



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, July 8, 2017
Burel Park—4th Avenue
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

OWLS Luncheon
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, July 19, 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: Essential Oils & You

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MONDAYS: July 10, 17, 24, 31 \$40 (4 lessons—Only \$10 per Lesson!) - \$40

July Tennis Program Sessions Available at City of Auburn Tennis Courts!

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

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

Your Pets and Stormwater—Is there a connection?

With the Fourth of July fireworks often come reminders to keep your pets indoors, safe from the loud noises and crowds. This month, the City of Auburn is asking you not only to think about keeping your pets safe but also to think about keeping our local waters safe from pet waste!

Pet waste doesn't just decompose. It adds harmful bacteria and nutrients to local waters when it's not disposed of properly. When left on a paved surface, dog waste becomes yet another contaminant that stormwater (the water you see flowing down the street during a heavy rain) can transport to local waters. **When heavy rains wash down the sidewalk and street, and right over dog waste, they pick up particles of that waste.** That stormwater then flows either directly to local waters such as Rock Creek/Apalachee River or down storm drains and then to local waters.

Fortunately, picking up after your pet is easy if you're prepared. Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your dog, and you'll have the equipment to remove your dog's waste. Throw it in the nearest trash can (never down a storm drain!), and you're done.

There are even compact, refillable bag dispensers that you can attach right to your dog's leash.

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



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The Mayor's Corner

Summer is officially here! As we celebrate July 4 and our Independence Day with fireworks and family fun, our thoughts turn to that all important item: VACATION!

Traveling for summer vacation has always been the “norm” for many families. Recently, though some are opting instead for “staycations.” A staycation means staying in your local area instead of traveling domestically or internationally. Of course, that doesn't mean you're not allowed to have fun! A staycation can involve hanging around your house or taking day trips to explore our city or state. While many may view a staycation as inferior to a vacation, that doesn't have to be the case. Here are some reasons that staycations can be better than vacations:

Easy Planning: One of the benefits of taking a staycation over a vacation is that it's pretty easy to plan. If you have a week off of work you don't need to worry about rushing to pack your suitcase and arriving on time for your flight. You don't need to worry about booking each vacation day full of activities. You already know where you're sleeping and what's around you, so planning should be a piece of cake.

Little to No Travel Costs: Another benefit of taking a staycation is that you eliminate travel costs that usually go along with vacations. You don't have to worry about paying outrageous airline or hotel prices. When people travel for their vacation, the most expensive part tends to be the airplane ticket or the hotel room.

Inexpensive: One of the best reasons to take a staycation is because it can be very inexpensive. Many people have opted for staycation due to the rising cost of vacations or because they're on a limited financial budget. Staycations can be pretty cheap especially if you choose to spend your vacation at home watching movies, catching up your reading, or going to movies or dinners out on the town. Even if you go to a big event such as a sports game, a theatre show, or an amusement park you're still saving money. Had you done those same events on your travel vacation, you would have been saying the same price but you would have also been paying for airfare and hotel accommodations as well.

Explore Your City or State: This is my favorite reason for taking a staycation. Have you always wanted to go to a certain museum or take a certain tour of a local attraction but have never found the time? Auburn has a great downtown area with shops and parks as well as a great museum and library! Maybe you've always wanted to explore other parts of our state but couldn't rationalize taking a day off to go on an impromptu road trip. A staycation would be the perfect time to explore. Even if you've lived in this area years, there are probably places you've never even visited. A great place to start is by visiting one of our beautiful parks. Shackelford Park offers picnicking, camping and is a beautiful, peaceful location. Located on Brown Bridge Road the confluence of two streams, it is truly a hidden gem!

Relaxing: If you're constantly stressed out by work or other issues, then a staycation could be exactly what you need to relax. Traveling can be a lot of fun, but it can also be stressful. Sometimes there's nothing better than relaxing to give you a fresh start and vacations are too often about seeing sights and cramming too many things into one day or one trip. Plus you get to do this from the comfort of your own home—no hotels, no itineraries other than what you set.

There is no place like home! Perhaps a staycation is just the answer for your family—find out why Auburn is such a great place to live and visit. See it with new eyes as you explore our lovely City on your own staycation.



Mayor Linda Blechinger



Auburn's Shackelford Park

Auburn Library Programs & Events

July 1 at 5PM: Auburn Independence Day Celebration—Library Closed
 July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
 July 4: Library Closed. Happy 4th of July!
 July 6 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club
 July 6, 20 at 1PM: Auburn Building Block Party
 July 7 at 3PM: Teen Meme All the Shirts
 July 8 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
 July 10, 17 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
 July 10, 17 at 1PM: Auburn Once Upon a Thyme
 July 10 at 6:30PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
 July 11 at 11AM: Build a Better Community
 July 11, 25 at 5PM: Teen Writing Club
 July 12, 19 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
 July 13 at 1PM: Movie Afternoon: The Secret Life of Pets
 July 13 at 6PM: Auburn Coding Club
 July 14 at 6PM: Teen Steampunk Social
 July 17 at 6:30PM: Friends of Auburn Library
 July 18 at 11AM: Ziggy's Magic Bubble Show
 July 20 at 5PM: Teen Book Club
 July 22 at 1PM: End of Summer Minecraft Madness

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



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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

07/06 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting
 07/13 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 07/20 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

Parks & Leisure Commission, Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals do not meet in July

Just how hot is your car?

Outside temp	Inside temp	
	10 mins.	30 mins.
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

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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.

July 8—Community Yard Sale
 July 19—OWLS Luncheon/Patriotic Picnic—11:30 am—JD Withers Building. Essential Oils and Your Health

No Parks & Leisure Meeting in July

Downtown News!

Whistlestop Shops are Expanding

The iconic Whistlestop Shops are expanding! With the success of the first 9 shops, two more shops and a restroom have been completed in Whistlestop Park. The shops welcomed Willotta's Pastries and Brigman's Gift Shop this month.

The shops have caught the attention of many folks throughout the state and Auburn has been visited by several other towns and State organizations interested in the success of these Micro-Retailing shops. Please visit these wonderful businesses and help support small business entrepreneurs.



Community Garden

The Community Garden is in full bloom! There are multiple beds growing cucumbers, tomatoes, herbs, okra, eggplant and more. The University of Georgia and the Auburn Library have planted Pizza gardens and are making the garden part of their summer reading program. Please remember that these are individual gardens planted by local gardeners. Don't harvest any of the vegetables without checking with City Hall staff first!



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 parksdirector@cityofauburn-ga.org for an application.

