

CITY COUNCIL

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- Kent Sullivan

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

are held every first & third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building, 400 East Buena Vista Avenue. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.



North Augusta
South Carolina's Riverfront

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North Augusta

FORWARD

A Publication for the Citizens of North Augusta, South Carolina

ONE-CENT SALES TAX

Voters to Decide

When voters go to the polls on November 7, 2000, they will for the first time have an opportunity to say "YES" or "NO" on a countywide One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax.



For many years residents of North Augusta and Aiken County have paid this one-cent tax when shopping in Augusta/Richmond and Columbia Counties. The one-cent tax has been a boon to those two Georgia counties for building roads, improving drainage and providing first class recreation facilities.

When approved for Aiken County, citizens will see for the first time more than \$54 million generated and used for needed road improvements, drainage projects and recreational facilities at home throughout the City and County. These projects have been specifically identified and will be listed on the November ballot.

ONE-CENT CAPITAL PROJECTS

Sales Tax

On November 7, 2000 voters of Aiken County will go to the polls to decide on a One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax for North Augusta and Aiken County. The one-cent sales tax will have a significant economic impact on the citizens of North Augusta over the next seven years. The increase will change the countywide sales tax from five cents to six cents on all retail sales except for food preparation. This is a penny less than in Augusta/Richmond County or Columbia Counties across the river in Georgia. Proceeds from the One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax will generate more than \$54 million and will support the largest local road and drainage improvement program and recreation facility development program in Aiken County in the history of the County.

Last May Aiken County Council appointed a six-member Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Commission to identify and assess needed projects from throughout Aiken County. City Council member Kent Sullivan represented the City of North Augusta on the Commission. In July the Commission submitted its report to County Council with a lengthy list of much-needed projects along with a recommendation that the Aiken County Council submit the question of a One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax to the voters on the November general election ballot.

Several members of the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission and citizens of Aiken County stated that the One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax would allow the County and the towns and cities within the County to complete important projects that might never be completed otherwise.

When approved by the voters on November 7, the one-cent sales tax will go into effect on May 1, 2001. By state law the one-cent sales tax will end 7 years later. If the total amount of funds designated on the referendum, \$54,600,000, is collected before the end of 7 years or if all of the listed projects have been completed before the end of the 7 years, the tax will end earlier.

All of the projects to be funded from the one-cent sales tax are specifically listed on the ballot. Detailed listings of specific streets, drainage and recreation projects to be funded in North Augusta are listed on the following pages.



AIKEN COUNTY

Capital Projects

The general election ballot will include a detailed list of projects. The list is summarized here. Please refer to the detailed descriptions of North Augusta Projects in the following charts.

Location	Project	Description	Amount
Aiken County		Pave approximately 90 miles of unpaved state and county roads	\$18,313,285
Aiken County		Local match for the construction of I-520, the Bobby Jones Expressway	\$15,000,000
City of Aiken		Road paving, Hitchcock Woods storm drainage, streetscape projects, performing arts center, public safety station, recreational facilities	\$12,451,740
City of North Augusta		Recycling center expansion, park and Greenway improvements, street paving and reconstruction, drainage improvements, sidewalk construction, downtown improvements	\$7,522,903
City of New Ellenton		Civic center/municipal building construction, recreation project	\$451,666
Town of Wagener		Downtown pavilion renovation, sewer system improvements, public safety vehicle, streetscape project	\$377,874
Town of Jackson		Town hall and community center improvements, fire truck, recreation projects, landscaping equipment, streetscape projects	\$299,584
Town of Salley		Town hall renovation, recreation facilities, public restrooms	\$72,030
Town of Burnetown		Sidewalk construction, recreation facilities, community center	\$67,831
Town of Monetta		Road paving, community center upgrade	\$44,772
Town of Perry		Recreation projects	\$33,325
Town of Windsor		Recreation projects	\$17,188

ONE-CENT SALES TAX

Dollars Multiply

When Aiken County voters say "YES" to a One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax in November, the anticipated \$54.6 million generated by the tax for the many needed projects may actually be a great deal more. By using locally generated funds from the one-cent sales tax as a match, many state and federal sources of funds can be tapped.

For Phase I of the Bobby Jones Expressway extension into South Carolina, \$15 million will be generated locally. This represents only 28% of the total funds required for this phase. An additional \$38 million will be generated from state and federal sources.

For street resurfacing and drainage projects within the City, local sales tax funds will be paired with annual appropriations from State sources to expand the list of roads requiring resurfacing or drainage improvements. Over the seven year life of the one-cent sales tax an additional \$1.4 million can be anticipated from the state.

North Augusta is often eligible for state and federal funding to expand ever popular and much-in-demand recreational facilities if local funds are available for matching. Many times these programs are matched 80% if the local 20% is available. Proceeds from the one-cent sales tax will be targeted to obtain these matches.



NORTH AUGUSTA

Capital Projects

The City of North Augusta is slated to receive \$7,522,903 over the seven year life of the One Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax. These are the projects to be funded.

NORTH AUGUSTA PROJECT SUMMARY

Project	Description	Amount
Recycling Center Expansion	Install additional equipment to improve the capacity and efficiency of the material recycling facility.	\$150,000
Riverview Park Improvements	New soccer field complex, add practice fields at Lion's Memorial Field, install sidewalks and landscaping.	\$760,000
Summerfield Park Completion	Restrooms, picnic shelter, practice fields, fencing, playground.	\$130,000
Walnut Lane Park Development	Develop a neighborhood park and walking trail to serve Walnut Place, Butler's Mill and Walnut Grove.	\$80,000
Street Reconstruction Program	Reconstruct 2.4 miles of streets, improve drainage and increase safety in established neighborhoods. See the Street Reconstruction Program chart.	\$1,600,000
Street Resurfacing Program	Repave 17.6 miles of streets in established neighborhoods. See the Street Resurfacing Program chart.	\$850,000
Drainage System Improvements	Install storm drainage system improvements on East Buena Vista Avenue from East Martintown road to Riverside Boulevard and in Waterworks Park to prevent flooding, roadway erosion and property damage.	\$1,100,000
Sidewalk Construction Program	Install 7.5 miles of sidewalks in established neighborhoods where no sidewalks currently exist. See the Sidewalk Construction Program chart.	\$753,000
Greenway Extension Development	Extend the Greenway into additional neighborhoods and along the Savannah River.	\$1,500,000
Downtown Redevelopment	Phase II of improvements in the downtown including parking, alleys, West Avenue, Pine Grove Avenue and Spring Grove Avenue.	\$600,000

CITY COUNCIL CUTS

Hospitality Tax

The City Council has reduced the local hospitality tax in North Augusta from two-cents to one-cent. The cut will be effective with the passage of the countywide One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax. This action assures the restaurant and food preparation businesses in North Augusta of no increase in the tax level.

In 1999, the City adopted a two-cent Hospitality Sales Tax on all prepared foods sold in North Augusta. Proceeds from the tax go directly into downtown and riverfront redevelopment projects. Total sales tax on this industry is seven cents and equal to sales tax levels in Augusta/Richmond and Columbia Counties.

In adopting the reduction, City Council stated its intent to assure the hospitality industry that a customer would not pay more sales tax in North Augusta than the seven cents in surrounding areas. To back up their pledge, City Council adopted the one-cent reduction in the hospitality tax beginning with the effective date of a voter approved One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax, May 1, 2001. The reduction would remain in effect as long as the One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax is in place.



NORTH AUGUSTA

Recycles



STREET RESURFACING

Street to be Repaved	From	To
Adams Branch Road	Bergen Road	End
Alpine Avenue	Georgia Avenue	Summerhill Drive
Arch Drive	Bunting Drive	Bunting Drive
Bluff Avenue	Georgia Avenue	West Terrace
Bobolink Road	Bunting Drive	Tanager Road
Bolin Road	Mountside Drive	Robinson Drive
Bridle Path Road	Cooper Mill Road	End
Brookview Court	River Bluff Road	End
Byrnes Road	Martintown Road	End
Campbellton Drive	Campbellton Drive	Campbellton Drive
Carolyn Circle	Alta Vista Avenue	Pine Grove Avenue
Concord Avenue	Observatory Avenue	Sidereal Avenue
Cooper Mill Road	Adams Branch Road	End
Creekview Court	River Bluff Road	End
Crestview Drive	Woodlawn Avenue	Fairfield Avenue
Cumberland Avenue	Jackson Avenue	Buena Vista Avenue
Edgewood Avenue	Jackson Avenue	Pine Grove Avenue
Elm Street	Ponce de Leon Avenue	End
Foxglove Court	Oak Creek Drive	End
Georgetown Drive	Buena Vista Avenue	End
Grant Avenue	Columbus Avenue	Crystal Lake Drive
Hollis Drive	Courtney Drive	Curtis Drive
Knobcone Avenue	Pisgah Road	City Limits
Lake Avenue	Fairfield Avenue	Highview Avenue
Lake Avenue	Buena Vista Avenue	Clifton Avenue
Le Compte Avenue	Georgia Avenue	Summerhill Road
Loblolly Court	Curtis Drive	End
Lucerne Avenue	Pine Grove Avenue	Cumberland Avenue
Metz Drive	Buena Vista Avenue	Martintown Road
Mountside Drive	End	End
Oak Creek Drive	Gregory Lake Road	Whitewood Way
Old Edgefield Road	Atomic Road	Knox Avenue
Park Avenue	Jackson Avenue	Pine Grove Avenue
Pershing Drive	Alta Vista Avenue	Crystal Lake Drive
Post Oak Drive	River Bluff Drive	End
Post Oak Lane	End	End
Rapids Court	River Bluff Road	End
River Bluff Drive	Martintown Road	River Bluff Road
River Bluff Road	River Bluff Drive	End
Roan Drive	Courtney Drive	Wells Road
Robin Road	Bunting Drive	End
Rosemary Lane	Georgia Avenue	Caretta Street
San Salvador Drive	Alta Vista Avenue	End
Shadowmoor Court	River Bluff Road	End
Siskin Circle	Bunting Drive	End
Springknob Circle	Oak Creek Drive	End
Stave Court	Longstreet Crossing	End
Tanager Road	Robin Road	End
Towhee Avenue	Wren Road	Bunting Drive
Wateroak Court	River Bluff Road	End
West Avenue	Martintown Road	End
Whitewood Way	Oak Creek Drive	End
Woodlawn Avenue	Crestview Avenue	Amhurst Drive
Yardley Drive	Skyview Drive	Weston Street



STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Street to be Rebuilt	From	To
Lake Avenue	Woodlawn Avenue	Highview Avenue
Woodlawn Avenue	Crestview Drive	East Avenue
West Summit Avenue	West Avenue	Carolina Avenue
Arlington Heights Road	Georgia Avenue	Lake Avenue
Alta Vista Avenue	Pershing Drive	Crystal Lake Drive
Forrest Avenue	Georgia Avenue	East Avenue
Overlook Court	River Bluff Road	End
Longstreet Crossing	Adams Branch Road	Bridle Path Road
Buena Vista Avenue	Brookside Avenue	Atomic Road



SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Sidewalk to be Installed on:	From	To
Woodlawn Avenue	Carolina Avenue	Stanton Avenue
Woodlawn Avenue	Amhurst Drive	Riverview Drive
Buena Vista Avenue	Brookside Drive	Riverside Boulevard
Pisgah Road	Bolin Road	Five Notch Road
Riverview Park Drive	Hammond's Ferry Road	Woodlawn Avenue
Wells Road	Pisgah Road	Curtis Avenue
Knobcone Avenue	Pisgah Road	NA High school
Buena Vista Avenue	Lion's Field	Georgetown Drive
Bunting Drive	Lowe Street	End
Brookside Drive	Buena Vista Avenue	Spring Grove Avenue
Lake Avenue	Buena Vista Avenue	Highview Avenue
Spring Grove Avenue	West Avenue	Lake Avenue
Pine Grove Avenue	West Avenue	Lake Avenue
Highview Avenue	Lake Avenue	Martintown Road
Fairfield Avenue	Highview Avenue	Woodlawn Avenue
Alta Vista Avenue	Woodlawn Avenue	Mokateen Avenue
Mokateen Avenue	Alta Vista Avenue	Jackson Avenue
Alta Vista Avenue	Jackson Avenue	Buena Vista Avenue
Alta Vista Avenue	Buena Vista Avenue	The Greenway
Hammond Drive	Woodlawn Avenue	Martintown Road
Cypress Drive	Medie Avenue	The Greenway

DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE *Underway*

Last August work began on the long delayed construction of Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape Project, improvements to Georgia Avenue between the Greenway and Jackson Avenue. The delay in construction was due to changes in design required by the South Carolina Department of Transportation. After substantial revisions to the original plans SCDOT issued the permit for construction. Beam's Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc., of Beech Island was awarded the contract for the roadway improvements. CH2M Hill, Inc., a national engineering firm, was retained by the City to serve as Construction Manager for the project. CH2M Hill will be responsible for inspecting completed work, monitoring and maintaining the construction schedule, and ensuring that work conforms to the approved construction plans.

See Streetscape on page 4

NEW ON THE NET

New on the Net

The City's website, www.northaugusta.net, was recently expanded. Visitors to the site can now link directly from the home page to the City's Municipal Code and to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO). In addition to public hearing notices for rezoning and variance applications, application forms and informational checklists pertaining to zoning and development regulations are available for downloading. Minutes of the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are also available for review. Stay informed with www.northaugusta.net!



GREENEWAY BRIDGE

Receives National Award

The North Augusta Greenway Bridge was one of only seven trail projects in the country to receive an Achievement Award from the National Coalition for Recreational Trails this year. North Augusta was noted for outstanding use of Recreational Trails Program Funds.

The Recreational Trails Program returns a portion of federal taxes paid on fuel used in off-highway recreation vehicles to each of the fifty states for development and maintenance of recreational trails. The Coalition for Recreational Trails is a federation of national and regional trail-related organizations whose mission is to build public awareness and understanding of the Recreational Trails Program.

The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) encouraged the North Augusta Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services to apply for the award. The Greenway's 180-foot arch-truss pedestrian and bicycle bridge spanning West Martintown Road was funded in part with Recreational Trails Program Funds through SCPRT. Recreational Trails Program Funds provided \$200,000 of the \$262,500 cost of the bridge. The South Carolina Department of Transportation contributed \$50,000 through the Transportation Enhancement Program and the City provided the \$12,500 balance.



STREETSCAPE

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The installation of medians in the center of Georgia Avenue from the Greenway to Clifton Avenue was the first work completed. Asphalt was removed and replaced with curb, gutter and raised beds for landscaping. A portion of the roadway between Buena Vista and Pine Grove Avenues has been milled to remove layers of old asphalt pavement. After the new curb and gutter has been constructed new asphalt pavement will be installed in the roadway. Cold Creek Nurseries will install the new landscaping and irrigation in the medians and on each side of the street after Beam's completes each block.

The construction schedule calls for the contractor to work in one block at a time to minimize disruption. Additionally, access to all businesses will be maintained, one lane of traffic in each direction will remain open and at least half of the on-street parking will be available at all times.

The vacant lot on the corner of Bluff and Georgia Avenues, the old Downtown Motel property, will be used by the contractors to store construction materials and equipment until the Streetscape Project is complete. The former Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Clifton and Georgia Avenues is being used as an office for the contractors and the construction manager. At the completion of construction the old Chamber building will be removed and a small park overlooking the City's historic Waterworks Park area will be developed.



JACK O' LANTERN Jubilee



Make plans to join the City of North Augusta and KICKS 99 for the 2000 Jack O' Lantern Jubilee in Downtown North Augusta on Saturday, October 28. The annual Halloween event provides fun and food for all ages. Activities include rides, games and amusements for the children, a classic car show, a costume contest sponsored by Security Federal Bank and a haunted house. Live entertainment will be provided by Shiloh, the North Augusta First Baptist Church Senior High Choir, the Sunlight Group Singers and RUSH Band. Downtown merchants hold a sidewalk sale and artisans display and sell their crafts. The Jack O' Lantern Jubilee will be held this year from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 28 on Georgia Avenue in Downtown North Augusta. For more information call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services at 441-4300.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY Events

Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy a variety of fun-filled events this holiday season. Please call the contact number listed with each event to confirm dates and locations or request additional information.

November 27 Christmas Tree Lighting Monday, 6:00 p.m., John C. Calhoun Park. Call 441-4300 for more information.

December 3 Christmas Parade, Sunday, 3:00 p.m., Downtown North Augusta. Call 803-278-0082 for more information.

December 7 Carols in the Park, Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Creighton Living History Park. Call 441-4300 for more information.

LIONS MEMORIAL FIELD

Complete

The completion of extensive renovations to Lions Memorial Field was celebrated at a dedication ceremony on Monday, September 11. During the ceremony, the North Augusta Lions Club was recognized for their extensive contributions to North Augusta recreation and their long association with Lions Memorial Field. A plaque was placed near the entrance to the field in their honor. The North Augusta Optimist Club, Augusta Coca Cola, Frischkorn, Gator Construction Company and Aiken County Area II Schools were also recognized for their contributions toward the renovation project. The ceremony was followed



by the annual Youth Football Jamboree sponsored by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services.

Improvements to Lions Field include a new concessions pavilion, new restrooms, new grandstands with seating for 2000, a new scoreboard, paved and lighted parking, sidewalks, landscaping and a decorative perimeter wall.


For information about upcoming games, please contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services at 803-441-4300 or visit www.northaugusta.net.

REST FEST 2000

Rest Fest 2000



Hundreds enjoyed "un-laboring" at Rest Fest 2000, North Augusta's Annual Labor Day celebration. The event took place on Monday, September 4 at RiverView Park and featured rides, amusements and great food along with live entertainment by local country entertainers Shiloh and Cheyenne. Unfortunately, a special performance by Lyric Street recording artists Rascal Flatts and the annual fireworks extravaganza were canceled due to rain.

Rest Fest 2000 was sponsored by the City of North Augusta, Gold Mech Services, Kicks 99, Augusta Coca Cola Bottling Company, Augusta Concrete Block Company, Club Car and University Health Care System. Proceeds from the event benefited the North Augusta Youth Scholarship Fund. 



YOUTH BASKETBALL

2000-2001 Registration

Registration for fall Basketball for girls and boys ages 6 -18 begins October 21 and runs through November 5 at the Riverview Park Activities Center. Registrations will be accepted Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the registration period.

Registration fees for Basketball are:

- City Resident, Activities Center Member \$35
- City Resident, Non-Member..... \$40
- Nonresident, Activities Center Member..... \$50
- Nonresident, Non-Member..... \$55

The registration fee includes supplemental insurance and a jersey. Team pictures will also be provided free of charge, compliments of Digital Magic, for all participants present on picture day.

Participants must be between the ages of 6 and 18 as of March 1, 2001. Birth certificates are required for all first time participants in youth athletic programs sponsored by the North Augusta Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services.

EMPLOYEES

Recognized

The City's Employee Recognition Committee recognized Public Safety Officers as Employee of the Quarter in the first two quarters this year. Nineteen-year Public Safety veteran Lieutenant Tim Pearson received the first quarter award. Tim was nominated by Chief Lee Wetherington who stated, "Tim is typical of a model employee. He has served as a vital link in representing the Public Safety Department and the City to the news media". Tim was also instrumental in coordinating the direction of an unexpectedly heavy traffic flow for the holiday "Return to Bethlehem" Program at Grace United Methodist Church. While his initial involvement was to design traffic flow, he spent many hours of his own time working to direct traffic and assist volunteers at the church.



Public Safety Officer Mack Williams was recognized as Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2000. Mack was nominated by Captain Charles Williams. According to Williams, "Mack's unselfish nature and great attitude have made a positive impact on almost everyone he meets, whether on the job or as a valued community volunteer". For the past several years Mack has spearheaded elementary and middle school food drives for the needy and arranged Christmas dinners for many of North Augusta's senior citizens. Mack has also been an active participant in North Augusta's Relay for Life, a benefit for the American Cancer Society. Diagnosed with cancer in 1998, Mack continued working and was rarely absent prior to surgery and during radiation and chemotherapy treatments. In July, after more than 15 years on the force, Mack retired to spend more time with his family.



In recognition of their accomplishments, both employees received plaques and gift certificates to SMS Sportsworld and B.C. Davenport's. North Augusta's Employee Recognition Program was established in 1996 to honor employees who distinguish themselves through unique accomplishments, cost-saving efforts, customer service and consistent performance above normal expectations. A committee of City employees accepts nominations from City employees and citizens and selects an outstanding employee each quarter.

For more information or to nominate an employee, please call 441-4301.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Hired



The City of North Augusta recently welcomed Mark S. Tate, P.E., as Director of Public Utilities. Mark came to North Augusta from Louisville, Kentucky where he served as Project Manager for PDR Engineers, Inc. Prior to that, he served as Public Works Director for the cities of O'Fallon, Missouri; Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Oxford, Ohio; and the town of Blacksburg, Virginia.

Mark has a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Technological University and is currently working towards his Master's Degree in Engineering Administration. Joining Mark in North Augusta are his wife Kandace and sons Alex (7) and Ben (5). The Tate family is also looking forward to welcoming Drew, expected to arrive in December. 🇺🇸

BE 'FIRE SMART'

The Department of Public Safety urges everyone to be "Fire Smart" this fall. The following fire safety tips, along with common sense and good judgment, can help you avoid injury and property damage.

Outdoor Burning

- Before burning contact the Department of Public Safety for burning regulations and restrictions and apply for any permits that may be required.
- Always clear an 8 to 10 foot circle around the burning site, away from any nearby shrubs and overhanging tree branches.
- Always have a good water source or fire extinguisher handy to extinguish the fire quickly and completely.
- Never burn on windy days.
- Never leave a fire burning unattended.

Home Fire Safety

- Install and maintain smoke alarms near or inside bedrooms and on every floor or level of your home.
- Test all smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. A good way to remember to change the batteries is to change them when you re-set your clock for daylight savings time. New 10-year smoke detectors, which use lithium batteries and range in cost from \$5 to \$30, can be found at most hardware and discount stores.
- Practice different ways to get out of the house in case of a fire. Every member of the family should agree on a safe place to meet outside the house in the event of a fire.
- Do not smoke inside your home.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows the STOP, DROP, and ROLL procedure in case their clothes catch on fire.

See Fire Smart on page 7

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Seeks Accreditation

For the past two years the North Augusta Department of Public Safety has been evaluating and revising its policies, practices and procedures toward the goal of achieving the distinction of South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation.

The local law enforcement accreditation and certification process was initiated in South Carolina in 1997 to recognize that the highest standards of law enforcement are being met. The goal of the accreditation process is to help local law enforcement agencies strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities, formalize management procedures, establish fair and non-discriminatory personnel practices, improve service delivery, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination, and boost citizen and staff confidence in the agency.

FIRE SMART

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- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Always leave at least three (3) feet of space around a space heater and always unplug it when not in use.
- If you have a fireplace in your home, have your spark arrester checked and your chimney inspected for soot build-up before use each year.


Grilling

- Never use a grill or charcoal product indoors. Burning charcoal produces carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can cause death or permanent injury.
- Position grills at least ten (10) feet away from all structures.
- Never use a grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or under a cover or tree branch that may catch fire.
- Always have the grill lid open when lighting.
- Never move a grill that has been lit and is in use.
- After use, make sure that the hot coals from the grill are in a safe location and not allowed to come in contact with anything that will burn. Charcoal embers can smolder for several days.

Fireworks

- Common fireworks available to the public are explosives and must be handled with extreme care. Each year thousands of people suffer injuries or property damage as a result of improper care and handling of fireworks.
- Always clear away any flammable materials from the area before igniting any fireworks.
- Always have a fire extinguisher or good water source readily available to extinguish an unexpected fire.
- Never shoot fireworks from a metal or glass container.
- Always supervise children with fireworks.

The benefits of Law Enforcement Accreditation to the community are numerous. Benefits can include controlled liability insurance costs; fewer citizen complaints, improved defense against lawsuits, greater agency accountability, increased community confidence, and access to the latest expert law enforcement methods.


Four Law Enforcement Agencies in South Carolina have received Certificates of Accreditation after a two year evaluation process. Twenty-seven agencies, including the North Augusta Department of Public Safety, have applied. North Augusta expects to receive its Certificate of Accreditation in early 2001. 

POLICE VEHICLES

"Reflect" New Image

The Department of Public Safety patrol cars are sporting a new look. Recently the marking for patrol vehicles was redesigned to incorporate the City's new logo and, more importantly, meet South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Standards. One of the standards for accreditation requires that marked patrol vehicles be conspicuously marked for both day and night visibility on both sides and the rear of the vehicle. The 911 emergency number must also be present and prominently displayed for easy day and night visibility. The new, predominantly green marking includes the South Carolina State outline on each front fender. The words "South Carolina's Riverfront" are written within the state border. The word "Police" and the 911 emergency telephone number dominate the new marking and are applied in a highly reflective material.



Banamom Instant Signs created the new marking design with direction from the Department of Public Safety. The contract for striping the vehicles was awarded to Communigraphics. The cost to apply the new vehicle marking is less than the previous striping pattern. Seven new and previously unmarked vehicles have been striped with the new design. The new marking will be applied to all new vehicles as older patrol cars are replaced. 

HOLIDAY SANITATION

Schedule Changes

North Augusta provides once-a-week curbside collection of garbage, yard waste, trash and recyclables for all residential properties in the City. Normal collection days are Monday through Thursday with a specific day assigned to each neighborhood. The collection schedule is adjusted in weeks that contain a holiday. Holidays for the balance of the year and the adjusted collection days are:

Thanksgiving Holidays
Thursday, November 23 &
Friday, November 24

Thursday's collection will be picked up on Wednesday, November 22. All other collection days remain the same.

Christmas Holiday
Monday, December 25


All collections during the week of December 25 will be delayed one day.

New Year's Holiday
Monday, January 1

All collections during the week of January 1 will be delayed one day.

NORTH AUGUSTA

License Plates Available

Show your community pride! License Plates bearing the City logo are available for \$5.00 each. City license plates can be purchased at the Municipal Building Drive-Up Window, 400 East Buena Vista Avenue, Riverview Park Activities Center, 100 Riverview Park Drive and the Chamber of Commerce Offices, 302 Georgia Avenue. 

North Augusta Forward is mailed three times a year to every City water customer. If your address is incorrect or if you're not receiving a copy of this publication and would like to be added to the mailing list, please write to:
North Augusta Forward, P. O. Box 6400, North Augusta, SC 29861-6400 or call 803-441-4221.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY	911
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Non Emergency	279-2121
Administration	441-4251
Records/Court Services	441-4271
Investigations	441-4274
Codes Enforcement	441-4258
PARKS, RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES	
Riverview Park Activities Center	441-4300
Activities Coordinator	441-4311
Community Center	441-4290
GENERAL SERVICES & FINANCE	
Taxes	441-4215
Utility - New Service/Disconnects	441-4219
Utility Billing Services	441-4212
Business Licenses (Non-Contractor)	441-4214
Human Resources	441-4205
ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS	
After-Hours Emergencies	279-2121
Engineering	441-4223
Building Standards	441-4227
Permits	441-4227
Business Licenses (Contractors)	441-4227
Animal Control	441-4227
Sanitation Services	441-4223
Sanitation - New Service	441-4219
Streets & Drains Repairs	441-4227
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
After-Hours Emergencies	279-2121
Utility - New Service/Disconnects	441-4219
Utility Billing	441-4212
Water and Sewer Repairs	441-4240
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
Economic Development	441-4221
Planning	441-4221
Zoning	441-4221
ADMINISTRATION	
Mayor	441-4202
City Administrator	441-4202
OTHER FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS	
North Augusta Chamber of Commerce	279-2323
Nancy Carson Library	279-5767
North Augusta Health Center	278-0880
ComCast (cable)	706-733-7712
S. C. Electric & Gas	442-2000
BellSouth	780-2355
S. C. Department of Transportation	1-800-442-1368
Magistrate	202-3580



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Remember to Vote on November 7th

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