offers choices that are beneficial, practical and sustainable for your long term health.
- Willotta's Pastry owned by Kelly Green: Homemade baked goods—specializing in Jewish Apple Cake, a variety of breads and other desserts including tiramisu, cobblers and pies. Willotta's Pastry is named after Kelly's beloved grandmother.
- Georgia Wine Shop owned by Trinita Stephens: A shop that specializes in select wines from wineries in Georgia. Georgia Wine will also hold small events and wine tastings on site so you can see what Georgia wineries have to offer.

These new shops add to the already diverse group of shops in Whistlestop. Visit the Coffee and Sweet Spot for hot/cold specialty coffees and sweet pastries. Tammie's Hometown Treasures offers distressed wooden signs and assorted crafts. Petals Bowboutique has the most adorable children's clothing, hair bows and baby gifts. For your t-shirt or custom accessories, Dragonfly Dreams is the place to go! Tiffany's on the Corner offers handmade jewelry and dog beds. Shimmer offers cookies, truffles, candies, gourmet gifts and crafts. Wanderlust Boutique offers women's clothing, jewelry, hats and accessories. Please join us on Saturday, September 9 for Whistlestop Market Days to enjoy vendors, live music and of course our Whistlestop Shops. Our 4 new shops will be celebrating with a ribbon cutting on September 9 as well. Drop by and welcome them to Auburn!

You will see that construction is continuing on our sidewalk outside Whistlestop Shops and the Bicycle Park is expected to be done sometime in September. These new businesses and the completion of the bike park downtown are all part of Auburn's commitment to you, our citizens, to be the best place to live. Come out Saturday and check it out!

## Great News—You can now pay your Water or Tax Bill with your Credit/Debit Cards!

You can now pay your water bill or property taxes at City Hall using your credit or debit card. There will be a small fee for the use of the card.

If you pay your water bill online, you will need a PIN number that will be located on your next water bill. If you do not see the PIN on your water bill, please give customer service a call at 770-963-4002 ext 200. They will be glad to provide the PIN to you.



## September Tennis Program Sessions Available—City of Auburn Tennis Courts!

with PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Certified Professional Instructor Josh Honea

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

**MONDAYS: September 11, 18, 25** (3 lessons—Only \$10 per Lesson!) - \$30

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](mailto:tenniswithjosh@gmail.com) - 770-547-8647

## Time to Get Growing!

When you think of gardening, it's very easy to just think of spring gardens. For those of you who love to garden, have no fear! It is time to start thinking about your Fall Garden. Take advantage of cooler weather to grow a spring garden in the fall. Broccoli, kale, spinach, lettuce, and other early spring crops grow well in the cooler weather of fall, and you'll like the benefits: fewer insects, less sweat, a sweet flavor brought on by frost, and an extended harvest season in milder climates. Living this far south, you can expect a longer life for your fall garden.

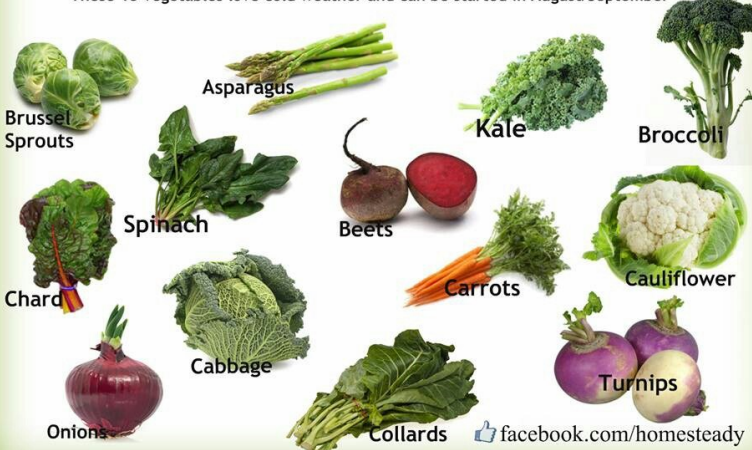
One challenge to starting a fall garden is spells of extremely hot weather in August and September when it is time to plant. Water regularly and mulch with compost or a good, rich organic material such as leaf mold or bagged soil conditioner. Daytime temperatures in the mid 80s threaten broccoli and spinach, which are quick to bolt (flower). Throwing a length of see-through white fabric over the plants during a hot spell may cool them down just enough. You can usually order row covers from mail-order companies, but if you're in a hurry, buy lightweight polyester interfacing, white toile, or a white sheer at your local fabric store.

Interested in having a fall garden? Consider planting in the Auburn Community Garden. Spaces are available now. Please contact Jay Miller, City Planner at 770-963-4002 ext 229 or email [cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org).

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## Get Your Fall Garden Going

These 13 vegetables love cold weather and can be started in August/September



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## Auburn Library Programs & Events

September 1, 15, 22, 29, at 11AM: Adult Coloring  
 September 2 at 3PM: Auburn Lego Club  
 September 4—Labor Day  
 September 5, 19 at 5PM: Teen Writing Club  
 September 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years  
 September 7-9: Auburn Library Fall Book Sale  
 September 7 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club  
 September 7 at 6PM: Auburn Coding Club  
 September 9 at 12:30PM: Saturday Craftemorn  
 September 11, 18, 25 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time  
 September 11, 18, 25 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles  
 September 14 at 5PM: TAB  
 September 14 at 6PM: Teen Night  
 September 16 at 11AM: Wild Rumpus  
 September 18 at 5PM: Friends of the Auburn Library  
 September 18 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club  
 September 23 at 11:00AM: Family Story Time  
 September 23 at 3:30PM: Pokémon Party  
 September 25 at 6PM: Maker Monday

**Auburn Public Library**  
 24 Fifth Street,  
 Auburn,  
 770-513-2925 [www.prlib.org](http://www.prlib.org)



Friends of the Library Book Sale



## 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

09/07 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting  
 09/13 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission  
 09/14 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority  
 09/20 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning  
 09/21 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

## ANYTIME FITNESS PRESENTS BOOTCAMP in the PARK

8:30 AM EVERY SATURDAY AT THE WHISTLE STOP PARK

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### MARY CARTER BALLPARK

3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY FITNESS EVENT

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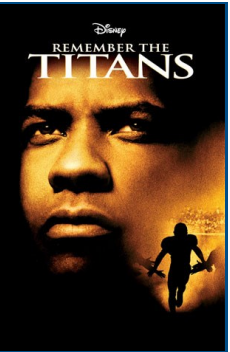
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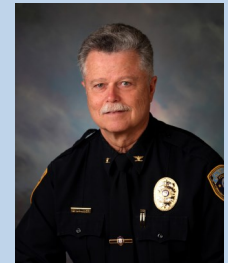
## Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

is devoted to bringing the best in leisure programming to Auburn. From Auburn Youth Athletics Baseball Programs and the Tennis program to the Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors) to green space parks—there is something for everyone.  
 September 13—Parks & Leisure Commission  
 September 9—Community Yard Sale  
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 September 20—OWLS Luncheon—11:30 am—JD Withers Building. Seniors on the Go



## Chief's Corner

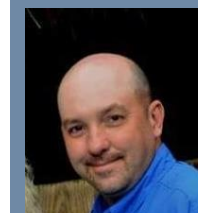
In the months of June and July the Auburn Police Department received an increase in reports of entering autos / car break-in's. Many of these turned out to be where the owner left the car unlocked. In a small community like ours, we are blessed to have low crime and these violations of our privacy and ownership are rare. Not all, but some of these incidents are crimes of "opportunity." In many cases, the criminal(s) committing these acts will not risk being caught by forcefully breaking into a car. This will often make enough noise to alter the owner or set off the car's alarm. Finding an unlocked car door tells the criminal the car alarm is most likely not activated.



A double no-no is leaving valuables in the car, clearly visible from the outside, and then leaving the car unlocked. Always remove valuables and especially firearms from your vehicle when you park overnight. Criminals will risk forcing their way into a car by breaking a window, when a valuable item is clearly visible inside the car. When out shopping for the day, place valuables and packages in the trunk of your car, out of sight, before you leave the parking lot. If you wait till you get to your next shopping location and a criminal sees you place the items in your trunk, they may risk forcing their way into your trunk should they believe the valuables are worth the risk.

The City of Auburn wants citizens to know that crime prevention starts with each of us being informed, alert and prepared. The Auburn Police Department offers its unique Citizens Police Academy each year, with our 9<sup>th</sup> session starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. Please consider signing up for the 10<sup>th</sup> session—more information on dates for that session coming soon.

## The City of Auburn has a New Stormwater Coordinator



Joe Moravec

The City of Auburn is proud to announce the appointment of Joe Moravec as the new Stormwater Coordinator for the City of Auburn. Joe has been with the City for 8 years as a Maintenance Tech and has years of experience with land disturbance prior to joining the Auburn family. He is a skilled operator with the City's large equipment and has been the City go-to guy for our running equipment for our stormwater projects. With the promotion of our former Stormwater Coordinator Iris Akridge to the Public Works Director, Joe was the natural choice to step into Stormwater.

The City of Auburn Stormwater Coordinator is responsible for our stormwater utility. This includes keeping the City in compliance with NPDES regulations, overseeing detention/retention pond maintenance, flood map updates as well as any citizen issues with stormwater. We congratulate Joe on becoming the new Stormwater Coordinator. Joe can be reached at [jmoravec@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:jmoravec@cityofauburn-ga.org) with any stormwater issues.

## It's That Time of Year—Auburn Farmer's Market

The Auburn Farmer's Market has resumed at the Burel Park Pavilion. The Farmer's Market will run every Wednesday from 1:00 to 6:00 pm from June through October.

Have a garden this year that provided a bountiful harvest? Come out and set up a table to sell your excess. This would be a great time to think about getting a plot at our Community Garden behind City Hall.

Not a gardener? Looking to buy some homegrown fruits and vegetables? The Farmer's Market will offer locally produced fruits and vegetables. You can find the best jellies and salsa. Do you love homemade Ice Cream? You can usually find chocolate, peach and strawberry ice cream. Local honey, live plants, boiled peanuts, and much more can be found at the Market.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmer's Market, please contact [cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org) for an application.



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