

A AUBURN MESSENGER

Upcoming Road Closure for Bridge Repair on Countyline Auburn Road

Bridge Closing

- Begins Monday July 28th
- Will require new routes for school traffic
- 24 week timeline for completion
- Project is vital for maintaining safety and integrity of infrastructure

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AUBURN, GA – Residents and commuters should prepare for a significant road closure on Countyline Auburn Road beginning this month. Baldwin Paving Co. has announced that it will close the road to through traffic at the bridge to begin essential repair work.

The closure is scheduled to start on **Monday, July 28, 2025**. The timing was specifically chosen to be in place before the first day of the new school year for Barrow County Schools, which begins on August 1, 2025. This should allow drivers time to familiarize themselves with the new detour route before school-related traffic increases.

The scope of the bridge

repair project is substantial, with an anticipated completion timeline of **24 weeks** from the start of the closure. While this official timeline projects completion into early 2026, the construction teams are aiming for an ambitious goal to complete the project and reopen the road before the end of 2025.

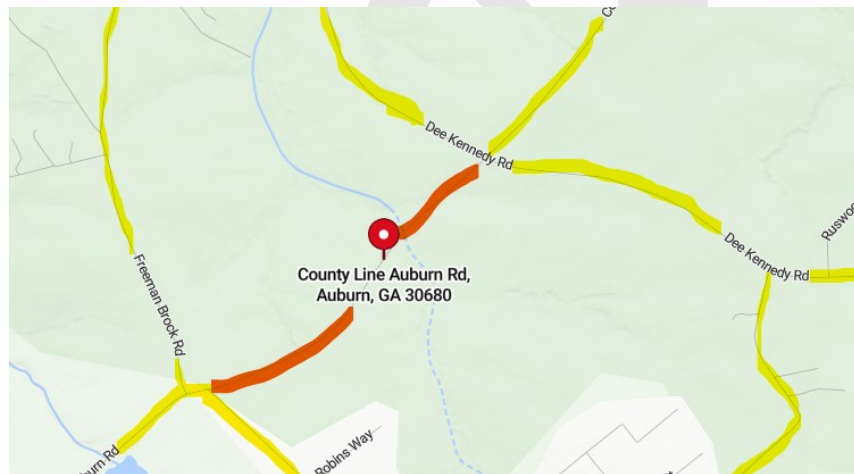
During this period, a full road closure will be in effect. Baldwin Paving Co. will have a well-marked detour route set up to guide motorists around the construction zone. All drivers who use Countyline Auburn Road are advised to plan for extra travel time and to follow the posted detour signs carefully. Please refer to the official detour plan provided by

the county for specific route details.

This project is vital for maintaining the safety and integrity of our local infrastructure. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to make these necessary improvements.

For any questions or to request additional information, please contact the Barrow County Roads and Bridges Department at **770 -307-3075**.

See Map Below for Location



AUBURNFEST IS COMING TOGETHER

AUBURN, Ga. – As the summer heat begins its slow retreat, the City of Auburn is buzzing with excitement and diligent preparation for its signature autumn event, AuburnFest. Scheduled for Saturday, October 25th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, this beloved annual festival promises a day packed with family-friendly fun, delicious food, and a vibrant celebration of community spirit. Behind the scenes, organizers are working tirelessly to ensure this year's event is the best one yet.

The air in Auburn will soon be filled with the tantalizing aroma of barbecue and the cheerful sounds of live music as residents and visitors

gather to enjoy a perfect fall day. The festival, a staple in the commu-



nity, will once again feature a wide array of attractions designed to de-

light all ages. Attendees can look forward to exploring the unique offerings from numerous craft vendors, indulging in a variety of food options, and letting the little ones burn off energy in the dedicated Kids Zone.

Leading the charge in orchestrating this massive undertaking is Brooke Haney, the city's event planner, whose contact information is featured on the official event flyer. For Haney, AuburnFest is more than just a date on the calendar; it's a passion project aimed at strengthening community bonds.

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"We want AuburnFest to be a day where families can make wonderful fall memories," Haney shared while reviewing vendor maps and schedules. "From the amazing local crafters showcasing their talents to the delicious smell of barbecue in the air, there's truly something for everyone. Our ultimate goal is to see our community come together, share a smile, and celebrate everything that makes Auburn special."

The planning process for an event of this magnitude is a year-round effort that intensifies in the months leading up to the festival. It involves a complex web of logistics, from coordinating with dozens of vendors and food trucks to scheduling entertainment and managing volunteers.

"Planning an event of this scale starts months in advance," Haney explained. "It's a huge undertaking, from securing the best live music

acts to organizing the layout for maximum enjoyment and flow. But seeing it all come to life on the day, with streets full of happy families, makes every bit of the hard work worthwhile. We have an incredible team and community partners who help make it all happen."

Two of the most anticipated events within the festival are the lively BBQ Competition, which pits local pitmasters against each other in a friendly battle for bragging rights, and the adorable Children's Costume Parade, scheduled for 3:00 PM. The parade offers a fantastic opportunity for children to show off their Halloween costumes a little early in a fun and supportive environment.

Of course, a successful and enjoyable festival requires a foundation of safety and security. This is where the Auburn Police Department plays a crucial role. Sgt. Marc Pharr, who

assists with the planning and security logistics for all major city events, emphasized the department's commitment to a safe and orderly festival environment.

"Public safety is our top priority for any city event, and AuburnFest is no exception," stated Sgt. Pharr. "We work closely with Brooke and the other event organizers from the very early stages to plan for traffic control, pedestrian safety, and a visible, friendly police presence. Our aim is for everyone to come out, have a great time, and feel completely safe while they enjoy the festivities."

For Sgt. Pharr and his fellow officers, events like AuburnFest also serve as a vital community engagement tool, allowing for positive interactions with the public they serve.

"Events like this are a fantastic opportunity for our officers to engage

AuburnFest Preparations cont...

with the community in a positive, non-enforcement setting," Pharr added. "We love being part of the celebration, interacting with the kids during the costume parade, and just being approachable figures. It strengthens the bond between the department and the residents we serve, reminding everyone that we are here to help."

As October 25th draws nearer, the final pieces are falling into place. Vendors are confirming their spots, the stage is being prepped for musicians, and a city-wide sense of anticipation is building. Residents are encouraged to mark their calendars, invite their friends and neighbors, and prepare for a day of quintessential autumn enjoyment.

For any questions or for more information about participating in AuburnFest 2025, please contact Brooke Haney at bhaney@cityofauburn-ga.org.



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AUGUST 2025

4 Mayor & Council Called Pre-Budget Workshop	5 Farmers Market Downtown Development Authority Meeting	6	7	8	9 Community Yard Sale
11 Mayor and Council Called Meeting for Pre-Budget Workshop	12 Farmers Market	13 Parks & Leisure Meeting	14 City Council Meeting	15	16
18 Public Hearing - Mayor and Council to review budget, goals, and workload measurements by City Administrator	19 Farmers Market	20 OWLS Luncheon Planning and Zoning Commission	21	22	23 Downtown Car Show
25	26 Farmers Market	27	28 Public Hearing - Mayor and City Council to receive comments and suggestions City Council Meeting	29	30

ELECTIONS

The upcoming General Municipal Election, scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, will decide the occupants of the following City of Auburn seats:

Council Member

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The official qualifying period for candidates will take place over five days in August. Aspiring candidates must file their intention during this window.

Qualifying Dates and Times:

Monday, August 18, 2025: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday, August 19, 2025: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, August 20, 2025: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday, August 21, 2025: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday, August 20, 2025: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

How to Qualify

Location for Qualifying:

Office of the City Clerk

Auburn City Hall

1 Auburn Way

Auburn, GA 30011

Requirements for Candidacy:

Residency: Candidates must have resided within the corporate limits of the City of Auburn for at least 12 months immediately preceding the election. They must also continue to reside within the city during their period of service if elected.

Voter Registration: All candidates must be registered and qualified to vote in the municipal elections of the City of Auburn.

Council Member: \$144.00