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## North Augusta Brick Pond Park — DEDICATION AND GRAND OPENING — Saturday, November 22, 2008, 11:00 am

North Augusta's Brick Pond Park will be dedicated and opened to the public on November 22. The first of its kind in South Carolina, the thirty acre constructed wetland and wildlife habitat located in the center of the City near the Savannah River will be an exciting place for all ages to enjoy nature and learn about area plants, wildlife and history. Connected to North Augusta's award winning Greenway trail, the new park offers visitors close up views of turtles basking on logs, deer nibbling on vegetation, and several species of birds. Brick Pond Park is located directly below the new Municipal Center (Continued on Page 2)

### Event Details

Dress for the weather, bring your family and wear your walking shoes as we celebrate the dedication of North Augusta's new and unique Brick Pond Park!

- Date: Saturday, November 22
- Time: Dedication Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.
- Place: Center Street, just south of the new Municipal Center
- Directions: Travel south on Georgia Avenue and turn right at Bluff Avenue.
- Parking: Parking will be available in the Municipal Center lot and also along the upper portions of Center Street and Bluff Avenue.
- Activities: Dedication ceremony, outdoor exhibits, and the opportunity to walk the site and the reopened Greenway. Lunch (hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies) will be served at noon.



*More than 75 different bird species have been spotted in the City's brick pond area this year.*

# North Augusta Brick Pond Park GRAND OPENING continued

facility and adjacent to Hammond's Ferry on the west side of Georgia Avenue. Center Street, currently under construction and scheduled for completion in early November, bisects the park from the Greenway to the Savannah River.

The area of Brick Pond Park was part of the City's original industrial area and was used to mine clay from "brick ponds" for the pottery and brick

manufacturing industries that thrived there. Over the years the abandoned ponds became stagnant and overgrown with exotic (nonnative) vegetation. The construction of the wetlands included the removal of debris, fallen trees and waste bricks. Water quality has been significantly improved to support aquatic wildlife. The City, its partners, including Hammond's Ferry, and community volunteers worked to connect the isolated ponds, remove the exotic vegetation, plant wetland species and create streams and waterfalls. The ponds will be accessible to the public over crushed brick nature trails that wind through the park on boardwalks and past babbling waterfalls to a viewing pavilion. Information stations located throughout the park describe the wildlife and natural wetland processes. A portion of the uplands area of the park will be left in a



*Constructed waterfalls connect existing brick ponds to improve water circulation and support aquatic life.*

natural forested state to protect the native wildlife.

The initial goal of the restoration project was to improve water quality. Brick Pond Park will now be a place where wildlife can thrive and North Augusta citizens and visitors can learn about nature, wildlife protection, water quality and the history of the City.



*The uplands area of Brick Pond Park will remain undeveloped to preserve a natural habitat for area wildlife.*



*The completed pavilion (under construction in this photo) provides an opportunity to view the natural beauty of Brick Pond Park.*

## THE RECLAIMED RIVERFRONT

Brick Pond Park was developed in part through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded to the City of North Augusta and its partner, the North Augusta Riverfront Company (Hammond's Ferry). The City is committed to maintaining and managing park resources in the future to protect wildlife and water quality and to provide a natural experience for residents. Recreational opportunities provided by Brick Pond Park and the North Augusta Greenway through the conversion of the riverfront from an industrial brownfield to a vibrant traditional neighborhood and commercial area will provide a new favorite destination for North Augusta residents and visitors.

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# Change Your Clock, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

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Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2 when time is scheduled to “fall back” by one hour to 1:00 a.m. In addition to setting clocks back one hour, make time for this short household safety checklist.

- Change the clocks, change the batteries. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors save lives, if powered by fresh batteries. Safety experts recommend replacing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries twice a year to help ensure the alarm or detector alerts residents to escape in the event of an emergency. Safety experts also recommend replacing smoke alarms every ten years and carbon monoxide detectors every five years.
- Replace older or burned out light bulbs. Consider replacing conventional bulbs with energy efficient compact fluorescent or LCD bulbs. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that replacing a standard bulb with an energy efficient one saves over \$30 in electricity costs over the life of the bulb.
- Check the family first aid kit and medicine cabinet. Replace any missing supplies and properly discard all expired medications. Prescription and common over-the-counter medicines can cause serious problems due to changes through aging.
- Check home and outbuilding storage areas for hazardous materials. Properly dispose of any items which are no longer used or are in poor condition and move any which are within reach of children or pets.
- Make or review the family emergency plan. Update phone numbers, addresses and contact information and post emergency information near each phone. Know and practice different ways to exit the house in case of fire or, in the event of a natural disaster such as a tornado, identify the safest areas within the house.
- Prepare a home disaster supply kit. Include bottled water, nonperishable food, flashlights, batteries, blankets and a battery-powered radio.



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## NEW ON THE NET

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Visitors to the City's website, [www.northaugusta.net](http://www.northaugusta.net), can now access a zoning and property information map of the City. The “City Map” link (on the right side of the home page) allows the viewer to access detailed parcel information as recorded and maintained by Aiken County. Information available includes aerial photos, zoning designations, parcel acreages, topography, tax parcel numbers, City boundary information and more. The City will regularly update the database as new information is available from Aiken County.

The North Augusta Development Code, also available on the City site, details the rules and regulations that guide the use and development of land and buildings in the City. Together, the map and the Development Code provide excellent tools to answer zoning and property questions for anyone with Internet access. Additional information is available through the Department of Economic and Community Development at 803-441-4221.

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## HOLIDAYS AND SANITATION SCHEDULE

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### **Thanksgiving Holidays**

Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, City Offices Closed

There will be no sanitation service on Thursday, November 27. Thursday's collection will be picked up on Wednesday, November 26.

### **Christmas Holidays**

Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, City Offices Closed

There will be no sanitation service on Thursday, December 25. Thursday's collection will be picked up on Wednesday, December 24.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19, 10:00 a.m. at the Living History Park on Lake Avenue. Presented by the Olde Towne Preservation Association. Call 803-279-7560, email [lynn@colonialtimes.us](mailto:lynn@colonialtimes.us) or visit [www.colonialtimes.us](http://www.colonialtimes.us).

### Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Georgia Avenue in downtown North Augusta. Call 803-441-4300 for more information.

### Spirits of Hallowed Eve

Saturday, October 25, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Living History Park on Lake Avenue. Tours are free; there is a \$5.00 reservation fee which is refunded at check in. Presented by the Olde Towne Preservation Association. Call 803-441-8956, email [pam@colonialtimes.us](mailto:pam@colonialtimes.us) or visit [www.colonialtimes.us](http://www.colonialtimes.us).

## NOVEMBER

### Rotary Bowl

Saturday, November 1, Lions Memorial Field. Call 803-441-4300 for more information.

### Brick Pond Park Dedication

Saturday, November 22, 11:00 a.m. on the newly constructed Center Street. Call 803-441-4300 for more information.

### Veteran's Day Concert

Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center of Grace United Methodist Church. Presented by the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council. Call 803-442-7588 or visit [www.naartscouncil.org](http://www.naartscouncil.org).

## DECEMBER

### Christmas Golf Classic

Monday, December 1, 12:00 noon at The River Golf Club. Call 803-640-7145 for more information.

### Tree Lighting & Carols in the Park

Monday, December 1, 6:00 p.m. at John C. Calhoun Park. Call 803-441-4300 for more information.

### North Augusta Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 2, 2:00 p.m. The parade follows Georgia Avenue from Martintown Road to Buena Vista Avenue. Presented by the North Augusta Lions Club. Call 803-278-7288 for more information.

### Christmas for the Birds

Saturday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Living History Park on Lake Avenue. Presented by the Olde Towne Preservation Association. Call 803-279-7560, email [lynn@colonialtimes.us](mailto:lynn@colonialtimes.us) or visit [www.colonialtimes.us](http://www.colonialtimes.us).

# TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY	911
<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
Code Compliance	441-4258
Permits	441-4227
Business Licenses (Contractors)	441-4227
Animal Control	441-4298
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
<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
A T & T	1-888-757-6500
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.