

CITY COUNCIL

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Westobou Vision Urban Area PLAN IS COMPLETE



In the spring of 2008, the city of North Augusta entered into a partnership with the city of Augusta and Augusta Tomorrow, Inc. to develop a master plan to serve as a guideline for the next twenty years of development in the downtown areas of Augusta and North Augusta. After nearly a year of work that included five public meetings attended by more than 200 citizens, approximately 100 individual meetings, various neighborhood meetings and several briefing sessions with

North Augusta and Augusta elected officials, the plan was presented to the community on February 4.

Because the cities of North Augusta and Augusta are geographically close with a common boundary of the Savannah River, an important component of the master plan is to focus on shared attributes including strong research science and health industries, proximity to waterfronts and green space, significant historical resources and a vibrant quality of life which emphasizes outdoor activities and the arts. The master plan proposes to focus on these common attributes to develop a growth strategy that will benefit the area as a whole.

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MUNICIPAL CENTER COMING SOON

The results of several years of planning, design work and construction will come to fruition later this spring when the North Augusta Municipal Center opens to the public. The Municipal Center will house City departments, include a state of the art Council Chamber, provide space for the Arts and Heritage Center and will offer a new and exciting location for community meetings and events. A



ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled and the community will be invited. Additional details will be announced in local media as opening plans are finalized.

YELLOW JESSAMINE FESTIVAL

Art, crafts, the garden and great music are the focus of the North Augusta's third annual Yellow Jessamine Festival. The festival will take place Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Boeckh Park in North Augusta. Boeckh Park is located on the Savannah River in Hammond's Ferry.

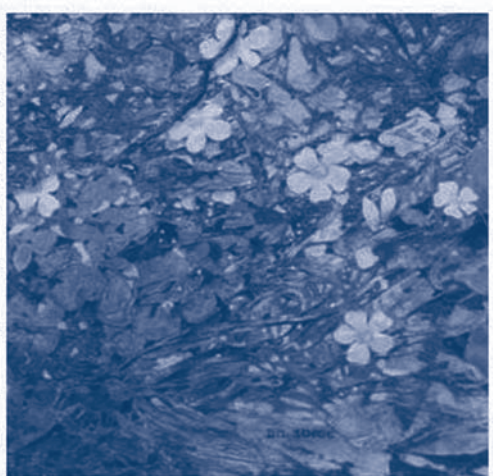
Application forms for vendors of festival art, fine crafts, garden and food and entry forms for the Yellow Jessamine General Art Competition are available at www.northaugusta.net or www.naartscouncil.org. For additional information artists and craft vendors may call 803-441-4308 or 803-279-8459; food vendors may call 803-441-4300 and garden vendors may call 803-613-1178.

The Yellow Jessamine Festival is sponsored by the City of North Augusta in partnership with the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council, NBC Augusta, Episcopal Day School, Phoenix Commercial Printers, Coca-Cola, Georgialina Physical Therapy and the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce.



North Augustans of all ages enjoyed live music in 2008. This year's Festival features a performance by the Swingin' Medallions.

JESSAMINE YELLOW FESTIVAL



Saturday, March 28

11:00am-9:00pm

Boeckh Park, North Augusta, SC

2008 Yellow Jessamine Festival Art by Doris M. Sofge

Festival Highlights Include:

- **Art in the Park** – Enjoy the work of local and regional artists and craftsmen, including the winning entries in the Yellow Jessamine General Art Competition and the 2010 Yellow Jessamine Commemorative Poster Contest. View and purchase fine art and quality handmade crafts.
- **Gardening Expo** – Attend lectures by gardening professionals and shop for plants, gardening tools and accessories.
- **Dancin' in the Park** – Prepare to shag by participating in a beginner or "refresher" shag lesson at 4:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., enjoy live music from the Swingin' Medallions.
- **Krafty Kids** – Make a craft to take home. Play on the inflatables sponsored by Episcopal Day School.
- **Food Court** – Select from a variety of foods available throughout the day.
- **Community Stage** – Enjoy talented youth performers on stage from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Fireworks** – Celebrate the grand finale as fireworks light up the night sky over the Savannah River.

Westobou Vision Urban Area PLAN IS COMPLETE continued

Three North Augusta action districts are identified in the master plan with a number of development projects proposed for each district. Plans for the **Historic North Augusta** district expand on the Town Center construction currently underway in the area around the new Municipal Center and include a call for updated urban design guidelines and a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge or a dedicated lane on the 13th Street Bridge. Plans for the **East Buena Vista/I-520 Gateway** district include neighborhood revitalization and road upgrades to capitalize on the district's unique location between Georgia Avenue and the Palmetto Parkway. Plans for the third action district, **River Crossing/Hamburg**, propose tying the North Augusta and Augusta communities together in the 5th Street Bridge area through development that would include a mix of residential, commercial and recreational uses.

The urban area plan was officially accepted by North Augusta and Augusta officials in a February 4 ceremony. The implementation steps in the process include project coordination, funding, scheduling and construction. Full implementation of the plan will take 25 years or more.

A copy of the master plan may be accessed online at www.augustatomorrow.com

PALMETTO PARKWAY UPDATE



Palmetto Parkway Adds to the Greenway

A multi-use path is under construction as a part Phase II of the Palmetto Parkway. The path, designed for use by walkers, runners and bicyclists, will be ten feet in width and extend approximately five miles from Atomic Road to Ascauga Lake Road along the western side of the I-520 right of way. When complete, the multi-use path will provide a significant addition to the North Augusta Greenway system.

Regular travelers in the vicinity of I-20's Exit 5 have experienced continuing progress in the construction of Phase II of the Palmetto Parkway. The 6.5 mile Parkway, scheduled to be finished in December 2009, completes the connection between I-520 from US Route 1 to I-20. Drivers are reminded to expect periodic interruptions in traffic flow as the US 25 bridges over I 20 are completed. New eastbound and westbound exit ramps from I-20 to US-25 opened in February. Work also continues along Clearwater Road and the planned multi-use path. For more information about the Palmetto Parkway, visit www.palmettoparkway.com.

CONNECTOR ROAD COMPLETED

North Augusta shoppers have a new travel option when shopping in the Knox Avenue/Martintown Road area. A newly completed road connection between Martintown Plaza and the Shoppes at North Augusta (Wal-Mart) makes it possible to travel more safely between the two shopping centers by avoiding heavy traffic on Knox Avenue.

The road connection between the shopping centers was envisioned at the time of plan approval for the Wal-Mart parcel. The new owners of Martintown Plaza, the Lightstone Group, completed the road to improve circulation and shopping options for Martintown Plaza tenants and customers. The City extends its appreciation to both Wal-Mart and the Lightstone Group for cooperating in completing the connection.

KIDS EARTH DAY 2009

Saturday, April 18,
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Lions Memorial Field

Learn about the Earth and how to protect it at Kids Earth Day, Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lions Memorial Field in North Augusta. Earth Day is a nationwide celebration each spring intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for Earth's environment. Kids Earth Day in North Augusta each year features dozens of exhibitors providing learning activities for kids and information about plants, animals and the environment we all share. Returning favorites in 2009 include the giant Earth Ball, creatures from the Savannah River Ecology Lab, NBC Augusta meteorologist Jeff Rucker, and much, much more!



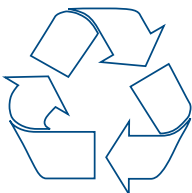
The Savannah River Ecology Lab's annual Earth Day presentation offers the opportunity for children to learn more about animals and their habitats.

Admission to the April 18th event is one aluminum can. All activities, plants and fun are free! Kids Earth Day 2009 sponsors include the City of North Augusta, Postash Corp Augusta, Communigraphics and NBC Augusta. For more information, please call 803-441-4308.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.
Lions Memorial Field

Bring a basket and join the Easter Bunny at the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the North Augusta Optimist Club and the North Augusta Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services. This year's hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. at Lions Memorial Field and is free for children ten and under. For more information, call 803-441-4300.



**NORTH
AUGUSTA**
Recycles

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 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
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
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.

**North
Augusta**
South Carolina's Riverfront

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