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— Greenway Extended, Town Center Landscaped —

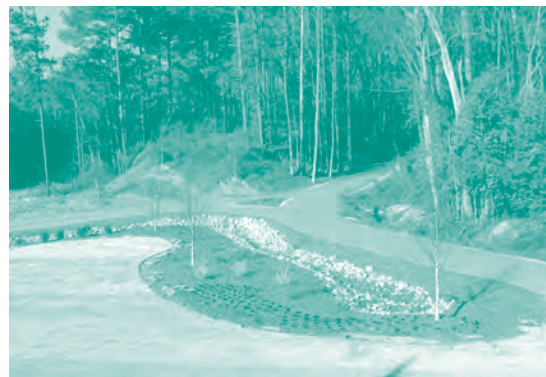
The City of North Augusta has two construction projects underway which are funded through the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Enhancement Program and are designed to support the City's quality of life. The Enhancement Program, established in 1992, provides money for local, nontraditional, transportation related activities including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, streetscaping, scenic and landscaping programs, and historic preservation. Enhancement funds are allocated by SCDOT to Aiken County each year and are shared by the City of North Augusta, the City of Aiken and Burnetown.

Town Center Streetscaping Project

One of North Augusta's newest streets and two of its oldest are the beneficiaries of funding available to the City from the Transportation Enhancement Program. The North Augusta Town Center Streetscaping Project, a continuation of transportation improvements and beautification efforts in the downtown, provides for new landscaping and irrigation along Center Street, the 100 block of Bluff Avenue and the 200 block of West Avenue. The portion of Center Street through Brick Pond Park is being landscaped with native materials that will protect the pond environment and improve the appearance of the primary access to Hammond's Ferry. More than 100 trees of different varieties have been planted and are supported by sod, border grasses and irrigation systems. An added feature is the construction of a pond, stream and waterfalls along the Greenway Trail at Center Street.



Newly planted street trees and native pond-side vegetation are a part of the Town Center Streetscaping project.



As the weather turns warmer, multiple annual and perennial flower beds will also be planted and will become a part of the City's overall and ongoing beautification program.

The intersection of the Greenway Trail with Center Street features landscaping, a pond and stream, and waterfalls.

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ENHANCEMENTS

Greenway Trail Extension – Pisgah Road to North of I-20

The Greenway Trail is growing. Construction is underway this spring to extend the Greenway, the City's pedestrian and bicycle trail, from its current terminus at Pisgah Road approximately 1.25 miles along the former railroad right of way and under I-20 to Bergen Road. The extension will make it possible for City residents who live in the northern portion of the City to access the Greenway. The project includes landscaping with native vegetation and the creation of defined access points along the new length of the Trail. A new parking area for Greenway users will be constructed at the Bergen Road end of the project. The Greenway Extension project is consistent with the City's goal to provide additional Trail connections to neighborhoods, parks and schools. Future Greenway construction projects will extend the Greenway through Bergen Village and into Woodstone, Bergen Place, Bergen West and Wando Woodlands.



A twelve foot wide Greenway Trail extension from Pisgah Road north to Bergen Road will facilitate Trail access to city residents north of I-20.

Arts and Heritage Center HERITAGE CORRIDOR PARTNER

The Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta (AHCNA), located on the first floor of the Municipal Center, is pleased to announce that it will soon be a partner in the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor (SCNHC). The SCNHC is a nonprofit organization which extends through 17 South Carolina counties and is dedicated, through museums, interpretative signage and travel guides, to develop and promote the natural, cultural and historic resources of this federally designated National Heritage Area in order to foster economic growth in rural South Carolina.

As part of its partnership with SCNHC, the Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta will assume ownership of the regional history exhibits from the SCNHC's former Discovery Center in Blackville. By displaying these educational and technological exhibits which interpret the history of Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell and Orangeburg counties, AHCNA serves as a gateway through which visitors will be introduced to the corridor, regional destinations and the region's character and history.



Exhibits detail the history and customs of rural South Carolina.



Funds from the former North Augusta Historical Society and support from the City of North Augusta have made the transport and installation of the new exhibits possible. McGee Home Builders of North Augusta, Christian E. Goff and Mark Meyer of Industry & Skilled Trades at Aiken Technical College, and ADSI Moving Systems are also providing support. The grand opening of these permanent history exhibits will take place in April 2011.



Music in the Park

SUMMER 2011



The Fort Gordon Signal Corps Concert Band closes out the 2010 Music in the Park season.

The North Augusta Cultural Arts Council kicks off its 2011 outdoor concert series, Music in the Park, on May 19. The free admission concerts, scheduled each Thursday through July 21 (except for July 7), begin at 7:00 p.m. and most are held at Maude Edenfield Park. In inclement weather, concerts move to the adjacent North Augusta Community Center. The final concert, on July 21, will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church Wesley Center.

Music in the Park is sponsored by the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council, University Health Care Systems and the City of North Augusta. For additional information, visit www.naartscouncil.org.

2010 Census Update

It is now official: The United States 2010 population is 308,745,538, a 9.7% increase over the year 2000 population count. South Carolina experienced a 15.3% population increase over the same decade to 4,625,364. As a result, South Carolina will gain one Congressional seat after the reapportionment process is completed next year. Additional Census data, including state, county and city details, will be released over the next few months. For additional information and an explanation of the Congressional reapportionment process, visit www.2010census.gov.



Visit www.northaugusta.net

USEFUL INFORMATION

City of North Augusta departments regularly update information on the City website to provide current information and answers to many questions related to City government. The website homepage, www.northaugusta.net, includes current agendas for City Council meetings, public hearing notices, an event and meeting calendar, sanitation schedules and facility rental information.

More detailed information is available by clicking the "Online Services" link on the homepage. Services include options to pay utility bills and taxes, research property tax information and register for City sports programs. The Online Mapping System link allows viewers to access GIS maps and detailed parcel information collected and maintained by Aiken County. Available information includes tax parcel numbers, zoning, parcel acreages, topography, utility locations and aerial photos and is searchable by parcel number, address and owner name. The City regularly updates the Online Mapping System with new information generated by Aiken County.

The Document Library, also available through the Online Services link, provides access to hundreds of documents created by city departments. Visitors to the Document Library have access to current and archived agendas and meeting minutes for City Council, Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. City newsletters and departmental monthly reports are stored in the Document Library along with copies of various City brochures, fee schedules and application forms.

Current and past City budgets are available to view in the Finance folder. The Parks and Recreation folder includes directions to City facilities, Riverview Park membership information and a program registration form. The North Augusta Development Code, Official Zoning Map and Comprehensive Plan are accessible in the Planning and Economic Development folder along with current versions of the *Business Startup Guide* and the *Economic Profile*. The Engineering and Public Works folder holds extensive information on City building permit requirements, Brick Pond Park and the City's watersheds.

The City website is designed to serve the needs and interests of city and area residents and other interested parties. For more information on the resources available at www.northaugusta.net, please utilize the phone directory included in the "Contact Us" link on the homepage or the telephone directory on page 4 of this newsletter.

Upcoming Events

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

MARCH

Yellow Jessamine Festival – Friday, March 25, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 26, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in North Augusta’s downtown. Art, children’s activities, community stage, food court and more. Call 803-441-4310.

APRIL

Kid’s Earth Day – Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lions Memorial Field. Learn about recycling and energy through Earth friendly exhibits and activities. Call 803-441-4310.

City Offices Closed – Friday, April 22. No change in residential sanitation routes.

Olde Towne Artisans’ Fair – April 15 through 17 at the Living History Park on West Spring Grove Avenue. Art for sale, skills demonstrations and more in a beautiful 18th century setting. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

MAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event – Saturday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kroger on Knox Avenue. Call 803-441-4246.

City Offices Closed – Monday, May 30. Residential sanitation service is delayed by one day.

JUNE

Colonial Times “Under the Crown” – June 3 through 5 at the Living History Park on West Spring Grove Avenue. Historic reenactments, entertainment and dance. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

Upcoming Exhibits

ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER

North Augusta Cultural Arts Council Student Art Show – March 8 to 23

NACAC Student Art Show Finalists – March 23 to April 23

Yellow Jessamine Festival Juried Art Show – March 23 to April 2

Our Military Heritage – April 26 to July 9

Portraiture Art – July 19 to August 27

The Art of Millinery – July 19 to October 29

Carolina’s Got Art – September 1 to October 29

North Augusta Artists Guild’s Fall Into Art – November 8 to December 31

A Palmetto Christmas – Naturally! – November 8 to December 31

**Dates are subject to change.*

The AHCNA is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Call (803) 441-4380 or visit www.artsandheritagecenter.com for more 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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