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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.



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# North Augusta

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## NORTH AUGUSTA RIVERFRONT *Develops*




*Named on the original plan for the City of North Augusta, Front Street will provide public access to the Riverfront extension of the Greenway. Front Street will also provide access to a mix of single and multi-family homes, live-work units and commercial buildings.*

On November 18, 2002, the North Augusta City Council approved the detailed General Development Plan for the 200-acre North Augusta Riverfront project. The plan was originally crafted by the citizens of North Augusta in cooperation with the developer and its town planners last January. The developer, the North Augusta Riverfront Company LLC, is a development partnership between Civitas of Charleston and Leyland Development of New York. The detailed General Development Plan was prepared in accordance with the City's development standards and procedures. The Planning Commission considered the General Development Plan in July and gave it a final approval in October.

The public/private partnership for the North Augusta Riverfront between the City and the North Augusta Riverfront Company will now move forward to the final agreement stage. The schedule provides for the final development agreement to be executed in January. In March the first forty acres of riverfront land will be transferred to the North Augusta Riverfront Company and construction of the roads and utilities (water, sewer, drainage, etc.) will begin. The first phase of single family lots will be developed during the summer and new home construction will begin in early fall. The first residents of the North Augusta Riverfront should be able to move into their new homes by Christmas 2003. The Riverfront Extension of the Greenway will also be started during the summer. Construction of the commercial area and the riverfront park will be included in the second phase and will begin in early 2004.

Questions regarding the North Augusta Riverfront can be submitted to the North Augusta Department of Economic and Community Development at 803-441-4225 or to the North Augusta Riverfront Company at 843-534-0064. 


# NORTH AUGUSTA *Sales Tax Projects*

On November 7, 2000, the voters of Aiken County approved a one-cent Capital Projects Sales Tax. The special seven-year tax, which went into effect May 1, 2001, will generate more than \$54 million to support a variety of projects including road and drainage improvements and recreation facility development in Aiken County, North Augusta, Aiken and the smaller communities in the County. North Augusta has started implementing projects with sales tax proceeds and has completed several. 

## COMPLETED SALES TAX *Projects*



### Walnut Lane Neighborhood Park


The first sales tax project to be completed is Walnut Lane Neighborhood Park. Completed last year, the park provides a ½-mile asphalt-paved walking and jogging trail, a playground area and a picnic shelter with two picnic tables. This year the trail was extended and includes a combination of asphalt-paved trail, concrete sidewalks, and a boardwalk to provide a pedestrian and bicycle link from the park to Walnut Lane. The next improvement project related to Walnut Lane Park will be a paved path on Walnut Lane to provide pedestrian and bicycle access to the park from all area neighborhoods. Walnut Lane Park has been funded to date with \$80,000 from the Capital Projects Sales Tax and \$179,000 from the City's Capital Projects Fund. 

### Summerfield Park

Substantial improvements to Summerfield Park were also recently completed. Located at the site of the former Summerfield Elementary School on Old Edgefield Road, the park now includes a picnic shelter with restrooms, a new asphalt-paved double basketball court, multi-sport practice fields, additional parking, sidewalks, parking lot lighting, and extensive landscaping. A sidewalk was also constructed through the park to provide pedestrian access to the future Shoppes at North Augusta shopping center currently under construction on Knox Avenue. Improvements to the park total \$207,500, \$130,000 funded by the Capital Project Sales Tax with the balance from the City's Capital Projects fund.



### Road Improvements

Two road-resurfacing projects were also completed in this year with sales tax proceeds. Longstreet Crossing in Bergen Place and Overlook Court in the Rapids were experiencing structural deterioration and were repaired and resurfaced in October. 

### Sales Tax Funded Projects Scheduled through 2005

Project	Budget	Completion
Walnut Lane Park	\$ 80,000	2002
Summerfield Park	\$ 130,000	2002
Street Reconstruction Program – City Streets	\$ 240,000	2002
Recycling Center Expansion	\$ 150,000	2003
Downtown Streetscape - Phase 2	\$ 600,000	2003
Greenway Extension and Riverfront Park	\$1,500,000	2004
Riverview Park Improvements	\$ 760,000	2005

Project	Budget	Completion
Street Resurfacing Program	\$ 850,000	2005
Street Reconstruction Program – State Streets	\$ 960,000	2005
East Buena Vista Avenue Reconstruction	\$ 400,000	2005
East Buena Vista Avenue Drainage Improvements	\$1,100,000	2005
Sidewalk Construction Program	\$ 753,000	2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,523,000</b>	



# FUTURE SALES TAX *Projects*

## **Recycling Center Expansion**

The expansion to the City's recycling center will include a new conveyor system to enable more efficient processing of recyclable material and increase the capacity of the facility.

## **Downtown Streetscape, Phase 2**

This project includes the reconstruction of West Avenue between Jackson and Clifton Avenues and Jackson, Spring Grove, Pine Grove, and Buena Vista Avenues between West and Georgia Avenues. Design elements will include stamped crosswalks, removal of overhead cables, street trees and other landscaping amenities and decorative streetlights. The design will also narrow the roadway to provide new, wider sidewalks and a wider landscape strip between the sidewalk and the road. On-street parking will remain on both sides of the street. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2003 and is expected to take approximately ten months to complete.

## **Street Resurfacing Program**

Approximately 17 miles of City and State owned streets will be resurfaced throughout North Augusta in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

## **State Street Reconstruction Program**

Several SCDOT owned streets in North Augusta do not meet current safety standards. These substandard streets are characterized by lack of curb and gutter and open drainage ditches and require intensive maintenance efforts. The open ditches are a hazard to motorists and uncontrolled storm water often results in private

property damage. Approximately 2 mile of roads will be reconstructed in 2004 and 2005 to correct the unsafe conditions.

## **East Buena Vista Avenue Reconstruction**


East Buena Vista Avenue between Brookside Drive and Atomic Road will be widened to provide two full lanes with turn lanes at intersections. Curb and gutter will be installed and landscaping will be added. Work will occur during 2004 and 2005.

## **East Buena Vista Avenue Drainage System Improvements**

Improvements to eliminate the recurrent flooding of Buena Vista Avenue from Mealing Avenue to the Municipal Building will be constructed in conjunction with the East Buena Avenue street reconstruction work in 2004 and 2005. The project will also include improvements to the creek that parallels Riverside Boulevard from Buena Vista Avenue to the River Club golf course. The creek improvements will reduce erosion and improve water quality, reduce sediment, and improve the appearance of the creek through Waterworks Park.

## **Sidewalk Construction Program**

Sidewalk reconstruction will occur in 2004 and 2005 in selected locations throughout the City to improve pedestrian access and safety. Approximately 7.5 miles of sidewalks will be constructed adjacent to schools, parks and other public facilities and beside "collector" roads to link existing sidewalks and provide new pedestrian connections where needed.

A detailed list of streets and sidewalks to be resurfaced, constructed or reconstructed may be found on the City's website at [www.northaugusta.net](http://www.northaugusta.net) or by calling 803-441-4220. 

# PARKS & RECREATION *Master Plan*

The North Augusta City Council recently retained the Charlotte, North Carolina planning and engineering firm, Woolpert, LLP, to complete a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City. The parks and recreation planning process will begin with an evaluation of current programs and an estimate of future demand for recreation activities. Working with the community the planners will then identify opportunities and recommend priorities for North Augusta's parks and recreation facilities and programs for the next ten years.

The City's demand for additional recreation facilities and programs has increased in recent years. For example, in 1990, there were 4,274 participants in youth sporting activities. In 2001, the number had increased by more than 80% to 7,749. Scheduling available facilities and playing fields has become increasingly difficult. Additionally, the City's premier recreation facility, Riverview Park, is starting to age. Soon many of the park facilities including lighting, irrigation, ball field towers and others will need to be renovated.

In developing the Plan, Woolpert will review demographic trends, analyze existing parks and recreation facilities and conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment. The final report will include a recommended action plan, budget and schedule for implementation.

Citizen involvement and input is an important component of the Plan. In early 2003 Woolpert will conduct a community-wide survey, several focus group meetings and a community meeting to solicit public input and ensure that the Plan reflects the priorities of North Augusta citizens.

The Final Plan will be completed in April 2003 and a presentation will be made to the City Council and the community in May 2003. 





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**NORTH AUGUSTA**  
*Recycles*

### 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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