



# North Augusta FORWARD

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## CELEBRATING 100

The city's year-long centennial celebration kicked off in January with *A Night to Remember...North Augusta*. The event was a huge success with an overflow crowd. Items on display included old photographs, pottery, antique clothing, school yearbooks and much more. The celebration continued in February with *Trivia Night*, a fun and fact filled competition with teams and audience members demonstrating their knowledge of North Augusta's people, places and events through the decades.

A visual presentation of North Augusta's history takes place in March with the unveiling of a new series of street banners painted by local artists. The *Art Banner Unveiling* will be Thursday, March 23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the North Augusta Community Center. The public is invited to meet the artists and preview the banners. Those missing the event will be able to view the banners on downtown streetlight poles in April and throughout 2006.

North Augusta was officially incorporated on April 11, 1906 and numerous events are planned for the month of April.

On April 11, 2006, a *Historic Marker and Time Capsule Dedication* will take place at noon in John C. Calhoun Park. At 6:30 p.m. North Augusta school students present "*Signs of the Times*" – *A Salute to 100 Years of Music and Memories*. *Signs of the Times* will take place at Victory Baptist Church. A nominal admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children will be collected to help cover costs.

A formal *Centennial Ball* will be held on Friday, April 21 beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Saturday, April 22, will feature a full day of centennial activities including *Historic Tours* from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., an old fashioned *Picnic* at Edenfield Park, next to the Community Center, from 12:00-2:00 p.m., a grand *Parade* down Georgia Avenue from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and a huge downtown *Street Party* starting at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a variety of musical entertainment, including beach and party music by Riptide, plenty of great food and a brilliant fireworks show.

April's events will wrap up with a *Hymn Festival*, "*We Sing the Years 'Round*," with many local church choirs performing at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of North Augusta.

Entries in the *Photography Contest*, "*North Augusta at 100*," are due May 1, with an exhibit scheduled for August and more events planned for the fall and winter months.

Photos from past events and complete centennial event details can be found online at [www.northaugusta100.com](http://www.northaugusta100.com) or by calling 803-441-4224. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Many centennial souvenirs are now available! These items make great gifts and keepsakes and may be purchased at the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, the Riverview Park Activities Center and at many centennial events. Don't wait! Many items are limited editions and won't be available long!

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPROVED

The North Augusta 2005 Comprehensive Plan was formally adopted by the City Council on December 19, 2005. The Comprehensive Plan identifies current trends, problems and opportunities, and details specific goals and policies for the city's future growth.

The plan was developed by the Planning Commission and the staff of the Department of Economic and Community Development over a two year period using census data, input from focus groups and a survey of North Augusta residents. The plan also incorporates a number of land development and growth policies proposed by the City Council and Planning Commission in recent years. Chapters in the 2005 plan include Population, Housing, Economic Development, Community Facilities and Services, Cultural Resources, Natural Resources, Transportation, Land Use and Implementation.

South Carolina law requires cities and counties to maintain a comprehensive plan to guide the growth of the community. Plans must be reviewed at least every five years and updated every ten years. The plan must include an inventory and assessment of current conditions, conclusions, goals, objectives and implementation strategies for long range improvement projects.

The 2005 North Augusta Comprehensive Plan is available free of charge on North Augusta's website at [www.northaugusta.net](http://www.northaugusta.net). It may be purchased for \$10 in CD format or \$50 in paper format in the offices of the Department of Economic and Community Development on the second floor of the municipal building. For more information, call 803-441-4221.

## Hammond's Ferry SOCCER COMPLEX

Construction of the Hammond's Ferry Soccer Complex is near completion. The new soccer complex, located across Hammond's Ferry Road from the water treatment plant, includes one regulation size and two junior soccer fields, a covered picnic pavilion, restrooms and parking. As part of the project, Hammond's Ferry Road was widened to include a center turning lane, medians, curb, gutter and sidewalks.



*Hammond's Ferry Soccer Complex is in the final stages of construction.*

The \$1.5 million project was funded through the Aiken County Capital Projects One-Cent Sales Tax and a grant from the National Parks Service Land and Water Conservation fund through the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

The facility will officially open and the first games will be played in the fall of 2006.

## West Avenue STREETSCAPE SCHEDULED

Phase 2 of the Downtown Area Streetscape program is scheduled to begin this spring. Phase 1, the improvements to Georgia Avenue, was completed in the fall of 2001. Phase 2 will include West Avenue from Jackson Avenue to Clifton Avenue and Jackson, Spring Grove, Pine Grove, Buena Vista and Clifton Avenues from West Avenue to Georgia Avenue.

Planned improvements include brick crosswalks, street trees and decorative streetlights. Overhead utility lines will be removed. The design will also narrow the roadways to calm traffic and provide wider sidewalks and a wider landscape strip between the sidewalk and the curb. On-street parking will remain on both sides of the street. Construction is expected to be complete in late 2006 or early 2007.

The \$1.8 million project is being funded in part by the Aiken County Capital Projects One-Cent Sales Tax. Other funding is being provided through the city's Capital Projects Fund, SCE&G and by the South Carolina Department of Transportation through the Transportation Enhancement program.

For more information, call 803-441-4220.

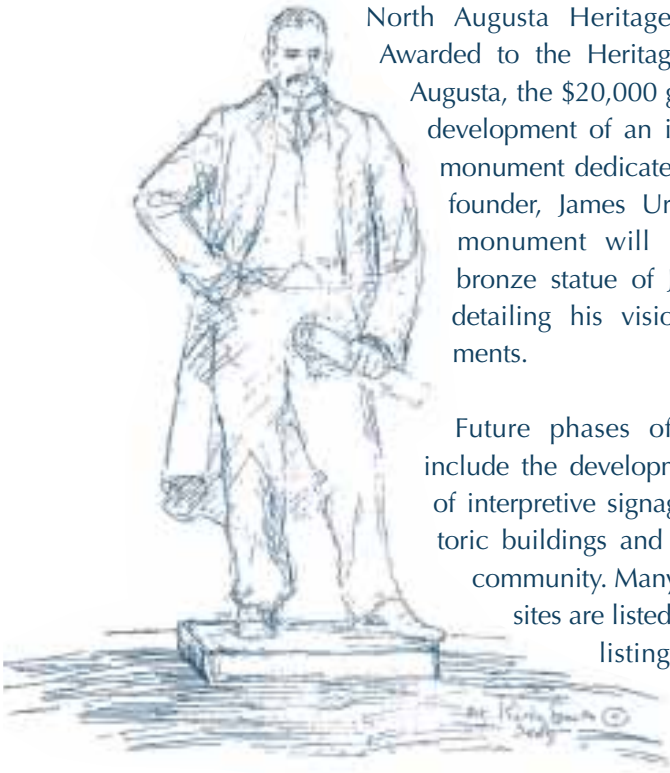
# Heritage Tourism Program IN DEVELOPMENT

## Tracing the Footsteps of James U. Jackson

The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor recently approved a Product Development Grant for a North Augusta Heritage Tourism Program.

Awarded to the Heritage Council of North Augusta, the \$20,000 grant will support the development of an interpretive park and monument dedicated to North Augusta's founder, James Urquhart Jackson. The monument will include a life size bronze statue of Jackson and signage detailing his vision and accomplishments.

Future phases of the program will include the development and installation of interpretive signage at designated historic buildings and sites throughout the community. Many of the buildings and sites are listed on or are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and exist as a direct result of Jackson's achievements.



*Artist's rendering of statue of James U. Jackson*

The Heritage Council of North Augusta is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization whose mission is to preserve, develop and promote the history and heritage of the people of North Augusta. The Heritage Council kicked off its fundraising program in 2005 and has received about two-thirds of the funds necessary for the monument. According to Heritage Council member and Jackson biographer Jeanne McDaniel, "We are pleased to have the support of the Heritage Corridor in our efforts to memorialize James U. Jackson and increase awareness of North Augusta's historic resources."

The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor extends 240 miles through 14 South Carolina counties. Four distinct regions and two routes, a discovery route and a nature route, offer a cross-section of the state's history, culture and natural landscapes. North Augusta is located in region three, the Rivers, Rails and Crossroads Region. The Nature Route follows Martintown Road (SC 230) along the trail of the Charleston to Hamburg Railroad, which stretched from Charleston to Hamburg, South Carolina, a town that preceded North Augusta in the 1800s.

For more information about the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, call 803-734-1743 or visit [www.sc-heritagecorridor.org](http://www.sc-heritagecorridor.org). For more information about the Heritage Council of North Augusta and how you can support the North Augusta Heritage Tourism Program, contact Jeanne McDaniel at 803-278-2161.

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION CARTS AVAILABLE

Residential sanitation customers have a new option for the collection and disposal of yard waste. The city is now offering special yard waste rollcarts as an alternative to bagging. The yard waste rollcarts are similar to the rollcarts currently in use for household waste.

Materials acceptable for yard waste carts include grass clippings, leaves, small branches, sticks, shrubbery clippings and garden residue. Unacceptable materials are dirt, rocks, stumps, large branches, treated lumber, metal, tires, boxes or household garbage.

City ordinances restrict placing loose yard waste in the street or gutter where it can be transported by rain and wind into the storm drainage system. The yard waste cart program is an additional attempt to eliminate stormwater pollution and provide a higher level of customer service. Other advantages of using the carts:

- Yard waste is collected more efficiently.
- Automatic cart lifters reduce the risk of work injury.
- Rollcarts are mobile and convenient for yard work.
- Damage to lawns, curbs and roadways by the city's "clamshell" loader is reduced.
- Yard debris residue in the street is eliminated.

The yard waste cart program is an optional service. The cost is an additional \$3.75 per month, per cart. As an introductory offer, there will be no charge for the first full month of service. For more information or to reserve a cart please call 803-441-4245.

# North Augusta CLEAN & GREEN

Earlier this year the City of North Augusta received a \$3,500 Community Pride Grant from PalmettoPride. PalmettoPride is a non-profit, public/private partnership comprised of state agencies, concerned citizens, corporate sponsors, and community and civic organizations committed to the elimination of litter and the promotion of beautification in South Carolina. The grant will support a community-wide program to discourage littering and encourage residents to *Keep North Augusta Clean & Green*.

One of the first activities planned under the *Clean & Green Program* is a Community Cleanup on Saturday, March 25. Area civic clubs, businesses, neighborhood associations, youth and church groups, and individuals are encouraged to participate. Volunteers should sign in between 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Riverview Park Activities Center. Each volunteer will receive collection bags, gloves and a safety vest. Special *Clean & Green* T-shirts will be given to the first 250 volunteers to sign in.

The Community Cleanup will target neighborhoods, roadways and park areas. Volunteers will be assigned a pre-selected location for litter removal or may choose to clean up their own neighborhoods. Bagged litter will be placed along the roadside for collection by city crews.

For more information about future *Clean & Green* activities or the Community Cleanup event, call 803-441-4311 or visit [www.northaugusta.net](http://www.northaugusta.net).

## Easter Egg Hunt and KIDS EARTH DAY 2006

Saturday, April 15 will be a fun and educational day for the youth of North Augusta. At 10:00 a.m., the Easter Bunny will be the guest of honor at the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the North Augusta Optimist Club and the North Augusta Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services. Usually held at Lions Memorial Field, this year's hunt will be held at Riverview Park and, as always, is free for children 10 and under.



*Learning about stormwater and its effects on the environment is just one of many hands-on activities at Kids Earth Day.*

Kids Earth Day 2006 is also on April 15 and is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lions Memorial Field. Last year's event provided a day of fun, educational information and family activities. Highlights of the event included a Bridgestone-Firestone obstacle course, an exhibit of snakes, frogs and other amphibians by the SRS Ecology lab, and a hands-on lesson in archeology from the SRS Archeological Group. This year's event promises to be even better!

In case of rain, Kids Earth Day will be held at the Riverview Park Activities Center.

For more information about the Easter Egg Hunt, call 803-441-4300. For more information about Kids Earth Day, call 803-441-4224.

<b>POLICE &amp; FIRE EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
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Zoning	441-4221
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Mayor	441-4202
City Administrator	441-4202
<b>OTHER FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS</b>	
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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** are held every first and third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the municipal building. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

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