

# HAPPENING IN YOUR CITY

## POTHOLE PROGRAM

The City of Auburn is excited to announce our new pothole program, a proactive initiative led by the Mayor in close collaboration with Iris, our Public Works Director. Thanks to TSPLOST funding, the Public Works facility has acquired state-of-the-art equipment to tackle road repairs efficiently and effectively. The team is currently undergoing specialized training to ensure the equipment is used to its fullest potential. Repairs are set to begin in January 2025, with the program prioritizing community-reported concerns and focusing on high-traffic roads to maximize the safety and impact. This initiative reflects our commitment to improving road conditions and ensuring safer, smoother travel for all residents.



## FLOCK CAMERAS IN AUBURN

The City of Auburn uses Flock cameras to enhance public safety by focusing solely on reading vehicle tags. These cameras are not used for any other law enforcement purposes, ensuring privacy and transparency. By capturing license plate data, Flock cameras help law enforcement quickly identify vehicles involved in crimes, such as stolen cars or missing persons alerts. They are a valuable tool for keeping our community safe and secure while respecting individual rights. Together, we can continue to make Auburn a safe place to live, work, and visit! Should you have any questions, please contact the Police Department.



## MAYOR'S MINUTE



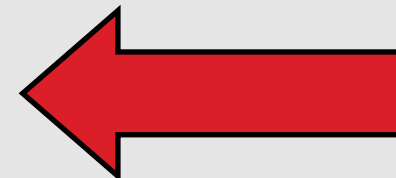
Mayor  
Rick Roquemore

### Georgia House Bill 581: Potential Impact on Homeowners

Georgia House Bill 581 introduces significant changes to property taxes in the state, with potential implications for homeowners. The bill aims to provide relief and predictability by implementing a "floating" homestead exemption. This means the assessed value of your home, which determines your property tax burden, can only increase by the rate of inflation or 3%, whichever is lower. This could offer significant protection against large tax hikes, especially in areas with rapidly rising home values.

However, the bill also includes provisions that could lead to variations in property taxes across different localities. Local governments have the option to opt out of the floating homestead exemption, meaning homeowners in those areas might face steeper increases. Additionally, HB 581 creates a new local option sales tax (FLOST) that counties and cities can implement after approval through a local referendum. This sales tax can be levied in increments up to 1% and the revenue generated must be used for property tax relief. While this could lead to lower property taxes, it would also mean an increase in sales tax, potentially impacting consumer spending.

It's crucial for homeowners to stay informed about how their local governments choose to implement these changes. Pay close attention to your property tax assessments and any local referendums regarding FLOST. Understanding these changes will allow homeowners to better plan their finances and engage with local officials to voice any concerns.



**READ THE BILL**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

City of Auburn PRESENTS

# Auburn Ever After

**May 3rd, 2024**  
**11AM-2PM**

1369 4th Ave, Auburn, GA 30011

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For More Information please contact:  
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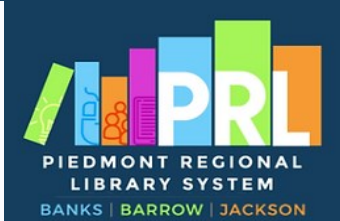
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## CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS December Meetings

December was a busy month for your City Council and Mayor. Scan the QR code to get details on the ordinances passed, tabled, or denied. The more you as a citizen stay involved the better you can assist your elected leaders to help continue to improve Auburn and the livelihood of all the citizens.

To learn more about these and other City business please scan the QR code to the right AND come join us at our scheduled City Council Meeting listed below on the calendar! **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE**



## CITY CALENDAR

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
1/9/25 6:00pm	Council Chambers	City Council Meeting
1/15/25 11:30am	TBD	OWLS Luncheon
1/15/2025 6:00pm	Council Chambers	Planning and Zoning Commission
1/20/2025 ALL DAY	Municipal Complex	MLK HOLIDAY-OFFICES CLOSED
1/23/2025 6:00pm	Council Chambers	City Council Meeting
2/13/2025 6:00pm	Council Chambers	City Council Meeting
2/27/2025 6:00pm	Council Chambers	City Council Meeting
5/3/2025 11:00am-2:00pm	Downtown Auburn	AUBURN EVER AFTER