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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

A Publication for the Citizens of North Augusta, South Carolina

## CONSTRUCTION ON THE *Greenway*



*A one mile section of the Greenway Trail will be closed through midsummer.*

A one mile section of the North Augusta Greenway, from the Greenway tunnel at Riverside Boulevard to its intersection with Hammond's Ferry Road, has been closed to allow for the relocation of an existing 24" water line located under the Greenway and for the construction of Crystal Lake Drive into the Hammond's Ferry riverfront development.

In addition to the roadway construction, the project will include the installation of a Greenway pedestrian bridge over the Crystal Lake Drive extension. The bridge will be a smaller version of the Greenway

Bridge installed in 1999 over Martintown Road.


Construction of the Crystal Lake Drive extension into Hammond's Ferry and the new Greenway Bridge over Crystal Lake Drive is expected to be complete by August.

The project marks the first phase of construction for the long planned Hammond's Ferry traditional neighborhood development and is being funded by the North Augusta Riverfront Company, the developers of Hammond's Ferry.

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# CONSTRUCTION ON THE GREENEWAY continued

## GREENEWAY EXTENSION NEARING COMPLETION


The construction of the Riverfront Greenway extension is nearing completion and should be open to Greenway users in mid-June. As reported in previous issues of *North Augusta Forward*, the 1.5 mile Riverfront Greenway extension begins near Crystal Lake Drive and extends along the riverfront and to the Greenway tunnel at Riverside Boulevard. When the riverfront extension is complete, the currently closed main section of the Greenway will be reopened from Hammond's Ferry road to the new extension. Greenway users will have a riverfront detour route around the Crystal Lake Drive construction and the opportunity to enjoy a great new section of the Greenway Trail. 



*Construction is nearing completion on the Riverfront Greenway extension. Users will enjoy close proximity to the Savannah River, seen here to the right of the trail.*

## CITIZEN SURVEY TO FINALIZE *Comprehensive Plan*


The last issue of *North Augusta Forward* included an article on the Comprehensive Plan being developed by the Planning Commission. The Commission's draft of the next ten year plan is available for review in the offices of the Department of Economic and Community Development on the second floor of the Municipal Building, 400 East Buena Vista Avenue and on the city's website at [www.northaugusta.net](http://www.northaugusta.net). Citizen comments are welcome.

Prior to finalizing the draft and forwarding it to the City Council for adoption, the Planning Commission decided to provide an additional opportunity for citizen input. To verify that the policies recommended in the plan reflect the desires of North Augusta citizens the Commission will complete a survey of North Augusta residents. To insure that a valid cross section of the community participates, a random sample of North Augusta residents will be selected using the city's geographic information system (GIS) database. Each household selected to participate will be notified in May that it will receive the survey. Each participant in the survey will also be reminded if the completed survey is not returned on schedule. The survey should be completed in June and the results tabulated shortly thereafter. The Planning Commission will then compare the results with the draft of the plan and make any corrections or adjustments in the policy recommendations accordingly. After the survey and plan validation process is complete the Planning Commission will forward the final plan and recommendation to the City Council. 

## PALMETTO PARKWAY *Progresses*

In continuing support of Interstate 520 the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB) recently granted an additional \$95 million to Aiken County to construct the final segment of the Palmetto Parkway. The SCTIB action was in recognition of the significant work over the last two years by the City of North Augusta, Aiken County, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the Aiken County Legislative Delegation and the South Carolina Congressional Delegation to generate an additional \$14 million in local and federal funding for the project.

The final five mile section from US 1/Aiken-Augusta Highway to Interstate 20 will complete the 21 mile Interstate 520 loop around the Aiken-Augusta Metropolitan Area. I-520 will connect with I-20 at a new Exit 6 interchange, a mile east of the existing Exit 5 (Highway 25/Edgefield Road). New I-520 interchanges will also be located at Belvedere-Clearwater Road and on the Blanchard property south of Ascauga Lake Road and east of US 25. Construction on the final segment will begin in early 2006 and should be complete in late 2008 or early 2009.

In addition to improving traffic circulation within and around the metropolitan area the completed Palmetto Parkway will help to substantially decrease heavy truck traffic through North Augusta on Martintown Road, Knox Avenue and Edgefield Road. 

# CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF *Excellence*

April 11, 2006, will mark the 100 year anniversary of the incorporation of the City of North Augusta. In March a public meeting was held to solicit citizen input and support for the upcoming Centennial celebration.

The meeting was well attended and generated numerous suggestions for activities and events to commemorate this once in a lifetime anniversary.

Suggestions for the year-long celebration included tours, concerts and parades as well as a street dance, a picnic, a birth-

day party and cake walk, a golf tournament, a time capsule, displays of historic artifacts and much more.

The Centennial Steering Committee is currently reviewing the ideas generated and hopes to have its plan for the year-long festivities in place by August 2005.

Those interested in volunteering, sponsoring or assisting in any capacity are encouraged to call 441-4224. Centennial celebration plans will be posted on the city website, [www.northaugusta.net](http://www.northaugusta.net), as soon as they are available. 🇺🇸

## CENTENNIAL LOGO AND SEAL *Unveiled*



Attendees at the Centennial celebration public meeting witnessed the unveiling of the new Centennial logo and Centennial seal, show here. Both images contain the city's logo icon with the stylized South Carolina state outline surrounding rays that emanate from the North Augusta area. The centennial logo and seal also incorporate the palmetto and moon symbols that make up the South Carolina state logo. The logo and seal will be imprinted on stationery, banners and other mementos designed for the Centennial celebration. 🇺🇸

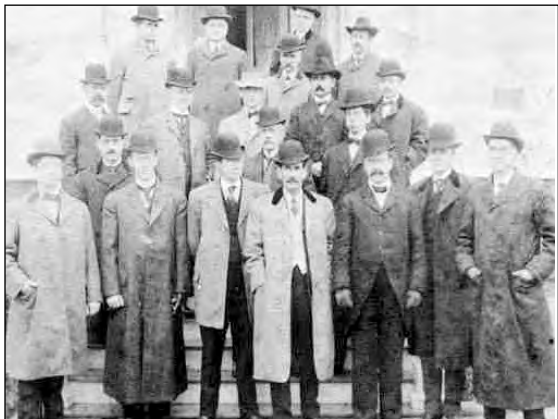


Photo Credit: "History of North Augusta, South Carolina", 1980.

**James U. Jackson, the founder of North Augusta (front row, center), and officers of the North Augusta Land Company.**



Photo Credit: Courtesy Tom W. Greene

**Corner of East Spring Grove and Georgia Avenues, circa 1951.**

**The Centennial Committee is seeking old photographs and memorabilia of North Augusta for use in the Centennial celebration. Submitted items will be scanned and returned. For more information or to submit an item or photograph please call 803-441-4224.**

# SAFE AND SECURE IN THE *Parking Lot*

New shopping areas and the popularity of the city's recreational facilities are resulting in an increase in the size, number and use of parking lots in North Augusta. Most people don't give much thought to the safety of a car after it's parked, especially in broad daylight and where there are others nearby. Unfortunately, day or night, parked cars and full parking lots often attract opportunistic criminals in search of property to steal or vandalize.

By taking some common-sense security steps, individuals can greatly increase safety in a parking lot and reduce the risk of theft and property damage.

Here are some helpful tips that may reduce the risk of parking lot vehicle theft:

- Lock your vehicle at all times.
- Make sure windows are rolled all the way up.
- Park in highly visible, well-lit areas.
- Mark stereo and other electronic equipment with personal identification markings.
- Remove valuable items from the vehicle if possible or keep them out of view, preferably in the trunk.
- Don't keep vital or personal information in the vehicle.
- Avoid parking close to large vehicles or structures that could shield the vehicle from view.
- Don't store an "extra key" under the car fender or wheel base.
- Use an anti-theft device such as a steering wheel lock or an alarm.

It's also important to keep the following parking lot safety tips in mind:

- Always lock vehicle doors when driving and when parked.
- Limit the amount of time spent sitting or idling in the car.
- When returning to a parked car, always have your keys in hand and be ready to unlock the door. Be careful when using keyless entry systems or systems that unlock all doors simultaneously.
- Remember where the vehicle is parked. Don't spend unnecessary time looking for the vehicle.
- Be observant and aware of other people in the lot. Look around and listen.
- Report any suspicious persons loitering in parking areas.
- Don't try to carry a lot of packages at once.
- Carry purses and packages close to your body, preferably in front.
- Don't place purses or packages on the roof of the vehicle.
- If possible, walk with friends or in groups.
- Check the vehicle before getting in. Look under it, around it, in the back seat and on the floor.
- Keep vehicles in good running order to minimize the chances of being stranded.
- If approached in a parking lot by a suspicious person, scream and run in the opposite direction, toward a lighted store or where crowds of people can offer help.
- If already in the vehicle, lock the doors, honk the horn and leave the area if possible. Then call Public Safety. Do not drive home.
- Keep a police whistle on a key chain. Don't be embarrassed. Scream, yell or blow the whistle.

Be smart, be prepared, and be safe. 

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY 911

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Non Emergency	279-2121
Administration	441-4251
Records/Court Services	441-4271
Investigations	441-4274

## 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
Stormwater Management	441-4295

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

After-Hours Emergencies	279-2121
Utility - New Service/Disconnects	441-4219
Utility Billing	441-4212
Water and Sewer Repairs	441-4240
Streets and Drains Repairs	441-4240

## ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development	441-4221
Planning	441-4221
Zoning	441-4221
Code Compliance	441-4258

## 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	278-3621
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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