

Open Line

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The BIG Event 2017

Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr. has proclaimed Saturday March 4, 2017 BIG Event Day in the City of Auburn. The BIG Event is a student-run volunteer day sponsored by Auburn University's Office of Student Involvement. The BIG Event has become an Auburn tradition, serving as a way for Auburn students to thank the community for providing a dynamic environment in which to live and learn.

A request form for projects to be considered for this year's BIG event is on page 4 of this Open Line. Projects will be considered in the order they are received, and a project coordinator will contact approved projects in order to schedule a site visit. Work sites must be within 15 minutes of Auburn University.

Work such as small exterior paint jobs, yard work and interior and exterior cleaning will be considered. Larger jobs such as full exterior paint jobs or work that requires power tools cannot be considered. Volunteers will work on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Phase II Drought Warning Continues

As this issue of Open Line goes to press, a Phase II Drought Warning is still in effect for Auburn water customers. The Auburn Water Works Board's decision to move to Phase II triggers mandatory water restrictions:

- Only irrigate on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays if your street address is an odd number
- Only irrigate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays if your street address is an even number
- Do not irrigate on Sundays
- Irrigate between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. only
- Do not wash your house or paved surfaces except for public health or safety reasons
- Do not allow water to run into streets or storm drains
- Identify and repair any water leaks in a timely manner
- No residential car washing
- Commercial car washes shall evaluate equipment to recycle and conserve water

In addition to these mandatory restrictions, additional fees will be charged for water usage above 12,000 gallons during the Phase II Drought Warning. For a typical customer, the excess water usage fee will increase from \$3.68 to \$4.60 for every 1,000 gallons used above the 12,000-gallon threshold.

Please keep an eye on auburnalabama.org for more information on drought conditions and the status of water restrictions.



January Holiday Schedule

City Hall and city facilities will be closed on Monday, January 2 for New Year's Day, and Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Public Safety services including Police, Fire and Communications will remain on their regular schedules.

Auburn Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, January 2 and reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, January 3 in observance of New Year's Day. All Parks and Recreation facilities will also be closed on Monday, January 16 and reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Auburn Public Library will be closed on Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2 for New Year's Day, and Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Book drops will remain open, and the online collection of ebooks, e-audiobooks, and digital magazines are available 24/7.

Due to January holidays, the Auburn City Council will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 and Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Free Parking

The end of Auburn University's Fall Semester brings free parking to Downtown Auburn. Enjoy free parking between December 12, 2016 and January 10, 2017 when you shop, dine or do business downtown. In addition to on-street parking available throughout downtown, parking can be found on the first floor of the Auburn Municipal Parking Deck and in the Gay Street Parking Lot.

Reporting Street Light Outages

Most street lights in Auburn are maintained by Alabama Power. To report a street light outage to Alabama Power, please call 1-800-245-2244 or visit www.alabamapower.com. You may also call the City of Auburn Public Works Department at (334) 501-3000 and we will report the outage.

2017 Holiday Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Schedule

Citizens are encouraged to keep this schedule to use as a reference throughout the year.

January – New Year's Day Holiday (Sunday)

Monday, January 2	Holiday
Tuesday, January 3	Monday's route
Wednesday, January 4	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 5	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 6	Thursday's route

January – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 16	Holiday
Tuesday, January 17	Monday's route
Wednesday, January 18	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 19	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 20	Thursday's route

May – Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 29	Holiday
Tuesday, May 30	Monday's route
Wednesday, May 31	Tuesday's route
Thursday, June 1	Wednesday's route
Friday, June 2	Thursday's route

July – Independence Day Holiday

Monday, July 3	No change
Tuesday, July 4	Holiday
Wednesday, July 5	Tuesday's route
Thursday, July 6	Wednesday's route
Friday, July 7	Thursday's route

September – Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 4	Holiday
Tuesday, September 5	Monday's route
Wednesday, September 6	Tuesday's route
Thursday, September 7	Wednesday's route
Friday, September 8	Thursday's route

November – Veterans Day (Saturday)

Monday, November 6	No change
Tuesday, November 7	No change
Wednesday, November 8	No change
Thursday, November 9	No change
Friday, November 10	Holiday

November – Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 20	No change
Tuesday, November 21	No change
Wednesday, November 22	Wednesday's & Thursday's route
Thursday, November 23	Holiday
Friday, November 24	Holiday

December – Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 25	Holiday
Tuesday, December 26	Monday's route
Wednesday, December 27	Tuesday's route
Thursday, December 28	Wednesday's route
Friday, December 29	Thursday's route

January 2018 – New Year's Day

Monday, January 1	Holiday
Tuesday, January 2	Monday's route
Wednesday, January 3	Tuesday's route
Thursday, January 4	Wednesday's route
Friday, January 5	Thursday's route

upCOMING EVENTS

Auburn Public Library

Engagement and Outreach: 334-501-3198 | auburnalabama.org/library

BOOK CLUBS

New! Business Book Club- Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for this new book club which will focus on the latest business titles. Good Boss, Bad Boss by Robert I. Sutton.

Literary Classics for Teens (13-18) - Monday, January 9 at 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Show and Tell- Monday, January 23 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library- a book club where you can read any book!

Read & Reflect- Tuesday, January 31 at 10 a.m. at the Harris Senior Center, featuring The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown.

PROGRAMS

Open Mic Night- Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. Calling all artists! Are you a writer, comedian, or songwriter looking for a place to showcase your work in a safe environment? Join us at the Auburn Public Library for a chance to share. Refreshments provided.

New Year's Resolution Workshop- Organizing Your Meals and Grocery Lists- Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. This workshop will help busy families plan and organize their trips to the grocery store and meal time.

Auburn Adult Gamers- Monday, January 9- 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. -Bring your favorite game to the Auburn Public Library, and join us as we meet and mingle with other fun-loving adult gamers! Refreshments provided.

STORYTIMES

Baby Time- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Babies and their favorite adults enjoy 20 minutes of interactive stories and songs.

Toddler Time- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Toddlers and their favorite adults enjoy 20 minutes of interactive stories and songs.

Preschool Storytime- Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Preschoolers and their favorite adults enjoy 20 minutes of interactive stories and songs.

Saturday STEM Storytime- Saturdays at 10 a.m. Preschoolers and their favorite adults learn all about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics at this special storytime.

Parks and Recreation

Auburn Parks and Recreation: 501-2930 | auburnalabama.org/parks.

Therapeutic Community Fair – Come see the different organizations in the Lee County area that provide services to those with intellectual and physical disabilities! Join Auburn Parks and Recreation on Thursday, January 12 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Harris Center for the Therapeutic Community Fair. There will be fun, refreshments and prize drawings throughout the evening. This is a great opportunity to meet new families and get your loved ones involved. This event is sponsored by the Exceptional Outreach Organization and is FREE and open to the public.

Polar Plunge – Sign up, brave the cold and raise money for a great cause! On Saturday, January 28 at 9 a.m., plunge into the icy water of Samford Pool for the 5th Annual Polar Plunge in support of Lee County Special Olympics! Individual and group costumes are encouraged! This event is presented by Auburn Parks and Recreation and Lee County Special Olympics and all proceeds will benefit Lee County Special Olympics. For more information or to register, visit www.auburnalabama.org/specialolympics or contact Ryan Molt at rmolt@auburnalabama.org or call 334.501.2972.

Join A.O.R.T.A., the Exceptional Outreach Organization and Auburn Parks and Recreation on Saturday, February 25 for the 27th Annual Love Your Heart Run benefiting individuals with special needs and supporting the Annual Therapeutic Summer Camp, Special Olympics of Lee County, Best Buddies of Auburn University and other therapeutic programs. Participants may choose from a one-mile fun-walk course or the Love Your Heart 10K (6.2 mile) course. And back for the ninth year is the Crank Your Heart Ride, which will consist of a 3.5, 11, and 22 mile bike ride. All routes begin and end at Chewacla State Park. Individuals wishing to participate can register online by visiting <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Auburn/LoveYourHeartRunCrankYourHeartRide> or LoveYourHeartRun.com. Applications can also be picked up at area gyms or the Harris Center in Auburn. The early bird registration deadline is Monday, January 30 to guarantee a t-shirt. For more information about the Run or Ride, please visit the websites mentioned.

The 4th annual Empty Bowls to Benefit the Food Bank of East Alabama will be held on Saturday, February 25 at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center from 5 – 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale on Monday, January 9 and may be purchased at either the Dean Road Ceramics Studio or Denson Drive Recreation Center in Opelika. For details, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks or contact Cari Cleckler at cleckler@auburnalabama.org or 334.501.2944.

Save the date! – Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events and important dates with Auburn Parks and Recreation:

- **Daddy-Daughter Date Night** tickets will go on sale online Monday, December 5. Please visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks to purchase tickets or for more information.
- **2017 Spring Quarter Brochure** will be available January 3 at all Parks & Recreation facilities and online at auburnalabama.org/parks. 2017 Spring Quarter registration begins on Monday, February 6.
- **ACTA First Friday Tennis Mixer** will be held on Friday, January 6 at Yarbrough Tennis Center at 6 p.m. For details, call (334) 501 – 2920 or email auburncta@yahoo.com.

Play Ball! – Auburn Parks and Recreation offers many youth and adult sports programs throughout the year and each is designed to provide both instruction and development for our players, as well as plenty of fun! Don't miss out on all of our spring sports! Online registration for our youth spring sports opens on Monday, January 9 and closes on Thursday, January 26. Coaches should note that coaching applications are due on Tuesday, January 3. To view our Spring Youth and Adult sports offerings, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/athletics or call 334.501.2930.

Calling all Auburn-area artists, craftspersons and businesses! Attention all area artists, craftsmen and businesses! Mark your calendars and get your vendor applications in for the upcoming events in Auburn. The following events are accepting applications now for vendors, volunteers and sponsors:

- **Fit as a Fiddle: 50+ Health and Lifestyle Fair** provides members of the Auburn 50+ community the chance to visit with doctors, senior communities, volunteer organizations and more! If you are interest in becoming a vendor, please contact Gabby Meredith at gmeredith@auburnalabama.org or call 334.501.2946.
- **Bark in the Park** brings dog lovers together for a fun day in the park with their pooches to celebrate responsible dog ownership! To become a vendor, please contact Gabby Meredith at gmeredith@auburnalabama.org or call 334.501.2946.
- **The Auburn CityFest Committee** is now accepting applications for vendors, volunteers and sponsors for Auburn CityFest 2017: Peace, Love & CityFest to be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park. Applications for vendors and volunteers may be found at www.auburncityfest.com. To become a sponsor, please contact Auburn CityFest Co-Coordinator Ann Bergman at abergman@auburnalabama.org or 334.501.2936.

JDCAC presents... Mark your calendars for the presentation of The Winter Invitational 2017 January 17-February 28. Works in a variety of art mediums by selected Alabama artists and craft persons. For more information, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/arts or call 334.501.2963.



The **BIG Event** is a one-day student-run service project sponsored by Auburn University's Office of Student Involvement. The BIG Event serves as a way for Auburn students to give back to the surrounding communities that offer continual support to the university in so many ways. This project is not based on financial need, but it is rather a way of saying thank you!

2017 Jobsite Request Form

If your business, church, household, or organization would like to request student volunteers for **The BIG Event on Saturday, March 4, 2017**, please fill out the following information and return in an envelope addressed to the following by **Sunday, February 5, 2017**.

255 Duncan Drive
3130 AU Student Center
Auburn, AL 36849
ATTN: The BIG Event

For more information, contact us at 334-844-4233 or visit www.auburn.edu/involvement

Name: _____

Jobsite Address: _____

Special Instructions to Reach Jobsite: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Are you a U.S. Veteran? _____ If yes, which branch of the military? _____

When/How long did you serve? _____ Any other details? _____

Brief description of work requested: _____

