

City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 in Observance of Memorial Day



**OWLS Luncheon**  
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)  
Wednesday, May 19, 2021—11:30 am

**Perry Rainey Center**  
16 College Street—Auburn

This month: Celebrating Older Americans!

We will also be planning our fall overnight trip. Don't miss it! Bring a dish to share.

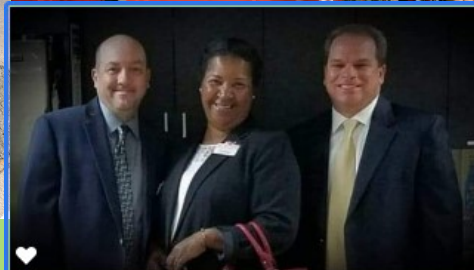


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**National Public Works Week May 16-22**

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 16-22 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 16- 22 a week of success.



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**NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK...**  
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# Auburn Messenger



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*The Mayor's Corner*

It's a beautiful time of year. We are glad to see the COVID-19 cases begin to drop as more and more of our citizens take the available vaccinations. I have taken mine as have my family. Most of our department heads have received their first vaccination of this writing. Our prayer is that we will continue to see the numbers drop and we can begin to emerge from this long quarantine. We are so excited to announce that we will be hosting our premier family event, Auburn Ever After this year! The festivities will be May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and at dark we will be showing Frozen 2 in the Whistlestop Shops courtyard.



Mayor Linda Blechinger

For those that don't know, Auburn Ever After is when we turn our downtown into a magical fairytale filled with all your favorite characters. We are expecting around 25 of your favorites like Cinderella, Elsa and Anna, Spider-Man, Superman, Batman, Snow White, Pocahontas, Moana, and more. We will also have other activities like inflatable games, trampoline jumps, and ball toss games.

This year will be slightly different due to COVID-19. We are taking extra precautions which means we will not have the normal princess carriage rides that we have done in the past. We would encourage that you observe social distancing, sanitize your hands often, and that you wear a mask.

With that being said, the City plans to host our regularly scheduled events including Independence Day, Auburn-Fest and Sounding Off the Christmas Season. Vendors will be more widely spaced to provide for social distancing, masks will be encouraged and every precaution taken to keep our staff and visitors safe. I would also highly encourage everyone to get their vaccination for COVID-19. If you have any questions on events or would be interested in being a vendor, please feel free to email Josh Campbell at [jcampbell@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:jcampbell@cityofauburn-ga.org).

May also brings us a celebration of our older residents. Officially recognized as "Older Americans Month," I'd like to take a moment to honor the people who have worked so hard and deserve so many thanks. While raising families and building careers, Older Americans gave back to their communities in a variety of ways. Whether they mentored a child, volunteered at a church food bank or served their country, each one deserves recognition for their commitment to us. As Older Americans, they continue to volunteer and serve their neighborhoods in their own ways. Reach out to your neighbors, lend a helping hand to those that need it, and encourage those who have become shut-ins to become more involved. You never know the impact you might have on someone and you never know what you might learn from them!

Older Americans Month also serves to raise awareness concerning elder abuse and neglect. As we age, the risk of abuse and neglect increases. We must be sure resources are in place to protect them from the risks of abuse and neglect. There are many resources available from the Athens Community Council On Aging. Visit [www.accaging.org](http://www.accaging.org) to get more information on programs and services available as well as helpful hints on how you can become involved. We owe a debt of gratitude to our Older Americans and this is our chance to show them how much they mean to our community!

One way the City of Auburn thanks our older citizens is by offering the Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors). This vibrant group of seniors meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am for guest speakers, games and fun field trips. The OWLS plan their own outings and have a great time together. Want to be involved? Drop by next month on May 19 at 11:30. Meetings are held in the Perry Rainey Center across the street from the Auburn Post Office. With over 50 members on the membership roll, you are sure to make new friends and have a great time while doing it! Interested in getting on the contact list for the OWLS so you will know about meetings, trips and other events? Email Michelle at [mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org](mailto:mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org) for more information.

*Kindness can transform someone's dark moment with a blaze of light. You'll never know how much your caring matters. Make a difference for another today.* Amy Lee Mercee, Author



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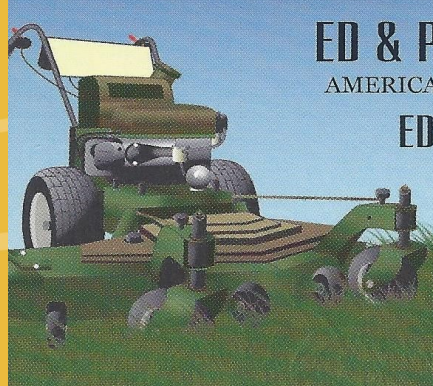
## Current Hours

M - Th 10 am to 6 pm  
 Fri 10 am to 4 pm  
 Sat 10 am to 2 pm

### 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

- 05/026at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
- 05/12 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
- 05/13 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
- 05/19 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning
- 05/20 at 5PM: City Council Workshop
- 05/31—Memorial Day—City Offices Closed



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## May is Arthritis Awareness Month



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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.

- May 12—Parks & Leisure Commission
- May 15—Auburn Ever After—Downtown Auburn—meet your favorite characters and watch "Frozen 2" - 5PM
- May 19—OWLS Luncheon —Perry Rainey Center (16 College Street across from Post Office) 11:30 am



## Auburn Ever After

Saturday  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 5pm-8pm  
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Frozen 2 showing at dark

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## Pest Control - Mosquito Control Tips

- As everyone knows, mosquitoes are very annoying pests. They attack humans and animals alike, and can spoil an outdoor gathering rather quickly. Fortunately, there are ways to control mosquitoes. The American Mosquito Control Association [www.mosquito.org](http://www.mosquito.org) reports that there are over 2,500 different species of mosquitoes around the world. The best way to control mosquitoes is to eliminate their breeding sites.

**Here are some breeding control tips:**

- Do not allow water to accumulate anywhere in your yard for more than two days. Cans, buckets, pots, plastic swimming pools and tires are all containers that tend to collect and hold water. Removing these items will help control the number of mosquitoes that hatch in your yard.
- Keep the gutters clean. If leaves or other debris clog your gutters and prevent them from draining, water will accumulate in the gutter system, providing the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Do not over-water your lawn or garden. This may cause water to be left standing for more than one day.
- If your cistern, septic tank or cesspool seeps, fixing the problem will help control the number of mosquitoes that plague your yard.
- Filling swampy areas, ditches and drain puddles will eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. If filling is not possible, these areas may be treated with commercial mosquito control products.
- If you have a backyard pond, stock it with mosquito fish (minnows). These fish eat mosquitoes and their larvae.
- Change the water in your wading pool or birdbaths at least once per week. Stagnant water makes the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.



I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY THERE ARE SO MANY SKEETERS THIS YEAR...