

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

OWLS Luncheon (Older Wiser Laughing Seniors)

No meeting in March!

Due to the OWLS trip to Savannah, there will be no March meeting.

Contact Michelle Walker at mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org or 770-963-4002 ext 204 for more information.

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Culvert Maintenance

Homeowners throughout the city are responsible in most cases for residential culvert maintenance and repair. Repairs can be costly, so its in your best interest to make sure your culvert is always properly maintained.

Natural Debris can fill a culvert up very quickly. Weeds, grass clippings, and leaves can clog your culvert up over time. These should never reduce water flow by 20% or more. Serious drainage issues can occur if they do.

If your culvert is near a public roadway, or another property, inspections and maintenance are key to avoiding flooding that could damage the roadway or other properties near you. Removing silt, trash, and vegetation should be a part of your culvert maintenance routine. Examine your culvert for any issues such as Deterioration, and Damage for soil erosion.

Help extend the life of your culvert and driveway by incorporating this small measure to your yard maintenance. Please contact the Stormwater Coordinator at 770-963-4002x208 with any questions regarding this or any water quality issues.



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Pre-K Lottery Registration Open 3/1/22 to 3/31/22

The BCSS Pre-K Program will be accepting online applications for the 2022-2023 Pre-K Lottery starting March 1 at 8 a.m. until March 31 at 5 p.m. Please visit <https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/departments/teaching-learning/pre-k/pre-k-lottery> or call 770-867-4527

To complete the lottery application, you will need to provide proof of residency and your child's birth certificate. You will need to upload a photo or scanned copy of each document. If you have problems with the Pre-K Lottery application, email Karen Bedford (karen.bedford@barrow.k12.ga.us) for assistance.

All online lottery applications must be completed by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022. (This includes the successful upload of your documentation.) No Pre-K Lottery applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. If you miss the deadline, starting April 18, email Karen Bedford to have your child placed on the waiting list.

All applications submitted for each Pre-K class will be assigned a lottery number. After you submit your online application, it may take up to two business days to receive your lottery number. Our staff must verify the information provided and then email you with your child's lottery number.

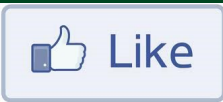
Families with more than one child eligible for Pre-K will be assigned one number and the siblings will be drawn together. The lottery consists of random drawings from all applicants within that elementary school attendance zone.



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The Mayor's Corner

Spring is in the air and I am so thankful to see all the flowers and new growth coming in with the warmer weather. As a community, we are growing too! The 2020 census numbers have been recorded and that means that the district maps have been redrawn. For Auburn residents, this may mean that you are now in a new voting district. I am including the new maps for the State House, State Senate and Barrow County Commission. Please review these carefully as you may find that you have a new polling place. Letters have been sent out by the Barrow County Elections Office notifying everyone of changes. To be on the safe side, please check the new maps carefully.

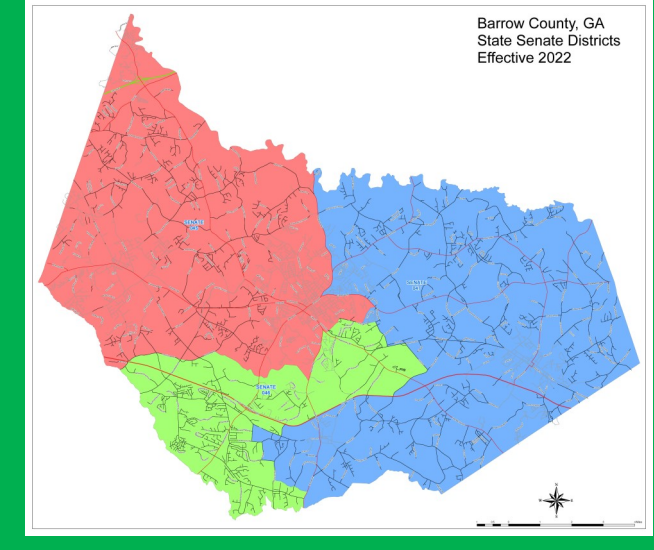
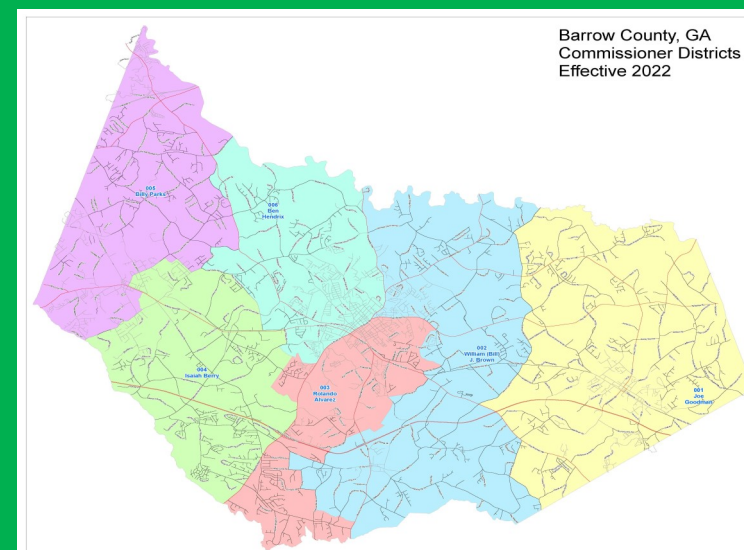
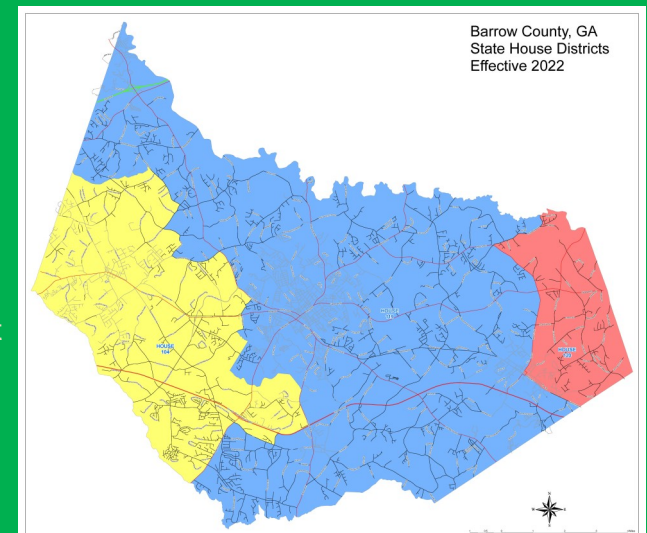
Speaking of elections, we were saddened to bid farewell to Council Member Jay Riemenschneider who resigned his seat. Jay always had a kind word or a joke to lighten up the Council meetings and we will miss his involvement in the local and state municipal organizations. We wish him the best of luck as he embarks on a new adventure with his family. With Jay's resignation, we have an open Council Member seat that will be filled by special election. Qualifying for this position will be held from March 7 through March 9. Qualifying packets and information can be requested at City Hall or by reaching out to our City Clerk Joyce Brown at 770-963-4002 ext 205. The special election will be held on May 24.

Another election that affects many of our residents will be for the Barrow County Board Commissioners District 4 seat. The late Coach Isaiah Berry's unfinished term will be filled by this election set for March 15. Early voting will be ongoing March 7-11 at the Barrow County Elections Office located at 233 E. Broad Street in Winder. If you have been redistricted in District 4, you should receive a letter this week with information on the early voting.

These are two important elections coming up for our community. Make sure your voice is heard!



Mayor Linda Blechinger



Auburn Library Programs & Events

March 1 at 6PM: Virtual Author Chat
March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 at 11AM: Auburn Story Time
March 5 at 1PM: Lego Club
March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11AM: Stitch, Knit and Crochet Club:
Bring yarn and knitting needles
March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 5PM: Teen Monday Fundays
March 8 at 2PM: Container Gardening
March 8 at 5PM: Adult Craft Night
March 14 at 6PM: Cover to Cover Book Club
March 15 at 6:30PM: Intro to Gardening
March 17 at 6PM: Crime After Crime Book Club
March 19 drop in 11AM to 2PM: Saturday Crafternoon
March 25 at 4PM: Fun Friday Mad Hatter Tea Party
March 29 at 2PM: Between the Pages Book Club

Auburn Public Library
24 Fifth Street, Auburn,
770-513-2925
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

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



Community Garden Update

The newly formed Community Garden Committee, now known as the Friends of the Auburn Garden, held a planning meeting on February 16 at the Auburn Public library. A lively discussion of the garden, programs and upkeep was held.

We are pleased to welcome Angela Wilbanks with Sunnie's Bees and Master Gardener Trish Sung to the committee. We look forward to their assistance as well as Alicia Holloway from the University of Georgia County Extension Office. With the wealth of experience just these three participants have, it will be exciting to see this garden's progress.

Some of the great things we have planned at the Community Garden include the Auburn library building a seed library for the community. Sunnie's Bees will be placing bee hives adjacent to the garden in a protected area. These bees will help with pollination and Angela will be adding some bee keeping classes and information to the schedule soon. We will be using herbs and other flowering plants to the periphery of the garden as not only landscaping but pollinators. The herbs such as rosemary, parsley, dill and more will be available for use throughout the year.

We would love to have you join us in growing our garden. If you are interested in being a part of this project, please email Michelle at mwalker@cityofauburn-ga.org and she will add you to the email list.

We are pleased to announce that upcoming programs have been selected and that a community garden work day will be announced soon. The following dates have been set with more to come!

- March 8 at 2PM—Container Gardening—Auburn Library
- March 15 at 6:30PM—Gardening 101—Auburn Library
- May 3 at 6PM—Composting

Classes will be held for both adult and youth attendees in the future. Keep an eye on the Auburn Messenger and the City Facebook page for upcoming events.



Special Elections in Auburn

Council Member Special Election. Qualifying: March 7 through March 9. Qualifying packets and information can be requested at City Hall or by reaching out to our City Clerk Joyce Brown at 770-963-4002 ext 205. The special election will be held on May 24.

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your **VOTE**
is your **VOICE**

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.

March 8-10—OWLS Savannah Trip
March 9—Parks & Leisure Commission

City of Auburn Great American Cleanup

Friday April 22nd. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday April 23rd. 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We will be collecting:

Batteries
Motor Oil
Scrap Metal
Electronics (Only Flat Panels TVs Accepted)
Plastics
Freon Free Appliances
Wood (no construction)

Tires without rims – \$2.00 - \$5.00 each depending on the size
Tires with rims - \$10.00 - \$20.00 each depending on the size

EXACT CASH ONLY NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

Paint of Any Type
Paint Thinner
No Household / Municipal Garbage
No Chemicals
No Businesses

**All loose items must be boxed or bagged
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Containers will be set-up at Mary Carter Ballfields

For more information contact Johnathen Eggleston
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770-963-4002 Ext. 208



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