



### Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 13, 2017  
Burel Park—4th Avenue  
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

### OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)  
Wednesday, May 17, 2017—11:30 am  
JD Withers Building—7 7th Street

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

**This month: Music for a Lifetime**



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## The Mayor's Corner

April was quite a month for the City of Auburn. We hosted our 2nd annual *Auburn Ever After* event and enjoyed the thousands of princes, princesses, ogres, villains and beasts that showed up. Check out our Facebook page for the photos and you can't help but smile! I love this community—the energy, the friendliness of the residents and visitors as well as the awesome staff at the City of Auburn. I have the honor of working with some of the finest people around. From the front desk staff to our Public Works Department and our Police Department, these women and men go above and beyond to make Auburn the great place we enjoy.



Mayor Linda Blechinger

The City of Auburn has been consistently ranked as one the top ten safest Cities in Georgia based on our crime statistics. We are very proud of that designation and our Police Department! It takes a fine-tuned team to be a community police force—from the officers on the road to the command and support staff. Being a police officer today is a very rewarding job, however, it is also fraught with danger. Auburn officers are out there in the community to render aid, respond to accidents and keep us safe. They are running to a dangerous situation when the rest of us are taking cover. With the growth of social media, the acts of the few bad police officers are undermining the reputation of the many good ones. I am confident that we have a staff of very good officers. They are there to protect and serve. National Police Week is set for May 14th to the 20th and we hope that you will take a moment to thank our Police Department for their dedication to us and our safety.

Also in May, we honor our long and vibrant history in honor of National Historic Preservation month. Our annual History & Heroes Celebration is set for Saturday, May 6th at 10am. Auburn was founded in 1892 and celebrates 125 years in 2017. Did you know that we were once known as a college town? That's right—Auburn was home to the Perry Rainey Institute. Located where the current Auburn Elementary School stands, the institute was for many years where young men and women went to continue their education. The Institute is now gone, lost to the

wrecking ball, but the women's dormitory still stands next to the Auburn Post Office. This historic structure is currently being stabilized and renovated. We expect completion of the building later this year. Called the Auburn Center, this multipurpose public use facility will host GED classes for Lanier Tech. There will be variable size meeting rooms available including a large meeting room that will seat 300. This is a much-needed facility and a wonderful use for this piece of our history.

Have you been to downtown Auburn lately? Drop by and visit. See our Whistlestop Shops. Visit our museum and learn about our history. Become active in our community—you will be glad you did!

## HISTORY AND HEROES

**Back Yard Bar-B-Que Contest and Much More!**  
@ Whistlestop Park  
(Near City Hall Auburn Ga)

### MAY 6TH 2017 WHISTLESTOP PARK

**Back Yard Bar-B-Que**  
Cookers in by 5pm Friday May 5th  
Call for more information 770-963-4002 (ext 204)

**FUN STARTS @ 10 AM**

Live Music  
Living History Display  
Interactive Demonstrations  
Prehistoric Artifacts  
Activities for the Children  
Motorcycle/ Jeep Ride  
and much more !!!



STATIC MILITARY EQUIPMENT

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## Pest Control - Mosquito Control Tips

As everyone knows, mosquitoes are very annoying pests. They attack humans and animals alike, and can spoil an outdoor gathering rather quickly. Fortunately, there are ways to control mosquitoes. The American Mosquito Control Association [www.mosquito.org](http://www.mosquito.org) reports that there are over 2,500 different species of mosquitoes around the world. The best way to control mosquitoes is to eliminate their breeding sites.

### Here are some breeding control tips:

- Do not allow water to accumulate anywhere in your yard for more than two days. Cans, buckets, pots, plastic swimming pools and tires are all containers that tend to collect and hold water. Removing these items will help control the number of mosquitoes that hatch in your yard.
- Keep the gutters clean. If leaves or other debris clog your gutters and prevent them from draining, water will accumulate in the gutter system, providing the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Do not over-water your lawn or garden. This may cause water to be left standing for more than one day.
- If your cistern, septic tank or cesspool seeps, fixing the problem will help control the number of mosquitoes that plague your yard.
- Filling swampy areas, ditches and drain puddles will eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. If filling is not possible, these areas may be treated with commercial mosquito control products.
- If you have a backyard pond, stock it with mosquito fish (minnows). These fish eat mosquitoes and their larvae.
- Change the water in your wading pool or birdbaths at least once per week. Stagnant water makes the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.



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## 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

- 05/04 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting
- 05/10 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
- 05/11 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
- 05/17 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning Commission
- 05/18 at 6PM: City Council Workshop
- 05/29—City Offices Closed for Memorial Day



## Auburn Library Programs & Events

- May 1, 8, 15 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
  - May 1, 8, 15, 22 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
  - May 3, 10, 17 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
  - May 4 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club
  - May 6: Free Comic Book Day
  - May 6 at 2PM: Author Book Signing—Bruce Evans
  - May 6 at 3PM: Lego Club
  - May 8 at 6:30PM: Auburn Cover to Cover Book Club
  - May 8 at 5PM: Teen Writing Club
  - May 11 at 5PM: Teen Night
  - May 11 at 6PM: Coding Club
  - May 13 at 11AM: Tabletop Gaming
  - May 13 at 1PM: AuburnCon
  - May 15 at 6:30PM: Friends of Auburn Library
  - May 18 at 5PM: End of School Celebration!
  - May 25 at 5PM: Teen Book Club
  - May 29: Library Closed for Memorial Day
  - May 30 at 11AM: Summer Kickoff with Ken Scott
- Auburn Public Library, 24 Fifth Street, Auburn, GA**  
770-513-2925 [www.prlib.org](http://www.prlib.org)



## Floyds Kitchen is now open!

Located at 1365 4th Avenue (next to Auburn City Hall), Floyd's is open Tuesday through Friday, 6am to 2pm; Friday evening 5pm to 8pm and Saturday 7am to 2pm.

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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.

- May 13—Community Yard Sale
- May 13—Movie In Whistlestop Disney's "Frozen"
- May 10—Parks & Leisure Meeting—6:30 pm City Hall
- May 17—OWLS Luncheon —JD Withers Building 11:30 am



## Chief's Corner



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

In years past, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. These Memorial Services began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors, supporters and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

Each year in the City of Auburn the Mayor and Council sign a proclamation designating the week of May 15, as Police Week in the City of Auburn. This year the dates of Police Week will be May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>. Law Enforcement across the United States has come under great scrutiny and in some rare incidences under attack. The members of the City of Auburn Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the Citizens of Auburn. The Auburn Police Department is a professional law enforcement agency and works unceasingly to protect our citizens against violence or disorder.

It is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve everyone within the community without bias. Our officers do a great job of communicating with our citizens but we felt we were missing an opportunity to do more. That's how the Auburn Citizen's Police Academy came to be. This free course, facilitated by Sgt. Marc Pharr, offers participants training and presentations and gives them hands-on experiences similar to those that your police officers experience daily. The next class will be offered beginning in early August. Because the program is such a success and the participants invited to remain involved, the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association was formed. These individuals assist the Police Department in many ways throughout the year, you'll always see them at our awesome festivals. We also have a BSA – Explorers program for our younger citizens. This program is for young adults, ages 14 to 20, who have an interest in law enforcement. Like the Citizen's Police Academy, they receive hands-on experience and assist the city in many ways.

Please take a moment to observe the week of May 14th through 20th, 2017, as Police Week to commemorate police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their communities, have earned our gratitude. I also highly recommend the Citizen's Police Academy and Explorers program to those interested in learning more about your police department and the role they play in the community. We are here for you – day or night. I am proud of the fine men and women who serve this community.

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