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City of Auburn

City Introduces Internet Mapping Site

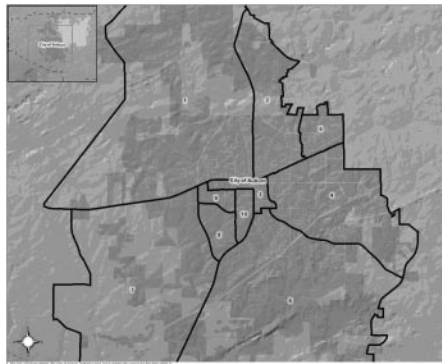
On September 19, the City of Auburn's Information Technology Department-GIS Division will unveil an Internet mapping site that will allow citizens to utilize the City's geographic data covering the City and surrounding area. The site was created entirely by City staff and is available to anyone with an Internet connection. The City of Auburn's Internet Mapping Site (IMS) will provide a service to the community by enabling Auburn citizens to get important information without having to call or visit City Hall. Citizens may access the IMS from a link on the City's webpage (www.auburnalabama.org/gis) beginning September 19.



City of Auburn, AL
Geographic Information System

Citizens will be able to view, search, and print maps of data consisting of street addresses, zoning information, voting locations, voting wards, City buildings, City property, Environmental Services routes, parks, green space, water features, flood plains, topography, and color aerial photography. Other features on the IMS include the ability to view City limits, annexations, school zones, apartment complexes, mobile home parks, Auburn University property, land use, streets, railroads, bike paths, cell towers, billboards, and structures.

Citizens will be able to find any address in the City by simply typing an address number and street name into a text box and clicking on the Go button; the search request will respond by locating users directly over the desired area where they will then be able to pan or zoom around at their leisure. Other search features include the ability to search by street name, parcel, or subdivision. The purpose of this IMS is to provide a service to the citizens of Auburn by sharing dynamic geographic data through a simplified graphical user interface over the Internet. The site also includes a special help section to aid in the use of the customized tools and functionality of the site.



The above image shows the police beats within Auburn City Limits.



The GIS site will enable citizens to see which school their neighborhood is zoned for as demonstrated in the photo above.

The IMS has been an on-going project for the City's Information Technology Department for a number of months. The site is dynamic and will continually expand to include additional information. The Information Technology Department's GIS Division received a Special Achievement in GIS award in 2004 from ESRI, the world leader in GIS software. The award is given at ESRI's International User Conference and recognizes GIS personnel around the world for their outstanding work in the GIS field. The City of Auburn's GIS Division was one of 150 chosen from among the more than 100,000 ESRI GIS implementations worldwide.

For more information on the City of Auburn's GIS site, visit www.auburnalabama.org/gis or contact the Information Technology Department at 501-7200 or by e-mail at webit@auburnalabama.org.

Job Vacancies

The City of Auburn has full-time and part-time positions in a wide range of areas. Some of the current regular, full-time job openings include:



- Accounts Payable Specialist (\$2,344.64-2,799.63/month)
- Water Plant Maintenance Technical Operator (\$12.25-14.63/hour)

For updated job opportunities, visit the City's website at www.auburnalabama.org, contact the Alabama State Employment Office, or call the City's job line at 501-7250. The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer.

Meeting Schedule

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - September 6, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - September 6, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - September 7, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - September 7, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Planning Commission - September 8, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

Water Works Board - September 12, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue.

Greenspace Advisory Board - September 13, 11:30 AM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Historic Preservation Commission - September 13, 4:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - September 13, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

City Council - September 20, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Library Board - September 22, 1:15 PM, Library Conference Room.

Cemetery Advisory Board - October 3, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - October 4, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - October 4, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - October 5, 4:30 PM, City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue.

Board of Zoning Adjustment - October 5, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber.

- Meeting times and places are subject to change -

Help Keep Wildlife Away From Your Home

The City of Auburn's Environmental Services Department and its Animal Control Division work to keep Auburn citizens safe from wildlife such as foxes and coyotes in residential areas. Citizens can take steps to ensure their safety and the safety of their families in a number of ways, including eliminating food and shelter sources for the animals. The Animal Control Division suggests the following steps to help keep wildlife away from your home:

- Leave pet food and water dishes indoors, especially at night.
- Securely fasten all garbage containers.
- Keep garage doors closed.
- Never feed squirrels, raccoons, or other species that may become a problem.

Citizens should never attempt to interact with or remove wildlife from any area. If you are experiencing problems with these animals in your neighborhood, contact the Animal Control Division immediately at 501-3090 or call 501-3100 after hours.

Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. The garbage, trash, and recycling collection schedule for that week will change as follows:



Monday's route

Tuesday's route

Wednesday's route

Thursday's route

Tuesday, September 6

Wednesday, September 7

Thursday, September 8

Friday, September 9

Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Lee County Youth Development Center Board** was announced at the August 16 City Council meeting and will be filled at the September 20 meeting. The incumbent is not eligible for reappointment.

Three vacancies on the **Tree Commission** will be announced at the October 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 1 meeting. The incumbents are eligible for reappointment.



One vacancy on the **Educational Building Authority of the City of Auburn** will be announced at the October 4 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 1 meeting. The incumbent has served two terms.

Two vacancies on the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** will be announced at the October 18 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 15 meeting. The incumbents are eligible for reappointment.

Citizens interested in serving are encouraged to contact one of their City Council members or notify the City Manager's Office.

Parks and Recreation Fall Leagues

Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball League Ages: 18 years and older



Teams are now forming for all levels of play. A six on six formal with at least three females on the court at all times is required. Do not miss your chance to be a part of this fun league, sign up today.

When: Tuesdays • September 13 – November 1

Location: Frank Brown Recreation Center

Coordinator: Dee Watson • 501-0326

Fee: \$35.00, Payable to City of Auburn

Frank Brown Recreation Center Racquetball League Ages: 16 years and older

This league will be played in a round robin format. Each person or team plays the best 2 out of 3 games each meet. Once the round robin is complete, all players will be seeded into a tournament. This league welcomes players of all skills levels. This is a great way to exercise, meet new people, and improve your racquetball skills.

When: September 8 – October 27

Game nights – TBA • Game times 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 p.m.

Location: Frank Brown Recreation Center

Coordinator: Tiffany Scott • 501-2962

Fee: \$5.00 Singles • \$10.00 Doubles, Payable to Instructor

3 on 3 Basketball League

Ages: 16 years & Older

Three games per night, game times are at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Games will consist of two 10-minute halves with a 3 – minute half time between periods.

When: Thursdays, 5 – 7 p.m. • Sept. 8 – October 13

Location: Frank Brown Recreation Center

Coordinator: Dee Watson • 501-0326

Fee: \$30.00 per team payable to City of Auburn



Downtown Sidewalk Sales

The City Council passed a resolution at the April 19 meeting authorizing the Downtown Merchants Association to hold a series of Sidewalk Sales for this year's home football games and graduation. This fall's Sidewalk Sales include:

Saturday, September 3
Saturday, September 10
Saturday, September 17
Saturday, September 24
Saturday, October 1
Saturday, October 29
Saturday, November 19
Friday, December 16



Citizens are reminded to "Shop Auburn first" and keep tax dollars local. For more information on the Sidewalk Sales, contact the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 887-7011.

Do you have a story you would like to read about in an upcoming issue of Open Line? If so, please let us know. You may e-mail your ideas to dwatkins@auburnalabama.org or mail them to us at:

City Manager's Office
 Attn: Open Line Story Ideas
 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1
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Fall Concert Series... at beautiful Kiesel Park



Enjoy an evening or several evenings of free outdoor concerts at Auburn's beautiful Kiesel Park. This venue is the perfect setting to listen to the sounds of local and regional musicians. Bring the family, a picnic, your lawn chairs, and maybe even the family dog, and enjoy a relaxing evening under the stars. For additional information, please contact Alison Hall at 501-2940. The 2005 Fall Concert Series will feature the following outstanding performances:

September 18 Auburn Community Orchestra @ 3:00 p.m.
September 29 TBA
October 6 Dave Potts
 2004 Kerrville New Folk Finalist
October 9 "Concert in the Park" @ 1:30 p.m.
 Auburn High School Honor Band
 Caterpillars of the Community
October 13 Auburn Knights Orchestra
October 20 TBA
October 27 TBA
November 3 TBA

All concerts will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.



Tutoring at the Auburn Public Library



Beginning this month, the Auburn Public Library will offer a free tutoring program to students in 4th-12th grades. Youth Services computers will be available for homework help Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. During those times, tutoring will be provided for math, science, reading, and social studies through homeworkalabama.org, a service provided through the Alabama Public Library Service. Auburn Public Library staff will be on hand to assist students with the computer tutoring service. For more information on the tutoring program, contact Youth Services at 501-3196 or Electronic Services at 501-3194.

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up COMING EVENTS

Be sure to pick up a **Parks and Recreation fall brochure**, available now at the Dean Road Recreation Center, Frank Brown Recreation Center, Boykin Community Center, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, Auburn Public Library, or City Hall. For more information about the fall brochure, visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.

The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center presents **Is it Art?**, an exhibit featuring problematic objects and works from local establishments and collections through September 9. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 501-2963.



The Auburn Public Library presents **Preschool Storytime** for children ages 3-5 every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

Toddler Time is a free reading program offered by the Auburn Public Library every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for children ages 18 months to 3 years old at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



Salmagundi, offered to children in grades K-5, will meet September 7 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's theme will feature special books. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

Dr. Chi Chi Lovett will present **Why the Quilts of Gee's Bend are Considered Art** on September 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. Come find out more about these beautiful quilts before visiting the upcoming exhibit at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



First Fridays for Homeschoolers will meet on September 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. The program is offered to homeschoolers in grades K-5. This month's meeting will feature special books. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

Adventures in Art 2005: Shape, Rhythm, and Blues will be presented by the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, the Auburn Arts Association, and the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art September 12-16 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. This grant funded program provides Auburn City Schools students in grades 3-5 with a day of art educational activities, including performing arts, a gallery talk, and visual arts. For more information on this year's Adventures in Art program, contact Ali Wilson at 501-2936.



The **American Girls Club** will meet from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on September 16 at the Auburn Public Library. This month's meeting will feature Felicity. All ages are invited to attend. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.

The **library book club** will meet at the Auburn Public Library on September 20 at 6:30 p.m. The group will discuss **Everyday Use** by Alice Walker and will host a guest speaker from Auburn University. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

The Auburn Public Library presents a **puppet show**, *The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat*, on September 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. All ages are invited to attend. For more information, contact Eve Kneeland at 501-3196.



Richard Bailey will present **Mighty Times: The Gee's Bend Story** on September 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

Storyteller Dolores Hydock and musical performers PanHarmonium will present *Silence*, a funny and fascinating 13th Century tale, at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on October 8 at 7:30 p.m. This program is co-sponsored by the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



Mark your calendar for the **Annual Downtown Trick-or-Treat** celebration on Monday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in downtown Auburn. This special event is for children 3-12 years old and is free to the public. Join us in this excellent alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. Downtown merchants will provide treats for the children. Musical entertainment will also be provided. Parents must accompany their children at this event. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 501-2940.