

Winter Base Sewer Rates Now In Effect

The City of North Augusta uses a system for calculating sewer service charges known as the "Winter Base Sewer Rate System". This system uses three months of water usage to calculate sewer charges for the remaining nine months of the year. While these three months may vary depending on when your water meter is read, they are generally the three individual months as reflected in the water meter readings of: (1) December 10 through January 9; (2) January 10 through February 9; and (3) February 10 through March 9.

The Winter Base System works as follows. The customer is billed a sewer service charge based on actual consumption during each of the three winter base months. The consumption for these months is then averaged. The sewer rate is applied to this average, and the customer's sewer service charge then remains the same for each of the next nine months until the winter base cycle starts again. Customers new to the system with no winter base history are charged an amount equal to an average of all customers.



Water Line Improvements - Construction is nearing completion on the \$475,000 Clay Street to Pisgah Road waterline and pump station project. When completed in early January, this project will more than double the City's upper level water system pumping capacity.

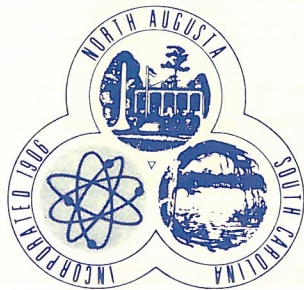
SPECIAL MONITORING FOR UNREGULATED ORGANIC COMPOUNDS NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS

1986 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act require all public community water supplies to perform special monitoring for the presence of 51 unregulated organic compounds in drinking water. The purpose of this monitoring is to determine the prevalence and magnitude of these compounds in the drinking water supplies in the United States. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is presently performing this monitoring on behalf of public water systems. The results of the first three quarterly monitorings of the City of North Augusta water supply have been received from DHEC and are available for public review.

Further information concerning this monitoring may be obtained by calling 279-9453.

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North Augusta Claims Upstate Football Title

South Carolina Class AAAA Upstate Football Champions describes this year's edition of the North Augusta High School varsity football team. The Yellow

Jackets, led by second year Coach Bill Utsey, defeated Easley High School 34-7 in a game played before a large, enthusiastic crowd at North Augusta to claim the Upstate title. Despite a loss to Hartsville High School in the state

championship game played at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, this Yellow Jacket squad was the most successful since 1961, finishing the season with an 11-4 record, including three home playoff victories.



Action between North Augusta and Hartsville High School in the state football championship game.

Sanitation Holiday Schedule

CHRISTMAS

The Sanitation Department will be closed Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th. Garbage normally collected on Thursday, December 22nd will be collected on Wednesday, December 21st. Garbage normally collected on Friday, December 23rd will be collected on Thursday, December 22nd.

Garbage normally collected on Monday, December 26th will be collected on Tuesday, December 27, and garbage normally collected on Tuesday, December 27th will be collected on Wednesday, December 28th.

Yard trash collection for Friday, December 23rd will be collected Thursday, December 22nd. Yard trash collection for Monday, December 26th will be collected Tuesday, December 27th.

NEW YEARS DAY

The Sanitation Department will be closed Monday, January 2nd. Garbage normally collected this day will be collected Tuesday, January 3rd. Customers on Tuesday's route will have their garbage collected on Wednesday, January 4th. Yard trash collection for Monday, January 2nd will be collected on Tuesday, January 3rd.

FY 89 Municipal Budget Approved

At its regular meeting on December 5, 1988, the North Augusta City Council gave final approval to the 1989 Consolidated Municipal Budget.

The funds and functional areas of expenditures or expenses for the 1989 Consolidated Municipal Budget are shown on the chart on page two.

The **General Fund** is the main operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources designated for general government, public safety, public services, and recreation and park expenditures. For the seventh consecutive year, the 1989 General Fund Budget includes no tax increase.

Sanitation service charges remain unchanged for 1989. Sanitation and trash services are completely funded by service charges which were last

increased on January 1, 1988.

The charts on page two show the sources of revenues and functional areas of expenditures for the General Fund.

Revenues from the **Street Improvement Fund** are used for street and storm drainage needs in the City. Planned expenditures in the 1989 budget include light pole replacement at Riverview Park, and storm drainage improvements on East Buena Vista Avenue and in the Summerfield Subdivision.

The **Capital Projects Fund** is used to account for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities. The 1989 Capital Projects Fund Budget includes the continuation of a ten mill tax earmarked for major capital projects. The
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1989 Consolidated Municipal Budget

	Personnel Services	Operations/Maintenance	Capital	Debt Service	TOTAL
General Fund	\$2,913,987	\$1,199,184	\$ 212,826	-----	\$4,325,997
Firemen's Fund	-----	18,000	-----	-----	18,000
Street Improvement Fund	-----	58,225	83,900	-----	142,125
Capital Projects Fund	-----	-----	35,000	-----	35,000
Water/Sewer System	671,269	942,078	138,775	1,243,488	2,995,610
	<u>\$3,585,256</u>	<u>\$2,217,487</u>	<u>\$470,501</u>	<u>\$1,243,488</u>	<u>\$7,516,732</u>
	47.7%	29.5%	6.3%	16.5%	100%

Business License Applications Due February 1, 1989

North Augusta Business License applications for calendar year 1989 will be mailed out the last week of December, 1988. When the application is received, it should be carefully examined to confirm the information presently on file with the City. Changes or additions should be noted on the application. Once properly completed, the application should be signed and returned to the Finance Department with the business license fee. All applications are due by February 1, 1989. A delinquent penalty, starting at

ten percent and increasing by five percent per month thereafter, will be added to any license application received after this date. Within ten days of receiving a properly completed business license application and correct fee, the Finance Department will mail the license to the business.

If you have any questions concerning the business license application process, please contact the Finance Department at 279-0330.

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funds appropriated for 1989 are to be used for the master design of a gym center complex to be located at Riverview Park.

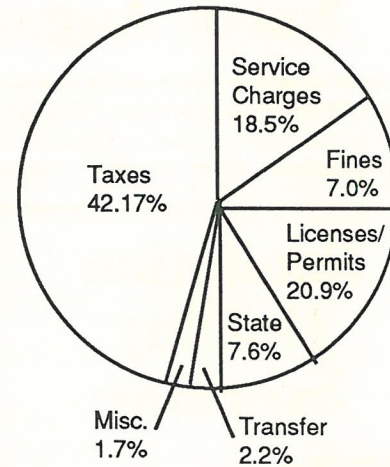
The Water and Sewer System revenues are allocated totally to the expenses of the utility system. Water and sewer rates remain unchanged in 1989. A summary of the budgeted expenses of the utility system are as follows:

Personal Services	--22.4%
Operations & Maintenance	--31.5%
Capital Improvements	-- 4.6%
Debt Service	--41.5%

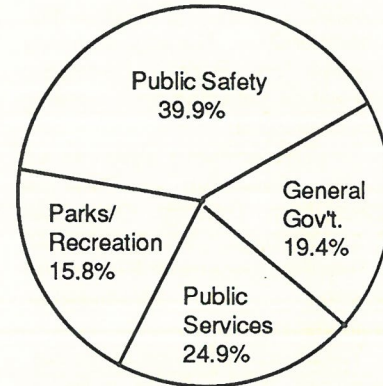
A copy of the 1989 Consolidated Municipal Budget is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

1989 General Fund Summary

Revenues



Expenditures



Tax Notices To Be Mailed In January

Tax notices for the 1988 Tax Year for real property, merchants inventory, and personal property (boats) will be mailed by the City's Finance Department during the first week of January, 1989. These taxes are due by May 1, 1989.

RED NOSE RUN SCHEDULED JANUARY 7

The North Augusta Parks and Recreation Department and NCNB will be hosting the ninth annual RED NOSE RUN road race on Saturday, January 7, 1989. Runners may participate in 3 kilometer and/or 10 kilometer races.

The overall male and female winners in the 10K race will receive a \$50 cash prize. Special prizes will be awarded by a drawing at the awards ceremony.

For all who pre-register, the fee is \$10 and includes a RED NOSE RUN t-shirt. T-shirts will also be given to late registrants as supplies last. The late registration fee is \$12.

Registration forms are available at the North Augusta Parks and Recreation Department office at 403 East Buena Vista Avenue. Additional information may be obtained by calling 278-2358.

Tennis Court Hours

Riverview Park closes each evening at midnight. The tennis court lights will be automatically shut off at this time. The tennis courts at Edenfield Park on East Buena Vista Avenue (across from the Municipal Building) are open until 2 a.m.

CITY DIRECTORY

Fire Emergency.....	911
Police Emergency.....	911
Public Safety Department	
Administration	279-2123
Clerk of Court	279-8262
Records	279-8262
Public Safety Director ..	279-3636
Finance Department	
Taxes	279-0330
Waterworks	279-0330
Business License	279-0330
Mayor	279-0333
City Administrator	279-0333
Planning/Community Development	
Planning & Zoning ...	278-0816
Code Enforcement ...	278-0817
Public Works/Utilities	
Animal Control	279-9453
Engineering	279-9453
Sanitation	279-9453
Streets and Drains ...	279-9453
Parks and Recreation	278-2358
Community Center	278-2358



Register for Soccer Leagues in January

Registration for Spring soccer leagues will be held on Friday, January 20, Saturday, January 21, Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28, at the Parks and Recreation Department on East Buena Vista Avenue. The hours will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday.

Recreation soccer age groups range from 5 to 17. Registration for adult soccer will also be accepted during these times.

Additional registration information may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office at 278-2358.

Youth Basketball Tips Off In January

Basketball leagues are provided for boys 8-17. A men's church league is also available. Registration for all leagues was in late November, with the season to begin the first week of January. The

annual roundball classic, held at North Augusta High School and featuring each youth team, marks the conclusion of the regular season.

SWEETHEART BALL

Featuring the Dixie Dons Band
Friday, February 10, 1989, at 8:30 p.m.
North Augusta Community Center
Tickets: \$8.00 - Available In Advance at the Parks and Recreation Department
403 East Buena Vista Avenue

Sponsored by the North Augusta Parks and Recreation Department.

Suggested Holiday Safety Tips

The North Augusta Department of Public Safety offers the following safety tips to help you enjoy a safe holiday season:

--Keep matches, lighters and candles out of children's reach.

--Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.

--Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out in the home. See that each family member knows what to do in case of fire.

--Avoid wearing loose, flowing clothes, especially long, open sleeves, near the open flames of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table.

--Never burn candles near evergreens on a mantelpiece or table. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Their flames can flare up out of control.

--Remove all wrapping papers from the tree and fireplace areas immediately after presents are opened. Do not burn in fireplace. A flash fire may result, as this paper can ignite suddenly.

--Plan for safety. There is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees and electrical connections.