

## Auburn Library Programs & Events

January 4, 11, 25 at 1PM: Stitch-n-Knit Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles

January 4 at 6PM: Auburn Adult Coloring Night

January 7 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club

January 11, 25 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time

January 11 at 6:30PM: Auburn Cover to Cover Book Club

January 13, 20, 27 at 11:15AM: Lapsit Story Time—Birth to 2 yrs

January 14 at 5PM: Teen Night

January 18 at 6:30PM: Friends of the Library Meeting

January 21 at 5PM: Family Movie Night

January 23 at 12 Noon: Saturday Crafternoon

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

## It's That Time of Year!

It's tough to think about the new year without thinking about new year's resolutions. If you don't have any resolutions in mind this January, consider this one: Don't pour it out! We're talking about toxic chemicals, such as drain and oven cleaners, paint, and paint thinner, to name only a few. **When these are poured down household drains, storm drains, toilets, or on the ground, those chemicals end up in nearby waters.**



An easy way to reduce the number of chemicals that you have to dispose of, is to try to use non-hazardous products when you can. Lemon juice, vinegar, hot water, borax, soap, and baking soda are good alternatives, and there are many recipes online. Our favorite is this all-purpose cleaner that you can prepare and use by adding to a spray bottle: ½ cup vinegar and ¼ cup baking soda mixed into ½ gallon of water. **You also might find that these non-toxic cleaners are not only easier on local waters but also are easier on your wallet!**

And if you do have household chemicals to dispose of, contact your local environmental, health, or solid waste agency for information.

For additional tips to help safeguard our waters, contact City of Auburn at (770)963-4002 X 207.

## The City of Auburn is Hiring!

The City of Auburn currently has one position open for a Parks & Leisure Director. Come join our team!

A full-time position, the qualified candidate will be responsible for coordinating leisure activities, landscaping and development, and turf management and maintenance on athletic fields in parks and facilities. Knowledge of the parks and recreation field, with particular emphasis on outdoor recreation and contracted classes. Minimum requirements: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university, with major work in Recreation, Park Management, Public or Business Administration, or closely related area. Minimum one (1) to two (2) years of recent experience in recreation program and park planning or delivery. Supervisory experience is highly desirable.

Valid Georgia Driver's License must be maintained during employment. Complete job descriptions are available at [http://www.cityofauburn-ga.org/?page\\_id=233](http://www.cityofauburn-ga.org/?page_id=233). The City of Auburn is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Community Garden Planning is Ongoing!

Keep an eye on the Auburn Messenger and the City of Auburn Facebook page for updates on how you can reserve your spot this spring!

### Juggernaut Cycles

404-551-6608  
Motorcycle Service & Customization  
120 Auburn Park Dr, Ste G  
Auburn, GA 30011  
[juggernautcycles.com](http://juggernautcycles.com)  
[juggernautgarage@gmail.com](mailto:juggernautgarage@gmail.com)



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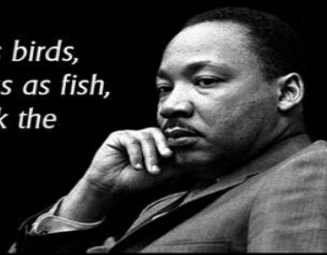
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### Martin Luther King Jr Day—January 18, 2016

*When we look at modern man, we have to face the fact that modern man suffers from a kind of poverty of the spirit, which stands in glaring contrast with a scientific and technological abundance.*

*We've learned to fly the air as birds, we've learned to swim the seas as fish, yet we haven't learned to walk the Earth as brothers and sisters.*

- Martin Luther King Jr



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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) and our green space parks—there is something for everyone.

January 13—Parks & Leisure Meeting—City Hall Conference Room—6:30 pm  
January 20—OWLS Luncheon—JD Withers Building 11:30 am



### 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

**Join us this Winter at the Auburn Tennis Courts for Tennis Classes & Lessons! Group Classes and Private Tennis Lessons are available for all ages and ability levels!**

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

JOSH HONEA  
E-mail: [TennisWithJosh@gmail.com](mailto:TennisWithJosh@gmail.com)  
Phone: 770-547-8647

## AUBURN BASEBALL 2016 SPRING REGISTRATION

### REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

Auburn Ball Park on the following dates:

Saturday, January 16, 2016 – 10:00 am until 2:00 pm  
Saturday, January 23, 2016 – 10:00 am until 2:00 pm  
Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 10:00 am until 2:00 pm\*\*

\*\*Last day of Registration

Online will be available through 1/30/16 – see website for details

ADY now accepts CREDIT/DEBIT cards at the park for Player Registration! (Processing fees will apply)

### Player registration fees\*\* are as follows:

Pre-T Players (3 and 4 year olds only): \$ 50.00 per child  
T-Ball through Majors (Dixie Youth): \$ 99.00 per child  
Dixie Boys Players (13-19 year olds): \$139.00 per child

Auburn Baseball does NOT charge out-of-county fees! ALL PLAYERS WELCOME!

\*\*Above fees include team jersey and hat, player insurance, umpires, field maintenance and other associated playing fees. Additional fees will be determined by individual teams.\*\*

**BRING IN THIS FLYER FOR 50% OFF ONE (1) PLAYER REGISTRATION  
– NOT VALID FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION**

**Discount expires at 2:00 PM on January 23, 2016**

For questions or more information, please contact ADY:

Phone: (404) 448-1717

Email: [auburndixieyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:auburndixieyouth@yahoo.com)

Like us on FACEBOOK – where you will receive updated information regularly

Visit our website: [www.eteamz.com/auburndixieyouth](http://www.eteamz.com/auburndixieyouth)

Official Partner and Youth Association of the City of Auburn Parks and Leisure Department



### MEETINGS CALENDAR

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

01/07 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting

01/13 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure (City Hall Conference Room)

01/14 at 6:30PM: Downtown Development Authority (City Hall Conference Room)

01/20 at 6:30PM: Planning and Zoning

01/21 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

City Offices will be closed on 1/18/16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## Auburn Police Connection

As we move into the new year, the Auburn Police Department would like to remind everyone to be safe when you are out and about. This does not just mean to be safe in your car while traveling, this means you should be aware of safety concerns as a pedestrian as well. Did you know that as of December 2015, Gwinnett County has experienced an increase in serious injury/fatality vehicle accidents with 53 fatality accidents. Pedestrian accidents have also increased - over 200 citizens have been struck by vehicles in Gwinnett County. Several of these have accidents have resulted in serious injuries or fatalities. Distracted driving, particularly texting, has been contributed to many of the collisions. Statistics in Barrow County reflect the same trend.

Texting and driving isn't the only factor here: The number of pedestrian deaths and injuries has risen dramatically as a result of texting while walking. The obvious dangers of texting while driving have been the focus of nationwide public service announcements, but now the dangers of distracted walking are coming to the forefront. The number of pedestrians who died rose from 4,109 in 2009 to 4,432 in 2011 and an additional 69,000 injuries, according to a study published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Scary trends: While it is hard to prove an exact number of how many injuries were caused by telephone distractions, an Ohio State University study that shows the dramatic increase in emergency room visits cause by distracted walking. 'If current trends continue, I wouldn't be surprised if the number of injuries to pedestrians caused by cell phones doubles again between 2010 and 2015,' Ohio State University researcher Jack Nasar said after the school's study about distracted walking. A new public safety campaign is now in the works and KTLA reports that the federal government is hoping to have pedestrians put down the phone for their own safety.

"We've done a good job alerting people to the dangers of being a distracted driver, but we haven't done a good job of alerting people to the dangers of being a distracted pedestrian," said Jonathan Adkins, a spokesman for the Governors Highway Safety Association.

Please keep your safety and the safety of those around you first and foremost in your mind. Don't become a statistic in 2016. Just as you know not to text and drive, remember walking and texting can be just as dangerous. Use the crosswalks when available, be aware of your surroundings, and don't walk while distracted. It can wait.






Chief Carl Moulder



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 <p>Obey all traffic laws. If no sidewalks are present, walk against the direction of traffic so you can see oncoming vehicles.</p>	 <p>Avoid distractions while driving. Focus on the road.</p>	 <p>Always wear a helmet. Ride in the same direction of traffic on the street. Obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.</p>
<p>Always use the crosswalk. Push the button to get the walk signal.</p>	<p>Pass bicyclists safely. Allow at least three feet between your vehicle and the bicyclist.</p>	<p>Yield to traffic when appropriate. It's better to yield than "be in the right" and risk injury.</p>
<p>Be visible. Wear bright, reflective colors on your clothes, shoes, belts and wristbands.</p>	<p>Slow down! Speed is the cause of 32% of all fatal crashes.</p>	<p>Be visible. Position yourself in the lane so others can easily see you. Always use a headlight and taillight at night.</p>

## Bicycle Trailhead Construction to Begin Soon!

As 2016 begins, you will see construction commencing at the Bicycle Trailhead on Mt. Moriah Road. Auburn has long been a destination for cyclists to come for scenic rides. The construction of the trailhead will bring even more two wheeled visitors to our area.

The City of Auburn is excited to provide this much needed trailhead to our visitors. The fountain, tables, shade and bicycle drop off/pick up lanes will make this a much used park in the City.

Millions of people bicycle safely on public roads. But many are scared away because motorists sometimes pass too closely, honk, or tell cyclists to get off the road. Though these behaviors are not the most common source of injuries to cyclists, they are unsafe and illegal. The traffic law says that drivers must pass at a safe distance. When a travel lane is not wide enough to share, safe bicyclists move to the middle of the lane to insure that motorists use the next lane over to pass or wait until it is safe. Cyclists who ride too close to the edge of the road are risk colliding with suddenly-opening doors of parked cars or falling due to hazards such as sand, poor pavement, or debris. Motorists can help prevent crashes with cyclists by taking care to follow the rules on yielding and turning. Make sure to yield to cyclists when turning left or entering the road from a side street, driveway, or parking lane. Merge completely to the far right edge of the road in advance of making a right turn. Wait for any bicyclist ahead to clear the intersection before you make a right turn — do not turn across the path of the cyclist. Even if there is a bike lane, you should merge into the bike lane before turning right.

Cyclists, in turn, can make themselves safer and respected. Competent cyclists politely cooperate with other drivers by yielding when required, choosing the correct lane at intersections, using lights at night, and otherwise following the same traffic laws as motorists. Such cyclists are far safer than inexperienced cyclists.

Cycling safety is a team effort. Are you doing your part?

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## The Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year! Can you believe that 2016 is here? We hope that you had a blessed Christmas and holiday season and that your New Year's Resolutions have you working towards a better tomorrow. As I begin my third term as Mayor, I am looking forward to what 2016 will be bringing to the City of Auburn.

Our new Main Street Director, Tommy, will be joining the Auburn Team January 11th. The director will be responsible not only for business development and special events, he will also be over the new Auburn Center. Located in the old R&R Manufacturing/Perry Rainey Institute Dormitory on College Street, the Auburn Center will offer a gathering space to hold events and meetings as well as expanding our thriving GED program and ESL with Lanier Tech. A really exciting future plan for this facility is the business incubator/co-working option. This option allows home-based businesses to have meetings and conduct business outside of their home without the commitment to a long term store front lease. It also allows for off-site meeting spaces for our larger businesses. Additional plans will include the construction of a small bistro for your dining pleasure. This historic building will be teeming with new opportunities for all Auburn citizens. Remember this is being accomplished through a CDBG grant of \$500,000.00 and we are partnering with the department of corrections for construction. This means we only pay for materials and not labor—saving an additional \$200,000.00

We are also moving forward with the next phase of our water supply project and expect to begin construction soon. This project will allow Auburn to provide water without purchasing from other agencies. This will also allow us to keep the cost of water to our citizens at reasonable rates and, in the event of a drought, could help provide water to surrounding areas.

The Bicycle Trail Head located on Mt. Moriah should be breaking ground soon. This project will feature a beautiful fountain, tables, shade trees, and convenient parking/drop off lanes for cyclists. Auburn is already a destination for many cycling groups and this area will provide a safe, welcoming place for them to gather, meet and rest. This project is being funded through the TE grant in the amount of \$300,000.

Community Garden planning is ongoing and will be ready to go this spring. The garden will be located behind City Council Chambers near the water tower. Interested in being part of the planning committee? Contact City Planner Alex Mitchem at [cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org) or contact 770-963-4002 ext 202.

2015 was a great year in the City of Auburn with a lot of progress made on our developments. We have addressed some major stormwater projects and continue to work to improve our roads and parks. 2016 will see even more plans completed as we work to make Auburn the best place to live, work and play.

May 2016 be your best year yet!



Mayor Linda Blechinger

## City Council Meeting Time is Changing!

City Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

Beginning January 7, 2016

All City Council Meetings will begin at 6:00 pm  
In the Auburn City Council Chambers

Please mark your calendars with this change