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Auburn Training Connection



In February 2003, the City of Auburn, along with community leaders from industry, education, and government established the Auburn Training Connection (ATC). Over the past year, the ATC has been working on several projects aimed at addressing its mission to create a workforce development system that will provide basic skills training necessary to support Auburn industry and manufacturing and enhance industrial career opportunities for the citizens of Auburn, Lee County, and the surrounding area. Some of these projects include:

Auburn High School Industry Fair and Career Catalog - Research conducted by the Auburn Workforce Development Taskforce found that between 30 to 40 percent of local high school graduates do not attend four-year colleges and need a career route to good paying jobs. At the same time, some local industries have experienced difficulty finding skilled and trainable labor. Therefore, the ATC and Auburn Chamber of Commerce have begun hosting an annual industry fair to introduce careers in manufacturing to interested students. In addition, an annual ATC Career Catalog has been published and distributed to provide interested individuals with information about local Auburn industries including entry-level job descriptions, salaries, benefits, as well as a list of skills that are expected from high school graduates. ATC Career Catalogs can be picked up at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Auburn Public Library.

Auburn High School "School-to-Career" Curriculum - The ATC board of directors has been working with the Alabama State Department of Education to develop a Career/Technical curriculum based on the needed skills of local industries. This program has been designed to help high school students achieve greater



Company representatives of Leonard Peterson speak to students at the 2003 Auburn High School Industry Fair.



Jay Harris from Donaldson attends a Just-In-Time manufacturing training class at the ATC Training Center.

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success when they enter the work force. The State Department of Education has approved four classes for the program including: Introduction to Welding Technology, Industrial Mechanics and Pneumatics, Introduction to Precision Machining, as well as Introduction to Manufacturing, which is currently being developed by the ATC. This program will be implemented at Auburn High School in the Fall of 2004.

Director of Workforce Development - The Auburn City Council approved funding for a Director of Workforce Development position in December. The primary duties of the Director will involve the development, implementation, and evaluation of the school-to-career curriculum at Auburn High School, as well as the development of a comprehensive workforce development program based on the needs of the ATC. This person will also be in charge of managing the ATC Training Center, which is currently being housed at the Auburn Center for Developing Industries on Pumphrey Avenue.

For more information about the Auburn Training Connection, please contact Jennifer Norton at 501-7270.

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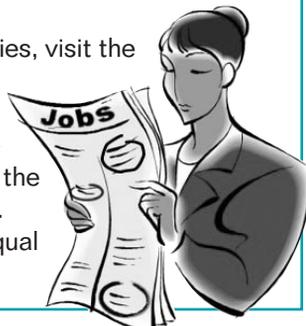
Be sure to pick up the Parks & Recreation Spring Brochure available now at City Hall, Dean Road Recreation Center, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, or the Auburn Public Library. The brochure includes all the programs and special events offered throughout the spring months. For additional information, please call 887-4930.

Looking for a Job?

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

- **Payroll and Benefits Coordinator**
(**\$2,839.29-3,291.52/month**)
- **Revenue Accountant**
(**\$2,839.29-3,291.52/month**)

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.



Non-Emergency Number

The phone number to contact the City of Auburn police for all non-emergencies is **501-3100**. This number has been established to keep the 911 lines open for true emergencies.



Meeting Schedule

Cemetery Advisory Board - February 2, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board - February 3, 5:30 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

City Council - February 3, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Tree Commission - February 4, 4:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

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

Water Works Board - February 9, 4:00 PM, Water and Sewer Conference Room, 214 North Donahue Drive.

Greenspace Advisory Board - February 10, 11:30 AM, City Hall Annex.

Historic Preservation Commission - February 10, 3:00 PM, Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center.

Board of Education - February 10, 6:00 PM, AHS Multi-Media Room.

Planning Commission - February 12, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber.

City Council - February 17, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber.

Cemetery Advisory Board - March 1, 4:00 PM, Dean Road Recreation Center.

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Tree Commission - March 3, 4:30 PM, City Hall Annex.

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-Meeting times and places are subject to change-

Sign Up Now for Spring Sports

Spring Soccer Registration

All youth and adult soccer registration forms are available in the lobby of the Dean Road Recreation Center. For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation at 887-4930.



Youth - First time youth players must bring a birth certificate for registration.

Saturday, February 7 from 10:00 a. m. – 1:00 p.m. at the **new** Auburn Soccer Complex –Wire Road

Wednesday, February 11 from 5:30 p. m. - 6:30 p.m. at Dean Road Recreation Center

Adult – Weekdays between Monday, February 2 – Friday, February 27 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Dean Road Recreation Center

Dixie Baseball, Softball & T-Ball Registration

Saturday, February 7 from 8:00 a. m. – Noon at Dean Road Recreation Center

Saturday, February 14 from 8:00 a. m. – Noon at Dean Road Recreation Center

Spring Track Registration

Monday – Friday, February 23 - March 26 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Dean Road Recreation Center

Seeking Participants for CityFest 2004

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting arts and crafts, food, and non-profit vendor applications for Auburn CityFest 2004 presented by Charter Communications.

CityFest, Auburn's largest, free, outdoor festival will be held on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Kiesel Park. This festival includes live musical entertainment, an expanded children's imagination station with inflatables, an artists marketplace, a vendor showcase, food and more. Last year more than 30,000 people attended CityFest 2003, and Auburn CityFest 2004 is expected to attract the largest crowd to date.

If you have a fun or crafty hobby to share with the entire community, CityFest is the place to do it. CityFest is a great way to celebrate arts and crafts in our community. Food vendor applications are due Friday, March 5. Arts and crafts and non-profit vendor applications are due Monday, March 15. However, vendor spaces are awarded on a first come basis.

If you would like to learn more about Auburn CityFest 2004 presented by Charter Communications, or to download a vendor application, visit www.auburnalabama.org/cityfest. For additional information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 887-4930.

Pre-Season Baseball Clinic

Auburn Parks and Recreation, Auburn Dixie Baseball, and Schade Brothers Unlimited are offering the first annual pre-season baseball clinic on February 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Duck Samford Baseball Complex. Youth ages 9 years to high school seniors are invited to register. The camp will include a morning session from 9:00 a.m.- noon and an afternoon session from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$60 for one session or \$85 for both sessions. All registrations completed before February 6 will receive a \$10 discount off the registration price. The skills addressed in the clinic will include pitching, fielding, hitting, and base running. All instructors are professional players including former Auburn stars Scott Schade, Eric Brandon, Bobby Huddleston, Jonathan Schuerholz, Levale Speigner, and Mike Mueller. All participants will receive a free t-shirt and lunch will be provided. For additional information contact Steve Dickerson at 887-4930



Is Your Dog Wearing a City Tag?

If the City of Auburn Animal Control Division picks up a dog not wearing a tag, the cost is a \$25 fine and more than \$100 in court costs. For more information about dog licenses, please stop by City Hall or contact the Finance Department at 501-7220.



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up COMING EVENTS



Snow skiing in Alabama? You bet! As a part of the **X-Cell program**, students 12–14 years old can enjoy a day of winter fun at Alabama's only alpine ski resort on Saturday, February 7th. Cloudmont Ski Resort, located in Mentone, AL, has two different one thousand foot ski slope challenges. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch and will leave at 6:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$40.00, and the deadline for registration is February 4. For more information, contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.

The annual **Daddy-Daughter Date Night** will be held on February 6 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Best Western. Girls can dress up and enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, pictures, door prizes, and other surprises with their Dad. DJ Ozz is back by popular demand. Tickets are available at the Dean Road Recreation Center. For more information, contact Alison Hall at 887-4930.



The Auburn Public Library will host **Lacy Ward, Jr. of Tuskegee University** who will present a free special program about the Tuskegee Airmen on Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Library at 501-3190.

The Auburn Public Library invites the public to attend a special musical performance by **Peter Fletcher of Atlanta** who will perform classical guitar selections on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Library at 501-3190.

As a part of the **X-Cell program**, students 12 - 14 years old can enjoy a day of hiking the Pinhoti Trail on Saturday, March 13th. This hiking adventure will offer site seeing along one of Alabama's most spectacular trails. Hikers are asked to bring a daypack, water, and lunch. Cost for the trip is \$5.00. For more information, please contact Melissa Weldon at 887-4930.

The **2004 Bike Bash**, hosted by the City of Auburn, Auburn Parks and Recreation and the Auburn Bicycle Committee will be held on March 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All activities will be held at the Auburn Jr. High School and rides of varying distances will be offered. The event will also include bicycle inspections, helmet fittings, door prizes, informational booths and live music. Tickets for ages 13 and older are \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 the day of the event. Tickets for ages 12 and under are \$7.50 in advance or \$8.50 the day of the event. T-shirts will be guaranteed to those that pre-register. For more information, please contact Dee Watson at 887-4931.



Mark your calendars for the City of Auburn's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at 11:30 a.m. on April 10 at beautiful Kiesel Park. The rain date is scheduled for April 11, 2004 at 2 p.m. Don't miss out on the biggest Easter Egg Hunt in the county!

Business License Renewal Deadline is February 29

Any business providing services or selling goods within the city limits of Auburn is required to have a City of Auburn business license. City business licenses expire each December 31 and are required by City ordinance to be renewed no later than February 29 to avoid a late fee. All businesses should have received business license renewal packets in the mail. Any business that did not receive its renewal packet should call the Revenue Office at 501-7226 or 501-7228 to verify its mailing address and request another packet. All questions about business licenses may be directed to these phone numbers as well.

Any business that would like to have wallet-sized, laminated duplicate of their business license for employees who make deliveries or sales calls in Auburn or who provide services at their customer's site may request one from the Revenue Office. The price is \$1.00 each.

The City Revenue Office is located in City Hall at 144 Tichenor Avenue. Taxpayer Service Representatives Mrs. Betty Floyd and Mrs. Amy Saylor will be glad to help with any business license questions.



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