

City Council

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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.

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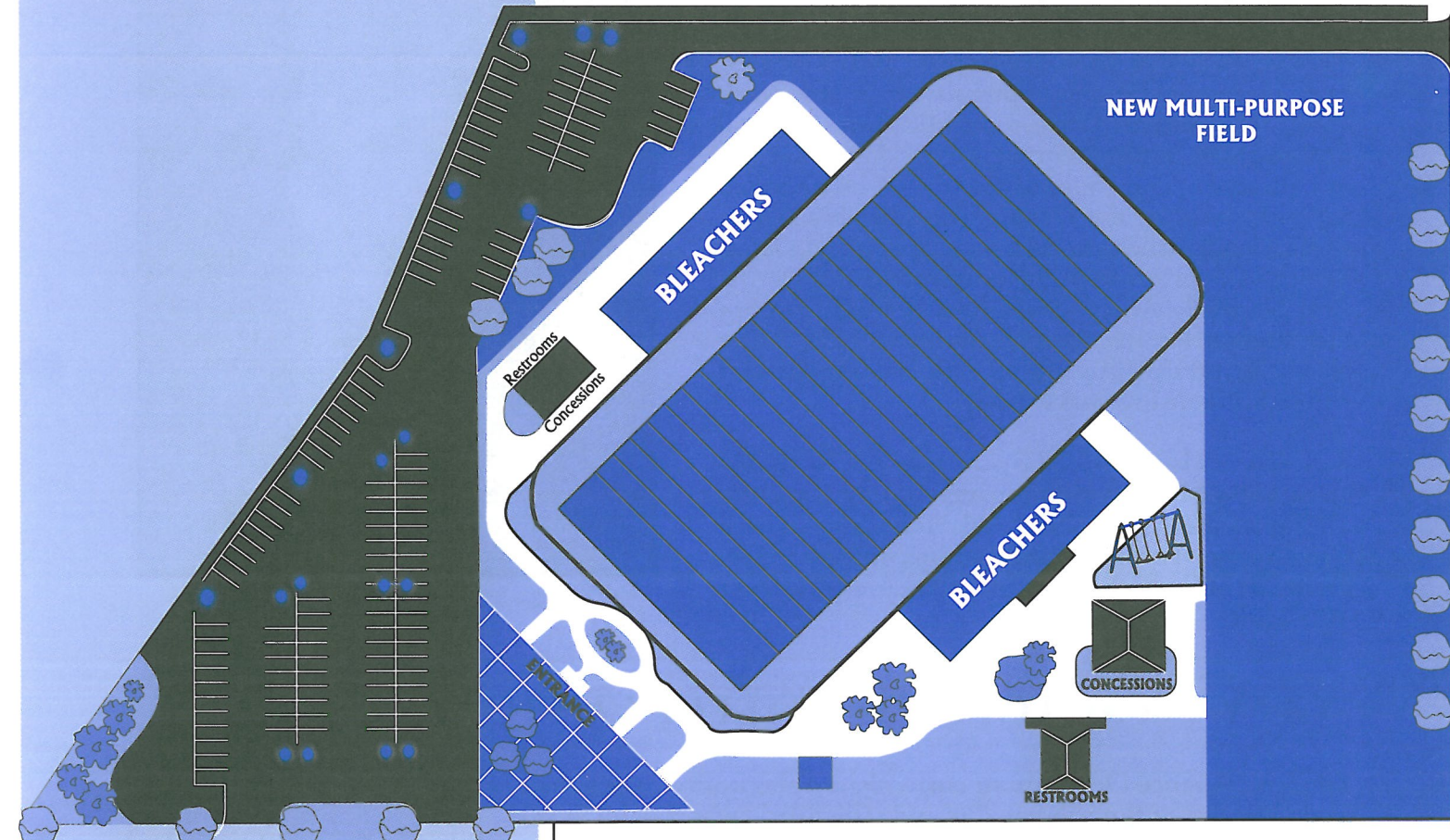
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LIONS FIELD RENOVATIONS

NEW FACILITY WILL FEATURE

- △ New Bleachers
- △ New Press Box
- △ New Concession Stands
- △ New Restrooms
- △ New Concrete Sidewalks
- △ New Playground
- △ New Ornamental Fencing
- △ Paved Parking Lot
- △ New Front Entrance
- △ New Landscaping

The planned renovations to Lions Memorial Field are well underway. City crews completed the required demolition work in June. Contracts for all major construction items will be awarded soon. Construction will be complete by the end of the year. Budgeted at nearly \$1 million, the reconstruction project will create a significantly improved multi-purpose recreation facility. Functional enhancements include an improved surface on the playing field, an upgraded irrigation system, an expanded practice field, and new grandstands to seat approximately 2,200. Spectator improvements include a paved parking lot, new sidewalks, a new concessions pavilion and new restrooms. A decorative perimeter wall and extensive landscaping will significantly improve the appearance of the facility. All facilities will be fully accessible in conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for fall Soccer, Football and Cheerleading is open through August 22 at Riverview Park Activities Center.

REGISTRATION FEES	SOCCER/FOOTBALL	CHEERLEADING
In-City Activities Center Member	\$35	\$50
In-City Non-Member	\$40	\$55
Out of City Member	\$50	\$70
Out of City Non-Member	\$55	\$75
Out of State	\$105	\$105

Birth certificates are required at the time of registration.

△ *Soccer players*, aged 5 to 16, receive a major league soccer replica jersey, socks and a squad photo. Players provide their own shorts, shoes and shin guards.

△ *Football players*, aged 7 to 12, receive a jersey, mouthpiece and team picture. Players provide their own pants with pads and shoes. Helmets and shoulder pads are supplied and must be returned at the end of the season.

△ *Cheerleaders*, aged 7 to 12, receive a uniform, pompoms and squad picture. Cheerleaders remaining in the same league will be assigned to the same team as last year unless otherwise requested. New cheerleaders and cheerleaders advancing to the next league will be selected by the coaches.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

*Saturday & Sunday,
October 9-10, 1999*

The North Augusta Olde Towne Preservation Association will host A Day to Remember on Saturday October 9 and Sunday October 10 at Creighton Living History Park. A Day to Remember is a celebration of the Colonial period in South Carolina history and features demonstrations of everyday life industries and militia skirmishes. A special highlight this year is an 18th Century wedding ceremony. The Creighton Living History Park is located on Lake Avenue in Downtown North Augusta. Activities are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information contact a member of the Olde Towne Association at 279-1327, 279-7560 or 278-0924.

JACK O LANTERN

*JUBILEE
Saturday, October 30, 1999*

Start planning your award winning costume and join us for the 1999 Jack O' Lantern Jubilee in Downtown North Augusta. The annual Halloween event provides fun and food for all ages. Activities include rides, games and amusements for the children, a classic car show, costume contests, a haunted house and live entertainment. Local merchants hold a sidewalk sale and artisans from around the Southeast display and sell their crafts. The Jack O' Lantern Jubilee will be held this year from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30. For more information, call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services at 441-4300.

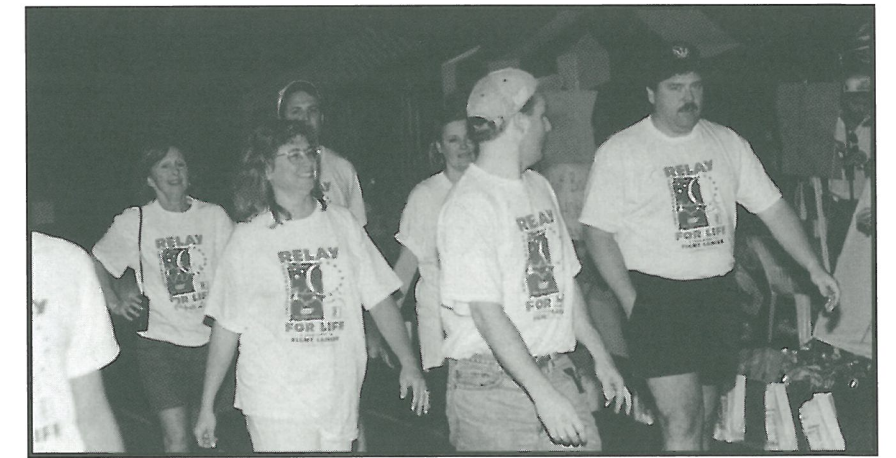


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CENSUS 2000 Aiken County Counts

The City of North Augusta is assisting the US Bureau of the Census to help prepare for the upcoming decennial census to help ensure that our community is accurately counted. An accurate count of the local population is important to North Augusta because census figures determine our representation in Congress and the State Legislature. Most federal programs use Census Bureau population data to distribute grant funds. Additionally, the significance of census data to growing communities has expanded in recent years because business and industrial executives increasingly use the information to make location, expansion and investment decisions. As a part of this effort the City has joined forces with Aiken County to form a complete count committee, Aiken County Counts.

The goal of Aiken County Counts is to encourage everyone in the County to complete the Year 2000 Census forms to be mailed out next February. Aiken County Counts will focus particular attention on populations that are traditionally undercounted. Those populations include the elderly and persons who don't like to provide personal information or don't understand the importance of the census. Subcommittees of Aiken County Counts will communicate with religious, educational, business and community based organizations to encourage full participation in the Census. If you or your organization would like more information or would like to assist in this effort, please call the North Augusta Department of Economic & Community Development at 441-4221.



City employees participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

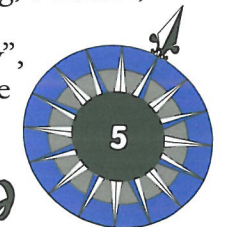
CITY EMPLOYEES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

North Augusta City employees rallied for twelve hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society in the 1999 "North Augusta Relay for Life" at the North Augusta High School Stadium. The annual team endurance walkathon was co-chaired by Public Safety Officer Jimmie Crawford and Community Center Supervisor Nancy Payne this year. Employees from the Departments of Public Safety, Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services, Economic and Community Development, Finance, Engineering and Sanitation raised over \$7,500. Sandy Barrs, Business License Clerk and cancer survivor, raised \$1,255, the most raised by an individual. The North Augusta Relay for Life raised \$49,000. Special thanks to all that participated and contributed to make the event a success.

STREETSCAPE UPDATE

After extensive review the South Carolina Department of Transportation is expected to approve the construction of the planned streetscape improvements on Georgia Avenue in Downtown North Augusta. The City has advertised for bids from qualified contractors to perform a majority of the construction work. Bids are due on September 1 with a contract award expected shortly thereafter.

The Georgia Avenue construction, from the Greenway to Jackson Avenue, is expected to take 12 to 15 months to complete. The \$1.8 million dollar project includes new curbs, sidewalks, road resurfacing, landscaped medians, two fountains, new traffic signals, streetlights, street trees and landscaping, benches, and other amenities. When completed Georgia Avenue will be much more "pedestrian friendly", traffic flow will be calmer, and Downtown will be a more attractive, traditional and pleasant place.



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CITY AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

For the 16th consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded the City of North Augusta the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award was presented for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 1997.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. To receive the award, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized financial report. The report must demonstrate a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" and clearly communicate its financial story. Additionally, the report must be written to motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The CAFR must also satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A copy of the most recent North Augusta Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 400 East Buena Vista Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE NET?

North Augusta's website, www.northaugusta.net, was expanded to include notices of current employment opportunities with the City. Links to many local schools, churches and community organizations are available and e-mail connections to City Departments have been added. City residents can now keep up to date on upcoming events or contact a City Department with the click of a mouse. North Augusta's Y2K Readiness Statement and Annual Drinking Water Quality Report have also been posted. Take time to log on, surf to www.northaugusta.net, and let us know what you think.



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CHEERLEADING CLINIC

A free Cheerleading Clinic for cheerleaders participating in Fall Sports (and any other aspiring cheerleaders) will be held on Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Riverview Park Activities Center. North Augusta High School B Team Cheerleaders will provide the instruction and demonstrate a variety of cheers, stunts and dance routines. Participants should bring their own lunch. For more information or to sign up call Pat Carpenter at 279-3613.

NEW ROLL-CARTS

The City recently received a limited number of new roll-carts to serve new sanitation customers and to replace older carts that have been damaged beyond repair. If you are a new customer or if your roll-cart is damaged and unusable, please call 441-4236 or 441-4227 to request delivery of a new roll-cart.

BLUE BAGS BACK

Last year the City changed the style of the blue bags used for recyclable waste. Blue bags are distributed at low cost to all sanitation customers and the City attempted to reduce cost by using a less expensive bag. However, a number of complaints were received from sanitation customers about the bags being weak and difficult to use. Sanitation Department employees also reported that the bags frequently broke during handling at the Material Recovery Facility.

Accordingly, the City decided to return to the original, more durable, heavy-duty drawstring bags. A new supply of 'old' bags was distributed to each sanitation customer in July. Please help to keep our City clean, keep sanitation service costs as low as possible and protect the environment by practicing the three R's - Reuse, Repair and Recycle. For information or assistance concerning trash pickup or recycling matters please contact Sanitation Services at 441-4223.



SPLASHDOWN CELEBRATES SUMMER

For many, summer means staying out of the heat by cooling off with a dip in a pool or a lake. For those with no nearby lake or water facility, especially kids, the opportunity to enjoy outdoor water recreation is GREAT! As a summertime service to the youth

of North Augusta, the Department of Public Safety, with the help and cooperation of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services, community groups and individuals, holds several "SplashDown" events throughout the City.

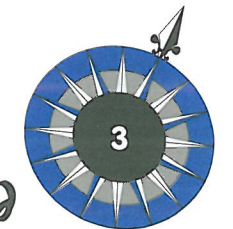
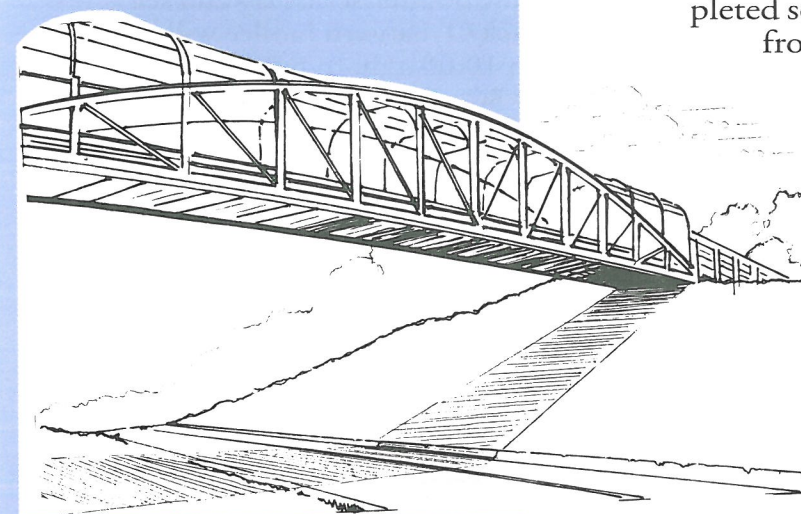
This year over 700 children (and some adults) have enjoyed being "splashed" with hundreds of gallons of water cascading from a Public Safety Department ladder truck. The events also include refreshments and activities. SplashDowns have been held at Riverview Park, the Nancy Carson Library and several neighborhood locations. The next SplashDown is scheduled for Saturday, August 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Summerfield Park on Old Edgefield Road.

GREENEWAY BRIDGE TO BE DEDICATED

The long anticipated Greenway Bridge over Martintown Road is nearing completion and will be open to local traffic soon. When complete, the 180-foot arch-truss pedestrian and bicycle bridge will link the 3.3-mile first phase of the Greenway with the 1.5-mile second phase. The installation of pavement on the approaches to the bridge and landscaping will be completed soon. The project is being funded with grants

from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

To commemorate the completion of the bridge and nearly 5-miles of uninterrupted recreational trail, a formal dedication ceremony and trail ride are scheduled for Saturday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m. on the bridge. Please bring your friends, family and bicycles to celebrate this memorable day in North Augusta's history.



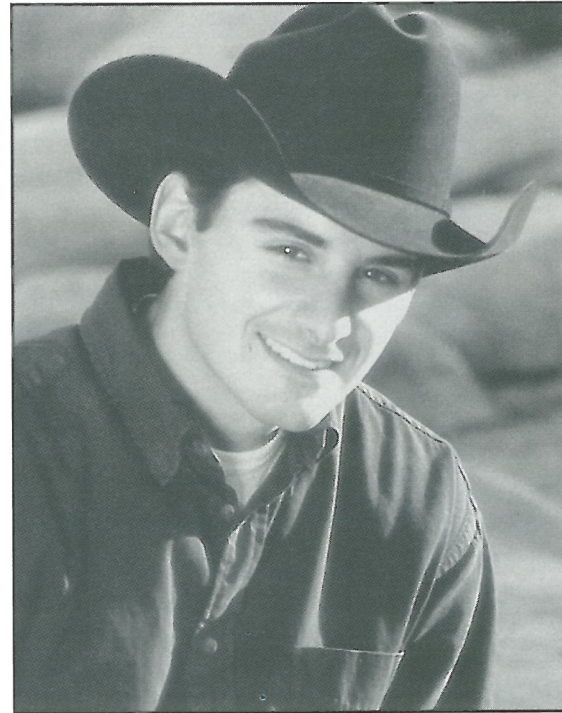
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Rest Fest '99

NORTH AUGUSTA TO HOST BRAD PAISLEY

This year's Labor Day celebration, Rest Fest '99, takes place on Monday, September 6, at Riverview Park. The festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. and will feature rides, amusements, great food and live entertainment. The "SplashDown" will be provided again this year by the Department of Public Safety with its ladder truck. Local bands, Shiloh and Desert Wind, will perform on stage beginning at 4:00. At 7:30 Nashville Arista recording artist Brad Paisley, best known for his current country single "Who Needs Pictures", will perform. The evening will end with a brilliant fireworks show!

Rest Fest '99 is sponsored by the City of North Augusta, Gold Mech & Maintenance Supply, Kicks 99, TTX-Hamburg Division, and University Health Care System. For more information contact the Department of Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services at 441-4300.



Brad Paisley's county single "Who Needs Pictures" is a top twenty hit.

CITY TO AUTOMATE UTILITY CUSTOMER NOTICES

The City Finance Department currently notifies utility customers of past due balances by mailing a second notice of the balance due and scheduled cut-off date. It is the City's policy to notify utility customers of past due balances as soon as possible to provide a reasonable period to make required payments. Processing, printing and mailing the second notices is time consuming and expensive. Additionally, mail delivery often adds several days to the notification process.

To speed up the delivery of past due balance notices and to save printing and mailing costs, the City will implement an automated telephone notice system. The PhoneMaster system, to be implemented this fall, will notify utility customers of past due balances with a computerized phone message within a day of a bill becoming past due. In addition to saving the time and cost of mailing notices the PhoneMaster system will document each call and provide an accurate, efficient record of account contacts.

Before implementing PhoneMaster, the Finance Department will enter the phone numbers of all customers into the City's utility database. Utility customers with unlisted numbers are requested to release their phone numbers to the City. Unlisted phone numbers will remain confidential and will not be released. Please relay your home telephone number to the City by writing it on your return utility payment stub or by calling 441-4212. Thank you for your cooperation.



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HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

North Augusta provides once-a-week curbside collection of garbage, yard waste, trash and recyclables for all residential properties in the City. Normal collection days are Monday through Thursday with a specific day assigned to each neighborhood. The collection schedule is adjusted in weeks that contain a holiday. Holidays for the balance of the year and the adjusted collection days are:

Sept

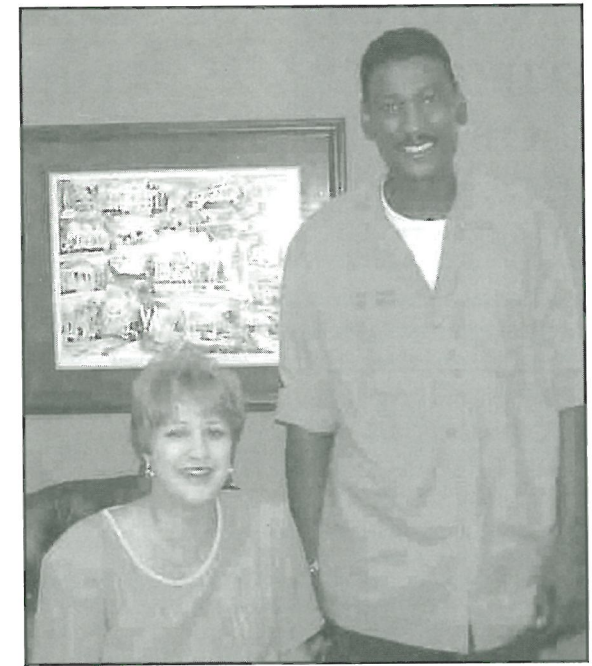
Labor Day Holiday
Monday, September 6
Monday's collection will be picked up on Tuesday, September 7. All other collection days remain the same.

Nov

Thanksgiving Holidays
Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 - Thursday's collection will be picked up on Wednesday, November 24. All other collection days remain the same.

Dec

Christmas Holidays
Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 - Monday's collection will be picked up on Tuesday, December 28. All other collection days remain the same.



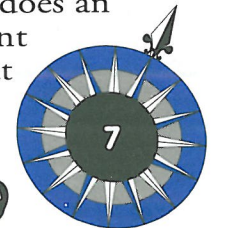
EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

The City of North Augusta recently recognized the contributions of two outstanding employees through its Employee Recognition Program. The program honors employees who distinguish themselves through unique accomplishments, special service to City customers, and performance above normal expectations.

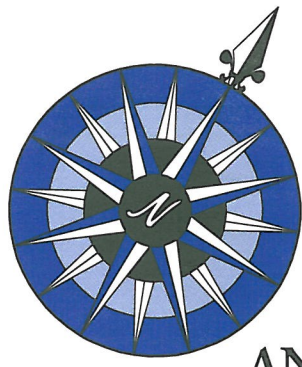
Diana Miller, Human Resources Specialist in the General Services Department, was selected Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 1999. Diana was selected for her willingness to assist others, her enthusiasm and the compassion she displays for the employees she serves.

George Childs, Material Recovery Facility Foreman, received the Employee of the Quarter honor for the second quarter of 1999. George is described as a hard worker who is always willing to go the extra mile. George was commended for pitching-in whenever necessary, always having a positive attitude, and taking pride in a job well done. Both George and Diana received a recognition plaque and gift certificates contributed by B.C. Davenport's and SMS Sportsworld.

City employees and North Augusta citizens may nominate any City employee for Employee of the Quarter. Anyone interested in nominating a City worker who does an exceptional job can contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services at 441-4301 for information on how to submit a nomination.



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North Augusta

South Carolina's Riverfront

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of North Augusta is pleased to present the 1998 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is required by the Environmental Protection Agency and is designed to inform you about the quality water and services delivered to you every day. The City's constant goal is to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring quality water and want to inform you of the efforts we make to continually improve water treatment processes.

The Savannah River is the source of North Augusta's drinking water. Raw water is pumped to the treatment plant where conventional treatment processes are used to produce high quality drinking water. As required by federal and state laws, the City of North Augusta routinely monitors for more than 80 contaminants in your drinking water. Based on these test results, we are pleased to report that *North Augusta's drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements.*

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons undergoing chemotherapy, persons

who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. More information about contaminants, potential health effects, and lessening risk of infection by microbiological contaminants can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The following tables show the laboratory results for samples collected during the 1998 calendar year. *Only those contaminants that were detected are shown.* A complete list of contaminants tested for is available upon request.

In the tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

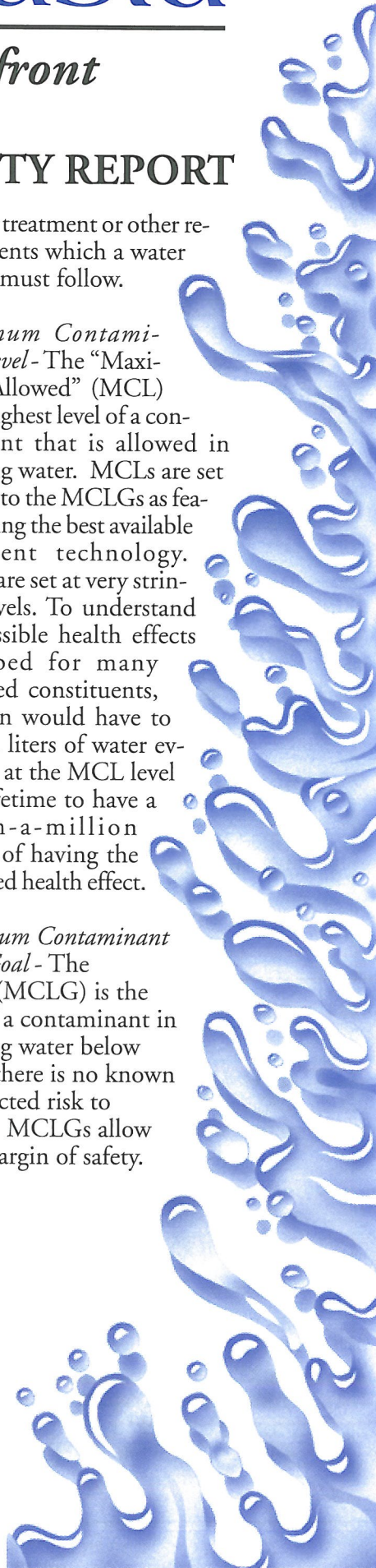
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded,

triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.



TEST RESULTS

Radiological Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
(1)Beta/photon emitters	No	1.14±0.95	PCi/L	0	50*	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
(2)Alpha emitters	No	-0.18±0.62	pCi/1	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
(3)Combined radium	No	N/A	pCi/1	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants						
Fluoride	No	0.72	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	0.22	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

*EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

Bacteriological Analysis

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Samples are collected from 40 representative sites throughout the water distribution system monthly and analyzed for total coliform bacteria. EPA requires that at least 95% of the samples test negative. We achieved 100% compliance as no coliform bacteria were detected in any of the samples analyzed in 1998.

Lead & Copper

Contaminant	Action Level (AL)	90 th Percentile	Number of Sampling Sites Exceeding the Action Level	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper*	1.3 ppm	0.050 ppm	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead*	15 ppb	5 ppb	0	

* 30 samples are collected from designated sites throughout the water distribution system every 3 years for lead and copper analysis. The results shown are from samples collected in June 1996. Samples will be collected again during the summer months of 1999.

Turbidity Measurements

Turbidity is the measure of the cloudiness of water. We measure it because it is a good indicator of both water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system. Water treatment plant personnel analyzed more than 3,100 post-filtration samples for turbidity level in 1998. We achieved 100% compliance as none of the samples exceeded the MCL of 0.50 NTU.

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity	TT=5 NTU max	0	0.48 NTU	04/08/98	No	Soil runoff
	TT < 0.50 NTU 95% of the time	0	< 0.50 NTU 100% of the time	—	No	

TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes]

Trihalomethanes are a group of compounds formed when chlorine reacts with naturally occurring organic materials present in the source water. The MCL established by EPA for TTHM is **100 ppb** as a running annual average of all samples collected. Samples are collected quarterly from 4 representative sites within the water distribution system. The following table shows the lab results:

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Detection Range	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM	100 ppb	0	58 ppb	24 ppb-106 ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection

As you can see, the North Augusta water system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. While we have learned through monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected, the EPA has determined that your water **IS SAFE** at these concentration levels. If you have any questions about this report or your water utility, please contact the **Superintendent of Water Production** at 441-4325. Regularly scheduled City Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month on the second floor of the North Augusta Municipal Building, 400 East Buena Vista Avenue.