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Spring Events Focus on Outdoors AND THE ENVIRONMENT

While the past winter offered milder weather than usual, the return to Daylight Saving Time and the coming of spring mean more time for outdoor activities. Make a note to celebrate the season at the following events sponsored by the City of North Augusta and area organizations and businesses.

Kids Earth Day, on Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., will be held this year in Brick Pond Park. Earth Day is a nationwide celebration each spring intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the planet. North Augusta's event features dozens of exhibitors providing learning activities for children and information about plants, animals and the shared environment.



Classic photo from 2002 Kids Earth Day event

Bring a basket to the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. The event, for children 10 and under is sponsored by the North Augusta Optimist Club and will take place on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Lions Field.



Brittany King's winning entry in the 2011 Yellow Jessamine Art Competition

The Sixth Annual **Yellow Jessamine Festival** celebrates South Carolina's state flower in a two day event. Events on Friday, April 20 will be held at Jackson Square at the corner of Georgia and West Buena Vista Avenues from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Festival, hosted by the City of North Augusta and the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council, continues on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in downtown North Augusta. Saturday's highlights include the Crafters Village, offering original fine art and crafts for purchase; Kidz Corner, with inflatables and other children's activities; a Food Court; and live musical entertainment throughout the venue. For food and arts vendor information and for general event information, email jfelak@northaugusta.net.

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SPRING EVENTS continued

The **Living History Park** is the venue for two annual spring weekend events. Beginning with a preview party on Friday, April 20 and continuing on Saturday and Sunday (April 21-22), the ninth annual **Olde Towne Artisans Fair** showcases the work of fine artists and artisans and features skill demonstrations and live entertainment.



On June 1, 2 and 3, the Park is the site of **Colonial Times: Under the Crown**, an exploration of 18th century life during the American Revolution. The event features a colonial dinner with General Cornwallis, live period music and dance on Friday and continues through the weekend with interactive demonstrations of colonial life and skills, an 18th century Anglican service on Sunday and also a fashion show and tea. Additional information is available on The Living History Park website www.colonialtimes.us.

The North Augusta Cultural Arts Council kicks off its 2012 outdoor concert series, **Music in the Park**, on May 17 with the North Augusta High School Symphonic Bands. The free admission concerts, scheduled each Thursday through July 26 (no concert July 5), begin at 7:00 p.m. and most are held at The Verandah at Maude Edenfield Park. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic dinners are encouraged. In the event of inclement weather, concerts are moved to the adjacent North Augusta Community Center. For additional information, including a list of scheduled performers, visit www.naartscouncil.org.



Finally, support environmental quality by participating in the tenth annual **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event** on Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Kroger parking lot on Knox Avenue. Items accepted include paints, pesticides, motor oil, herbicides, antifreeze and aerosol cans. There is no cost to participate. For more information, call 803-441-4246 or email stormwater@northaugusta.net.

More than half of the hazardous materials collected are paint products.

Arts and Heritage Center NEW EXHIBITS – NEW HOURS

Untitled: Juried Artists of the Arts and Heritage Center – March 22 to April 24

Yellow Jessamine Festival Art Show – April 21 to June 15

A Moment in Time: The Art of Georgia Brooks – May 1 to June 1

The Story of Hamburg – June 26 to August 24



*Aerial drawing of Hamburg, 1872.
Courtesy of the Augusta Museum of History.*

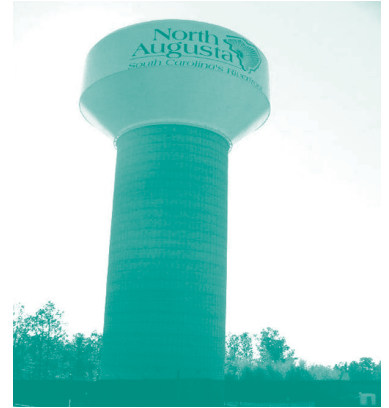
The Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta (AHCNA) is located on the first floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, in downtown North Augusta. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Center offers extended hours for special events and during the month of December. For more information, visit www.artsandheritagecenter.com or call 803-441-4380.

Water System Improvements

ASCAUGA LAKE ROAD WATER STORAGE TANK

The City of North Augusta recently completed water distribution system improvements within the City's water service area near I-20, including a new one million gallon elevated water storage tank located at Ascauga Lake Road and Palmetto Parkway and the addition of 15,000 feet of water line. These system improvements provide an increased water supply for fire protection and consumer water demand. Other benefits include emergency water system connections between the City of North Augusta and Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority.

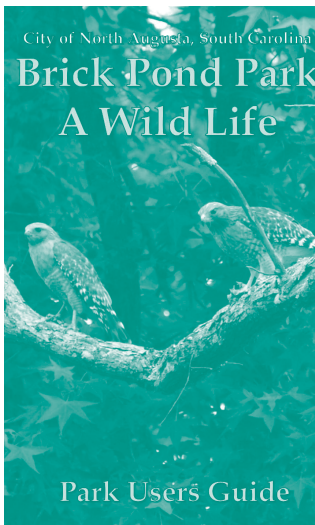
Water system improvements scheduled in 2012 include four water line replacement and extension projects: a six inch water line on Alta Vista Avenue; a six inch water line extension on East Spring Grove Avenue; a six inch water line on Hampton Avenue; and a water line upgrade along Wapoo Drive. For more information on current and planned water system improvements, please call the Department of Public Services at 803-441-4240.



Recently completed Ascauga Lake water storage tank

Brick Pond Park – A Wild Life

USER GUIDE PUBLISHED



Since its opening in November 2008, more than 10,000 people, on scheduled tours, in family groups and individually, have visited the City's newest recreation area, Brick Pond Park. The first of its kind in South Carolina, Brick Pond Park is a forty acre constructed wetland and wildlife habitat located in the center of North Augusta near the Savannah River that offers walking trails, picnic areas and close up views of plants, turtles, deer, several types of birds and reptiles, and even a few resident alligators.

To help visitors get full benefit from their time in the park, the City of North Augusta recently published a pictorial user guide, *Brick Pond Park – A Wild Life*. The user guide provides a history of the former brick making site, details the park construction process and summarizes the park's amenities, education programs, and safety guidelines. With 180 full-color photos, the user guide is an invaluable resource to enhance visits to the site and to underscore the importance of safeguarding the City's native wildlife. Copies of the user guide may be purchased for \$3.80 in the Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta gift shop located on the first floor of the Municipal Center. For more information on the user guide, email tstrickland@northaugusta.net.

2011 Economic Profile

AREA SNAPSHOT

The City of North Augusta recently updated its Economic Profile, a biennial collection of statistics to support business location, relocation and investment decisions. The Profile includes demographic information based on latest available data as well as estimates and projections on population, infrastructure, education, employment, transportation, consumer needs and spending, taxes, development trends and quality of life in the City. As applicable and available, comparative statistics are also included for Belvedere, City of Aiken, Aiken, Edgefield, Columbia and Richmond Counties, the Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC Metro Area (MSA), South Carolina, Georgia and the United States.

The Economic Profile can be accessed through the document library on the City website www.northaugusta.net. Printed copies of the Profile are available from the Department of Planning and Economic Development located on the second floor of the Municipal Center. Email cdecamp@northaugusta.net for additional information.



City Sanitation Collection 2012 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

North Augusta provides once-a-week curbside collection of residential recyclable material, yard waste, garbage and trash. Normal collection days are Monday through Thursday with a specific day assigned to each neighborhood. The collection schedule is often adjusted in weeks that contain a holiday. 2012 holiday schedule changes are summarized below.

Good Friday – Friday, April 6. City offices closed in observance of the holiday. No change in residential sanitation collections.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 28. City offices closed in observance of the holiday. Residential sanitation collections will be delayed by one day (Monday route will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday route on Wednesday and Wednesday route on Thursday.) The Thursday route does not change.

Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4. City offices closed in observance of the holiday. Residential sanitation collections will be delayed by one day on Wednesday only (Wednesday route will be picked up Thursday.) The Thursday route does not change.

Labor Day – Monday, September 3. City offices closed in observance of the holiday. Residential sanitation collections will be delayed by one day (Monday route will be picked up Tuesday, Tuesday route on Wednesday and Wednesday route on Thursday.) The Thursday route does not change.

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23. City offices closed in observance of the holidays. No change in residential sanitation collections for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday's route will be collected a day early, on Wednesday.

Christmas Holidays – Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25. City offices closed in observance of the holidays. Residential sanitation collections on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be delayed by two days, and the Thursday route will be delayed one day. (Monday route will be picked up on Wednesday and Tuesday route on Thursday. Wednesday and Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday.)

Sanitation schedule information is also available on the City's holiday phone line 803-441-4239.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Non Emergency-----	279-2121
Administration-----	441-4251
Records/Court Services-----	441-4271
Investigations-----	441-4274
Animal Control-----	441-4298

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
Permits-----	441-4227
Business License (Contractors)-----	441-4227
Stormwater Management-----	441-4295

PUBLIC SERVICES

After-Hour Emergencies-----	279-2121
Code Compliance-----	441-4258
Property Maintenance-----	441-4240
Recycling Solid Waste-----	441-4331
Sanitation Services-----	441-4223
Sanitation New Customer-----	441-4219
Utility Billing-----	441-4212
Utility New/Disconnect Service-----	441-4219

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

Arts & Heritage Center-----	441-4380
North Augusta Chamber of Commerce-----	279-2323
Nancy Carson Library-----	279-5767
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 Center. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.



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