

## Firearm Safety Courses Begin in January

Classes in firearm safety will be offered by the North Augusta Department of Public Safety beginning in January. These classes will be held at Public Safety Station 2 located on Five Notch Road at the intersection of Frontage Road. This is a one-day class and the fee is \$10 for City residents and \$15 for non-residents. Classes will be from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

January 10	January 24
February 7	February 21
March 7	March 21
April 4	April 18

Class sizes are limited, and pre-registration is required. The class fee must be paid at the North Augusta Parks and Recreation Department at 403 East Buena Vista Avenue prior to the day of the class.

## Senior Citizens Meet Each Wednesday at Community Center

Senior Citizens are invited to a time of fun and fellowship at the North Augusta Community Center each Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. During this time seniors are treated to games, arts and crafts, and refreshments.

The second Wednesday of each month features a covered dish luncheon beginning at 12 noon. A guest speaker or other program activity follows the luncheon. In addition, some lucky person attending may win the monthly door prize.

Come join in this time of fun and fellowship for all!

**Have a Safe Holiday -- Drive Carefully**

## Late Registration For Youth Basketball Accepted Through December

Late registration for the 1990 Youth Basketball leagues is being accepted through the end of December at the Parks and Recreation Department on East Buena Vista Avenue between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The registration fee is \$20.00 for City residents and \$30.00 for non-residents. The registration fee includes a team picture and jersey. Insurance is also available for an additional charge.

The season will begin on Saturday, January 6th, and run through the end of February. The season concludes with the annual Roundball Tournament involving all youth teams. The following leagues are offered for boys and girls, ages 8 - 18.

	Boys		Girls
8 - 9	14 - 15		8, 9 & 10
10 - 11	16 - 18		11, 12 & 13
12 - 13			14 - 18

Further information is available by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 278-2358.

## Ballroom/Shag

## Dance Classes Offered by Recreation Department

A new class in ballroom dance will be offered at the North Augusta Parks and Recreation Department beginning January 19, 1990. This eight-week class will be held on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Dances taught will include the following:

- Nightclub style (slowdance)
- Swing (jitterbug)
- Cha Cha Cha (Latin)

Bill Heaton, certified by the National Dance Teachers of America Association, is the instructor.

Shag classes are being held on Monday nights at the North Augusta Community Center. Class fee is \$20.00 per person for the four-week class.

Rodney Williams is the instructor. The shag schedule is as follows:

January 15 - February 5  
 7 - 8 p.m. Beginner I  
 8 - 9 p.m. Beginner II

February 12 - March 5  
 7 - 8 p.m. Beginner I  
 8 - 9 p.m. Intermediate

March 12 - April 2  
 7 - 8 p.m. Beginner I  
 8 - 9 p.m. Advance

April 9 - April 30  
 7 - 8 p.m. Beginner I  
 8 - 9 p.m. Beginner II

For more information on these classes, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 278-2358.

## Classes Available for All Ages

In addition to the above activities, a variety of classes for every member of the family will be offered by the North Augusta Department of Parks and Recreation in 1990. Classes in clogging, smocking, tennis, guitar, gymnastics, jazzercise, karate, oil painting and porcelain dolls are just a few of the programs offered by the department. All classes require pre-registration. Contact the department at 278-2358 for further information on dates and fees for the class of your choice.

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## 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..... 278-0817  
 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

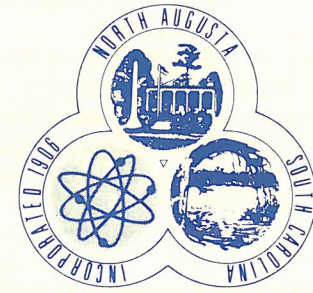
## Remember to Dial

# 911

## for Emergency Services

**Police  
Fire  
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## Sewer Service Charges

### Winter Base Period Has Begun

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 the average of all customers.

### Sanitation Rates Adopted By City Council

As is the adopted policy of the City of North Augusta, the operation of the Sanitation Department is self-sufficient. Total costs for providing sanitation services (including residential and commercial garbage collection, trash collection, animal control and street sweeping) are funded through user charges known as sanitation fees. The rates for 1990 are as follows:

**Residential Service:**  
 Inside City limits, per month - \$ 7.60  
 Outside City limits, per month - 11.40

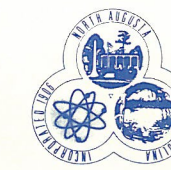
**Commercial Service (using residential-style containers):**

	1-3 containers	4-6 containers
	per pickup	per pickup
Inside City limits, per month	\$ 7.60	\$15.20
Outside City limits, per month	11.40	22.80

**Commercial Service (front-end loading bulk containers):**

Container Size	Base Fee	Inside City	Outside City
4 cu. yd.	\$ 22.50	+ \$1.02/cu. yd.	or \$1.53/cu. yd.
6 cu. yd.	27.80	+ \$1.02/cu. yd.	or \$1.53/cu. yd.
8 cu. yd.	30.20	+ \$1.02/cu. yd.	or \$1.53/cu. yd.

BULK RATE  
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## City Council Adopts 1990 Consolidated Municipal Budget

At its regular meeting of December 4, 1989, the North Augusta City Council gave final approval to the 1990 Consolidated Municipal Budget.

The chart to the right depicts the consolidated budget by fund and expenditure or expense purpose.

### 1990 City Taxes Set

The tax rate for North Augusta city properties for 1990 (tax year 1989) has been set at 81.33 mills.

Previous tax rate -- 98.00 mills  
 Tax rate after reassessment -- 76.33 mills  
 plus tax increase -- 5.00 mills  
 New tax rate 81.33 mills

	Personnel Services	Operations/Maintenance	Capital	Debt Service	TOTAL
General Fund	\$3,314,782	\$1,537,494	\$ 161,597	-----	\$5,013,873
Firemen's Fund	-----	15,600	-----	-----	15,600
Street Improvement Fund	-----	27,200	225,000	-----	252,200
Water/Sewer System	720,510	1,083,004	135,260	1,272,256	3,211,030
	\$4,035,292	\$2,663,298	\$ 521,857	\$1,272,256	\$8,492,703
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	47.5%	31.4%	6.1%	15.0%	100%

## Six New Public Safety Positions Funded in FY 90 Budget

The entire tax increase for the 1990 budget year will be used to fund six new Public Safety Officers for North Augusta.

--Four officers will perform routine public safety duties and will be assigned to patrol shifts giving each shift one additional officer, allowing for increased patrol coverage of the city.

--One new full-time drug investigation officer.

--One D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse responsible for educating North Augusta school children on the hazards of taking Resistance Education) officer drugs.

### In This Edition:

## How Reassessment Affects You

Aiken County's reassessment of all real property has raised many questions as to its affect on individual taxpayers. This newsletter contains information prepared by the City's Finance Department as to the affect of reassessment on individual properties. See pages three and four for additional information.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedules

The Sanitation Department will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Garbage collection for these days will be cancelled. Yard trash normally collected on these days will be collected on Wednesday, December 27, along with Wednesday's regularly scheduled pickups. All other garbage and trash pickups for the week remain unchanged.

The Sanitation Department will also be closed on Monday, January 1. Garbage normally collected on this day will be collected on Tuesday, January 2. Garbage normally collected on Tuesday will be collected on Wednesday, January 3. Yard trash normally collected Monday will be collected on Tuesday along with Tuesday's regularly scheduled pickups. All other garbage and trash pickups for the week remain unchanged.

## 1990 Water Rates Approved

Along with the adoption of the 1990 budget, the 1990 water rates have been approved by City Council. They are as follows:

	Inside	Outside
Base - Minimum usage of 3,000 gallons	\$7.10	\$10.70
Volume - Cost per 1,000 gallons over 3,000 gallons		
Next 10,000 gallons	1.00	2.00
Next 27,000 gallons	.95	1.90
Next 160,000 gallons	.75	1.80
All additional use	.65	1.60

These rates reflect an increase of \$1.00 per month on the base charge plus 9¢/1,000 gallons on the volume charge for customers inside the City, and \$1.50 per month on the base charge plus 23¢/1,000 gallons charged to customers outside the City.

These water rate adjustments are the first since January 1, 1984. There are no changes in the 1990 sewer rates.

## A Comparison of Single-family Residential Property Taxes in the C.S.R.A.

Fair Market Value	CITY			COUNTY		
	City of North Augusta	City of Aiken	City of Augusta	Aiken County	Richmond County	Columbia County
\$ 50,000	\$162.66	\$ 204.00	\$ 180.65	\$ 341.40	\$ 396.00	\$ 406.54
60,000	195.19	244.80	226.81	409.68	501.60	495.98
70,000	227.72	285.60	272.97	477.96	607.20	585.42
80,000	260.26	326.40	319.13	546.24	712.80	674.86
90,000	292.79	367.20	365.29	614.52	818.40	764.30
100,000	325.32	408.00	411.45	682.80	924.00	853.74
110,000	357.85	448.80	457.61	751.08	1,029.60	943.18
120,000	390.38	489.60	503.77	819.36	1,135.30	1,032.62
130,000	422.92	530.40	549.93	887.64	1,240.80	1,122.06
140,000	455.45	571.20	596.09	955.92	1,346.40	1,211.50
150,000	487.98	612.00	642.25	1,024.20	1,452.00	1,300.99

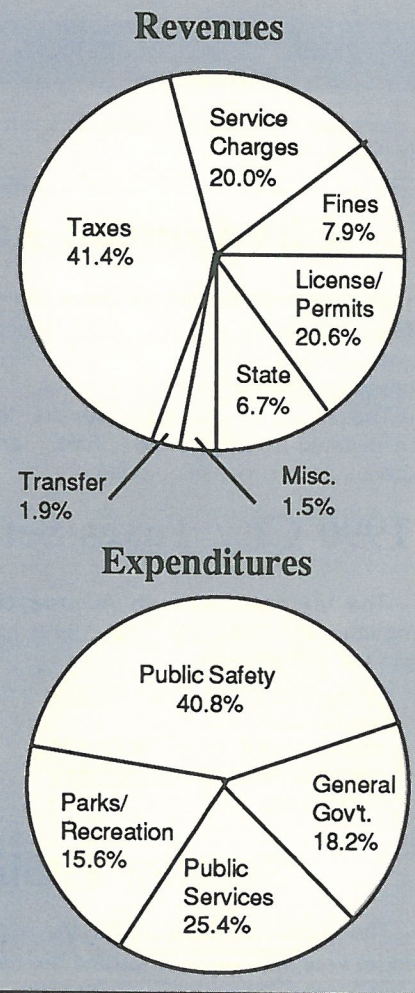
## Business License Applications Due In February

North Augusta Business License applications for calendar year 1990 will be mailed out the last week of December, 1989. 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, 1990. 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.

## 1990 GENERAL FUND SUMMARY



### ADMINISTRATION

City of North Augusta  
Incorporated 1906

Mayor-Council form of government,  
with City Administrator.

Mayor: Thomas W. Greene

Council: Edward O. Ertle  
William L. Gray  
James L. Harris  
Lark W. Jones  
Earl Sasser  
John L. Steele

City Council meetings are held every first and third Monday at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 400 East Buena Vista Avenue. **CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

## Reassessment Has Varying Impacts on Property Owners

Act Number 208 of the South Carolina Acts of 1975 requires that when county-wide property tax values fall below 80 percent of the fair market value, a county-wide reassessment of all properties must be performed by the county assessor. Such is the case in Aiken County for the 1989 tax year.

It is extremely difficult to determine the precise effect a reassessment may have on any given taxpayer. Several things are happening at the same time. **First**, county tax assessors are analyzing each and every piece of real property to determine its current fair market value. **Second**, all governmental entities are rolling back their tax millage rates to avoid receiving additional tax revenue directly from the reassessment. **Third**, some governmental entities have need to raise the millage after the roll back for providing expanded or additional services. **Fourth**, the reduced millage is being applied to motor vehicles and boats which are not subject to reassessment, and are actually going down in value from the preceding year.

The bottom-line effect on any given taxpayer may be a reduction in tax burden, an increase in tax burden, or a break-even situation. Regardless, in almost all cases the result is confusing. One of the main reasons for this confusion is that all of the information is not received by the taxpayer at the same time. The County and School Board bill real property taxes in the fall of each year, and the City of North Augusta bills real property taxes early the following year. Taxes on personal property (autos)

are billed throughout the year depending on which month auto tags expire.

## Reduced Millage Rates Result in Lower Vehicle Property Taxes

While the value of personal property (autos and boats) is not affected by reassessment, the decrease in the mill rate from 98 mills to 81.33 mills will bring about a reduction in the personal taxes of at least 17 percent from the prior year. This reduction will increase further by 7 to 15 percent based on the normal annual depreciation of the personal property. In every case, a taxpayer will realize a significant reduction in personal property taxes. This reduction should be subtracted from any increase in real property taxes on the home when determining the overall tax burden on the taxpayer.

## Tax Notices to be Mailed in January

Tax notices for the 1989 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, 1990. These taxes are due by May 1, 1990.

## Tax Notices to Be Mailed to Property Owners Rather Than Mortgage Companies Due to Reassessment

The City of North Augusta, as a service to its taxpayers whose taxes are escrowed by their mortgage companies, has historically mailed the tax notices for real property directly to the mortgage company servicing the property.

In the year following reassessment, state law requires that tax notices for real property be mailed directly to the property owner. Since the tax notice will be mailed

directly to the property owner, the City will be providing a list to the mortgage companies in lieu of the tax notices. Even though the list provided to the mortgage companies will have the necessary information required for payment of taxes to the City, we suggest that you forward your tax notice to your mortgage company.

## Chart 1: Real Property

COLUMN A	COLUMN B	COLUMN C	COLUMN D
Market Value	Assessed Value	1989 Tax (98 Mills)	1990 Tax (81.33 Mills)
\$ 40,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 156.80	\$ 130.13
50,000	2,000	196.00	162.66
60,000	2,400	235.20	195.19
70,000	2,800	274.40	227.72
80,000	3,200	313.60	260.26
90,000	3,600	352.80	292.79
100,000	4,000	392.00	325.32
110,000	4,400	431.20	357.85
120,000	4,800	470.40	390.38
130,000	5,200	509.60	422.92
140,000	5,600	548.80	455.45
150,000	6,000	588.00	487.98
160,000	6,400	627.20	520.51
170,000	6,800	666.40	553.04
180,000	7,200	705.60	585.58
190,000	7,600	744.80	618.11
200,000	8,000	784.00	650.64
210,000	8,400	823.20	683.17
220,000	8,800	862.40	715.70
230,000	9,200	901.60	748.24
240,000	9,600	940.80	780.77
250,000	10,000	980.00	813.30
260,000	10,400	1,019.20	845.83
270,000	10,800	1,058.40	878.36
280,000	11,200	1,097.60	910.89
290,000	11,600	1,136.80	943.43
300,000	12,000	1,176.00	975.96

## Chart 2: Motor Vehicles

COLUMN E	COLUMN F	COLUMN G	COLUMN H
Market Value	Assessed Value	1989 Tax (98 Mills)	1990 Tax (81.33 Mills)
\$ 4,000	\$ 420	\$ 41.16	\$ 34.16
5,000	525	51.45	42.70
6,000	630	61.74	51.24
7,000	735	72.03	59.78
8,000	840	82.32	68.32
9,000	945	92.61	76.86
10,000	1,050	102.90	85.40
11,000	1,155	113.19	93.94
12,000	1,260	123.48	102.48
13,000	1,365	133.77	111.02
14,000	1,470	144.06	119.56
15,000	1,575	154.35	128.09
16,000	1,680	164.64	136.63
17,000	1,785	174.93	145.19
18,000	1,890	185.22	153.71
19,000	1,995	195.51	162.25
20,000	2,100	205.80	170.79
21,000	2,205	216.09	179.33
22,000	2,310	226.38	187.87
23,000	2,415	236.67	196.41
24,000	2,520	246.96	204.95
25,000	2,625	257.25	213.49
26,000	2,730	267.54	222.03
27,000	2,835	277.83	230.57
28,000	2,940	288.12	239.11
29,000	3,045	298.41	247.65
30,000	3,150	308.70	256.19

By following the instructions on page 3, and using the charts above, a city property owner can calculate the impact of reassessment on his total 1990 city tax bill.

Line 1	1989 Tax on Real Property	\$ _____
Line 2	1990 Tax on Real Property	\$ _____
Line 3	Subtract Line 2 from Line 1	\$ _____
Line 4	1989 Tax on Motor Vehicles	\$ _____
Line 5	1990 Tax on Motor Vehicles	\$ _____
Line 6	Subtract Line 5 from Line 4	\$ _____
Line 7	Subtract Line 6 from Line 3	\$ _____