



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, June 12, 2021
Burel Park—4th Avenue
1st Come-1st Serve spaces

OWLS Luncheon

(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)
Wednesday, June 16, 2021—11:30 am
Perry Rainey Center—16 College Street

This monthly luncheon is the “don’t miss” event for those age 50 and better.

DPH will be on hand with COVID-19 vaccinations for all who want them



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The Mayor's Corner

Summer is here and there is so much to look forward to now that the COVID-19 numbers are falling. The City is excited to announce that our events are once again being planned! For any City event, if you are someone that may be at-risk of COVID-19 or showing any symptoms, please do not attend. We ask that social distancing guidelines be adhered to and masks are encouraged for unvaccinated guests. We will have sanitation stations, or “sani-stations” available at our events with hand sanitizer, gloves, adult masks, and kid masks.



Mayor Linda Blechinger



Auburn Ever After, held on May 15, was a resounding success. Although we altered the scope of the event to help with social distancing, our little heroes, princes and princesses came out to see their favorite characters and enjoy a movie in Whistlestop Park.

The Auburn Farmer's Market will be resume on Wednesdays from 5-8 PM at the Burel Park Pavilion. Community Yard Sales will resume in Burel Park on June 12 from 8AM to 2PM and are held the 2nd Saturday of each month through October.

Movies in Whistlestop Park are back and our movie for June 12 is going to be Toy Story 4. Bring your blanket and chairs to enjoy a movie under the stars!

The Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors) are meeting again—the June meeting will host the Department of Public Health giving out COVID-19 vaccines. Lunch is catered in and our age 55 and better members enjoy great fun and fellowship. They are planning their next overnight trip and are very excited to be able to get together again as a group.

Our next big event is our Annual Independence Day Celebration. Set for Saturday, July 3, we'll have vendors, live music, and, of course, our fabulous fireworks at dark. Vendor spaces are still available so if you are interested in being a vendor, please email jcampbell@cityofauburn-ga.org.

Our Annual AuburnFest Celebration is set for October 23. This is the day we celebrate everything “Auburn” including our history and the vibrant community it is today. All vendors offer hand crafted items and we have fun competitions such as pie baking, knitting, quilting and canning. Live music and entertainment throughout the day make this another “don't miss” event.

We have added a new annual event to our calendar—Public Safety Day. Set for September 18, our fine Police Department coordinates with other local first responder agencies for a fun-filled, informative day. Life Flight helicopters, the jaws of life, K-9 officer demonstrations are just a few of the activities we have planned. Have you ever been interested in the hows and whys of law enforcement and first responders? This is your day to see all the equipment and meet the incredible individuals serving our community.

Last, but definitely not least is Auburn's Sounding Off the Christmas Season set for Sunday, December 5. Santa and his live reindeer are the centerpiece of this family event. Never forgetting the reason for the season, the Live Nativity performed by our local churches is a poignant reminder. That green Grinch fellow has also been known to drop in and try to stop Santa from visiting!

Mark your calendars! If you have any questions on events, please email Josh Campbell at jcampbell@cityofauburn-ga.org for more information.

Important Water Notice

The City of Auburn operates a distribution water system in which it purchases water treated by Barrow County. The City received a notice from the Department of Natural Resources indicating that certain microbial levels and concentrations of byproducts were detected in the water. It appears this condition was caused by lower water usage which caused water treated by Barrow County to be stored in the water lines longer that it typically is. This allows the microbes to grow. The City has taken corrective action by flushing its lines. The City's water operator indicates these steps in sequence will remedy this issue. Although this is not an emergency, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation. Please see the letter enclosed with this newsletter for more information.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Public Works at 770-963-4002 ext 207.

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.



Juneteenth—June 19, 2021

What is Juneteenth you might ask? This is the holiday commemorating the Emancipation of enslaved people in the U.S. As the Civil War came to a close in 1865, a number of people remained enslaved, especially in remote areas. Word of slavery's end traveled slowly, and for those who were largely isolated from Union armies, life continued as if freedom did not exist.

This was especially the case in Texas, where thousands of slaves were not made aware of freedom until June 19, 1865, when Union Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and issued an order officially freeing them. Their celebration would serve as the basis of June 19 — or Juneteenth — a holiday celebrating emancipation in the US. Juneteenth has become the most prominent Emancipation Day holiday in the US, It doesn't mark the signing of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation which enshrined the end of slavery into the Constitution. Instead, it marks the moment when emancipation finally reached those in the deepest parts of the former Confederacy.

Save the Date! Auburn's Independence Day Celebration—7/3/2021
Mark your calendars for the 2021 Independence Day Celebration
Live Music, Food, Craft Vendors and the area's best Fireworks Display!

Interested in being a vendor? Please contact jcampbell@cityofauburn-ga.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

- 06/03 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
- 06/09 at 6:30PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
- 06/10 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
- 06/16 at 6PM: Planning & Zoning Commission
- 06/17 at 5PM: City Council Workshop

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.

June 9—Parks & Leisure Meeting—6:30 pm City Hall Conference Room
 June 12—Community Yard Sale
 June 12—Movies in Whistlestop Park—Toy Story 4



Barrow County Emergency Notification System

Inclement weather is a way of life in the southeast. The City of Auburn participates in the County-Wide Emergency Alert System to keep our citizens informed.

Sign up today to receive notifications of community emergencies, weather emergencies, community events and more!

You can select phone, text or email communications.

Visit www.cityofauburn-ga.org and click "Emergency Alert Link" next to "City Code" on the blue scroll bar to register.

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2021 Auburn Ever After

A magical time was had by all at Auburn Ever After on May 15th. Over 30 characters were on hand to take pictures with guests. After meeting their favorite characters our heroes, princes and princesses enjoyed seeing Frozen 2 on the big screen in Whistlestop Park.




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Dog Paw Care: Tips For Summer Safety

Have you ever walked outside barefoot and immediately wished you had shoes? Painful, right? When the weather starts warming up, the pavement temp rises too. It can quickly become too hot for our feet to handle. What about our dogs? A huge misconception that many people have is: A dog's paws can tolerate anything. That's not true. Just like human feet, paws can crack, blister, and bleed. Hot pavement can cause burns and permanent damage.

So, how hot is the asphalt? According to the Journal Of The American Medical Association, when the air temperature is a comfortable 77°F, asphalt in the sun is actually a whopping 125°F! Taking it up a notch, when the air is 87°F, the asphalt could be 143°F. That's way too hot for our pup's paws. Experts say when the asphalt reaches 125°F, skin destruction can happen to dogs in as little as 60 seconds! If you can't walk on it barefoot, your pet's feet will be suffering too.

So when considering taking your pups with you on a hot summer day, remember to protect those paws! If there will be a lot of asphalt, consider paw boots, paw butter or possibly taking your walk when it cools off.

It's That Time of Year—Auburn Farmer's Market

Beginning in June, the Auburn Farmer's Market will resume at the Burel Park Pavilion. The Farmer's Market will run every Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm from June through October.

Have a garden this year that provided a bountiful harvest? Come out and set up a table to sell your excess. This would be a great time to think about getting a plot at our Community Garden behind City Hall.

Not a gardener? Looking to buy some homegrown fruits and vegetables? The Farmer's Market will offer locally produced fruits and vegetables. You can find the best jellies and salsa. Do you love homemade Ice Cream? You can usually find chocolate, peach and strawberry ice cream. Local honey, live plants, boiled peanuts, and much more can be found at the Market. If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmer's Market, please contact jcampbell@cityofauburn-ga.org for an

