

Save the Date! Auburn "Ever After"  
May 5—4PM

Calling all kids! Auburn Ever After has Princess Carriage Rides, Games, Activities and the movie "The Princess & the Frog" on the big screen. Special guests: Elsa, Anna, Shrek, Cinderella, Tiana, Rapunzel and more—over 20 characters! Mark your calendars!

**OWLS Trip to  
State Botanical Gardens**  
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)  
**Wednesday, April 18, 2018—9:30 am**  
**Meet at JD Withers Building**  
7 7th Street—Auburn  
**Guided Tour at Gardens**  
then lunch in Athens—Register with Michelle  
at 770-963-4402 ext 204 or  
mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org by April 13

  
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### April and May Tennis Program Sessions Available City of Auburn Tennis Courts!

Join us at the Auburn Tennis Courts for **Group Lessons!** Group Tennis Classes available All Ability Levels

**MONDAYS: April 2, 9, 16, 23** (4 lessons—Only \$11 per Lesson!) - \$44  
**MONDAYS: May 7, 14, 21** (3 lessons—Only \$11 per Lesson!) - \$33  
(Discount Price for Both Months: \$70 (7 lessons—only \$10 a lesson!)

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

### Kindergarten Preregistration—as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Step 1: **PRE-REGISTER** your child for school (<https://registration.barrow.k12.ga.us>) You can do it online from home, no more paperwork!  
Step 2: **ENROLLMENT and SCREENING**

April 30th - Monday Statham Elementary  
May 2nd - Wednesday Yargo Elementary  
May 4th - Friday Bramlett Elementary  
May 7th - Monday Holsenbeck Elementary  
May 9th - Wednesday Bethlehem Elementary  
May 11th - Friday County Line Elementary  
May 14th - Monday Auburn Elementary  
May 16th - Wednesday Winder Elementary  
May 18th - Friday Kennedy Elementary  
May 21st - Monday Make up day - Central Office

Please bring all of the required documents to the Central Office on your school's scheduled registration day. To help alleviate crowding and disperse the registrations throughout the day, if at all possible, please attend during the time period listed that corresponds to the first initial of your child's last name (A-C 8-9AM, D-J 9:30-11am, K-M 11AM-12PM, N-S 12-1:30PM, T-Z 1:30-3PM). This is when your child will receive an enrollment and be screened. *(The child and the biological parent/legal guardian must be present)*

OR:

*If the biological parent/guardian cannot be present on the school's scheduled day then you may:*  
\* Bring the required documents to the Central Office prior to the Kindergarten screening/registration dates above. Your child will then receive an enrollment for school. *(Your child doesn't need to be present for this part, but the biological parent/legal guardian registering does!)*  
\* You will also need to make sure your child attends the scheduled screening/registration day for his/her school (see above), where he/she will be screened. *(Since your child already has an enrollment, anyone can bring him/her in for screening)*  
\* You're done!

**You're done!** Register between April 30th & May 21st and your child will receive a FREE book courtesy of the Barrow Book Partnership. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for a FREE PINES library card from the Piedmont Regional Library System-Winder, Auburn and Statham Public libraries.

Please see the Barrow County School System website for a list of required documents or contact your school or Registration Department at 770-867-4527, [www.barrow.k12.ga.us](http://www.barrow.k12.ga.us)

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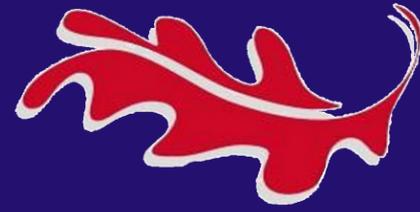
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# Auburn Messenger



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## The Mayor's Corner



Mayor Linda Blechinger

April showers bring May flowers but I think all our March showers will bring us a beautiful Spring this month in Auburn. Flowers and trees are blooming and we are gearing up for our next event "Auburn Ever After." Scheduled for Saturday, May 5, Auburn Ever After is our premier children's event featuring over 20 of your favorite storybook characters visiting with the children. Come out for horse-drawn carriage rides, meet Tiana, Moana, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Shrek, and other characters. Photos of this event will be a treasure to you and your children for years to come!

Events like Auburn Ever After are a part what the City staff works hard to bring to our community. Auburn hosts 4 large events each year including Auburn Ever After, Independence Day Celebration (June 30), AuburnFest (October 20) and Sounding Off the Christmas Season (December 1). Thousands of folks come to Auburn because it is known as a safe, friendly place to enjoy events. Our staff works hard to make these events a success, but they could not do it without the help of our outstanding volunteers. Volunteers help with planning, participate in helping our vendors find their spaces and work closely with City staff on the events. Volunteers also play part in making decisions in the City in many capacities. Our Parks & Leisure Commission, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, and DDA/Main Street Boards help keep our City running smoothly. Currently, we are working on our visioning for the City in our Comprehensive Plan—volunteers are the heart of that project, working side by side with our City staff. Volunteers help us with our Citizens Police Academy and our Police Explorers. What would our Library be without the help of these volunteers? We would especially like to acknowledge our volunteers that have served year after year at our events. There are so many that help us we could never name every one in the space available in the Messenger. We would like to call out Tina Parks, Wanda Hawthorne, Bill Ackworth, Grace Acworth, and Bert Scouten for their many years of service to the City at our events.

The City is proud of our Volunteer force. They keep us going but did you ever wonder what impact YOUR volunteerism has on our community? According to statistics, volunteerism has a value of over \$184 billion dollars each year. Volunteers, on average, spend 50 hours per year donating their time to the greater good; 4% of college graduates, 25 years or older, volunteer each year. Volunteering also improves health by strengthening the body, improving mood, and lessening stress in participants. Those who volunteer regularly have a 27% better chance of gaining employment—60% of hiring managers see the act of volunteerism as a valuable asset when making recruitment decisions according to a study performed by Career Builder. One out of four American's volunteer in their community but, two out of three Americans help their neighbor according to a study performed by The Corporation for National & Community Service. Volunteering happens in big and small ways.

The City of Auburn will honor our volunteers by proclaiming April 23 through April 29 as Volunteer Appreciation Week in Auburn. Aristotle (born: 384 BC) once said: "the essence of life is to serve others and do good."

### Notice: Water Consumption Rate Increase for April 2018 Water Bills

The water consumption rate increase that was passed on June 6, 2013 by Mayor and Council for the New Increases with Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) effective on March 1st of each year will go into effect on Water Bills Due by April 15, 2018 with an increase of 2.1%. The CPI rose 2.1 percent in 2017, same as 2016 and 0.7 percent advance in 2015. The 2.1 % increase will be a \$.11 to .16 per 1000 gallons increase for City residents. A City customer using 5,000 gallons a month would be billed from \$43.61 to \$44.21.



## Auburn Library Programs & Events

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1PM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles  
 April 5 at 11:30AM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club  
 April 5, 12, 19, 26 at 5PM: Auburn Teen Nights  
 April 5 at 5:30PM: Auburn Coding Club  
 April 4 at 11AM: It Might Come In Handy—ASL Basics and Deaf Culture  
 April 7 at 3PM: Lego Club  
 April 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time  
 April 9 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club  
 April 10, 24 at 5PM: Teen Writing Club  
 April 10 at 6PM: #fightback: Preventing Sexual Assault  
 April 11, 18, 25t 11:30AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years  
 April 14 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon  
 April 16at 5PM: Friends of the Library Meeting  
 April 17 at 5PM : Unbirthday Party  
 April 26 at 7PM: Well Red Wine Club  
 April 27 at 11AM: Men's Book Club  
 April 28 at 11AM: Family Story Time  
 April 28 at 3PM: STEAM



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

## Whistlestop Shops Market Days

Whistlestop Market Days run the 2nd Saturday of each month April through October with fun activities, vendors, food and more! Visit [www.whistlestopshops.com](http://www.whistlestopshops.com)  
 Thank you to the generous sponsors of the Market Days!  
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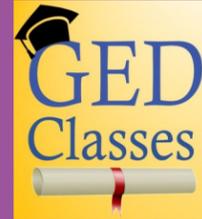
## MEETINGS CALENDAR

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

04/05 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting  
 04/12 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority  
 04/11 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission  
 04/19 at 6PM: City Council Workshop  
 04/18 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning

### Free Transportation to Winder GED and ESL Classes

If you, or someone you know, needs to complete their high school diploma or wants to improve their English skills, free classes are being offered in Auburn and Winder. Transportation is currently available to Winder classes—Auburn Transportation will be coming online soon!



#### Auburn:

- \* Monday and Wednesday mornings - English as Second Language classes at Auburn Elementary School
- \* Tuesday and Thursday nights - Free GED classes at the Withers Bldg

#### Winder:

- \* Tuesday and Thursday mornings - Free GED and ESL classes available at the Wimberly Center on MLK Jr. Dr. Transportation and childcare are available to registered students.

To become a registered student, call 770/531-3361 to sign up for orientation and to enroll.

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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.

April 11—Parks & Leisure Commission

April 18—OWLS Field Trip—State Botanical Gardens—9:30 am—Register with Michelle (770-963-4002 ext 204) or [mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org) by April 13.

**City of Auburn**  
**Earth Day Cleanup**  
 Friday, April 20—8:00AM– 4:00PM and  
 Saturday, April 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)

## Clean Catch Basins Mean....WE can all weather this storm!

What are catch basins and what do they do?

Catch basins are the square grids that are placed along the curbs to collect water from our streets during storm events! They are the entryway from our streets to our storm water drainage system and represent the first step in storm water collection. On rainy days, rainwater and anything else on the streets enter our storm water drainage system through the catch basins. The City owns all the catch basins within the right-of-ways and is responsible for maintenance of these catch basins. If the catch basin is **not** within the street rights-of-way, it is considered to be on private property and should be maintained by that property owner.

### How Can You Help keep catch basins flowing freely?

The City of Auburn's Public Works crews clean catch basins. However, with the City having to maintain other areas, the need to have the crew in your neighborhood may not come as frequently as needed. Therefore, by helping to clean the catch basins in front of your house you can greatly reduce the risk of a clogged drain during heavy rain events until the City crew can respond to your area.

Remember YOU can make a difference! Reducing water pollution takes everyone working together! or more information contact the Stormwater Coordinator at (770)963-4002 X207.

