

MAYOR'S MATTERS



Hello North Augusta. In this Mayor's Matters I thought it would be good to highlight several of the Resolutions and Ordinances Council have passed in the last few months. The details of each of these can be found on our City website, under Council Minutes, but I believe the description of each will give you a good idea of what they are about.

Resolution No. 2024-10 to Approve the Installation of a Mural at the Center Street Greenway Tunnel Location. (This is being sponsored by North Augusta Forward and painted by local artist Jason Craig with a nature theme.)

Resolution No. 2024-12 Identifying North Augusta Projects for the Aiken County Capital Projects Sales Tax 5. (Included in the resolution is the list of great projects that citizens will vote on in the November Election. You can find the list on the City website.)

Resolution No. 2024-13 Accepting Donation of Adaptive Kayak Launcher Addition to Boeckh Park Dock from Georgia Rehabilitation Institute. (This will be great for our citizens with physical disabilities to have an easy way to enter the river with a kayak.)

Resolution No. 2024-23 Authorizing a Purchasing Agreement with Joe Johnson Equipment to purchase 2024 International Boom Truck. (This will give us another truck to pick up yard waste.)

Council approved three (3) Ordinances which will allow the final parcels at Riverside Village to be built out which was the goal when this project was started by Mayor Lark Jones and Council in 2012. Riverside Village will have more residential units with apartments and over 9,800 square feet of retail space which will bring more restaurants and shops:

- **Ordinance No. 2024-06** To Approve the Revised General Development Plan of the 195 Acre Hammond's Ferry Planned Development Located on the West Side of Georgia Avenue Between the North Augusta Greenway and the Savannah River.
- **Ordinance No. 2024-07** Abandoning a Road Right-of-Way shown as Wanninger Run on a Plat for Hammond's Ferry Ballpark Village, Phase B in the City of North Augusta.
- **Ordinance No. 2024-08** Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Fourth Amendment to Master Development Agreement and a Development Inducement; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

We had a Ribbon Cutting for our New Public Restroom on the Greenway at Cypress Drive next to Hammond Hill Suburban Pool. This was a collaborative effort by Hammond Hill Suburban Pool who donated the land, North Augusta Forward who built the restroom, and the City of North Augusta who built the sidewalk from the bathroom to the Greenway.

We had a Ribbon Cutting for the New Miracle League Field. The City of North Augusta donated land for the ball field at Riverview Park and the REcing Crew raised the money to build it. This is a great addition to our community for our youth and adults with visual, hearing, intellectual, and physical disabilities.

As you can see it has been a busy past few months but a lot of really good decisions have been made to improve the quality of life of our citizens. As Mayor and Council we appreciate your support. North Augusta Our Future Is Bright.
Mayor Briton S. Williams



Utility Department Customer Portal



We've been listening to your feedback, and we're excited to announce that we will be launching a new customer portal for your utility billing, property taxes, and business licenses. Coming soon you will have the ability to opt-in for e-statements, have more options for online payments, and set up auto-draft. Please be on the lookout for more information to follow to creating your customer portal.

Backyard Composting —

Nearly half the trash discarded by Americans every year is made up of organic materials that could be composted. Instead of tossing out organic materials like fruit and vegetable scraps, consider composting them along with your yard debris such as leaves and grass clippings.

Why Compost?

Compost can increase crop yields, improve soil structure, and attract beneficial organisms that suppress plant diseases. Adding compost to soil also helps prevent erosion and storm water runoff, reduces the need for fertilizers and pesticides, and can help remove contamination.

By composting organic waste, we can extend the life of our landfills and replace the amount of methane produced. Methane, a harmful greenhouse gas, is released into the atmosphere when food is broken down without the presence of oxygen.

Yard Waste Collection Roll Cart



To make your yard waste collection services more efficient, upgrade to a yard waste roll cart for disposal of your everyday yard waste. Yard Waste Roll Carts help keep the storm drain clear and keep roads and yards free of excess debris. North Augusta offers customers inside the city this additional roll cart for \$5.16 a month (\$7.27 outside city limits). Yard Waste Roll Carts can simply be placed next to your regular household waste cart on your same pick up day.

To order a Yard Waste Roll Cart call 803-441-4240 or 803-441-4219.



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JULY 12-21

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Events Through August 2024

JULY

4-5 CLOSED for July 4th

11 Lecture on the North Augusta Dispensary by Michael Lewis @ 3 pm / in the Council Chambers

11-31 The Mascaro Art Group

18 Reception / 5-8 pm

AUGUST

5-30 Columbia County Artists Guild and Clay Artists of the Southeast

15 Reception / 5-8 pm

NORTH AUGUSTA CHAMBER

JUNE

14 Connect 4 Coffee w/ Paceline
8:00 – 9:00am
Paceline | 720 St. Sebastian Way, Sutherland Mill, Augusta

18 Ribbon Cutting – Jonathan Wingard Insurance Agency
3:00 – 4:00pm
406 West Avenue, North Augusta

26 Small Business Roundtable Discussion 9:00 – 10:00am
North Augusta Chamber/Community Center, 495 Brookside Avenue, NA

JULY

24 Small Business Roundtable Discussion 9:00 – 10:00am
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AUGUST

8 Good Morning North Augusta
7:30 – 9:00am
SC Chamber of Commerce Grassroots (Legislative Update)
Palmetto Terrace, 100 Georgia Ave

15 Business Mixer & Pop-Up Shop
5:00 – 7:00pm
North Augusta Community Center
495 Brookside Avenue, NA

More info at
www.northaugustachamber.org



The Resource

A City of North Augusta Stormwater Department Publication

Education and Outreach with Students in the Community

Part of our duties as the Stormwater Management Department includes education and outreach to the public. This quarter, we had the opportunity to participate in several events with students of all ages. Paul Knox Middle School invited us to join their STEM Fest to engage middle school students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We have been able to join this event for the past 3 years now, and the students are always so excited to be there! For a demonstration, we showed off a Rainfall Simulator that depicts the differences in soil types and surface types as rain falls to the ground.

Within the same week, we had the privilege of joining both Aiken County and City of Aiken Stormwater staff to host a hands-on activity table at the Ruth Patrick Science Center for Earth and Sky Night. We had over 200 students come through the event and had a blast learning about watershed protection and pollution prevention. Together we made Crumpled Watersheds and learned how stormwater runoff can flow down land and even carry pollution with it downstream. This is a super simple and fun activity that you could enjoy too! All you need is a piece of light colored paper, water-based markers, and water in a spray bottle.

How to Make a Crumpled Watershed:

Step 1: Crumple up the blank piece of paper, and then smooth it most of the way out, leaving some high points and low points in the paper.

Step 2: Imagine the paper is a land map, and color the ridges of the high points with a marker. You can make predictions about the low points of the map and color these lower areas in blue.

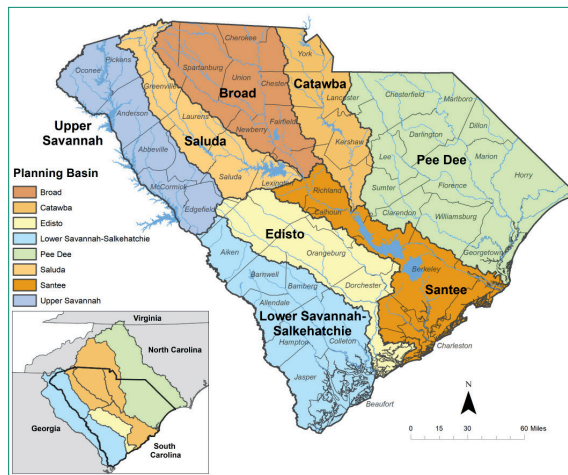
Step 3: Make some educated guesses on how rain might flow over the map as it falls on to the paper. Where will the stormwater travel?



Step 4: Lightly spray your watershed paper with water from the spray bottle as if it is raining on the map you drew.

Step 5: Observe what happens and where the water flows.

Watersheds are an area of land where all the rainfall, snowmelt, and runoff flows from the ridge points to the same common water source at the lowest point. In North Augusta, we are a part of the Lower Savannah/Salkehatchie watershed basin as you can see in purple on the DHEC Watershed Basin Map. If you would like to do this activity at home, there are several versions of the Crumpled Watershed on the internet that can provide you more ideas and resources.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2024

Last month, we hosted our 22nd annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection. This year there were 84 vehicles that came through to drop off household wastes like old batteries, yard chemicals, and unused paints. This event is designed to help residents properly dispose of unwanted and potentially hazardous materials such as engine fluids, stains, herbicides, cleaning solvents, among other waste. The City's Stormwater Management Department began hosting this collection in 2003, and has since removed a total of 135.7 tons of hazardous waste from the City of North Augusta. That is the



equivalent weight of 12 school buses of waste!

If you missed this year's event, don't worry. Our collection of household wastes is an annual event. It occurs every year on the same weekend of the year in May, the weekend between Mother's Day and Memorial Day. So mark your 2025 calendar for the next one. This is a service for North Augusta residents that is funded by stormwater fees. Hazardous wastes are expensive to dispose of, but it is extremely important to dispose of them properly. Without collection events and drop off centers for waste material, these chemicals could be washed into a storm drain and pollute our local creeks and streams. We want to thank all our residents that have participated in this event over the last 22 years. If you have not attended, we hope to see you at the next event!

What Business Owners & Managers Need to Know about Stormwater

Many business owners and managers spend a lot of their time focused on what matters, the bottom line of business, profits and products. They spend money wisely and make sure that when it comes to making a good profit that nothing is overlooked that might cost the business surplus time, effort, or money.

One place that many business owners may not think about is their facility's stormwater infrastructure. "What infrastructure?" That is a common response we hear during inspections and site visits. Many business owners don't realize that the stormwater system located on their property is their responsibility. Stormwater infrastructure can include storm pipes, storm drains, junction boxes, retention and detention ponds, underground units, and swales/ditches. This is not a comprehensive list of types of infrastructure, but these are a few common stormwater features.

If you are the owner of a business and the property where it is located, then you own the stormwater system just as you own the shelves inside the business. If you lease the property, be sure that your landlord is aware of this information. Even if you just manage a business, you may need to know about the stormwater system on the property. Learning all the details about your stormwater system, how to maintain it, and how it works could save you or your boss time and money later.

Top 10 Questions to Know about Your Stormwater Infrastructure:

1. Where does rainwater flow into and out of the stormwater system on my property and how does it get there?
2. What size pipes and inlets are located at my facility and how are they connected?
3. What type of material are the pipes and inlets made of and are they in good shape?
4. Are there retention ponds or swales that I may own or am responsible for? If so, do the ponds have special features to protect the environment? Are they working? Why not?
5. What should I be doing to maintain and operate my stormwater system so it works as it was designed?
6. Do I have a copy of the stormwater system drawing or engineered design for my facility?
7. Do my employees understand what to do if there is a problem and what not to do to cause a problem?
8. Is pollution entering my stormwater system and how can I stop it?
9. Is there a way that I can cut-costs or monthly fees on my utility bill for stormwater?
10. What can I do today to make sure a stormwater system malfunction does not catch me and my budget by surprise?

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