

Auburn Library Programs & Events

November 2, 9, 16, 23 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time

November 2, 9, 16, 23 at 1PM: Stitch-n-Knit Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles

November 2 at 6PM: Auburn Adult Coloring Night

November 4, 18 at 11:15AM: Lap-sit Story Time—Birth to 2 yrs

November 5 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club

November 7 at 3PM: Auburn Lego Club

November 9 at 6:30PM: Auburn Cover to Cover Book Club

November 11: Veterans Day—Library Closed

November 12 at 4PM: Teen Advisory Board

November 12 at 5PM: Teen Night

November 14 at 8AM: Friends of the Library Fatz Café Pancake Breakfast fundraiser

November 14 at 11:30AM: Auburn "Who Let the Dogs Out"

November 19 at 5PM: Family Movie Night

November 26-27: Happy Thanksgiving! Library Closed

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



Stormwater: It affects us all!

It's no joke: whatever enters a storm drain flows directly into our local waters, directly affecting whatever lives there or uses the water for things such as drinking. The storm drain system provides no filters or treatment - What are we thinking?

Help keep your waters clean with these simple

steps:

- Never dump, wash, or rake anything into the path of storm drains
- Sweep, don't hose, your driveway or other paved surfaces
- Consider using downspout extenders to direct water onto your lawn

City of Auburn Flag Retirement November 11—6:00 PM

Every day, patriotic citizens fly their American flags proudly. Weather, sun and wind take their toll on these flags and citizens may struggle with the proper way to dispose of an unserviceable flag. The City of Auburn has the answer!

Each year the City of Auburn teams up with local military groups, the Auburn Police Explorers and the Barrow County Sheriff's Explorers to host a flag retirement. This year's event will be held in Whistlestop Park next to City Hall and is hosted by Military Veterans of Georgia.

Please bring your unserviceable flags to Auburn City Hall or the Auburn Police Department to be retired. Local veterans take this opportunity to educate our youth on flag etiquette and the proper way to dispose of an unserviceable flag.

If you have never been to a flag retirement, we invite you to come out at 6:00 pm. The ceremony will be something you never forget. After the ceremony, the group will continue to retire flags respectfully until all have been disposed of.

For more information, contact Michelle at 770-963-4002 ext 204 or mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org



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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. **Please note: Parks & Leisure Meetings are moving to the 2nd Wednesday of each month**

November 11—Parks & Leisure Meeting—6:30 pm City Hall

November 18—OWLS Luncheon—JD Withers Building 11:30 am

Sounding Off the Christmas Season is set for Saturday, 12/5 at 5 pm—make your plans to come see Santa and his LIVE reindeer

November/December Tennis Program Sessions available!

Join us at the Auburn Tennis Courts for **Group Lessons!**

Group Tennis Classes available for Ages 13-18—All Ability Levels

November 2, 9, 16, and 23 Mondays

\$34 (4 lessons—Only \$8.50 per Lesson!)

December 7 and 14

\$17 (2 lessons—Only \$8.50 per Lesson!)

Discount Price for both months—\$48

(6 total lessons—Only \$8 per Lesson!)



with PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) certified
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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)

Advantages of group tennis lessons are many!

- Whether learning for the first time or refining your technique, students will receive personalized instruction in a fun and competitive group setting
- Group tennis lessons are an excellent way to meet new people, improve your game, get fit and make tennis friends for a lifetime
- Private & semi-private tennis lessons, advanced level group lessons, league play, and tournament information available upon request.

Adult lessons are also available!

Community Garden Plans in Full Swing!

The Auburn Community Garden committee is currently working on the plans for the new Community Garden to be located between City Hall and the Auburn Library—adjacent to 4th Avenue in downtown Auburn. Community Gardens grow in many forms, limited only by the imaginative resources of the community in which they are rooted. We believe Community Garden will be a gathering place—making downtown an integral part of our community and bringing sustainability and a "back to our roots" feeling to the downtown area.



Whistlestop Shops Being Considered for Downtown Auburn



Auburn has always been a great community with a small town feel. Promoting businesses in our downtown area is a very important part of Auburn's appeal. Because we have many home-based businesses who have expressed an interest in having a store-front in the downtown area, City Council is considering a proposal to create "Whistlestop Shops."

Known as micro-retailing, these small, cottage-like spaces will be ideal for small businesses selling unique gifts or popular items. Located in Whistlestop Park behind City Hall, these shops will give Auburn residents more shopping choices and bring more business to the downtown area. Once design and cost options are complete, this will be coming to City Council for consideration.

For more information on the Community Garden or Whistlestop Shops, call Alex Mitchem, City Planner at 770-963-4002 ext 202 or email cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless noted—meeting times, locations & dates are subject to change

11/03 at 6PM: Downtown Development/Main Street Meeting

11/05 at 7PM: City Council Business Meeting

11/11 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure—City Hall Conference Room

11/11 at 6:30PM: Planning and Zoning

11/19 at 7PM: City Council Workshop

Public Notice:

Beginning 10/29, the Auburn Police Department and Municipal Courtroom/Council Chambers will be undergoing repairs. The front walkways and entrances will be affected.

One entrance will remain open during the time that the other entrance is being repaired.

The Municipal Court will be closed from October 29th until December 9th. This WILL NOT affect City Council meetings. Council Chambers access may be modified but meetings will take place at 7:00 pm on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

Bicycle Trail Head Construction to Begin Soon

We are very excited that the construction will begin soon on the Bicycle Trail Head to be built on Mt. Moriah. The trail head will provide bicyclists a safe meeting and resting point. We have a lot of cyclists that use Auburn as a starting point for their weekend rides. The trail head will include benches, landscaping, lighting, bicycle racks and a fountain. Future plans for the Great Rail Trail include a large scale bicycle trail from Dacula to Statham.



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As you can see from the plans, this is an exciting, beautiful feature that will bring even more guests to our downtown area. Combined with the upcoming Veterans Memorial and the existing parks, library and museum, this trail head will be another piece of the tapestry that makes up our vibrant downtown.



The Trail Head sign design will mimic the design of the old train depot in Auburn

The Design Plans include a 12 ft fountain as well as seating areas. The fountain will be lit with colored lights that can be changed depending on the season and downtown events

Auburn Messenger



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The Mayor's Corner



Mayor Linda
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Can you believe it is November already? The leaves have all changed, the days are shorter and the weather is definitely getting cooler. November always brings thoughts of family and the upcoming Holiday season. Thanksgiving is right around the corner—time for family and traditions. Our family tradition is to trace our hands on construction paper and on one side we write a scripture verse—on the other side we write what we are thankful for. These all go in a big jar and we shake them up. Everyone pulls one out and reads it—it may be from when my boys were little or it might be from last year. We would love to know what your family traditions are! Please visit the City of Auburn, GA. Facebook page and share yours.

On November 11, we celebrate Veterans Day. As I wrote about in May, Veterans are near and dear to my heart especially since, as a child, I lived alongside Veterans and developed a sincere appreciation of their sacrifice for us. Many Veterans continue to serve our community even after they leave the Armed Forces. In the Auburn Police Department alone, we have representatives from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force. In some estimations, as many of half of the nation's law enforcement community comes from a military background. Celebrations for Veterans Day are set for 11AM on the 11th day of the 11th month. The time and date of this celebration goes back to 1918 when it was first called Armistice Day and celebrated the end of the "War to End all Wars" - World War I. This celebration now honors America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. As you gather with your family to celebrate Thanksgiving, please take a moment to say "Thank You" to a Veteran.

The City of Auburn and Barrow County will honor our Veterans at the 2015 Barrow County Veterans Day Ceremony. Set for November 11 at 11AM, the ceremony is being organized by a committee that includes the City of Auburn, the City of Winder, Military Veterans of Georgia, Inc. and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The event will have live music from Apalachee and Winder-Barrow High School Bands, featured guests include Veterans from WWII through Iraq & Afghanistan and a free meal will be provided for all Veterans in attendance. Elected officials, including myself, will be serving the meal to the Veterans. Are you a Veteran? I would invite you to come out and let your community honor your service. The City of Auburn will also be hosting a Flag Retirement Center at 6:00 pm on November 11. Please bring your unserviceable flags to City Hall or the Auburn Police Department to be retired. If you have not attended a Flag Retirement, please come by! It is a very moving ceremony. Military Veterans of Georgia does a great job of teaching our youth the proper way to dispose of a flag. The flag retirement will be held at Whistlestop Park next to City Hall.

I love this community! It is an honor to be part of such a dynamic, giving hometown. As you give thanks this year, remember that I will be giving thanks for YOU—the reason our community is so great.

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Mark Your Calendars!
December 5 at 5PM

Join us for our annual
Sounding Off the Christmas Season

Santa and his Live Reindeer return to Auburn just in time to ring in the Christmas Season. Watch as Santa lights up Auburn!

- Live Nativity
- Free activities for the kids
- Holiday vendors—decorations, gifts and more!
- Live music
- Hot chocolate and s'mores

Don't forget to bring the kids Christmas list to Santa Claus. Santa will be available for photos (bring your cameras!). This the only place around where you will see Santa brought in by Live Reindeer!