

Auburn



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### *The Mayor's Corner*

Summer is here but what a different summer it will be. We are all emerging from the shelter at home with some excitement and a little trepidation. Our families have all been touched by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way. For our 2020 graduates, postponement of all the ceremony and events has been very disappointing to say the least. We wish you all success as you move on to your future and look forward to attending the ceremonies to celebrate your achievements in the coming months. My family has felt the loss because of stay at home orders in many ways. When my husband Dan passed away in April, all the arrangements had to be tailored to protect the safety of our family and friends. It was very hard to not be able to see and be close to all those who loved Dan. To everyone who reached out to us during this time, please know we appreciated all your prayers and kind thoughts. Our hearts were touched with the outpouring of love from our wonderful Auburn family and community. We can't say "Thank You" enough.



Mayor Linda  
Blechinger

The City of Auburn is working closely with other local governments and the local health departments to plan safe reopening of public facilities. We are on calls with federal, state and local agencies at least 3 times every week as well as discussing Dr. reports that affect us. As you read this and if all goes according to plan, City offices will have reopened for business. The library will be offering curbside service and both the JD Withers Building and the Perry Rainey Center will begin taking reservations again. The Auburn Farmer's Market will be open on Wednesdays from 5-8 PM at the Burel Park Pavilion. Community Yard Sales will resume in Burel Park on June 13 from 8AM to 2PM and are held the 2nd Saturday of each month through October. It is expected that by June 13 all activities will return to a new normal. We are still waiting for final direction on what that new normal will be. As of this writing, we still are recommending (based on the current Federal and State Public Health guidelines): No gatherings of 10 or more people; no exposure for vulnerable populations; no shared equipment and that everyone maintain appropriate social distancing, cleaning and other public health guidelines. Opening and closure of facilities may shift based on public health guidance, resource allocation limitations and the ability to maintain social distancing and other applicable guidelines. We appreciate everyone's cooperation, this has been a frustrating time for all of us.

Unfortunately, because of social distancing requirements, the annual Independence Day Celebration has been cancelled. This was not an easy decision. We will have our fireworks display on October 24th to celebrate AuburnFest. It will be the same spectacular fireworks display at the end of our popular hometown celebration. AuburnFest features live music and hometown competitions such as pie baking, canning, crochet/knit and quilting. We will have live music and the 4th Annual Trains and Flames Backyard BBQ competition. This will definitely be the "don't miss" hometown event of the year. Keep an eye on our website ([www.cityofauburn-ga.org](http://www.cityofauburn-ga.org)) and Facebook page for updates and upcoming events.

Finally, I wish to take a moment to thank everyone for all that they sacrificed during the COVID-19 pandemic. You stepped up to make sure that our communities stayed strong and healthy. Thank you to our teachers, administrators, staff and bus drivers for Barrow County Schools. Arranging parades of teachers to go past student's homes to say goodbye to them, placing signs of congratulations in graduating seniors yards and providing lunches to our at risk children were all ways you showed your love and dedication to our kids! For the City, I would like to offer a special thank you to our City police department and public works department. These individuals and all City staff were essential in keeping services going in the City. From protecting our safety, processing payments, producing this newsletter, processing building permits, maintaining our city streets and water system, and planning new projects, City staff were busy every day keeping our community safe and moving forward.

Stay safe, please continue to work with us as we all weather this storm together. *Sometimes it is not the strongest tree that survives the storm, it is the most adaptable.* Anne Scottlin

### MEETINGS CALENDAR

*All meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 1361 4th Avenue unless otherwise noted—meeting times, locations & dates are subject to change—virtual meetings may be logged in via phone or internet.*

*Call 770-963-4002 for more information on logging in to virtual meetings.*

- 06/04 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting (virtual)
- 06/10 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission (virtual)
- 06/11 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority (virtual)
- 06/18 at 5PM: City Council Workshop
- 06/17 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning Commission



# FLAG DAY

June 14

## OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

Wednesday, June 17, 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!

**This month: Games & Planning**



1369 Fourth Avenue  
P.O. Box 1059  
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[www.cityofauburn-ga.org](http://www.cityofauburn-ga.org)

## June Tennis Program Sessions—On Hold—Contact Josh Honea for more information

Josh Honea: [tenniswithjosh@gmail.com](mailto:tenniswithjosh@gmail.com) - 770-547-8647

### Stormwater affects everything we do!

When you’re washing your car in the driveway, remember you’re not just washing your car in the driveway! Everything that was making your car dirty is now making our streams dirty!

#### The Pollution - Wash Water

- Wash water that flows into the street and storm drains goes directly to the stream
- The average driveway carwash uses 116 gallons of water! Most soaps contain phosphates and other chemicals that can be harmful to fish and wildlife

#### The Solution – How You Can Help!

- \* Take your car to a car wash. Car wash stations recycle the wash water and send the dirty water to the waste water treatment plant
- \* Wash your car in the grass so that the water can soak into the ground and help your grass grow
- \* Use less water. Use a bucket and rag instead of a pressure washer and put a spray nozzle on the hose so that it shuts off when not needed
- \* Use soap sparingly and pour out all wash buckets onto grass, not the curb, street or storm drain



For more information contact the Stormwater Coordinator at (770)963-4002 X 207.



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& Performing Arts Program

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## HOURS

MWFS 10 - 2

TTH 3-7

LOG INTO YOUR PINES ACCOUNT AT [PRLIB.ORG](http://PRLIB.ORG) OR CALL 770-513-2925 TO PLACE ITEMS ON HOLD. STAFF WILL CALL YOU ONCE ITEMS ARE PULLED TO SCHEDULE A PICKUP TIME

## PORCH PICKUP AT THE AUBURN LIBRARY



HEAD TO THE LIBRARY AT YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT TIME. STAFF WILL PLACE YOUR ITEMS ON A TABLE ON THE LIBRARY PORCH IN A BAG WITH YOUR NAME ON IT.

## VIRTUAL SUMMER READING

Starts June 1st



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