



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, Auburn 10, 2019
Burel Park—4th Avenue
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OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, August 21, 2019—11:30 am
Perry Rainey Center—16 College Street

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

Trip Planning for September and November and Games!



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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:
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Kill Weedy Grass With Mulch and Herbicides, UGA Expert Says (Paul Pugliese UGA Extension)

Many clients contact their local University of Georgia Cooperative Extension office frustrated with grasses taking over their flower beds or vegetable gardens.



A common phone call might involve Bermuda grass taking over a bed of juniper ground cover or daylilies. And, if you’ve ever tried to pull Bermuda grass out by hand, you quickly learned that it just grows right back from any root fragments left in the soil. It’s nearly impossible to dig or pull out every piece of grass by hand.

Adding mulch to landscape beds can be an effective way to control small weed infestations or in areas where herbicides cannot be used, UGA Extension experts say. One option to control grasses in flower beds is what I like to call the “smothered and covered” method. Mulching can be used to effectively control small infestations or in areas where herbicides cannot be used. To use this method, cover the entire infestation with several inches of mulch. This may include wood chips, pine straw or similar materials. Hay and grass clippings should not be used as mulch, since they may carry weed seeds. Covering the area with a layer of cardboard topped with mulch may improve the effectiveness of this method. The mulch should stay in place for at least two growing seasons to kill tough perennial grasses.

Depending on whether these weedy grasses are growing in a flower bed or a vegetable garden, there may be options available to control weeds with selective herbicides labeled for particular applications. In vegetable gardens, use an herbicide containing the active ingredient sethoxydim (brands such as Poast and Vantage) around broadleaf vegetables to control Bermuda grass, crabgrass and other grasses without harming your veggies. This product cannot be used around corn, however, as corn is in the grass family and will be damaged. This chemical is very selective for controlling grasses and will not control other weeds.

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There are also product options on the market that can be used in flower beds to selectively control weedy grasses. Products containing the active ingredient clethodim (Envoy), fluazifop-p (Grass-B-Gon and other brands) or sethoxydim (Segment) are safe around most flowers and shrubs. For nutsedge that is invading flower beds, a selective product that contains imazaquin (Image) can be applied over the top of a number of ornamentals. Be sure to read the label for which plants are safe to spray around.

A nonselective herbicide containing glyphosate (brands such as Round-up and others) can also be used in between rows and along borders of vegetable gardens and flower beds. However, because this is a nonselective herbicide, avoid any direct contact or spray drift with desirable plants.

Do not spray on a windy day. Make a shielded spray application by using a piece of cardboard or other barrier to shield plants and spray just the weeds. As long as the spray does not contact the leaves of vegetables, fruit trees, shrubs or flowers, it should not damage these plants.

Auburn Youth Athletics Baseball Registration Through August 2

Rookie Ball (4U) TeeBall (6U)
Pee Wee (8U) Minors (10U)
Majors (12U) Pony (14U)
Age cut off May 1st



Registration is online
AuburnYouthAthletics.org
or follow link at
www.cityofauburn-ga.org

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The Mayor's Corner



Mayor Linda Blechinger

August is here! It certainly has been a hot summer in Auburn. We hope you were all able to join us for our annual Independence Day Celebration. The weather was hot but it was worth it—this was by far the best fireworks display around! As everyone starts gearing up for the end of summer, we also prepare for the return to school for our students. A whirlwind of shopping for clothes, school supplies, and last minute items, it can be a stressful and expensive time or year! We are always thankful to the local non-profits and organizations that step up to help families who may not be able to afford the long list of supplies required for the start of school. For those families, the Barrow County Family Connection offers the Back to School Bash to provide backpacks and supplies for families that need them. Family Connection is an outstanding resource for our families. A collaborative effort between community organizations including DFACS and Barrow County Schools, Barrow County Family Connection works hard to strengthen families and promote educational success. The 2019-2020 Resource Guide that Family Connection produces is a valuable resource to everyone in our community. You can find this online at barrowfamilyconnection.org. It contains information about your community, your local governments, frequently used phone numbers, local assistance, and much more.

We have many churches and non-profits in our area offering assistance as well as volunteer opportunities. Piedmont CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is one such organization. Their mission is to give abused and neglected children of Barrow, Jackson and Banks County advocates to be their voice in Court. Right now, about 50% of the foster care children in our area have a CASA, their goal is to make that 100%. If you live in this area and love children, there are children who need YOU. Contact Piedmont Casa at to become a trained volunteer for children by calling 470-429-5055.

Barrow County has the Barrow County Senior Citizens Center. The Senior Citizens Center provides many programs for the county's senior adults including exercise classes, legal aid assistance, field trips, bingo games, evening activities, free lunches, health screenings, and various seminars. The Senior Citizens Center has a fully equipped exercise room, pool table, and card tables and has operating hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Center is also responsible for delivering meals to home bound citizens on a daily basis through the Meals on Wheels program. If you would like to volunteer or be part of their programs call 770-307-3025.

American Red Cross, East Georgia Chapter provides relief to area residents affected by disaster (fire, flood, or tornado). The Red Cross can offer several nights of shelter in a local hotel, financial assistance for clothing, as well as someone to be supportive during a time of crisis. Call 706-353-1645 for more information.

Peace Place offers shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children; case management services including referral to housing, job placement, education and health services; support groups/counseling and TPO assistance. They also have a thrift store at in Arcade (Jackson County) that raises money for the shelter and transitional housing. You can reach their administrative offices at 770-307-3633. (There is 24/7 hotline help available at 770-586-0927).

Last, but definitely not least, Adult Literacy Barrow Adult Literacy Barrow (ALC) is a non-profit organization committed to reducing the illiteracy rate in Barrow County. ALC works in partnership with Lanier Technical College and the City of Auburn to provide the educational resources, scholarships and academic support to create a more literate community. In Auburn, not only do they offer GED classes and testing, they offer ESL classes (English as Second Language). Reach out to them 770-531-3361 for more information on their services as well as opportunities to support this important effort.

Obviously, there is not enough room to promote all the opportunities in our community. Please visit Barrow County Family Connection at the website address above to get your Resource Guide. Don't have a computer? Contact Ben about getting your copy today by calling 770-530-0687. According to Ben “We don’t do everything, but we know who does. We connect people, whether it be local businesses, nonprofits, or citizens with resources in need.”

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

08/01 at 6PM: City Council Business Meeting
 08/07 at 6PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
 08/08 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 08/14 at 6PM: Planning and Zoning Commission
 08/15 at 6PM: City Council Workshop

Important Notice! Barrow County Increases Wastewater Rates for Auburn Residents:

The wastewater rates have been increased by Barrow County Board of Commissioners. This will be reflected on your September 2019 billing. An increase for the monthly base rate for sewer will go from \$16.60 to \$17.00 for the first 2000 gallons. The usage rate will go from \$5.07 to \$5.85 per 1000 gallons over the 2000 gal usage.

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Congratulations to the Auburn Travel Fast Pitch Team the Georgia Impact 08!

Michael Parks, Parks & Leisure Director for the City of Auburn, will be taking his travel fastpitch team to California, July 28 – August 3.

The Georgia Impact 08 will play in the PGF (Premiere Girls Fastpitch) National Championship in Huntington Beach, California. The team is made up of girls from across Georgia and North Carolina. Michael's daughter, Bailey, is also on the team.

Good luck Georgia Impact 08 representing Georgia and the city of Auburn!

Auburn Library Programs & Events

August 3 at 2PM: Lego Club
 August 5, 12, 19, 27 at 11AM: Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
 August 6 at 5PM: Adult Craft Night
 August 10 at 11AM: Adult Health Program
 August 10 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
 August 10, 21 at 1PM: Write On!
 August 12, 19, 26 at 11:15AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
 August 12 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
 August 14, 22, 28 at 11AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
 August 15, 22, 29 at 5PM: Teen Nights!
 August 20 at 5PM: 16 Steps to Starting a Business While Working
 August 24 at 11AM—Family Story Time
 August 27 at 1PM—Between the Pages Adult Book Club
Auburn Public Library 24 Fifth Street, Auburn, GA
 770-513-2925 prlib.org

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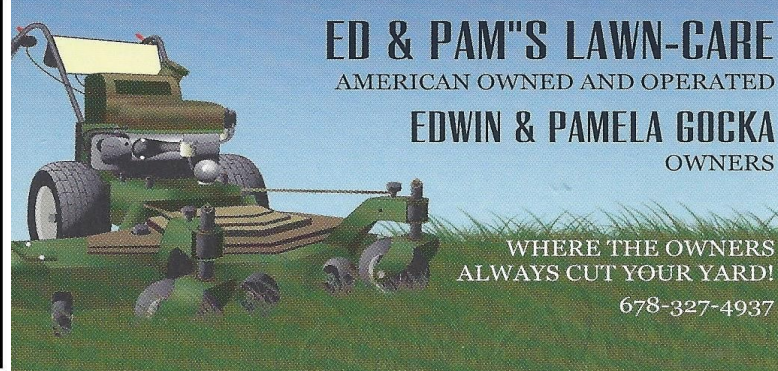
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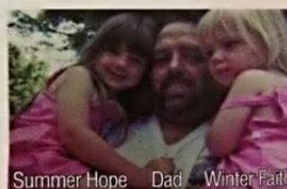


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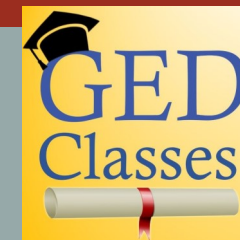
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Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

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.

August 7, 14, 21, 28—Farmer's Market and Craft Fair—Burel Park Pavilion
 August 8—Parks & Leisure Commission—6PM
 August 11—Community Yard Sale
 August 15—OWLS Luncheon—11:30 am—JD Withers Building.



Adult Literacy Barrow Announces GED and ESL

Adult Literacy Barrow is happy to announce the fall class schedule for the City of Auburn. English as Second Language (ESL), GED, and Citizenship classes are all free and available to anyone 16 and over.

ESL classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30. The instructor will be Ms. Ingrid Sandez. Students may use their home country ID. The ESL class will begin Monday, August 19. Students will attend class in Auburn at the Perry Rainey Center, first floor, last room on the right.

The GED class is already underway. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30. The instructor is Emily Jones. To register for classes, students attend an orientation at the Winder campus located at 163 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. They should call 770.531.3361 to pick an orientation to attend. Following orientation, students will attend class in Auburn at the Perry Rainey Center, first floor, last room on the right.

There is also a Citizenship class being offered at Saint Matthew Catholic Church beginning Thursday, August 22. Saint Matthew is located on Hwy. 8 between Auburn and Winder on the right hand side. The address is 25 Wilkins Road, Winder. Classes will be held every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 in the educational wing of the Church. Ron Drennan is the instructor.

All classes are free, and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Sally Brown with Adult Literacy Barrow at 770.531.3369

Older Wiser Laughing Seniors (OWLS) Cookbook Coming Soon!

Do you have a delicious recipe that everyone tells you is the best they ever had? Are you the keeper of the family recipe cards with Great Grandma Sadie's apple butter recipe? The Auburn OWLS need you!

The OWLS are collecting recipes for a cookbook to be published this fall. Recipes can be mailed to City of Auburn, PO Box 1059, Auburn, GA 30011 (attn: Michelle) or emailed to mwalk-er@cityofauburn-ga.org.



Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

The Auburn OWLS have been busy this year with Field Trips and fun meetings. In July, a group of OWLS went for a matinee at the Medieval Times in Duluth. A great time was had by all. Our schedule is filling up quickly! Are you 55 years old or better? Join us for fellowship—great food and fun! OWLS meet the 3rd Wednesday at the Perry Rainey Center (16 College Street). Questions? Call Michael at 770-963-4002 ext 230 or Michelle at ext. 204.

Date	Activity
August 21	Luncheon at our regular meeting place - Perry Rainey Center (across from Auburn Post Office) - planning for Greenville trip and games
September 18	Greenville Day Trip - Dessert Tour
October 16	Luncheon at our regular meeting place - Perry Rainey Center (across from Auburn Post Office) - planning for overnight trip and games
November 20	Overnight trip - location to be determined
December 18	Christmas Party