

Community First

Cotswolds & Oaks Bimonthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2022

FALL FOOTBALL: TAILGATING IS ALMOST HERE!

Football season is right around the corner and while you may or may not be a diehard fan, lots of people are ready for the season to get started, not only because of the game but because of all that goes along with it! In Auburn, Alabama there is nothing better than a Fall weekend. From Tiger Walk to Toomer's Corner, our fans and traditions make Auburn's gameday



An integral part of that experience is the Auburn tailgating scene. The Auburn Family takes tailgating a whole new level. Here are some things you may want to know before you head out for a day on the Plains.

- Tailgating begins at 4 pm on Friday except for Mell Street Corridor, which begins at 6 pm
- There is a lot of construction going on campus. Please observe and follow signs in and around all construction areas
- Reserving tailgating spots in grass areas using stakes, ropes, ribbons, tape, chairs, tents, vehicles or other items is not allowed until 4 pm on Friday, except for Mell Street Corridor and specially permitted university events. Items found before allowed then are subject to removal without notice or reimbursement
- It is unlawful to use any university utilities
- Monitors will be placed in Mell Street areas. To ensure that driving lanes and entrances to certain parking areas remain clear.

HAYFIELDS

The hayfields on South Donahue Drive, as well as Samford Ave. at Facilities and Community Gardens, open Friday at 2 pm prior to home games. The hayfields close at 4 pm on Sundays following each home game.

TAILGATE AT THE PARK

This fall, bring your tailgate parties to the Tailgate at the Park, where your space is reserved all season. Tailgate packages are available for any size group. To reserve your spot call 334.209.1259

TENTS

A Tent Permit is required for all tents that exceed 399 square feet or any tent that has anchoring stakes 12 inches or longer. This includes pop-up tents joined together to which exceed 399 square feet. To apply for tent permit, call 334.844.4619.

Business Showcase: Living and Feeling Your Best - Yes You Can!

Hello neighbors! My name is Heather Medlin. You probably have heard my voice echoing throughout your houses...I have four boys, currently #raisingafrathouse off Heywood Street. During my spare time, when I'm not wearing my mom hat, homeschooling, or doing ministry with our church, my heart lies with health. I work with anyone between the ages of 2-92 that wants to either; gain weight, lose weight, tone, no longer skip breakfast or even have better hair/skin/nails/



I decided to help others on their fitness and health journey after seeing how diet culture was telling so many you had to eat less to actually lose weight. It's amazing what gut health can do for your sleep, mood and energy. If you are tired of feeling tired, tired of depending on caffeine to get you out of your afternoon slump or wanting to get out of that brain fog place — I am your girl! I do free consultations and health assessments for anyone that is interested or just wanting to know more. Feel free to call/text me at 571-337-2672 or email at h.medlin03@gmail.com.

Here are some pictures of just some of my clients and my sweet mama who had given up on her metabolism. I am in the fun Christmas jammies after having my fourth baby, and the after is without any working out or killing myself at the gym, just good ole nutrition.





WE LOVE AND SUPPORT YOU :)

AUBURN/OPELIKA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues, Aug. 2nd: Opelika Summer Swing Series
Back to School Bash | 7 pm | Municipal Park, Opelika

Tues, Aug. 2nd: National Night Out 2022
6 pm - 8:30 pm | AG Heritage Park at AU

Thurs, Aug. 4th: Gogue Summer Film Series: Black Panther | Gates open at 6 pm - Movie starts at 7 pm
Gogue Performing Arts Center, 910 South College St.

Fri, Aug. 5th - Sat., Aug. 6th: Auburn Area Community Theater Presents: *Hands on a Hardbody*
7 pm | Jan Dempsey Art Center, 222 E. Drake Ave.
Tickets \$15 adults | \$12 students & seniors

Sat, Aug. 13th: Family Art Fun | Tickets \$5
10 am - 12 noon | Kreher Preserve & Nature Center

Fri, Aug. 19th: Food Truck Friday
5 pm | Downtown Opelika

Sat, Aug. 20th: Amber's 3rd Annual Donor Dash (1-mile & 5K) | Fundraiser for organ donors and organ recipient families
<https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Auburn/AmbersDonorDash2022>

Sun, Sept. 11th: Chewacla Cha Cha 5K/10K
8 am | Chewacla State Park, 124 Shell Toomer Pkwy

Fri, Sept. 23rd: Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally
6 pm | Downtown Auburn

FOOTBALL, FANS & FEATHERS

Sept. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Southeastern Raptor Center, 1350 Pratt-Carden Dr.
4 pm - 6 pm | tickets are \$8 per person
Gates open one hour prior to presentation

Update on Covenants: SIGNAGE

Everyone loves supporting and encouraging children both academically and extra curricular activities. One way of doing this is through the many signs you see in our neighbors yards that proudly promote a student of the month or a favorite sports player. The HOA also recognizes and wants to proudly support our children as well with updates to the Covenants in regards to signage. Currently, the Covenants states the following regarding Signage in the neighborhood:

6.25 Signage: No signs or advertising posters of any kind shall be maintained or permitted within any windows or on the exterior of any Lot or Dwelling or elsewhere on any portion of the Property without the express written permission of the ACC. The approval of any signs and posters, including without limitation, political campaign signs and name and address signs, shall be upon such conditions as may from time to time be determined by the ACC. Notwithstanding the foregoing (a) the restrictions set forth in this Section 6.25 shall not be applicable to Development or to any signs erected pursuant to Section 6.28(c) below and (b) developer and the Association shall have the right, not the obligation, to erect and maintain resonable and appropriate signs on any portions of the Common Areas and within those easement areas established in Section 3.05.

The HOA Board has agreed to allow signs in yards in support our children and other causes for limited times. The following signs may be displayed on a lot or dwelling without prior ACC approval. Each approved sign shall follow the timelines indicated and be no larger that 2' x 2' in size. No more than two signs can be displayed on a lot or dwelling at any given time.

ALLOWED

- **Student Recognition:** may be displayed for one month
- **School/Team Spirit and Student Athlete Recognition:** may be displayed during the main season of the sport the sign recongnizes
- **Birthday or other celebrations:** no more than 2 days
- **Home For Sale and For Rent :** may be displayed while house in on market
- **Yard Sale:** day of the event only
- **Political Signs:** Maximum of (2) signs. City of Auburn states campaign signs should only be displayed within 30 days before election. Sign cannot be placed on city rights of ways (typically between the water meter and the road). Signs must be removed within seven days of the election.
- **Holiday signs:** Falls under the guidelines of holiday decorations (6.09)
- **Signs posted at Entrances/Common Property:** Authorized realtor signs and yard sale signs are permitted and may only be displayed for a period of 24 hours.

Got Something You Would Like to Share?

We love knowing more about our neighbors, local business, or just seeing fun neighborhood pictures. If you would like to contribute to our Bimonthly Newsletter please send information or pictures to Jennifer Delmore at jenniferj@auburn.edu



School Bus Laws: When to stop and when not to!

It is estimated that over 50,000 motorists illegally pass buses every single day. In October 2019, we learned of a 9-year-old girl and her twin 6-year-old brothers being struck and killed by a pickup truck as they crossed the road to board a school bus. The driver was arrested and charged with three counts of homicide and one misdemeanor count of passing a school bus when arm signal device is extended.



The State of Alabama school bus law **forbids** drivers from passing a stopped school or church bus on **any** road. The only exception would be drivers traveling on a divided highway of at least four lanes, provided the driver is on the opposite side of the thoroughfare from the stopped bus. The law also establishes a uniform penalty statewide for motorists who illegally pass stopped buses:

1st Offense	fine: \$150 to \$300		
2nd Offense	fine: \$300 to \$500	License suspended: 30 days	100 hours community service
3rd Offense	fine: \$500 to \$1,000	License suspended: 90 days	200 hours community service
4th Offense	fine: \$1,000 to \$3,000	License suspended: 1 year	prosecuted as a Class C felony

ACS Calendar 2022-2023

2022

First Day for Students	August 9
Labor Day Holiday	September 5
End of 1st Nine Weeks	October 11
Staff Development/Parent Conference Day.....	October 17
Veterans Day Holiday	November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 23 - 25
2nd Nine Weeks Ends	December 16
Winter Holiday Break	December 19

2023

Students Back to School	January 5
Martin Luther King Holiday	January 16
Presidents Day	February 20
Spring Break	March 6-10
End of 3rd Nine Weeks	March 17
April Holidays (Weather Make Up)	April 7 & 28
Last Day for Students	May 25



History of Opelika's Municipal Park: Why do we call it "Monkey Park"

Municipal Park, located on Park Road in Opelika, has been affectionately known as "Monkey Park" to locals for as long as they can remember. Many might not know, however, that this nickname dates back to the 1950's, when the park housed eight real spider monkeys.

The monkeys lived in cages at the park and were a popular attraction for visitors of all ages. They were the vision of Bill Calhoun, the first director of Opelika Parks and Recreation.

"Bill was a visionary," said Laura Leigh Chesser, public relations coordinator for Parks and Rec. "He was very forward-thinking."

Though well-loved, the monkeys were a bit mischievous. According to Chesser, they would often escape their cages. Sometimes park-goers would even let them out voluntarily.

"We have all these old newspapers in the office, and some of them have the silliest headlines about the monkeys," Chesser said. "There are ones like 'Eight monkeys escape from Municipal Park' and 'Six monkeys caught, two still at large.' I think one time one of them even ended up at a Krystal's with a college kid really late at night."

Eventually, the rascally monkeys were rehomed to the Montgomery Zoo. Their legacy is remembered in the form of wooden statues that were built in 2016 to commemorate their reign. The monkeys' free, fun-loving spirit is also embodied in other aspects of the park—namely, The Rocky Brook Rocket. The Rocket is arguably the park's biggest attraction and has been a staple of the park since 1955.

So the spirit of the monkeys and their fun, lovable nature lives on—through their statues, through the Rocket and through the community that is formed at Municipal "Monkey" Park.



Meet Your Neighbors: The Kinder Family

Meet the Kinder Family: Randy, Carmen, Reese (14) and Gram (10). The family moved to Auburn in early 2017 from the Washington D.C. area. Randy is retired from the Federal Government and Carmen worked as a Zumba instructor. The family choose to live in Auburn since Carmen was originally from the area and her mother and stepfather were residing in nearby Tallassee. The Auburn School System was also a major factor in where they would purchase their home.

What is your favorite fun things to do in Auburn? We enjoy being near Auburn University. We attend many sporting events from football, baseball, softball, both men and women's basketball and gymnastics. We also like other activities in the area such as recreational sports the boys participate in and all the Opelika and Auburn events including rolling Toomer's Corner on special AU victories and Bo Bikes Bama.

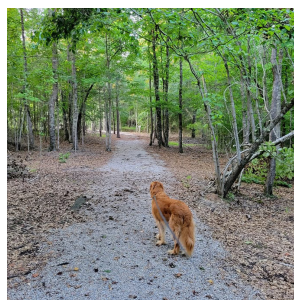
What is your favorite thing about the neighborhood? Carmen can be seen enjoying a walk with her boys and dogs, riding in the golf cart through the neighborhood or enjoying time at the pool. We have made many friends and love the hometown feeling of the area and the Cotswolds subdivision.

Fun Fact? We are HUGE Atlanta Braves fans and attend lots of games. Also, Carmen is a substitute teacher in the Auburn City Schools (primarily elementary) so many of children may have had Mrs. Kinder as their substitute teacher.



If you would like to nominate a family for the newsletter, please send your nomination to Jennifer Delmore at jenniferj@auburn.edu. Please be sure to include the family's name, address, and email and anything else you would like to include.

Out & About: Summer Fun



Lemonade stand is open for business on Heywood!

