

# Open Line

A Monthly Newsletter for City of Auburn Citizens

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## City Council Names New City Manager Charles M. Duggan, Jr.



At the October 17 regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council approved Charles M. Duggan, Jr. as Auburn's new City Manager, effective October 17, 2006. Duggan has been serving as Acting City Manager since the Council's appointment in February of this year.

Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. commented "The Council owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Charlie for stepping up as Acting City Manager over the last several months, during which time he has proven to be an exceptional selection for the position of City Manager. Charlie has garnered the respect of the staff, department heads, and members of this community with his professionalism. His vision for the City, coupled with his excellent management skills and organization, will take Auburn well into the next decade. We are extremely fortunate to have someone with such energy and commitment. Great things are happening in the City of Auburn each day and we are excited to see where Charlie's leadership will take us."

Duggan holds an undergraduate degree in Applied Physics and a Masters of Business Administration, both from Auburn University, and has additional doctoral coursework in Public Administration and Public Policy. His career began with the City of Auburn in the Parks and Recreation Department in 1989. During his tenure in Parks and Recreation, he served as Director of Special Programs before transferring to the Information Technology Department in 1998. As a member of the IT staff, Duggan served as Network Administrator, Assistant Director, and Deputy Director for five years before being appointed to the Office of the City Manager in August 2005. Since that time, Duggan has served as Interim Assistant City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and most recently Acting City Manager.

Please feel free to contact City Manager Duggan at 501-7261 or [cduggan@auburnalabama.org](mailto:cduggan@auburnalabama.org).

For more information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260.

## Annual Veterans Day Ceremony



Citizens are invited to attend the City of Auburn's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial, located on the corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue. This year's ceremony marks the 6th Anniversary of the Memorial's dedication.

Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. will serve as moderator for the ceremony. The program includes participants from the Auburn High School Jr. ROTC as well as music by the Auburn High School Choral Company and bagpiper Dan Drummond. The ceremony will conclude with a memorial wreath laying. Immediately following the ceremony, a

reception will be held at Greystone Mansion, located at 434 East Magnolia Avenue.

Ceremony attendees are encouraged to park at the Development Services Building and Felton Little Park. Parking for the disabled will be available on Ross Street, which will be closed during the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the City Council Chamber.

Please join us on Friday, November 10 to honor the men and women who have served our country. For more information on the Veterans Day Ceremony, please contact the Economic Development Department at 501-7270. For more information on the Auburn Veterans Committee's activities, please contact Auburn Veterans Committee Chairman Pat Deery at 844-4145.

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# Celebrate National Children's Book Week November 13-18

Join the Auburn Public Library and Youth Services for National Children's Book Week, November 13-18. The Library will be offering displays, activities, and special programs throughout the week for youth of all ages. Special programs include afternoon movies on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; a puppet show for all ages on Wednesday, November 15 at 3:30 p.m.; and a Children's Book Week Party for youth ages 3-11 on Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library.

For more information on National Children's Book Week or other youth programs, please contact Youth Services at the Auburn Public Library at 501-3196 or visit [www.auburnalabama.org/library](http://www.auburnalabama.org/library).

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| Monday, November 13    | Picture Book Day                          |
| Tuesday, November 14   | Juvenile Fiction Day                      |
| Wednesday, November 15 | Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day |
| Thursday, November 16  | Favorite Author Day                       |
| Friday, November 17    | Juvenile Non-fiction Day                  |
| Saturday, November 18  | Celebrate Children's Book Week Party      |



## Holiday Schedules

### Veterans Day



City Hall will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications will remain on their normal schedule. Garbage, trash, and recycling collection schedules will remain on their normal routes the week of November 6-10.

### Thanksgiving

City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Public Safety services, including Police, Fire, and Communications will be on their normal schedule. The collection of garbage, trash, and recycling for the week of November 21-25 will change as follows:



#### Normal Collection Day

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

#### Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

- Monday, November 20
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- Tuesday, November 21
- Wednesday, November 22

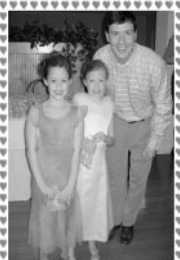
## City Goes Smoke Free Effective Wednesday, November 15



In August, the City Council unanimously passed an ordinance prohibiting smoking in public places, including, but not limited to, retail stores, restaurants, banks, office buildings, offices, buses, taxis, elevators, restrooms, museums, indoor arenas, or any other enclosed area used by the public or serving as a place of employment. The ordinance also establishes a smoke free perimeter within 10 feet outside of any smoke free enclosed area, so as to ensure tobacco smoke does not enter the area through windows, ventilation systems, or other means.

For more information on Auburn's smoke free ordinance, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/smokefree](http://www.auburnalabama.org/smokefree). Packets detailing the smoke free ordinance, fact sheets, no smoking signs, and enforcement procedures have been distributed to all businesses in the City. Please contact the Office of the City Manager at 501-7260 for more information.

## Daddy-Daughter Date Night Tickets Go on Sale November 27



Don't miss your chance to purchase tickets to the City's Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night. Due to its overwhelming popularity, this year's Date Night will be held on two separate nights: Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10 at the Best Western University Convention Center. Doors open both nights at 6:30 p.m. for pictures and the dance will be held from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Tickets for both nights will be available Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center beginning Monday, November 27. The cost is \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional child. A limited number of tickets are available each night, so be sure to get your tickets early.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

## Meeting Schedule

### Board of Zoning Adjustment

November 1, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

### Tree Commission

November 3, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

### Cemeteries Advisory Board

November 6, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

November 7, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

### City Council

November 7, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

### Planning Commission

November 9, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

### Water Works Board

November 13, 4:00 p.m., Water Resource Management Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

### Greenspace Advisory Board

November 14, 11:30 a.m., City of Auburn Meeting Room, 122 Tichenor Avenue

### Historic Preservation Commission

November 14, 4:00 p.m., Development Services Building

### Board of Education

November 14, 6:00 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room

### Library Board

November 16, 1:15 p.m., Library Board Room

### City Council

November 21, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

### Bicycle Committee

November 28, 7:00 p.m., Development Services Building, 171 N. Ross Street

### Tree Commission

December 1, 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 714 East Glenn Avenue

### Cemeteries Advisory Board

December 4, 4:00 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

December 5, 5:30 p.m., Dean Road Recreation Center

### City Council

December 5, 7:30 p.m., Council Chamber

### Board of Zoning Adjustment

December 6, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber

-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

# Celebrate Auburn Recycles Day November 14

The City of Auburn will celebrate Auburn Recycles Day on Tuesday, November 14. This year's theme is RecycleAuburn: It All Comes Back To You. The Auburn Recycles Day Celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the RecycleAuburn Drop-Off Center, located at 365-A N. Donahue Drive. The day's activities include the introduction of the RecycleAuburn Poster and Poetry Contest winners from the entries submitted by Auburn City School students.

Auburn was the first municipality in the State to offer curbside recycling collection prior to a 1989 State of Alabama 25% waste reduction mandate. The recycling program has continued to evolve and grow over the last several years due to community participation and increased demand. Auburn residents may participate in recycling by becoming involved in the curbside recycling program or by depositing material at the Recycle Auburn Drop-Off Center. Your participation in Auburn's recycling program is important to the City's efforts to preserve the environment.

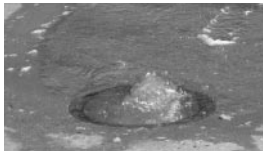
For more information on the City's recycling program offered through the Environmental Services Department, visit [www.auburnalabama.org/esd](http://www.auburnalabama.org/esd) or contact Environmental Services at 501-3080.



## Sewer System Grease and Our Environment

Sewer system grease is a major sewer system problem in the City of Auburn. Grease enters the sewer system through household drains, garbage disposals, and poorly maintained grease traps at restaurants and other businesses. Sewer overflow and backups caused by grease can cause health hazards, damage to home interiors, unpleasant odors, and an increase in operation and maintenance costs for the Water Resource Management Department, as well as property owners. Unfortunately, if the sewage from an overflow reaches streams, it can deplete the supply of oxygen in the water and may adversely impact aquatic life.

According to the Water Environment Federation, the easiest way for communities to address this problem and prevent raw sewage overflows caused by excess grease is to keep this material out of the sewer system. By scraping grease and food scraps from plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills into the trash, grease will not enter the system through sink drains or garbage disposals.



Sanitary sewer cleanout overflowing from excess grease in the sewer system.

For additional information on sewer system grease or to report sewage problems, please contact Mikel Thompson, Sewer Division Manager, at 501-3073. You can also pick up pamphlets on sewer system grease at the Bailey-Alexander Water and Sewer Complex, located at 1501 West Samford Avenue.

## Board Vacancies

One vacancy on the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** was announced at the October 17 City Council meeting and will be filled at the November 21 meeting. The incumbent has served two terms.



One vacancy on the **Public Park & Recreation Advisory Board** will be announced at the November 7 City Council meeting and will be filled at the December 5 meeting. The incumbent has served one term.

Two vacancies on the **Board of Zoning Adjustment** will be announced at the December 19 City Council meeting and will be filled at the January 16, 2007 meeting. One incumbent has served one full term and one partial term and one incumbent has served one full term.

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

## Keep Storm Drains Clear



The City of Auburn is asking citizens to help keep storm drains clear by adhering to the following guidelines:

- No debris should be placed in the roadway, on sidewalks, or on/around utility poles and boxes, including storm drain inlets.
- When placing items out for weekly collection, all debris should be placed at least 3 feet behind the curb with tree and limb debris in one pile and metals and other debris in a separate pile.

Leaves, grass clippings, and debris stored or disposed of in or around storm drains, streams, and street gutters will create clogging problems that could lead to flooding during storm events. As this material is transported by rain and winds and deposited in natural water ways, water quality concerns such as depleted oxygen levels in the stream and wildlife concerns can arise. In addition, debris placed in the City's storm sewer system is a violation of the City's Illicit Discharge Ordinance. This ordinance prohibits the discharge of materials other than stormwater into the City's storm sewer system.

By working together, we can help keep Auburn's water quality in excellent condition and keep storm drains and streams clear of debris.

For more information on how to place and dispose of debris properly, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 501-3080. For more information on the City's Stormwater Program or Illicit Discharge Ordinance, please contact Matt Dunn, Watershed Division Manager, at 501-3077.



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# up COMING EVENTS

Please note there will be no youth programs at the Auburn Public Library the week of November 20-24



**Preschool Story Time** will meet each Wednesday this month at 10:00 a.m. at the Auburn Public Library. On November 8 there will be a special treat for story time attendees! For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

Join the Auburn Public Library for **Toddler Time** each Thursday this month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



**Salmagundi** ©, offered to youth in grades K-5, will meet November 1 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's theme is favorite authors. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

**Young Adult Coffeehouse**, for students in grades 6-12, will meet November 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



The **Auburn Area Community Theatre (AACT)** presents John Culbertson's "Messiah on the Frigidaire" at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center November 2-4 at 7:30 p.m. and November 5 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. This show is not recommended for youth ages 10 and under. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

Mark your calendar for the following **Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center Exhibitions**. The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.

- **Photo VIII**, through November 9, Annual Juried Photography Exhibition open to artists and photographers residing in the Southeast.
- **Variations: Magic Squares**, November 14-December 20, invitational exhibition featuring works by regional artist and craftsman.



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Students in grades 1-3 are invited to the **Magic Tree House Club** at the Auburn Public Library on November 8 at 3:30 p.m. This month's theme is Thanksgiving on Thursday. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



Join the Auburn Public Library on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion on **Crossover Music: Blending the Worlds of Classical and Jazz** presented by Brent Milam. Milam, a jazz musician and composer, is pursuing a Master of Music degree at Georgia State University and has composed music for the Champaign/Urbana Ballet, and the Pike Peak Philharmonic, as well as performed at numerous venues. This event is free and open to all ages. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.

The **Auburn Community Orchestra** will host a free concert on November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Opelika High School. For more information, please contact the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center at 501-2963.



Join the Auburn Public Library for a **puppet show** featuring Little Red Riding Hood on November 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. All ages are invited to attend. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.



The Auburn Public Library presents the **Basics of Personal Finance** on November 15 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Janice Caudill, finance professor at Auburn University, will give a commonsense approach to developing a financial plan and dealing with financial professionals. Caudill's presentation will cover savings accounts, credit cards and loans, life insurance, investing basics, and retirement planning. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



The **American Girls Club** will meet on November 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This month's character is Kaya. For more information, contact Youth Services at 501-3196.

The **Auburn Public Library Book Group** will meet on November 21 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss holiday books. Participants may read a fiction or non-fiction book on any upcoming holiday. This group is open to the public. For more information, contact Jennifer Brenton at 501-3190.



The **2007 Parks and Recreation Calendar** will be available on December 1 at City facilities and on the web at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks). This free calendar lists special events, program quarters, brochure release dates, Auburn City School holidays, City facility closings, athletic registration dates, City holidays and events, and much more. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 501-2930.

**Auburn CityFest 2007** applications for Fine Arts, Arts & Crafts, Food, and Non-Profit Exhibitors are currently available on the CityFest web site at [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com). Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Auburn CityFest 2006, Auburn's largest FREE festival attracted more than 35,000 people to Kiesel Park. CityFest 2007 will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007. For more information or to download an application, visit [www.auburncityfest.com](http://www.auburncityfest.com) or contact the CityFest Headquarters at 501-2930.



## Parks and Recreation Winter Quarter Brochure



The Parks and Recreation Winter Quarter Brochure will be released on Tuesday, November 7. Brochures will be available at various City facilities and online at [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks). Included below are winter program quarter and program registration dates. All registration will be held Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center. For more information, contact the Dean Road Recreation Center at 501-2930 or visit [www.auburnalabama.org/parks](http://www.auburnalabama.org/parks).

**Winter Program Quarter** • Tuesday, January 2-Friday, March 9

**Program Registration** • Tuesday, November 27-Friday, December 22 • **Youth Basketball Registration** • through Tuesday, November 2

**High School Basketball Registration** • Monday, November 6-Monday, December 4 • **Adult Basketball Registration** • Monday, November 13-Thursday, December 14