

City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in Observance of Memorial Day



**OWLS Luncheon**  
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

NO MEETING IN MAY

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 threat, we will cancel our May meeting to keep our seniors safe.

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**May Tennis Program Sessions—On Hold—Contact Josh Honea for more information**  
Josh Honea: tenniswithjosh@gmail.com - 770-547-8647

## Memorial Day—Remembering Our Fallen

Memorial Day is the day we honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States. The National Holiday was set as the last Monday in May by Congress in 1968 and signed into law by Lyndon B. Johnson. Each year, millions of Americans celebrate the unofficial beginning of summer on Memorial Day. With family picnics, outings, and other gatherings, at times this may feel like just a long weekend to kick off a summer of fun. The original intent of Memorial Day is much different. Many organizations, veterans and citizens take the day to place flags on the graves of our fallen service members. Many attend remembrance services. How do you remember and honor them?

- Did you know that at 3PM on Memorial Day, everyone is invited to observe a moment of silence in honor of these brave men and women who paid the ultimate price for our freedom?
- Did you know that since September 11, 2001, 216 Service Members from Georgia have fallen in service to our Country?
- Did you know that, contrary to popular belief, it really is inappropriate to wish someone a “Happy” Memorial Day?

We encourage you and your family to rediscover the true meaning of Memorial Day by observing a moment of silence at 3PM.

Take a moment and remember. Remember and say their names.  
“A Nation Who Forgets Its Defenders Will Itself Soon Be Forgotten” Calvin Coolidge

**COVID 19**  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019**  
(COVID-19)



**You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.



[www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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## The Mayor's Corner

What an April we had! The COVID-19 virus changed so much from canceling meetings, sheltering at home and working remotely. School cancellation, graduation postponements and cancellation of many events has affected each and every one of us in some way. Our hearts go out to those whose families were touched by this very contagious virus and we pray for a cure or vaccination soon.



Mayor Linda Blechinger

I applaud each and every one of you for the sacrifices you made during this pandemic. It has not been easy and it is so gratifying to see everyone working for the greater good of our community. While some of the recommendations to keep the public safe may have been difficult to do, I truly believe that we saved lives by doing what we did. My family deals with members who are immunocompromised and this has been a stressful time for us. We relied on the kindness of others and took every precaution to protect our family too. Your sacrifices in supporting those who are at risk make me even more proud to be a part of the Auburn community.

During this time, the City has continued providing essential services to our citizens. From providing water, police protection and permitting, operations at our offices remained steady. Although we had limited face-to-face interactions due to the social distancing guidelines in implemented by the Centers for Disease Control and the Georgia Department of Public Health, we were able to serve our citizens in most every area of City business. I am very proud of the City staff—who came together as the tight-knit team they are—who selflessly came to work every day. Our Public Works staff worked hard to maintain the cleanliness of our buildings, maintain our parks and roads, respond to water leaks and issues and get some much needed maintenance done. We were able to assign tasks so that social distancing requirements were met. City Hall staff was available for telephone and web inquiries. Our planning department was able to assist our builders and permits inquiries with few face-to-face meetings. Our amazing police department continues to help our citizens feel safe and responded to calls with professionalism and care.

Our first responders, our health care workers and others have all stepped up to the plate, regardless of the risk to themselves. Our teachers who had to totally revamp their teaching style and work remotely with students. Our school district worked hard to provide meals to the kids that may otherwise have gone without. I have had several folks ask how they could thank not only our police department but also others in the community who were working to keep everything running. Here are some ideas:

- \* Send Thank You Notes—write thank you notes. Send them to:
 

City of Auburn P.O. Box 1059 Auburn, GA 30011	Barrow County Emergency Svc 30 N. Broad Street Winder, GA 30680	Barrow County Schools 179 West Athens St Winder GA 30680
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- Make donation in their honor—donate to the local food bank; order personal protective equipment (gloves, face masks, etc) to donate to your local first responders, order a meal to be delivered to a shift at the police, sheriff or fire departments.
- Thank them when you see them! A personal thank you goes a long way!

*hope*

If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that better things are always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be... Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.

- Nikki Banas

Thank you to everyone for stepping up to help keep our most vulnerable safe!

**Auburn Library  
Programs & Events**  
All programs subject to cancellation due to COVID-19—PLEASE CALL 770-513-2925

May 2 at 2PM: Auburn Lego Club  
 May 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11AM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles  
 May 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11AM: Ready to Read - Pre K Story Time  
 May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10AM: Auburn Lapsit Story Time— up to 2 years  
 May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:00AM: Toddler Tales  
 May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 5PM: Auburn Teen Nights  
 May 9 at 12PM: Saturday Crafternoon  
 May 11 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club  
 May 16 at 2PM: STEAM Saturday  
 May 20 at 1PM: Write On!  
 May 23 at 11AM: Sign Language Class  
 May 23 at 2PM: Family Storytime  
 May 26 at 1PM: Between the Pages Adult Book Club

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[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

05/07 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting  
 05/13 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission  
 05/14 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority  
 05/20 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning  
 05/21 at 5PM: City Council Workshop  
 05/25 - Memorial Day—City Offices Closed

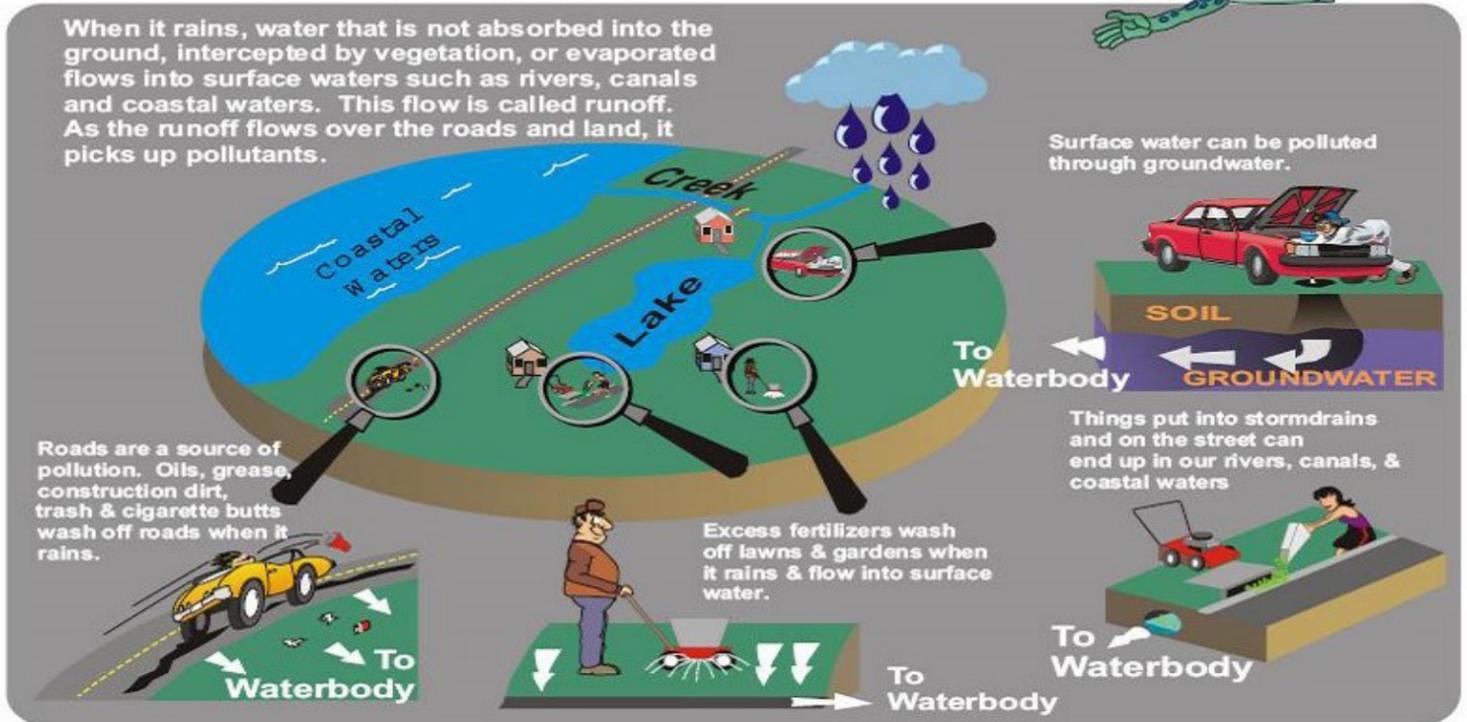


**Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission**

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.  
 May 13—Parks & Leisure Commission  
 No OWLS Luncheon

**Stormwater Pollution**

**The CULPRITS**



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**National Public Works Week May 17-23**

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services communally known as Public Works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The week of May 17-23 is dedicated to Public Works Departments to enhance the respect of the often unsung heroes of our society – the professionals who go above and beyond to serve the public good with daily dedication. City of Auburn Public Works employees are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

The City of Auburn's Department of Public Works appreciates the support and participation of our employees with National Public Works Week. Special appreciation is also extended to Mayor Linda Blechinger, the City of Auburn Council, City of Auburn Employees, and Auburn residents for their part in making May 17 - 23 a week of success.



In appreciation of  
**NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK...**  
**WE THANK YOU!**