



**OWLS Luncheon**  
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017—11:30 am  
Shackelford Park—Brown Bridge Road

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

**This month: Fall Picnic!**

**AUBURN**  
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**October 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: October 2, 9, 16, 23** (4 lessons—Only \$10 per Lesson!) - \$40

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

**AuburnFest!**  
**11/4/2017**  
**11am to 7pm**

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Handmade Crafts—Fun Competitions  
Backyard BBQ Competition—Family Fun  
Kid Zone—Zip Line—Rock Wall  
Hometown Country Fair



Downtown Auburn

**AuburnFest Car Show**



**Saturday 11/4/17**

Registration—11AM-1:00PM  
Downtown Auburn  
Door Prizes and Trophies for Top 20 and Mayor’s Choice

All Proceeds Will Benefit the Barrow County Veterans Memorial  
**Questions?**  
Contact Ray Vaughn  
[rayvaughn47@gmail.com](mailto:rayvaughn47@gmail.com)  
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PEOPLE PASSION PROGRESS

*The Mayor's Corner*

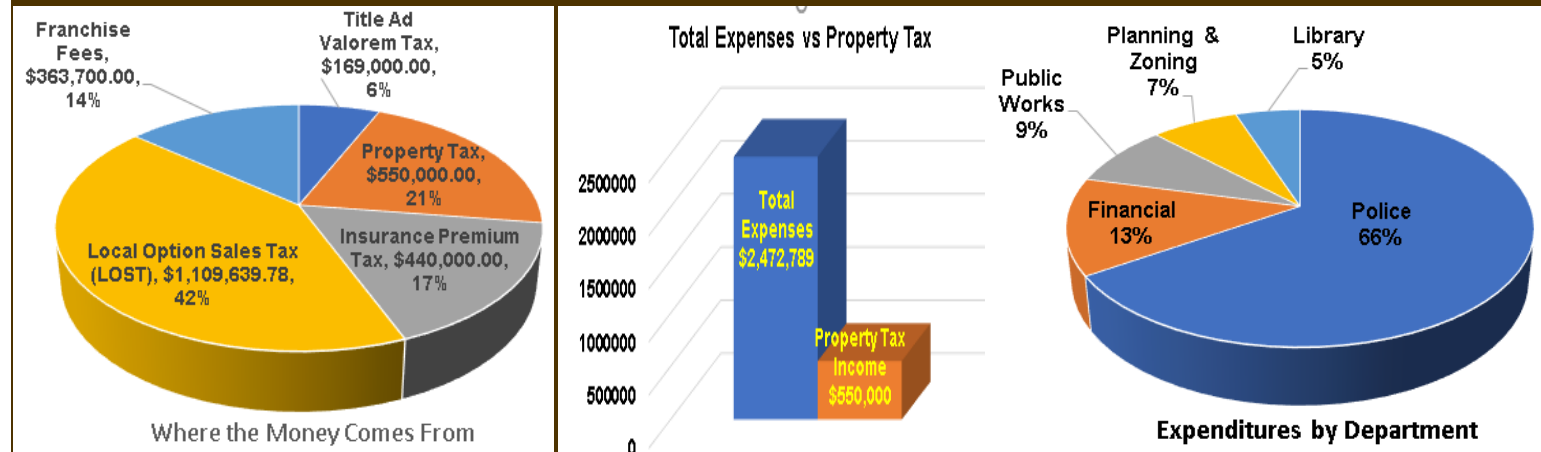
Autumn is here! September was definitely a month to remember. With the remnants of Hurricane Irma creating havoc with trees and wires down, many of our residents were without power for a few days. We appreciate everyone’s patience during the clean-up of debris and thank the utility companies for their long hours getting the power restored. I would like to send out a special thank you to our Public Works and Police Departments. Both departments rode out the storm in the City and were front and center on the clean-up. We could not have had such quick and efficient resolution to many of the issues if these departments had not been on the road taking care of emergencies as they happened.



Mayor Linda Blechinger

At the September City Council Business Meeting, the City passed the FY2018 budget. This is a performance based budget meaning we look at last year’s expenditures as well as the projects and cost of the running the department in the upcoming year. I thought you might like to see where the money comes from as well as how it is utilized to supply services. The City of Auburn has not raised the millage rate for 13 years! We have only been able to do that because of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) as well as SPLOST. LOST can be used for the general fund however SPLOST can only be used for capital improvements and not for the general fund.

As previously stated, we just completed and approved the FY 2018 annual budget. City Council and staff work closely together to come up with a balanced budget based on the projected revenue and department needs. Officially, our new budget year begins October 1. Here is how our budget breaks down for income and expenses:



Speaking of services, don’t forget that the Great American Clean Up is coming up. Have you been thinking about cleaning out the garage? Clean out your closets! Bring your junk and unwanted items Friday, October 20, 8AM to 4PM and Saturday, October 21, 8AM to 2PM. The dumpsters will be located at the Mary Carter Ballfields.

Save the date! Our 25th Annual AuburnFest Celebration is set for Saturday, November 4th from 11AM to 7PM. Come out for a great, family event with live music, activities for the kids, a car show, and friendly competitions including Quilting, Pie Baking, Knitting and Canning. Join us for the inaugural Trains and Flames backyard BBQ competition and help choose the People’s Choice Winner.

Last but not least—I would like to encourage you to become active participants in our government by attending Council meetings, becoming a volunteer, joining a board or volunteering in our community. We are all Auburn citizens and only by working together can we keep this the great community we know and love. Auburn is YOUR City. Come out and join the fun!

## Auburn Library Programs & Events

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K  
 Story Time at 11AM: Adult Coloring  
 October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club:  
 Bring yarn and knitting needles  
 October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time—  
 up to 2 years  
 October 5 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club  
 October 5, 12, 19, 26 at 5PM: Auburn Teen Night  
 October 5 at 6PM: Auburn Coding Club  
 October 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11 AM: Adult Coloring  
 October 7 at 3PM: Auburn Lego Club  
 October 9 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club  
 October 10, 24 at 5PM: Teen Writing Club  
 October 14 at 12:30PM: Saturday Crafternoon  
 October 14 at 2PM: Author Signing  
 October 19 at 5PM: Friends of the Auburn Library  
 October 23 at 5PM: Maker Monday  
 October 27 at 6PM: Teen Halloween Party  
 October 28 at 11AM: Family Story Time  
 October 28 at 4PM: Bookworms Book Club for Tweens  
 October 30 at 5PM: EEK! A Night to Make You Shriek

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



## 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

10/05 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting  
 10/11 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission  
 10/12 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority  
 10/18 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning  
 10/19 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

## What do leaves and storm drains have in common?

Hopefully nothing!



Please always bag or compost your leaves. Never rake leaves into the street or into the storm drain. Although they are “natural,” leaves not only clog drains, they also alter the ecosystems of local water bodies when dumped in larger amounts than would naturally fall there. Other storm water-friendly lawn tips for this time of year include:

- If you fertilize more than once a year, consider cutting back until September.
- More is not always better! Use only the amount directed.
- Check the weather forecast, and don't apply fertilizer when rain is predicted.
- Clean up any spills by sweeping the product back on to the lawn. Never sweep fertilizer toward a paved surface or a storm drain!

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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.  
 October 11—Parks & Leisure Commission  
 October 18—OWLS Luncheon—11:30 am—Fall Picnic, Shackelford Park  
 October 21—Movies in Whistlestop—Monster's Inc.



**City of Auburn**  
**Great American Cleanup**  
 Friday Oct. 20th—8:00AM— 4:00PM and  
 Saturday, Oct. 21st—8:00AM—2:00PM  
 Mary Carter Ballfield Parking Lot

### We will be collecting:

- Batteries
- Eye Glasses (for Lion's Club)
- Motor Oil
- Cell Phones
- Junk – junk includes anything you don't want whether usable or not
- Tires – A cost of \$2.00 - \$5.00 per tire (depending on size)
- Ink Cartridges
- Scrap Metal
- Old Cameras/Radios
- Electronics

Questions? Contact Iris Akridge 770-963-4002 ext. 207 or email [iakridge@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:iakridge@cityofauburn-ga.org)



**WE CANNOT ACCEPT:**  
 Paint of Any Type or Paint Thinner  
 Cooking Oil  
 Construction Material (Wood)  
 Yard Waste  
 Loose materials on trailers (needs to be bagged)

## Rivers Alive Clean-Up—10/21!



Georgia has more than 70,100 miles of rivers and streams that need help to stay clean. Individuals, neighborhoods, scout troops, schools, churches, clubs and service organizations are being asked to pull together to make a difference for the Apalachee River and its tributaries.

Volunteer registration is now open for Georgia's annual river clean-up initiative, Rivers Alive, October 21, 2017. The clean-up will take place from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. Volunteers are needed for privet (an invasive plant species) removal at Shackelford Park, as well as litter pick-up in surrounding areas.

All volunteers must have the Rivers Alive volunteer waiver form completed and signed before arriving at the event. For more information or to register, contact Joe Moravec or Dan Pruehs at 770-963-4002. The Rivers Alive event is presented locally by Keep Barrow Beautiful (KBB).



## It's That Time of Year Again! Business & Alcohol License Renewals Going Out

Auburn Business Owners will see their 2018 Business License Renewals in the mail soon. These renewals are due by December 31. Alcohol License Renewals are also going out. New this year: You can use your credit/debit card to pay for your license fees!  
 If you don't see your Alcohol License Renewal packet within the next 10 days, please contact City Planner Jay Miller at 770-963-4002 ext. 229 or [cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:cityplanner@cityofauburn-ga.org).

