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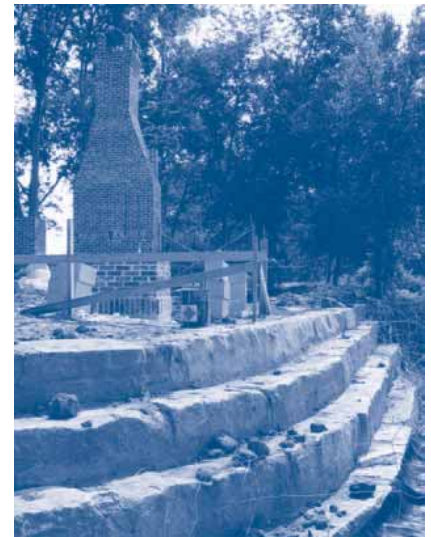
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## — NEW PARK UNDER CONSTRUCTION —

Residents and visitors to North Augusta will soon have a new park. Construction is currently underway on Boeckh Park, one of a series of public spaces planned for the riverfront extension of the Greenway. Boeckh Park is being constructed for the city by the North Augusta Riverfront Company in conjunction with the development of Hammond's Ferry.

The new park is named for Charles Boeckh, the engineer who drafted the plan of North Augusta in 1891 for city founder James U. Jackson and the North Augusta Land Company. The park is centrally located on the riverfront extension of the Greenway at the end of the recently completed Crystal Lake Drive Extension through Hammond's Ferry.

The half-acre park will include an open-air pavilion with a fireplace, a granite fire ring, and the community dock installed by the city in 2005. Work on the pavilion and fire ring are underway. Water fountains will be installed in late 2007.



*Initial work on the Boeckh Park Pavillion has begun.*

## CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS — ON THE RIVERFRONT —

In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century bricks were made in North Augusta on land adjacent to the Savannah River. Clay, the raw material for bricks, was dug from deposits on the riverfront, processed, formed into bricks, and fired in beehive kilns. The excavations left large depressions in the soil that, over time, filled with water. The resulting manmade "brick ponds" eventually developed wetland characteristics. Approximately 20 acres of ponds are located on city-owned riverfront land that will eventually be surrounded by the Hammond's Ferry development. The ponds currently contain industrial debris, trash and waste brick. While they are not considered wetlands by federal or state agencies, the ponds provide a filtration system for stormwater runoff from Georgia Avenue and a portion of the downtown before it enters the Savannah River.

As part of the planning for riverfront redevelopment, the city and the North Augusta Riverfront Company undertook an evaluation of the brick ponds. Options included filling the ponds for development, further excavation of the ponds to create a small lake and city park, and utilizing the ponds for stormwater detention. The conclusion was that the ponds would remain in city ownership and be modified for several purposes. Most significantly, the ponds will be reconstructed to function as a natural wetland area, maintain the hydrologic processes that currently process runoff from the downtown, and be expanded to provide a regional stormwater

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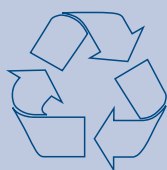
# How Wetlands are Constructed

Dr. Gene W. Eidson, founder, president and CEO of the Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy, was retained to design the constructed wetlands. The constructed wetlands process includes:

- Completing an assessment of plants and animals currently using the wetlands.
- Removing wastes and invasive plants located in the ponds.
- Reshaping and clearing some ponds and shorelines to promote the growth of native wetland plants.
- Installing water quality monitoring stations.
- Constructing a dock, boardwalks and paths into the wetlands from the Greeneway trail.
- Installing environmental information signs and kiosks.

## River Days Event

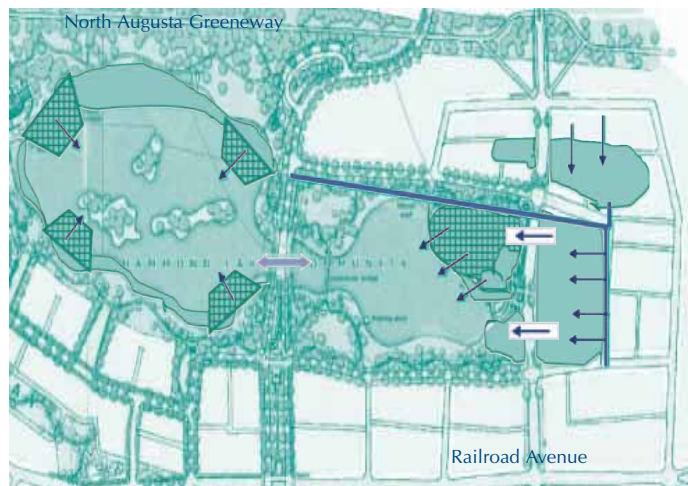
Interested groups and individuals will have an opportunity to visit the brick ponds constructed wetlands site at the River Days event on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22. Natural Sciences Academy biologists will offer guided informational tours of the existing ponds. For more information about River Days, contact the North Augusta Riverfront Company at 803-613-1641.



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## CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS ON — THE RIVERFRONT continued —

detention facility. As constructed wetlands, the brick ponds will treat runoff naturally before it enters the river, expand natural wildlife habitat, and provide an environmental workshop for the community. The brick ponds will be managed as a natural ecosystem and city park with walking trails, canoe trails and special signage that describes the constructed wetlands environment.



*An early rendering of the constructed wetlands shows the shallow wetland areas in green. Arrows indicate where water will enter treatment cells.*

Upon completion of the "Brick Pond Park" constructed wetlands, school groups and the public will be able to participate in tours of the wetlands to learn about natural water filtration processes and see the plants and animals that rely on wetlands ecosystems.

Initial work on the project, estimated at \$433,662, has already begun. A number of trees adjacent to Georgia Avenue will be removed soon to

allow sunlight to reach newly planted native plants. Earlier this summer the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation selected the project for funding, one of only ten projects selected under the Savannah-Santee-Peedee Resource Protection Fund. The fund focuses on wetlands habitat and endangered species in watersheds that impact the South Carolina coast. The \$184,162 grant will be matched with \$73,500 from the city and \$176,000 from the North Augusta Riverfront Company. For more information, call North Augusta's Stormwater Management Department at 803-441-4246.

## CELEBRATING 100



*Amateur photographer Cecily Hughes won first place for her entry in the photography contest*

Photographs and memories were the focus of the day at *Picture This! North Augusta at 100*, one in a series of events in celebration of North Augusta's centennial year.

The event, held August 19 and sponsored by the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council, *The Star* and the North Augusta Centennial Committee, provided a look at North Augusta's past, present and future.

The past was well represented in the form of thousands of photographs published in *The Star* between 1954 and 1998. Collected by Mim and Sam Woodring, the photographs provided a tour through the decades for all and a trip down memory lane for many North Augustans. The images, which sold for \$1 each, netted over \$1,200 for the James U. Jackson statue fund of the Heritage Council of North Augusta.

The celebration of North Augusta's present included a photography contest with prizes for entries in student,

# ELECTION YEAR POLITICAL SIGNS

The November elections are just around the corner and political campaign activity is on the rise. The city is starting to receive inquiries regarding the placement of political signs.

North Augusta encourages participation in the political process but, like most communities, limits the number, size and placement of political signs and the period of time that they may be displayed. Property owners who post campaign signs or are asked if someone else can post a sign on their property should be familiar with these rules. The city's regulations are relatively brief and straightforward.

## Political Signs in Residential Zones

- One sign per lot is allowed.
- The sign may be no larger than six square feet.
- The sign may be placed in the yard for no more than ten days prior to an election.
- The sign must be removed within two days following the election.
- Portable signs mounted on wheels or a small trailer are not allowed in residential areas.

## Political Signs in Commercial Zones

- One sign per property is allowed.
- The sign may be displayed for no more than ten days prior to an election.
- The sign may be no larger than thirty-two square feet.
- The sign must be removed within two days following the election.
- Portable signs are permitted on commercial and industrial property but they may not be more than thirty-two square feet and may not be illuminated.

## Additional Guidelines

- Signs must not block visibility along a roadway or at an intersection.
- Signs promoting candidates or issues in any election are allowed on private property only.
- Political signs may not be placed on any public property. Public property includes parks, street rights of way, sidewalks, utility poles, stop signs, directional signs, speed limit signs and fire hydrants. Campaign signs placed on public property will be removed.
- It is unlawful to paste, paint, tack or place any handbill, circular, picture or other advertising material on any bridge, lamppost, fence, corner post or telephone pole.
- No sign may be placed on any property or building without the consent of the owner.

Questions regarding the display of political campaign signs may be directed to Mac Westbrook, Zoning and Code Compliance Inspector, at 803-441-4258.

# Yard Waste Collection Carts Available

The city's regulations regarding the placement of yard waste for collection by Sanitation Department crews are frequently violated by unknowing homeowners. City ordinances prohibit placing loose yard waste in the street or gutter. All yard waste must be bagged or placed in a designated re-usable container. Grass clippings, leaves and shrubbery cuttings can be transported by rain and wind into the storm drainage system. Landscape debris can clog storm drains, increase the risk of neighborhood flooding, and increase the negative impact of fertilizers and insecticides on natural streams and the Savannah River.

To help eliminate this problem, the city initiated a new program earlier this year and now offers residential sanitation customers an alternative to bagging yard waste. Instead, customers can opt to use a special yard waste rollcart, similar to the rollcarts currently used for household waste.

Yard waste rollcarts can be used for grass clippings, leaves, small branches, sticks, shrubbery clippings and garden residue. Materials that should not be placed in the carts include dirt, rocks, stumps, large branches, treated lumber, metal, tires, boxes and household garbage.

In addition to reducing the impact to storm drains and water resources, yard waste collection carts:

- Are mobile and convenient for yard work.
- Store yard waste more efficiently.
- Reduce the risk of personal injury.
- Reduce damage to lawns, curbs and roads by the city's "clamshell" loader.
- Eliminate yard waste residue in the street.

To date, the yard waste rollcart program has been well-received and over 100 residential sanitation customers have taken advantage of the service. The price of a yard waste rollcart is \$3.75 per month which is added to the city's monthly utility service statement. For more information or to order a yard waste rollcart please call 803-441-4219.

## IN PHOTOGRAPHS

amateur and professional categories. Selected photographs by North Augusta photographer Mike Adams were also displayed. All of the photos can be viewed on the centennial website at [www.northaugusta100.com](http://www.northaugusta100.com).

Past, present and future combined in the presentation of a centennial quilt to the city. Designed to hang in the new municipal center, the quilt was made by the Pieceful Hearts Quilting Guild and includes historic images of North Augusta. An artist's rendering of the new municipal center, the Hammond's Ferry riverfront development and planned improvements to Riverview Park were among the images representing the future of North Augusta.

## Centennial Souvenirs Selling Out

The one time supply of centennial souvenirs is dwindling and several items have already sold out. The souvenirs make great gifts and are special keepsakes of an important time in North Augusta's history. Remaining souvenirs include ball caps, coffee mugs, historic driving tour CDs, coasters and limited edition collectible centennial coins designed by North Augusta Artist Henry Wynn. Items may be purchased at the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce and the Riverview Park Activities Center while they last.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for a variety of fun and exciting events to round out this centennial year. Please call the contact number listed following the description of each event to confirm dates and times or to request additional information. Details of upcoming community events, official holiday closings and holiday sanitation schedules, are also available online at [www.northaugusta.net](http://www.northaugusta.net).

## OCTOBER

### Colonial Times: A Day to Remember

Learn what daily life was like for the people who settled our area through a series of demonstrations and living exhibits beginning at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22** at the Living History Park on Lake Avenue, downtown North Augusta. Presented by the Olde Towne Preservation Association, 803-279-2323 or 803-279-7560, [www.colonialtimes.org](http://www.colonialtimes.org).

### Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee

Dress up the kids for the annual costume contest, enjoy live entertainment, wonderful food and tons of great crafts from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, October 28** on Georgia Avenue in downtown North Augusta. Call 803-441-4300.

## NOVEMBER

### Veteran's Day Concert

Savannah Winds, under the direction of Richard Brasco, will perform a special Veteran's Day concert **Thursday, November 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the North Augusta High School Auditorium. Presented by the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council, 803-442-7588 or [www.naartscouncil.org](http://www.naartscouncil.org).

### Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble

The US Air Force Heritage of America Band will perform on **Thursday, November 16** at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Center at Grace United Methodist Church. Presented by the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council, 803-442-7588 or [www.naartscouncil.org](http://www.naartscouncil.org).

### Tree Lighting & Carols in the Park

Get in the holiday spirit at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling on **Monday, November 27** at 6:00 p.m. at John C. Calhoun Park. Call 803-441-4290 or 803-441-4300.

## DECEMBER

### Christmas for the Birds

Bring the kids by the Living History Park on **Saturday, December 2** from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to watch or help create edible decorations for the birds this winter. Bring fruits, peanut butter, lard, pine cones, dried corn, unsalted popcorn, and, of course, bird seed. Presented by the Olde Towne Preservation Association, 803-279-2323, 803-279-7560 or [www.colonialtimes.org](http://www.colonialtimes.org).

### Frosty the Snowman in the Park

Travel from the Living History Park to Edenfield Park for a special musical performance of Frosty the Snowman by the Creative Acting Student's Theatre of North Augusta (CAST) on **Saturday, December 2** at 2:00 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket. Presented by the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council, 803-278-4943 or [www.naartscouncil.org](http://www.naartscouncil.org).

### North Augusta Christmas Parade

Enjoy North Augusta's second parade in 2006 on **Sunday, December 3** at 2:00 p.m. on Georgia Avenue from Martintown Road to Buena Vista Avenue. Presented by the North Augusta Lions Club, 803-278-7288.

# TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

<b>POLICE &amp; FIRE EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Non Emergency	279-2121
Administration	441-4251
Records/Court Services	441-4271
Investigations	441-4274
<b>PARKS, RECREATION &amp; LEISURE SERVICES</b>	
Riverview Park Activities Center	441-4300
Activities Coordinator	441-4311
Community Center	441-4290
<b>GENERAL SERVICES &amp; FINANCE</b>	
Taxes	441-4215
Utility - New Service/Disconnects	441-4219
Utility Billing Services	441-4212
Business Licenses (Non-Contractor)	441-4214
Human Resources	441-4205
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
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
<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>	
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
<b>ECONOMIC &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Economic Development	441-4221
Planning	441-4221
Zoning	441-4221
Code Compliance	441-4258
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	
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.



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**North Augusta Forward**  
P. O. Box 6400, North Augusta, SC 29861-6400  
or call 803-441-4221.