

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

OWLS Luncheon
(Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

Wednesday, December 15 at 11:30 am at the
Perry Rainey Center, 16 College Street

Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Need more information? Call Michelle at
770-963-4002 ext 204

This month: Christmas Party Planning and Games

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November is National Family Literacy Month

National Family Literacy Month is an annual designation observed in November. This month, get the whole family snuggled up on the couch and open up a good book. Studies show that reading aloud with mom or dad is the most important activity when it comes to preparing children to read on their own. And if you raise a good reader... Pretty much anything is possible! Reading helps with vocabulary, writing skills, attention span, memory, and teaches us about other times and places. Even if your child is just a baby, you should still sit down and read with them every once in a while. An infant can look at pictures and listen to your voice as you read stories to them... And believe it or not, studies show that that alone can have a profound effect on your child when it comes to learning later on in life. Grab a few books, gather the fam, snuggle up, and let a book take you all to another place together.

Get the whole family together and enjoy some reading. Use #FamilyLiteracyMonth to post on social media. If you are reading to toddlers or other young children, try to remember when you were young, and the way you liked listening to your parents or teachers read with excitement in their voice, and when they gave you enough time to look at the pictures as well as listening to the words. Here are a few things you can do this month (and hopefully every month to follow) to participate in National Family Literacy Month.

1. Set aside a little time for reading every day, even if it's only for 15 or so minutes. Go through both old and new books, and set some of your favorites around the house. They make cute decorations, and maybe one of the kids will pick one up and start reading!
2. Take a few trips to the library.
3. Read your child the book version of their favorite movie. If they can read on their own, encourage them to read it!
4. Start a book club with friends and family.
5. Participate in a book drive and donate old or used books you no longer need. This will help families in need read to their kids.



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PROGRESS

The Mayor's Corner

November is here! It feels like we went straight from summer to winter weather-wise, but it has been a relief to get away from the hot, muggy summer. We now can start snuggling near the campfire or enjoying a toasty cup of hot chocolate on a cold, crisp evening with our families. It is also a time to give thanks. One of my favorite times of year, Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends, to celebrate each other and the blessings in our lives. I am thankful for each of you and hope that your Thanksgiving is filled with joy!



Mayor Linda Blechinger

I am also very thankful that our new City Municipal Complex construction continues. Storm drains and sanitary sewer lines are near completion, and water lines and roadways are almost done. Crews have taken advantage of a break from the rainy weather, and the building foundation is being poured. Be sure to follow the progress at www.DowntownAuburnGA.com.

We now have a preview of the neighborhood that will surround the Municipal Complex. This residential community will be called 'Harmony'. Along with new homes, there is a focus on the rural character of Auburn, including the ecosystem with gardens, green spaces, a Blue Bird Trail and an Apiary. The entrance will have a barn-style complex, which, along with a community garden, will bring active gathering spaces to the area, and complement the City Hall lawn. See the Downtown Auburn website to watch an animated simulation of a ride through the first phase.

This new development in our downtown area is just the beginning of the exciting future for Auburn. With our comprehensive plan in place, Auburn is set to continue to grow according to the vision that you—our fellow citizens—have planned for: a walkable, diverse community with an eye on retaining our agricultural past. I am very proud of all the hard work that our citizens, staff and elected officials have put in to make this a success. Long term planning has brought us to this point and the continuing planning and visioning will keep Auburn a great place to call home.



Sounding Off the Christmas Season is Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 5PM

Come out to our magical celebration and kick off of the Christmas Season. Set for Sunday, December 5, we will have live music, dancers, craft vendors, food and SANTA! The Live Nativity is a family tradition in Auburn. Santa arrives with his Live Reindeer and will be visiting with children throughout the evening. Free photos with Santa! Come out and enjoy a great evening with your family and help us light the Christmas Tree with a little Christmas magic.



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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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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

- 11/04 at 5PM: City Council Business Meeting
- 11/11 at 6PM: Downtown Development Authority
- 11/17 at 6PM: Parks & Leisure Commission
- 11/18 at 5PM: City Council Workshop
- 11/25-11/26—Thanksgiving Holiday—City Office Closed

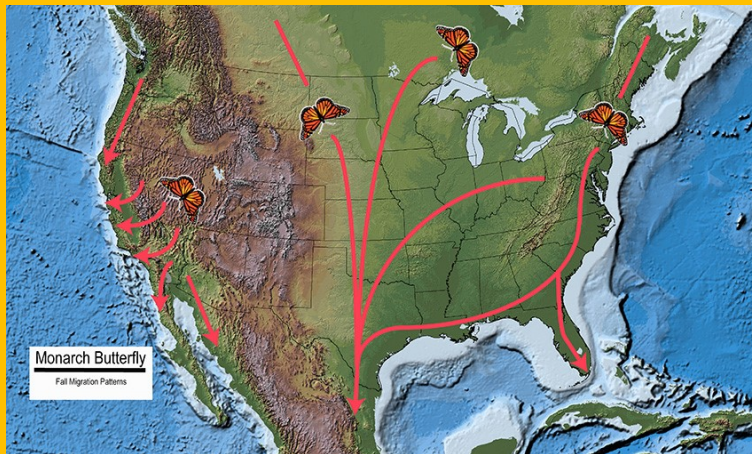
Monarch Butterflies Migrate Through Georgia

It is the time of the year when Georgians look to the sky to watch for signs of Monarch migration. These butterflies are on their way to the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico to overwinter on the oyamel fir trees of the area. The fir trees provide the perfect climate with a combination of optimal temperature and humidity to ensure the butterflies survive the winter. It is amazing to realize that this super-generation of migrating butterflies endure the hazards of the trip to go to a place that they have never been before.

Reports around Georgia are that Monarch populations are high. A poll taken of insect enthusiasts showed that 83% have seen Monarchs heading south this year. Thirty percent of the respondents indicated that they are seeing a higher number of Monarchs than last year. This is terrific news as Monarch population numbers have been inconsistent over the last several seasons.

To increase the chances of seeing this phenomenon and to assist the butterflies create a fall migration garden. Monarchs will descend from their high migration path looking for food resources. Research shows that migrating butterflies respond to tall flowers that are easily accessible. Joe Pye weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*), goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.) and Mexican sunflower (*Tithonia rotundifolia*) are all proven Monarch attractors in the fall. Several of our fall-blooming native aster plants (*Aster* spp.) are perfect for these butterflies as well. The butterflies do not need milkweed (*Asclepias* spp.), their larval host plant, at this time of the year. But be sure to include milkweed in your summer butterfly garden.

To follow the Monarch migration and to report your butterfly populations visit Journey North (<https://journeynorth.org/monarchs>). This organization has tabulated the reports of citizen scientists for many years and is a great resource for school groups. Monarch Watch (<https://www.monarchwatch.org>) provides online information for learning about these insects and their habitat needs. Contact your Gwinnett County Extension Office at www.ugaextension.com/gwinnett or 678-377-4010 for more information about butterfly gardening and habitat building. If you miss seeing the fall migration spend time



Auburn Library Programs & Events

- November 1 at 11AM 2 @2PM: Auburn Lego Club
- November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 29 at 11AM: Auburn Story Time
- November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11AM: Knit and Crochet Club: Bring yarn and knitting needles
- November 1 at 5PM: Teen Funday Monday Game Night
- November 2 at 10AM Homeschool Hangout
- November 6 at 1PM: Lego Club
- November 8 at 5PM: Teen Funday Monday Anime Club
- November 8 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
- November 9 at 5PM: Adult Craft
- November 15 at 5PM: Teen Funday Monday Art & Chill
- November 18 at 6PM: Crime After Crime Book Club
- November 20 at 11AM: Saturday Crafternoon
- November 22 at 5PM: Teen Funday Monday Trivia Night
- November 25-26—Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 29 at 5PM: Teen Funday Monday TAB
- November 30 at 5PM: Between the Pages Book

Auburn Public Library
24 Fifth Street, Auburn, GA
770-513-2925 www.prlib.org

Auburn Parks & Leisure Commission

is devoted to bringing the best in leisure programming to Auburn. From Auburn Youth Athletics Programs and the Tennis program to the Auburn OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors) to green space parks—there is something for everyone.

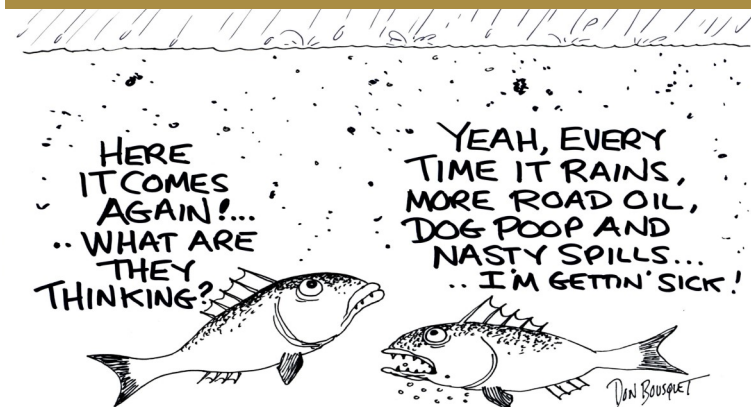
- November 17—Parks & Leisure Commission—6PM
- November 17: OWLS Monthly Luncheon—Perry Rainey Center—11:30AM

Stormwater: It affects us all!

It's no joke: whatever enters a storm drain flows directly into our local waters, directly affecting whatever lives there or uses the water for things such as drinking. The storm drain system provides no filters or treatment – What *are* we thinking?

Help keep your waters clean with these simple steps:

- Never dump, wash, or rake anything into the path of storm drains
- Sweep, don't hose, your driveway or other paved surfaces
- Consider using downspout extenders to direct water onto your lawn instead of pavement



Gift Shopping at It's Finest! Whistlestop Shops Welcomes New Shops!

Come visit the Whistlestop Shops and see our shops. You will find a gift for just about any person on your list. From hand crafted jewelry to handmade gifts, the Whistlestop Shops can be your one stop shop for the holidays.

Shop Local—Support Local Businesses!

We are very pleased to see the shop owners thrive in downtown Auburn. After you visit the Whistlestop Shops, take a stroll down 4th Avenue. You can visit Hue Graphics for custom gift ideas then grab a bite at Rocky's. There is something for everyone on your gift list!

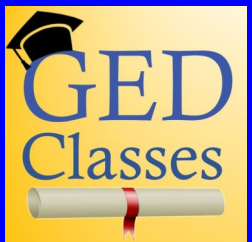
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Adult Literacy Barrow Announces GED and ESL

Adult Literacy Barrow and Lanier Tech offer GED, ESL and Citizenship classes in the Perry Rainey Center, 16 College Street (across from the Post Office). To register, please call 770-531-3361

- Free GED Classes Tues & Thurs. evenings 5:30 pm – 8:30
Home country Identification accepted
- Free English Classes (ESL) Mon. & Wed. evenings 5:30 pm – 8:30
Home country Identification accepted
- Free Citizenship Classes Thursday evenings 6:30 pm - 9:00



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