

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

OWLS Trip to Savannah
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
March 9-11

Contact Michelle Walker at
mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org or
770-963-4002 ext 204 for more information.

No meeting in March due to trip

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March Tennis Program Sessions Available City of Auburn Tennis Courts!

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

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MONDAYS: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30(5 lessons—Only \$10 per Lesson!) - \$50

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

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The Mayor's Corner

I can't believe that March is here. Already the signs of spring are all over town with budding trees, flowers coming up and a sense of renewal in the air. The promise of the future always seems brighter in the early part of spring.

We are very excited to announce the beginning of the "Define Our Auburn" LCI study. The City of Auburn has been awarded a planning grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative (LCI). Over the next six months, an updated plan will be prepared for downtown Auburn and immediately surrounding areas. TSW, an Atlanta-based planning consulting firm, has been hired to manage the process.

The goal of "Define Our Auburn" is to create a vision for the future of downtown Auburn—a vision that will grow the local economy, encourage appropriate development, make walking and biking easier, and revitalize historic downtown. It will include a short-term Action Plan that will serve as a guide for local stakeholders to implement the plan.

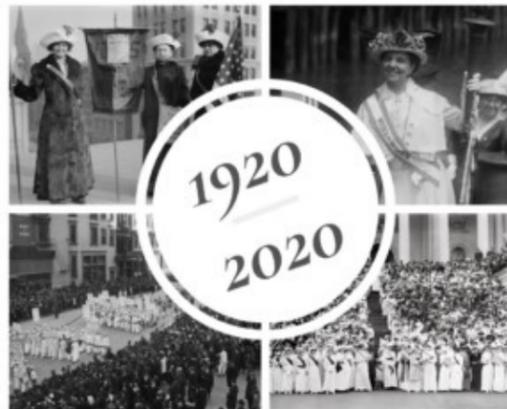
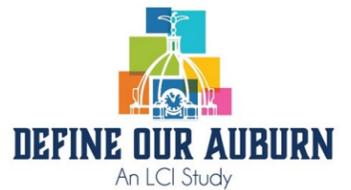
The input of local citizens is crucial to ensure the success of the LCI Study. For this reason, several community meetings have been scheduled to solicit public input. The first of these, a Public Kickoff Meeting and Workshop, will be held on March 19th 6:00 pm at the Perry Rainey Center (16 College Street across from the Auburn Post Office) and will include an overview of the planning process and engagement activities to gather additional feedback. Light refreshments will be served and we hope to see you there. This is your opportunity to provide input into your City's future! Please be sure to take our community input survey at auburn-lci.typeform.com/to/XV29er. This survey will help ensure that the planning team understands local issues and opportunities, and make sure the plan best reflects your interests. All responses are 100% anonymous. Your input is important to ensure a successful plan.

Another exciting thing is that it is time for the Census! I cannot stress enough how important participating in the census can be to our community. It affects funding that the City receives to improve our community. Be sure to read the information provided later in this newsletter to see how you can help.

Last, but definitely not least, March is National Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." It was on August 18, 1920 that the 19th Amendment was ratified give women the right to participate in their own governance. We have come a long way since then! As this year is an election year, I encourage each and every one of you to exercise the hard-earned right to vote. Your voice can make a difference.



Mayor Linda Blechinger



"We ask justice, we ask equality, we ask that all the civil and political rights that belong to citizens of the United States, be guaranteed to us and our daughters forever."

~ Susan B. Anthony

1820 - 1906

Auburn Library Programs & Events

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11AM: Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:00AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time
 March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:00AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years
 March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11:00AM: Toddler Tales
 March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 5PM: Teen Nights!
 March 7 at 2PM: Auburn Lego Club
 March 9 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
 March 14 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon
 March 18 at 1PM: Write On!
 March 21 at 2PM: STEAM Saturdays
 March 28 at 11AM: Sign Language Class
 March 28 at 2PM: Family Storytime
 March 31 at 1PM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club



Auburn Public Library
 24 Fifth Street, Auburn,
 770-513-2925
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

03/05 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
 03/11 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
 03/12 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
 03/18 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning
 03/19 at 5PM: City Council Workshop



Saturday, March 28

From 10am-2pm

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 Tractors, Hay Rides,
 Arts & Crafts, Live Music
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Culvert Maintenance

Homeowners throughout the city are responsible in most cases for residential culvert maintenance and repair. Repairs can be costly, so its in your best interest to make sure your culvert is always properly maintained.

Natural Debris can fill a culvert up very quickly. Weeds, grass clippings, and leaves can clog your culvert up over time. These should never reduce water flow by 20% or more. Serious drainage issues can occur if they do.

If your culvert is near a public roadway, or another property, inspections and maintenance are key to avoiding flooding that could damage the roadway or other properties near you. Removing silt, trash, and vegetation should be a part of your culvert maintenance routine. Examine your culvert for any issues such as Deterioration, and Damage for soil erosion.

Help extend the life of your culvert and driveway by incorporating this small measure to your yard maintenance. Please contact the Stormwater Coordinator at 770-963-4002x208 with any questions regarding this or any water quality issues.



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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.

March 11—Parks & Leisure Commission

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SNAPSHOT OF OUR COMMUNITY 2020 CENSUS DATA WILL EFFECT REDISTRICTING, EMERGENCY FUNDING, AND MORE

By April 1, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 United States Census. The results, collected once a decade as mandated by the U.S. Constitution, help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

Of course, the census tells us much more than just the population of our country, state, and community. The census produces a wide range of statistics about the makeup of those populations, from age and race to home ownership data. These numbers are used to draw voting districts, determine representation in Congress, and help define how federal funds are spent on items such as roads, schools, and hospitals. Businesses use census data to decide where to put a store, office, or plant. These new locations create jobs and support the community's economy.

The 2020 Census will use a new design that incorporates online and phone response options in addition to the traditional paper option. Your personal information is kept confidential. Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information and ensures that it is never published and that answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

The results of the 2020 Census are critically important; this once-a-decade data helps businesses, researchers, and communities make important decisions. The data can help inform where your community needs a new fire department, more funding for school lunches, or even help respond to natural disasters. For more information, please visit 2020Census.gov.



WHAT WILL I BE ASKED?

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE LIVING OR STAYING AT YOUR HOME ON APRIL 1, 2020.

WHETHER YOUR HOME IS OWNED OR RENTED.

The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy and help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.

THE GENDER OF EACH RESIDENT.

This data helps create statistics used for planning and funding government programs and is also used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.

THE AGE OF EACH RESIDENT.

Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older adults.

THE RACE OF EACH RESIDENT.

This data helps monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provision.

ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF EACH PERSON IN YOUR HOME.

Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that support families.

WHAT YOU WILL NEVER BE ASKED

- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.
- FOR MONEY OR DONATIONS.
- ANYTHING ON BEHALF OF A POLITICAL PARTY.
- BANK OR CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

If you are contacted by someone claiming to be from the Census who asks you for one of these things, it is a scam; do not cooperate and report it to police immediately