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2010 Census

A LETTER FROM MAYOR JONES

Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask for your help to ensure that every person living in North Augusta is counted in the 2010 Census. All census forms will be delivered or mailed to households this month. Please be on the lookout for your 2010 Census form then complete it and mail it back. Also, please encourage your friends, family members, coworkers and other North Augustans to do the same.

By completing and returning your census form, you are performing an important civic duty while helping to paint a new portrait of America and better define the future – for you, our community and our country. Census participation is vital to North Augusta and provides many important functions.

- Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to local, state and tribal governments based on census data.
- Census information guides local planning decisions, including where to provide additional social services, establish childcare and senior centers, and build new roads, hospitals, schools, job training facilities and community centers.
- Census data are used to reapportion congressional seats to states and assure proper district representation.
- Many businesses, social services, non-profit organizations and others utilize census data to make critical decisions that affect communities everywhere.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Census participation is easy, important and safe. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form takes about 10 minutes to complete. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal departments and law enforcement agencies.

The City of North Augusta is proud to be a partner with the Census Bureau and to support the 2010 Census. For additional information, please click on the 2010 census link on the City's website www.northaugusta.net. We ask for your support in this important initiative. Please, make a difference in your community by participating in the census.

Sincerely,
Lark W. Jones
Mayor

**North Augusta moves forward
when you send it back.**

PALMETTO PARKWAY IS COMPLETE



Mayor Lark Jones welcomes dignitaries assembled for the Palmetto Parkway ribbon cutting ceremony.

The successful and on-time completion of Phase II of the Palmetto Parkway, the South Carolina portion of I-520, was celebrated at a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 16, 2009. Phase II completes the I-520 loop around Augusta and North Augusta, a project that was originally conceived in 1971. Construction of Phase II, which is six miles in length with three interchanges, involved 2.5 million man hours of labor, 400,000 truckloads of excavation and 200,000 square yards of pavement. Twelve bridge locations and sixteen bridges were designed and built as part of the project and 6 miles of curb and sidewalk were constructed. The cost of Phase II, including design, right of way purchase and construction, was close to \$200 million.

An important feature of Phase II of the Palmetto Parkway project is a multi-use path which parallels the interstate and provides a significant addition to the North Augusta Greenway system. The path extends approximately five miles from Atomic Road to Ascauga Lake Road along the western Palmetto Parkway right of way.

2009 Economic Profile PROVIDES AREA SNAPSHOT

The City of North Augusta recently updated its Economic Profile, a biennial publication that offers information to assist current and potential business owners in making business location, relocation and investment decisions. The Economic Profile includes current demographic statistics as well as estimates and projections on population, housing and income. Information related to education, employment, transportation, consumer needs, development trends and the quality of life in North Augusta is also included. To the extent available, the same information is provided for the City of Aiken; the Belvedere area; Aiken, Edgefield, Richmond and Columbia counties; the Aiken-Augusta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); the states of South Carolina and Georgia; and the US.

The Economic Profile is produced by the City's Department of Planning and Economic Development and may be obtained through the City's website at <http://www.northaugusta.net/Default.aspx?Tabid=157&xsfid=108> or by visiting the Department on the second floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue.



CENSUS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM



To provide educators with resources to teach the nation's students about the importance of the census, the U.S. Census Bureau has created the Census in Schools program. The purpose of the program is to engage America's youth in the census effort to help ensure every child and every household member is counted in 2010.

The Census in Schools program offers age-specific materials for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, including maps displaying population counts and other demographic information; lesson plans grouped by grade and correlated to national standards for math, geography and language arts; and materials that integrate census information with social studies and community participation. An interactive Census in Schools website, <http://www.census.gov/schools> features age-appropriate memory games, word finds, state facts, coloring pages, research project ideas and more.

North Augusta Development Activity

SHOWS RECENT GAINS

2009 was a relatively slow year for development in the Central Savannah River Area including North Augusta. Over the past few months, however, North Augusta development activity has increased somewhat. Some of the new activity includes:

- The total number of City issued building permits in January 2010, residential and commercial, increased by 15% over the previous January.
- SRP Federal Credit Union will relocate its headquarters to its new campus on US 25/Edgefield Road this month.
- Cameron Cove, a 48 unit multifamily housing development on West Five Notch Road, began construction in January.
- Mossy Oak, a 69 lot single-family residential subdivision located at the end of Pinewood Road, is currently selling lots and building homes.
- Bergen Place West, Wando Woodlands and Woodstone, single family neighborhoods off Bergen Road, are building new homes.
- Gardner's Landing Planned Development, a proposed single-family and multifamily residential development on the Savannah River, was approved in December.
- Two townhome developments north of I-20, Bentley Place and Whatley Place, continue their phased development and construction.
- Hammond's Ferry recently started several new custom homes.
- North Augusta Middle School will initiate a major renovation project in 2010.
- Doctors Care, an extended hours medical clinic, opened on Knox Avenue.
- Arby's Restaurant opened for business in the River Commons Shopping Center on Knox Avenue.
- St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church has expanded its campus and is renovating property on West Martintown Road for additional classroom space.
- Halloween Express began construction of a new commercial building on West Martintown Road in January.
- Antonio's Italian Eatery opened for business in the last available rental space in Jackson Square.
- Business membership in the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce increased by 35 over the last three months.

Public Notice

WATER SYSTEM TESTING UNDERWAY

The North Augusta Utilities Department is conducting water distribution system flows and pressures testing in the City and in the Belvedere area during the months of March, April and May. Flow and pressure tests are conducted to determine how much water is available for fighting fires and serve as a means of assessing the general condition of the water distribution system.

During the testing process, customers may experience low water pressure and harmless discolored water. It is recommended that customers check for discoloration before using washing machines and other appliances that use water. Turning on a faucet and letting water flow for a short period of time, normally one to five minutes, should alleviate any discoloration and return the water to its normal appearance.

For additional information, or if water discoloration persists, customers are asked to contact the Utilities Department at 803-441-4240.



Upcoming Events AND HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MARCH

Yellow Jessamine Festival – Saturday, March 27, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Georgia Avenue. Call 803-441-4221.

APRIL

National Census Day – Thursday, April 1. Be counted so you count.

City Offices Closed – Friday, April 2. No change in residential sanitation routes.

Kid’s Earth Day – Saturday, April 17, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lions Memorial Field. Call 803-441-4221.

Olde Towne Artisans’ Fair – April 16 through 18 at the Living History Park on West Spring Grove Avenue. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

MAY

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day – Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kroger on Knox Avenue. Call 803-441-4246.

Music in the Park – Thursdays, May 20 and 27, 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion in Maude Edenfield Park. Visit www.naartscouncil.org.

City Offices Closed – Monday, May 31. Residential sanitation service is delayed by one day.

JUNE

Colonial Times “Under the Crown” – June 4 through 6 at the Living History Park on West Spring Grove Avenue. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

Music in the Park – Every Thursday in June, 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion in Maude Edenfield Park. Visit www.naartscouncil.org.

Upcoming Exhibits ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER

Portraying Lincoln – Man of Many Faces – Through April 3

The Story of the Palmetto Park and Pond – Through April 17

Cultural Arts Council Student Art Show – Beginning March 2

Pieceful Hearts Quilting Guild – Beginning March 2

Yellow Jessamine Festival Art Show – March 23 through April 17

The Human Figure in Art – Beginning April 13

Call 803-441-4380 or visit www.artsandheritagecenter.com for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The City’s Department of Planning and Economic Development is seeking volunteers to handle the front counter, simple computer work and other general office responsibilities. Membership to the North Augusta Activities Center is provided as a job benefit. Applications and a job description are available on the second floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue. Call 803-441-4221 for information.

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
Events and Facilities Supervisor -----	441-4350
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
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Zoning -----	442-4221
Planning-----	442-4221
Economic Development -----	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
Arts & Heritage Center -----	441-4380

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are held every first and third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Center. 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.