



# THE MESSENGER

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## Keeping Auburn Beautiful

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By Matt Cameron

As our community continues to grow, Auburn's City Council and staff remain committed to keeping our neighborhoods safe, attractive, and welcoming. Several key ordinances help us achieve this goal by addressing common issues that affect daily life.

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### Bulk Item Pickup – Auburn Municipal Code §17.60.190

Have an old sofa, broken appliance, or other large item to get rid of? Section **17.60.190** of the City Code regulates how bulk items should be disposed of. Residents may not place bulky debris at the curb indefinitely. To schedule a pickup, please call **Carey at Republic Services at 678-963-2873**. This helps keep Auburn's streets clean and clutter-free.

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### Junked and Abandoned Autos – Auburn Municipal Code §17.60.200

Unregistered, inoperable, or abandoned vehicles can quickly become a safety hazard and an eyesore. Section **17.60.200** makes it unlawful to keep “junked autos” in plain view. Vehicles that are not in use must be stored inside a fully enclosed structure or removed properly. This ordinance protects property values and ensures Auburn remains a place we can all take pride in.

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In 2024, Auburn adopted **Ordinance No. 24-006**, which permits residents to keep backyard hens under specific conditions. Key provisions include:

- Hens only (no roosters)
- Limits on the number of chickens allowed
- Requirements for secure, sanitary coops
- Setback rules to maintain harmony with neighbors

This ordinance balances Auburn’s tradition of community living with residents’ interest in sustainability and fresh, home-raised eggs.

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### Why It Matters

Together, these ordinances reflect Auburn’s commitment to maintaining our small-town charm while protecting health, safety, and property values.

For full details, please visit the Auburn Municipal Code online or contact City Hall at **770-963-4002**.

Let’s work together to keep Auburn beautiful!



## From the Public Works Director:

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### **Public Works Upgrade: New Gravely Pro-Turn Mowers Added to Fleet**

The City of Auburn is pleased to announce an exciting addition to our Public Works Landscape fleet: **Gravely Pro-Turn mowers**! These high-performance machines are built to increase productivity and ensure more efficient mowing across our community’s parks, fields, and public spaces.

Equipped with **advanced discharge baffles**, the new mowers allow our crews to work with greater precision and care—particularly around landscaped areas, flower beds, and other delicate features. This technology not only enhances reliability in day-to-day operations but also helps preserve the natural beauty of Auburn’s shared spaces.

This investment reflects the City’s commitment to maintaining high standards for appearance, safety, and community pride.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep Auburn looking its very best!

### 💡 Did You Know?

- The **Gravely Pro-Turn** series is known for its **durability and precision cutting**, making it a top choice for municipalities across the country.
- With their **advanced discharge system**, these mowers help reduce grass clumping and keep lawns looking uniform.
- More efficient mowing means **less downtime** and more time for crews to focus on detailed landscaping and beautification projects.

📸 *Look for our new Gravely Pro-Turn mowers in action around Auburn this season!*

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## 👷 Public Works Training with Georgia 811

The City of Auburn's Public Works Department was honored to welcome **Becky Kinsley**, Liaison Manager for **Georgia 811**, for a valuable training session this month. Becky plays an important role in serving communities across Georgia, and her visit brought meaningful insights to our local team.

During the session, Becky provided education on **dispute resolution strategies** and highlighted the importance of **collaboration among stakeholders**—including local governments, utility owners/operators, excavators, and contract locate companies. Her message reinforced the vital role teamwork plays in ensuring safe digging practices and protecting the infrastructure that keeps our community connected.

Georgia 811's mission is to promote safety and prevent damage to underground utility lines by encouraging everyone to **"Call Before You Dig."** Becky's expertise and dedication are helping to strengthen partnerships and safety practices across the state.

The City of Auburn extends a heartfelt **thank you to Becky Kinsley** for sharing her time, knowledge, and commitment to keeping Georgia safe.

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### 📌 Safety Spotlight: Call Before You Dig!

#### It's the law in Georgia.

Before beginning any digging project—big or small—remember to **dial 811 at least three business days in advance.**

- ✓ Prevent damage to underground utilities
- ✓ Protect your safety and your neighbors
- ✓ Avoid costly repairs and service interruptions

📞 **Call 811 Before You Dig — It's Free, Fast, and Required**

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## Auburn City Calendar – September 2025

### 🌟 Community Events

- **Mon, Sept 1** – *City Offices Closed for Labor Day*
  - **Tue, Sept 2** – *Farmers Market*, Downtown Auburn, 4:00–7:00 PM
  - **Tue, Sept 9** – *Farmers Market*, Downtown Auburn, 4:00–7:00 PM
  - **Tue, Sept 16** – *Farmers Market*, Downtown Auburn, 4:00–7:00 PM
  - **Wed, Sept 17** – *OWLS Luncheon*, 11:30 AM
  - **Sat, Sept 27** – *Downtown Car Show*, Downtown Auburn (4th Avenue), 10:00 AM–2:00 PM
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### 🏛️ Public Meetings

- **Tue, Sept 2** – Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting, Auburn Public Library, 6:15–7:15 PM
  - **Wed, Sept 10** – Parks & Leisure Commission Meeting, Auburn Municipal Complex, 6:30–7:30 PM
  - **Thu, Sept 11** – FY 2026 Budget Ordinance Presentation, City Council Chambers, 6:00–7:00 PM
  - **Thu, Sept 11** – City Council Meeting, Auburn Municipal Complex, 6:00–7:00 PM
  - **Wed, Sept 17** – Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Chambers, 6:00 PM
  - **Thu, Sept 25** – City Council Meeting, Auburn Municipal Complex, 6:00–7:00 PM
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👉 For the most up-to-date event details, visit the official [City of Auburn Calendar](#) or call City Hall at 770-963-4002

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### 🚫 **NOTICE TO AUBURN PROPERTY OWNERS**

Some property tax invoices were printed with an incorrect due date. Please be advised:

✅ **The correct due date for City of Auburn property taxes is January 31, 2026.**

No other dates apply. Please plan accordingly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.