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Following the close of the 2008 season, the Cultural Arts Council and the City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services worked together to improve the park grounds and to construct a sheltered pavilion for Music in the Park performances.

Music In The Park SUMMER 2009

Each summer since 1998, residents and friends of North Augusta have enjoyed weekly musical entertainment provided through the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council's **Music in the Park** series. A variety of musical styles and groups, including bluegrass, Cajun, alternative, jazz and concert bands, is showcased in the well-attended concerts scheduled each year.

Music in the Park concerts are held free of charge on Thursday evenings from late May through the end of July. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the pavilion in Maude Edenfield Park behind the North Augusta Community Center. Concertgoers are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets and are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. In the event of rain, concerts are held in the adjacent Community Center.

Music in the Park concerts are made possible with the support of University Health Care Systems and Georgialina Physical Therapy. Visit www.naartscouncil.org or call 803-442-7588 for more information. The remaining concerts scheduled for 2009 are listed on page 4.

STAYING SAFE IN NORTH AUGUSTA

Nationwide crime statistics indicate a possible correlation between the current economic downturn and an increase in the incidence of burglary crimes including car thefts and break-ins. North Augusta appears to be bucking the national trend. While periodic criminal activity in and around the City garners local media coverage and can impact public opinion, statistics from the North Augusta Department of Public Safety demonstrate that overall crime in the City measurably decreased during the first quarter of 2009. Investigation, patrol and communications efforts in the City and collaboration with law enforcement agencies throughout the CSRA are primary reasons for the decrease. Common sense efforts by citizens to deter crime have also had an important impact.



Citizens can consider the following common sense actions to ensure a safer community:

Property Safety

- Form or participate in a neighborhood watch program.
- Lock all car, garage and building doors and windows; use deadbolts and peepholes in homes and businesses.
- Lock bicycles to stationary objects and keep lawn mowers in a locked garage or shed.
- Store valuables off site in a safety deposit box.
- Keep track of all keys and remove personal identification from key chains.
- Keep trees and bushes trimmed and away from the windows and doors to your house.
- Install motion sensitive exterior lighting.
- Use a timer to provide interior lighting and arrange for newspapers and mail to be discontinued when you are away from home for an extended period.
- Ask to be added to North Augusta Public Safety's vacation list when you are away from home.

Personal Safety

- Set a curfew for your children.
- Do not provide personal information to 'wrong number' callers.
- Use a shredder to destroy personal documents.
- Be wary of 'scam artists' and otherwise suspicious people asking for or offering help.
- Ask all service or repair personnel for identification before allowing them to enter your home.
- Whether vacationing, exercising or running errands, let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.



- Make eye contact with people you encounter.
- Be alert and observant and ask for assistance at the first sign of trouble.

Additional safety guidelines are listed in *Use Common Sense*, a pamphlet available from the North Augusta Department of Public Safety. For additional information, assistance or to report suspicious activity, contact Public Safety at 803-279-2121.

WHAT IS E-WASTE?

E-waste, or electronic waste, is the term used to describe obsolete or unusable electronic equipment including computers, televisions, radios, phones, microwaves, video game players, calculators, pagers and other digital equipment. North Augusta offers a program to recycle all electronic products that are classified as e-waste. The purpose of North Augusta's electronics recycling program is two-fold: to protect the City's water and air resources and to reduce the quantity of materials going to the local landfill.



Why not just throw a computer, TV or microwave in the garbage?

Worldwide, an estimated 20-50 million tons of electronic waste is generated annually, and an estimated eighty-five percent of it ends up in landfills. Discarded electronics contain hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury and hexavalent chromium. Improper disposal of these items pollutes the environment and poses a danger to human health. Alternatively, recycling electronics helps to reduce air, water and land pollution. And, because materials are recycled and can often be used in new items, the energy required to extract valuable and limited resources from the earth to manufacture new electronic devices is reduced.

What about personal information contained on a hard drive or cell phone?

Any data stored on recycled electronics remains secure. North Augusta's recycling vendor cleans all recycled hard drives with software approved by the U.S. Department of Defense. Damaged hard drives that do not respond to the software are wiped clean with a magnet and shredded for recycling.

How can e-waste be recycled?

North Augusta's e-waste recycling program is a service available to all City residents. Residents may place their electronic items in a box for collection at the curb on their designated pick up day. North Augusta commercial businesses and non-City residents are encouraged to recycle their unwanted electronic items by participating in the City's semi-annual electronic recycling collection events. There is no charge to recycle e-waste.

When is the next Electronic Recycling Collection Event?

The next collection day event will be on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Kroger parking lot on Knox Avenue.

How do I find more information?

Contact the Sanitation Services Department at 803-441-4245 or 803-441-4331 for assistance. Information on the City of North Augusta's recycling program is also available at www.northaugusta.net. Additional general information on electronic recycling is available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website www.epa.gov.

HOLIDAYS AND SANITATION SCHEDULE

Fourth of July Holiday

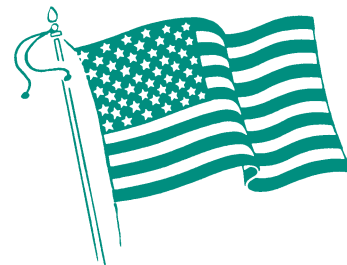
Friday, July 3, City Offices Closed.

There will be no change in the residential sanitation collection schedule.

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 7, City Offices Closed.

There will be no sanitation service on Monday, September 7. Sanitation collection will be delayed by one day during the remainder of that week.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Details of upcoming community events, official holiday closings and holiday sanitation schedules are also available online at www.northaugusta.net.

JUNE

Music in the Park – Carolina Gator Gumbo
June 18, 7:00 p.m. at Maude Edenfield Park. Call 803-442-7588.

Music in the Park – Fred Williams and GM Five
June 25, 7:00 p.m. at Maude Edenfield Park. Call 803-442-7588.

JULY

Music in the Park – Doug and the Henrys
July 9, 7:00 p.m. at Maude Edenfield Park. Call 803-442-7588.

NIKE Invitational Peach Jam Basketball Tournament
July 12-15 at Riverview Park Activities Center. Call 803-441-4311.

Music in the Park – Miriam Allen and special guest Rod Kight
July 16, 7:00 p.m. at Maude Edenfield Park. Call 803-442-7588.

Music in the Park – J-Man Band
July 23, 7:00 p.m. at Maude Edenfield Park. Call 803-442-7588.

NIKE Nationals Invitational Basketball Tournament
July 28-31 at Riverview Park Activities Center. Call 803-441-4311.

Music in the Park – Ft. Gordon Signal Corps Band and Art Show
July 30, 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley Center. Call 803-442-7588.

SEPTEMBER

Electronic Recycling Collection Event
Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. to noon at Kroger on Knox Avenue. Call 803-441-4245 or 803-441-4331.

OCTOBER

Colonial Times, Education Day
Friday, October 16 at the Living History Park on W. Spring Grove Avenue. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

Colonial Times: A Day to Remember
Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, 10:00 a.m. at the Living History Park on W. Spring Grove Avenue. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

Spirits of Hallowed Eve
Saturday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Living History Park on W. Spring Grove Avenue. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee
Saturday, October 31, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Boeckh Park in Hammond's Ferry. Call 803-441-4308.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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
 Code Compliance ----- 441-4258
 Permits----- 441-4227
 Business Licenses (Contractors) ----- 441-4227
 Animal Control ----- 441-4298
 Sanitation Services----- 441-4223
 Sanitation - New Services ----- 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 ----- 442-4221
 Planning----- 442-4221
 Zoning ----- 442-4221

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----- 278-3621
 Comcast (cable)----- 706-733-7212
 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 is mailed quarterly to every city water customer. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please write to:
North Augusta Forward
P.O. Box 6400, North Augusta, SC 29861-6400
or call 803-441-4221.