

Community First

Cotswolds & Oaks Bimonthly Newsletter

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Business Showcase: Speaking Success



Most people experience some level of speech anxiety when they have to speak in front of a group; in fact, public speaking is many people's greatest fear. Speech anxiety can range from a slight feeling of "nerves" to a nearly incapacitating fear. Some of the most common symptoms of speech anxiety are: shaking, sweating, butterflies in the stomach, dry mouth, rapid heartbeat, and squeaky voice. Although it is often impossible to completely eliminate speech anxiety there are a variety of ways to deal with it and even make it work to your advantage.

Thanks to fellow neighbor, Jeremy Walden, we now have a way of conquering our speech anxieties with Speaking Success — a new online coaching service that helps peoples speak with confidence and passion. As your coaching professional, Jeremy aims to deliver confidence-building one-on-one coaching to help you make more of an impact. With over 13 years experience teaching public speaking classes at Auburn University and 25 years of public speaking experience, he is ready to help take your skills to the next level.

Speaking Success is perfect for entrepreneurs , salesperson, leaders, presenters, teachers, students, speakers and anyone desiring to improve speaking confidence. The personal one-on-one service helps prepare people for interviews and presentations. Services start at \$100, but there's a 25% discount for all Cotswolds and Oaks neighbors. Just use code "neighbor" by June 14th to receive the discount. For more information or to sign-up for a personal session visit [Speakingssuccess.biz](https://speakingssuccess.biz)



Save the Date! Neighborhood & Local Events Calendar

Thurs., June 2nd: Music for a Summer's Eve

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church | 136 E. Magnolia Ave., Auburn
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm | FREE to public | <http://saintds.org>

Fri., June 3rd: First Friday: An Evening in Downtown Auburn

Downtown Auburn | 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sat., June 4th: Auburn City Market

Town Creek Park, Auburn | 1150 S. Gay St.
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Sat., June 4th: Touch-A-Truck

Downtown Opelika | South Railroad Avenue
9:00 am - 12:00 pm | www.facebook.com/Touchtruck

Sat., June 4th: Burger Wars

Downtown Opelika | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fri., June 10th: Summernight Downtown Art Walk

Downtown Auburn | 100 N. College Street
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm | <https://www.auburnsummernight.org>

Sat., June 4th: Auburn City Market

Town Creek Park, Auburn | 1150 S. Gay St.
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Sat., June 18th: Day in Clay

Dean Road Rec Center | 307 S. Dean Road
Times Vary | <https://auburnal.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

Sat., June 18th: David Ramirez at Standard Deluxe

Standard Deluxe | 1015 Mayberry Ave., Waverly, AL
7:15 pm

Sat., June 18th: Annual Auburn Juneteenth Celebration

MLK Park | 190 Byrd Street, Auburn
10:00 am

Auburn's History for Short Term Rentals

In November 2018, Mayor Ron Anders appointed Ward 4 Councilperson Brett Smith, Ward 6 Councilperson Bob Parsons and Planning Commission members Robert Ritenbaugh and Marcus Marshall to the Short-Term Rentals Task Force. As short-term rentals become more popular and prevalent in Auburn, the task force continues to work with residents and stakeholders to move forward with creating regulations for short-term rentals in the Auburn City limits.

The task force consists of Mayor Ron Anders, Councilperson Brett Smith, Councilperson Bob Parsons, Marcus Marshall, Bob Ritenbaugh, Anna Solomon, Evan Crawford and Bruno O. Ulrich.



From December 13, 2018, and throughout January 2019, a public comment period was held to receive input on a draft ordinance prepared by the Auburn Planning Department. Based on that and other public input, a new draft update to the City Code was prepared by the Auburn Planning Department. The Short-Term Rental Task Force sought additional input on an updated draft throughout April 2019. In January 2020, the Planning Commission held a work session to discuss the proposed areas in which short-term non-primary rentals would be permitted in the City. The Planning Commission held additional work sessions on Sept. 9 and Oct. 5, 2020, and recommended approval of the proposed ordinance at a Jan. 25 special called meeting.

Short-Term Rentals Ordinance (adopted March 16, 2021)

In March 2021, after years of debate and discussion, the city of Auburn now has an ordinance on the books to regulate short-term rentals, as the City Council approved the draft ordinance submitted by the Planning Commission. The Council passed on a 5-3 vote Mayor Ron Anders' amendment that again prohibited short-term rentals in those neighborhoods in the Neighborhood Conservation, Development District Housing, Limited Development and Large Lot Residential districts. Short-term rentals are also prohibited in the Corridor Redevelopment –West and Neighborhood Redevelopment districts east of North Donahue.

The approved ordinance takes a two-tiered approach to regulating short-term rentals either as “homestays” or “short-term non-primary rentals.” Both uses would be allowed in those zones that allow up to five unrelated people to live under the same roof. Homestays must be the permanent residence of the owner and may not operate more than 90 days per licensing year when the owner is not present, while STNPRs need not be the owner's permanent residence and are limited to operating 240 days per calendar year.

To view which homes in the City of Auburn are approved and not-approved for Short-Term Rentals, visit: <https://webgis.auburnalabama.org/shorttermrentals/>. To view the City of Auburn Ordinance on short-term rentals visit: <https://www.auburnalabama.org/short-term-rentals/Ordinance3288.pdf>

Cotswolds & Oaks Covenant Restrictions for Short-Term Rentals

ARTICLE VI - USE AND DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS

Except as otherwise provided to the contrary in Section 5.13 above and in this Section 6.01, each **Lot and Dwelling shall be used for single-family residential purposes only allowing only one unrelated person to the Owner to live in the Dwelling**, and no trade or business of any kind may be carried on in or from any Lot or Dwelling; provided, however, that any Additional property may be used for attached or detached town houses, condominiums, cooperatives, duplexes, zero-lot-line homes, and cluster or patio homes for residential dwelling purposes. The use of any portion of a Dwelling as an office by an Owner shall not be considered a violation of this covenant if such use does not create regular customer, client, or employee traffic. The leasing or rental of a Dwelling for residential purposes only shall not be considered a violation of this covenant so long as the lease (1) is for not less than the entire Dwelling, and (b) is otherwise in compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated and published from time to time by the Association; provided, however, that Developer shall have the perpetual right to designate from time to time any Dwellings owned by Developer, its successors and assigns, which may be leased for such periods of time as Developer may determine. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Section 6.01 to the contrary, the Property of any portion thereof, including , specifically, and Lots constituting any portion of the Property, may be used and developed for (i) any of the uses included in the definition of Common Areas and (ii) any uses permitted under applicable zoning ordinances affecting the Property; provided, however, that in the even any portion of the Property is to be developed or used for any purpose other than Common Areas, single-family residential purposes, or any of the residential uses authorized above for Additional Property, then such use must be approved in writing by the ACC.

OPELIKA SUMMER SWING CONCERT SERIES BRINGS FAMILY FUN

If you are looking for some family fun this summer then Opelika has the place for you with its Annual Summer Swing Concert Series held every Tuesday evening at the Municipal Park (also known as Monkey Park). The event is free and open to the public. Concerts start at 7 pm, but come early to enjoy a delicious hamburger or hotdog provided by the Opelika Band Boosters or let the kids play at the park playground. The famous Rocky Brook Rocket, a vintage train, will also be giving complimentary rides from 6:30 - 7:00 pm.

2022 SUMMER SWING SCHEDULE:

June 7th: Crossroads - a six-piece variety band that covers many country and classic rock hits. The band performs selections from artists such as Fleetwood Mac, Linda Ronstadt, REM and The Eagles, as well as Carrie Underwood, Sugarland and Martina McBride.

June 14th: Kidd Blue - Formed right on Toomer's Corner in 1985 and led and inspired by the late great Opelika native, Robert Orr, Kidd Blue continues to bring their "New Old Soul" to parties and events throughout the Southeast. For over 37 years this horn-driven group of local professionals has been delivering their eclectic mix of Soul, Americana, R&B, Motown and Rock Classics in the styles of Marvin Gaye, Sam & Dave, Al Green, Van Morrison and many others.

June 21st: Route 66 - This energetic group plays it all... Oldies, Pop, Rock and Dance music. Audience participation is encouraged. Join the "Monkey Park dancers" on the grass around the stage as they dance, blow bubbles and have a great time!



July 5th Fedoras - This acoustic duo plays folk, pop, and bluegrass tunes the whole family will enjoy.

July 12th: James Brown Trio - a Southern Gospel group that will have your toes tapping and heart stirring to songs from the past as well as current tunes that are soon to be classics.

July 19th: Murray Brown Band - Richard Murray and Rusty Brown play Country, Rock and Easy Listening. Recently they have been working with songwriters out of Muscle Shoals and working on a new CD. You can catch them playing around Auburn/Opelika and Lake Martin area playing weddings, corporate events, private parties and festivals.

July 26th: Martha's Trouble - Jen & Rob Slocumb are living their musical dream. While building their family, they have continued to write and play music, producing about a dozen albums and touring around the country and the world. They have been listed and featured in Billboard Magazine, USA Today, AOL Music, XM Satellite Radio and Performing Songwriter.

June 28th: Muse - 32nd year on the Summer Swing bandstand! Easy listening, vocal oriented acoustic soft rock played as only Muse can. Together for 44 years, Muse will perform fan favorites by artists such as the Eagles, Beatles, CSN, James Taylor, Van Morrison,

August 2nd: Back to School Bash - Enjoy a final concert as we bid farewell to summer!!!

For more information about Opelika's Summer Swing Concert Series visit:

<https://www.opelika-al.gov/746/Summer-Swing>



Meet Your Neighbors: The Darden Family

We are Mitch, Shelley, and Wyatt Darden. We moved to the Cotswolds in August of 2020 and have one doggie that we rescued named Goldie. We just recently celebrated our son's 3rd birthday. Both of us are originally from the Auburn area and attended Auburn University. Shelley is a CPA and Mitch is a fiber optic engineer. After college we moved to Atlanta but are very glad to be back in Auburn to raise our son and be near to our family!

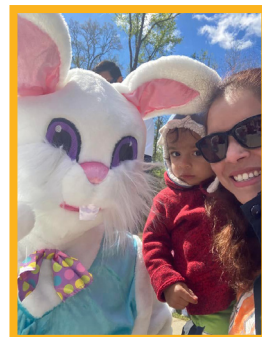
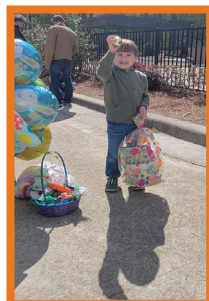
What is your favorite pastime? We love being outside! You will frequently find Mitch tinkering in the garage or around the yard and find me chasing Wyatt down the sidewalk as he speeds around in his gator. We love riding four wheelers and cruising in our Jeep.

What is your favorite dining spot? We rarely go out to eat and are still trying to find all our new favorite places as a lot has changed since we lived here in college. Currently our favorites are Irritable Bao, Acapulco's and Hamilton's on Ogletree.

Darden Family Fun Fact. We LOVE to decorate for the holidays. Mitch loves Halloween decor and I love Christmas so you will find our house very festive during the holiday season. When we lived in Atlanta we were the only house on our street that decorated for the holidays so we love being in this neighborhood with so many people that decorate!



Neighborhood Out & About: Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt



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