

CITY COUNCIL

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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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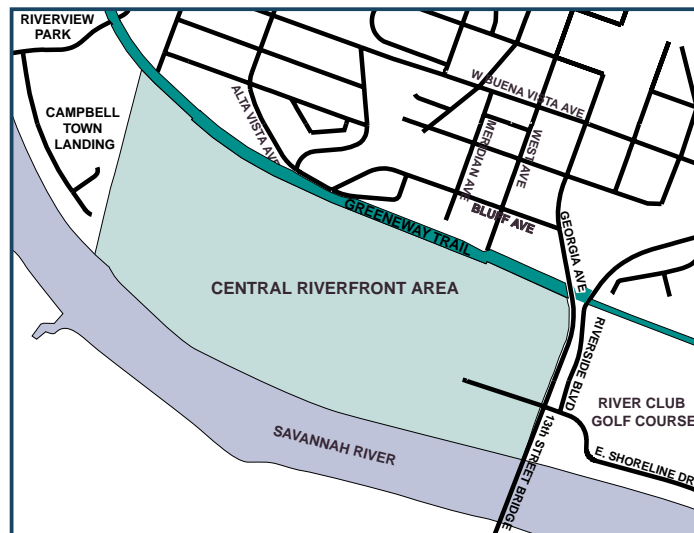
North Augusta

FORWARD

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RIVERFRONT

Reality



The North Augusta City Council has approved the purchase of a majority of property in the 196 acre Central Riverfront Redevelopment District. Detailed plans for the Riverfront District, originally approved in 1996 and updated in 2000, include the 1½ mile Greenway Extension, a riverfront park and amphitheater, a 150 room hotel and conference center, 575 residential units and approximately 300,000 square feet of commercial space including shops, restaurants and offices. The Central Riverfront Redevelopment District extends from the James U. Jackson Memorial (13th Street) Bridge approximately a mile upstream between the Greenway and the Savannah River. The City will develop the Greenway Extension, Riverfront Park and other public amenities providing public access to the Savannah River. A private developer will construct the commercial and residential elements of the plan.

In 1999 the City acquired several small parcels totaling approximately ten acres adjacent to the current Greenway alignment. In June the City bought a 2.5 acre parcel and approved the purchase of the 140 acre Churchill tract. In July an agreement was signed to acquire another 25 acres. The remaining 18.5 acres are comprised of several small parcels and negotiations are currently proceeding to purchase that land.

Funding for the land acquisition is provided by a variety of sources. A substantial portion of the City's investment will be recaptured through the sale of property not needed for the Greenway and other public improvements to a private developer. The City's Riverfront Redevelopment Fund, tax increment revenues, capital projects funds, hospitality and accommodations taxes, state and federal grants and the Aiken County Capital Projects Sales Tax will all be utilized to finance portions of the acquisition and development of the Central Riverfront.



CENSUS DATA RELEASED

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released the results of the 2000 Census. The table summarizes information provided by citizens completing the Census Bureau's questionnaire last April and compares the City of North Augusta, Aiken County and the Aiken-Augusta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The Aiken Augusta MSA consists of Columbia, McDuffie and Richmond Counties in Georgia and Aiken and Edgefield Counties in South Carolina.

Additional data for North Augusta is available on the City website, www.northaugusta.net. National census information may be obtained by visiting the U.S. Census Bureau website at www.census.gov.

2000 CENSUS SUMMARY

	City of North Augusta	Aiken County	Aiken-Augusta MSA
Total Population			
Total Population	17,574	142,552	477,441
Percent Change since 1990	14.5%	17.8%	20.3%
Population by Sex			
Female	53.0%	48.2%	51.46%
Male	47.0%	51.8%	48.54%
Population by Race			
Black	18.8%	25.6%	34.35%
White	77.7%	71.4%	61.46%
Other	3.5%	3.0%	4.19%
Household Information			
Total Households	7,330	55,587	176,867
Average Household Size	2.35	2.53	2.59
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	65.4%	75.6%	69.42%


ADULT TRAFFIC SAFETY School Announced

The North Augusta Department of Public Safety has a history of commitment to traffic safety and has implemented several innovative traffic safety programs over the years. In the mid 1970's the Department initiated a traffic school for student first offenders of minor traffic violations. Young drivers charged with minor offenses can receive a not guilty verdict in municipal court after successfully completing the Department's traffic safety class. Additionally, no points are assessed against the driver's license and insurance rates are not usually affected. Since its inception the program has resulted in a repeat offender rate of only 13%.

Based on the success of the student program, the Department is expanding its traffic school to offer a similar program for adult first offenders. Like the student program, the adult program is designed to prevent further citations by educating first offenders on the importance of operating a motor vehicle in compliance with traffic laws. Eligible participants are individuals charged with a minor traffic offense in the City of North Augusta. Drivers charged with serious offenses including driving under the influence, driving under suspension, reckless driving, speeding more than 25 mph over the posted limit, operating an uninsured vehicle or leaving the scene of a traffic accident are not eligible for the program.


Drivers charged with a minor offense must apply for acceptance in the program. Selection is based on several standard criteria:

- The offender has received no other traffic citation from the North Augusta Department of Public Safety in the previous four years.
- The program application must be submitted and approved prior to the scheduled court date.
- The enrollment fee must be paid prior to the scheduled court date.

Enrollment fees have not yet been established. Applications will be available in the Public Safety Records Department on the lower level of the Public Safety Building in early August. Drivers who fail to attend class on the scheduled date will lose the enrollment fee and the original citation will be placed back on the court docket for trial. The Department plans to offer the Adult Traffic Safety Education Program monthly at Public Safety Station 2. Class size will be limited to 40 drivers. 

A DAY To Remember

The North Augusta Olde Towne Preservation Association will host *A Day to Remember* on Saturday October 13 and Sunday October 14 in Creighton Living History Park. *A Day to Remember* is a celebration of the colonial period in South Carolina history and features demonstrations of everyday life industries including blacksmithing, silversmithing, potting, baking, meat smoking and curing, woodworking, alchemy

and more. Creighton Living History Park is located on Lake Avenue in Downtown North Augusta. Activities are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. For a detailed schedule of activities, please visit the *What's New* page on the City's website at www.northaugusta.net. Information is also available by calling 803-279-7560 or 803-279-2323. 

DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE

Nearing Completion


The Georgia Avenue phase of the Downtown Streetscape project, started last July, is in the final stages of construction. Improvements include a new roadway surface, landscaped medians, street trees, decorative streetlights, new traffic signals, textured crosswalks, and new sidewalks with brick pavers. The new fixtures, landscaping and the elimination of overhead wiring have given the Downtown an entirely new image.


As a result of the Street-scape construction, several Downtown merchants have also made improvements to their businesses. North Augusta Tire & Auto recently completed a façade renovation and parking lot resurfacing. The Pink Dipper also resurfaced its parking lot. A new business, Carolina Home and Gifts, recently opened at 433 Georgia Avenue in an historic home after significant building and landscaping improvements.


The next phase of the Downtown Streetscape project is




currently in the planning stage. This project will involve the renovation of West Avenue from Jackson Avenue to Clifton Avenue, including Spring Grove, Pine Grove and Buena Vista Avenues between Georgia and West Avenues. Many of the design elements used on Georgia Avenue will be in the plan for West Avenue. The major improvements on West Avenue will be the delineation of on-street parking, reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways, crosswalks, street trees and decorative street lights.

A ceremony celebrating the completion of the Georgia Avenue Streetscape Project is scheduled for Friday, October 26th, the evening before the Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee. The specifics of the ceremony are still being planned. Detailed information on the ceremony will be posted on the City's website, www.northaugusta.net, as soon as it is available. 

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CITY RECEIVES

Greenway Grant


The Office of South Carolina Governor Hodges recently announced a \$25,000 Recreation Land Trust Fund grant to the City of North Augusta. The \$25,000 will be combined with funds from a variety of other sources to acquire land and develop the planned 1½ mile extension of the North Augusta Greenway along the Savannah River. Funds from the Recreation Land Trust, administered by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT), require a 50 percent match and may only be used to purchase land for public recreation.

Last year the City received a \$100,000 Recreation Trails Program grant from SCPRT that is also being used for the Greenway riverfront extension. 

ARTS COME ALIVE

Downtown

Travelers on Georgia Avenue will soon notice another improvement in Downtown North Augusta. In addition to the new sidewalks, streetlights, pavement treatments and landscaping, custom banners decorated by local artists will be hung from the light poles. The art banners will hang from early August through late October and will then alternate with various holiday banners throughout the year.

An art banner Preview Party is scheduled for Thursday, August 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the North Augusta Community Center, 495 Brookside Drive. All are welcome to attend! The art banner project is sponsored by the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council and the City of North Augusta Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services. 

EMPLOYEES *Recognized*

The City of North Augusta Employee Recognition Committee recently recognized two outstanding City employees. Randy Bradberry, Program Coordinator with the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services, was selected Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2001. Randy has been employed by the City of North Augusta for five years. He is always friendly, positive and diligent in his work to provide great athletic programs for young North Augustans. He has been instrumental in the recruitment of quality coaches and sponsorships for youth athletic teams.



Ginger Johnson, Secretary with the Department of Public Utilities, was selected as Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2001. Ginger has been employed by the City for seven years. Ginger's unlimited patience and cheerful demeanor are always appreciated by her co-workers and by citizens requesting assistance in a variety of areas. It is Ginger's understanding voice that callers most often hear when they call to ask (or sometimes complain) about utility services, sanitation schedules, stray dogs and many other issues.



In recognition of their efforts, both employees received a plaque and gift certificates to SMS Sportsworld and BC 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL *Traffic Safety*

Another school year will be starting soon and children will again be riding school buses every school day. Last year in the U.S., approximately 9,000 students were injured in incidents involving school buses. Twenty-six students were killed. To prepare for the start of another safe and productive school year, it is important for both children and adults to learn and remember several safety tips.

Drivers

- **Do not speed.** The speed limit in all school zones is 25 mph. Exceeding the speed limit dramatically increases the chance for an accident involving a child.
- **Stay alert.** When driving in and near school zones be alert for children walking or bicycling to school or waiting at bus stops.
- **Stop for school buses loading and unloading children.** When a school bus stops with its red flashing lights on, drivers on both sides of the road must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing and the bus begins moving before driving again.

Students

- **Stand back until the bus stops.** When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (about six feet) back from the curb and wait until the bus stops completely before stepping onto the bus.
- **Cross in front of the bus.** If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road past the front of the bus at least five giant steps (about ten feet) before you cross. Be sure you can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see you.
- **Look both ways.** Always look left, right and left again before you cross the street.
- **Check before you step.** When getting off the bus, look back before you step off the bottom step to be sure that your backpack, book straps, jacket or other clothes are not caught in the handrails or bus door.
- **Walk away from the bus.** After you get off the bus walk at least five giant steps (about ten feet) away from the side of the bus and the street before turning to walk into school or toward home. Never walk behind the bus.
- **Tell the bus driver.** If you drop something near the bus or have any other problems, tell the bus driver. Never bend down near or under the bus where the bus driver may not be able to see you. ♡



NORTH AUGUSTA
Recycles

2001 RECREATION PROGRAM

2001 FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

August 1 - 19

- Youth Football - Ages 7-12 (Birthday cut-off September 1)
- Youth Cheerleading - Ages 7-12 (Birthday cut-off September 1)
- Fall Youth Soccer - Ages 4-13 (Birthday cut-off September 1)

October 20 - November 11

- Youth Basketball - Ages 6-18 (Birthday cut-off March 1)

Athletic Program Registration Fees	Soccer, Softball Football & Basketball	Cheerleading
City Resident, Activities Center Member	\$ 35	\$ 50
City Resident, Non-Member	\$ 40	\$ 55
Nonresident, Activities Center Member	\$ 50	\$ 75
Nonresident, Non-Member	\$ 55	\$ 80
Out of State	\$105	\$105

The registration fee for football includes team jersey, use of helmets and shoulder pads and supplemental insurance. The registration fee for soccer includes team jersey, socks and supplemental insurance. The registration fee for cheerleading includes the uniform, pom poms and supplemental insurance. The registration fee for basketball includes a team jersey and supplemental insurance.

Team pictures will be provided free of charge compliments of Digital Magic for all participants present on picture day.

For your convenience, registration forms can be downloaded from the Forms Library on the City's website at www.northaugusta.net. Registrations will be accepted at the Riverview Park Activities Center Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the registration periods. A \$10 late fee will be added to registrations submitted after the deadline posted.

Volunteer Coaches and Team Sponsors are needed for all sports. For more information on sponsorship, registration or coaching contact the Department of Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services at 441-4311.

Birth certificates are required for all new athletic program participants at the time of registration.

FREE CHEERLEADING CLINIC

A free Cheerleading Clinic for ages five and older will be held on Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Riverview Park Activities Center. For more information or to sign up call Pat Carpenter at 279-3613.

REST FEST '01




This year's Labor Day celebration, Rest Fest '01, will take place on Monday, September 3, at Riverview Park. The festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. and will feature rides, amusements, great food and live entertainment. Local band Shiloh will perform along with Capital recording artist Cindi Thomson. The evening will end with a brilliant fireworks show.

JACK O' LANTERN JUBILEE



The 17th Annual Jack O' Lantern Jubilee will be held in Downtown North Augusta on Saturday, October 27, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The annual Halloween event provides fun and food for all ages. Activities include arts and crafts sales, rides, games and amusements for the children, a classic car show and a costume contest. Live entertainment will be provided by Shiloh. For more information call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services at 441-4300.

RestFest and Jack O' Lantern Jubilee are sponsored by the City of North Augusta, KICKS 99, Regions Bank, Maintenance Supply Company, Papa John's Pizza and Southern Industries. For more information contact the Department of Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services at 441-4300. 

HOLIDAY Sanitation Schedule

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:

Labor Day

Monday, September 3

All collections during the week of September 3 will be delayed one day.

Thanksgiving Holidays

**Thursday, November 22 &
Friday, November 23**

Thursday's collection will be picked up on Wednesday, November 21. All other collection days remain the same.

Christmas Holidays

**Monday, December 24 &
Tuesday, December 25**

Monday & Tuesday's collection will be picked up on Wednesday. Wednesday's collection will be picked up on Thursday. Thursday's collection will be picked up on Friday.

New Year's Holiday

Tuesday, January 1

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday collections during the week of December 31 will be delayed one day.

The Holiday Sanitation Schedule and a list of Residential Sanitation Procedures are available on the City's website at www.northaugusta.net.

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.



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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	441-4223

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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