Dear Fellow Citizens:

The City of Augusta is pleased to provide you with this complimentary Community Map and Government Directory. This map and information packet is a valuable guide to the Augusta area, city services, and officials. It should be especially useful in familiarizing visitors and newcomers with Augusta.

We appreciate the support of our local businesses who sponsored the Community Map and Directory. Local business assistance enables the City of Augusta to provide the map and directory at no cost to the taxpayers.

We hope that our effort to provide this information will promote a greater awareness of the Augusta community and its government.

Sincerely,

CITY OF AUGUSTA

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HISTORY OF AUGUSTA

Augusta was founded in the mid-18th century at the bottom of a narrow portion of the Kennebec River Valley, and since then has grown up and over the hills beyond. Fort Western, a supply fort built by the British in 1754, is Augusta's birthplace. The settlement which grew around the fort expanded into the City of Hallowell, from which the town of Harrington split off in February of 1797, retaining itself Augusta in June. 1797. Augusta became Kennebec County's Shiretown in 1799. In 1827, Augusta became Maine's Capital and in 1836 the Legislature first met in the Bulfinch designed State Capitol building. Augusta became a prosperous city by mid-century and attracted many workers to its mills and factories. During the Civil War, Augusta was a military training center. Mini-balls are still occasionally found in the former parade grounds at Capitol Park. Augusta survived a devastating fire in 1865 and several destructive floods. In spite of these setbacks, Augusta enjoyed continued industrial and commercial prosperity which brought the building of many grand houses and the maintenance of an affluent social life for Augusta's leading families. Several Augusta residents, such as James G. Blaine and U.S. Chief Justice Melville Fuller, achieved national reputation.

During the 20th century, Augusta's fortunes have been mixed. Some of its industry has declined and agriculture has almost disappeared within the City limits. State government has grown into Augusta's largest employer. The Togus Federal Veterans Hospital has increased in size, as well as Central Maine Power's headquarters. Banking, law, the Kennebec Valley Medical Center and Digital Corporation have become larger and more vital. The University of Maine at Augusta has become an educational and cultural force in the city.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

For information regarding city elections, call 626-2310; state and federal elections, call State of Maine Election Division 289-4196.

Voter Eligibility—to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and must have established and maintained a voter residence in the municipality.

You may register to vote in the Board of Registration and/or the City Clerk's Office when the Board is not in session. For further information call 626-2300.

Tax Collector's Office

The City Tax Collector's Office is responsible for the collection of all taxes, receivables and other monies due the City.

All vehicle and boat excise taxes and registration fees for autos, trucks, boats, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles are paid in this office. Permits to enter the Hatch Hill disposal facility are purchased through this office.

Prior registrations are required when one renews a registration. Mileage on autos and trucks is mandatory. In the absence of a registrant, the date of birth and the written permission of the registrant is required.

Property tax payments are due without interest penalty twice a year during September and March. For further information call 626-2315.

Assessors' Office

The City's Assessing Office is responsible for establishing the value of property for ad valorem tax purposes. In accomplishing this responsibility, the office is answerable to individual property owners to ensure that assessments are made in a uniform and consistent manner. For further information about property tax policy, call 626-2320.

Department of Public Safety

Police

To report a POLICE EMERGENCY, call 626-2511. The Police Bureau also provides bicycle registration, animal control services, and crime prevention assistance. For information on non-emergency police business, call 626-2370.

Fire and Ambulance

To report a FIRE or AMBULANCE EMERGENCY, call 626-2511. The Fire Bureau also provides fire prevention assistance on request. For information on non-emergency fire or ambulance business, call 626-2375.

Department of City Services

Public Works

The Public Works Bureau provides one curbside collection of domestic refuse once each week. Refuse must be placed at curbside in watertight 20 to 30 gallon containers with lids and handles or water tight plastic bags. Branches and large bulk items are picked up twice a year in the spring and fall. These clean-up WEEKS are advertised in the local newspaper.
New residents may request a one-time service of box collection by calling 626-2435. Public Works is also responsible for snow removal and street maintenance. For further information call 626-2435.

Planning
The Bureau of Planning regulates all land development within the City through the use of Zoning and Subdivision regulations. The Bureau provides technical assistance and evaluates requests for rezoning, special exceptions and subdivisions. For further information call 626-2366.

Code Enforcement
The Bureau of Code Enforcement is responsible for inspecting all new construction and renovation for residential and commercial properties. They also enforce City Ordinances against substandard housing conditions and restaurant sanitation ordinances. Before doing any building construction, alterations, demolition work, parking lot construction or erecting a sign, you must obtain a building permit.

For further information call 626-2368.

Engineering
The Engineering Bureau is responsible for the design and construction management of city-owned projects. Engineering assigns street numbers and reviews and approves driveway openings. For further information call 626-2365.

Department of Community Services
Economic and Community Development
The mission of the Economic Development branch of this office is to help maintain and expand the tax base of the City. In this capacity, assistance is provided to developers in obtaining the permits and approvals necessary for a successful project. Assistance is also provided in the search for space, either rental or purchase, for those entities wishing to relocate or expand within August. It also functions as staff to the Augusta Boards of Trade. The Community Development branch of this office is responsible for the administration of any Community Revitalization funds granted to the City by the State of Maine. Another duty of this office is to administer funds allocated by the Maine State Housing Authority for housing rehabilitation within the City. For further information call 626-2336.

Recreation and Parks
A number of programs for youth and adults are offered throughout the year by the Recreation Bureau. Activities include sports clinics, summer concerts, senior citizen field trips and playground activities. Use of municipal and school facilities make it possible to offer a variety of activities in several locations throughout the City. Program information is published 3 times a year. Numerous park facilities are available for use by the public including community parks, 7 outdoor basketball courts (3 lighted), 14 tennis courts (13 lighted), 7 softball fields (1 lighted), and 2 boat facilities on the Kennebec River.

For further information on other programs or facilities, call 626-2350.

Fort Western Museum
Fort Western combines Old Fort Western, an historic house and museum, and Museum Services in City Hall. A 17-member Board of Trustees, seven volunteer committees and the Friends of Fort Western work in concert with professional staff in the management of the Museum's operation. The Old Fort, open for spring school tours and summer public visitation, has been restored and refurbished to interpret military, settlement, family, work and community themes. Museum Services include a learning gallery for youth and adult programs and workshops, a research library, administrative office and a shared 75-seat lecture hall. For further information call 626-2385.

Public Library
Located on the corner of Winthrop and State Streets, Lithgow Public Library provides books, magazines and audio-visual materials to the citizens of Augusta. Children's services include special programs, movies and an annual Summer Reading Program.

Hours for the Adult Library: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Children's Library: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday and Thursday. For further information call 626-2415.

Health and Welfare
This Bureau administers the general assistance program which provides immediate aid to people who do not have enough money for shelter, food, fuel and other basic necessities that are essential to maintain their household. The bureau also provides information and referrals to other resources and agencies that can be of immediate or long-term help. For further information call 626-2328.

Cemeteries
The Cemetery Bureau is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of 17 cemeteries within the City limits. For further information call 626-2350.

Department of Education
Elementary and Secondary Education
The public schools in the community provide outstanding opportunities for meeting the needs of each student and family. Along with the academic program, extensive extra-curricular and athletic programs are offered. In addition to the public schools, private and parochial schools are available. For further information call 626-2468.

Adult Education
Adult learning opportunities include basic literacy, high school completion, vocational training and general enrichment courses. All of the school systems facilities are available to adults through this program. Further information may be obtained by calling 626-2470.

Vocational Education
As a part of the school system, the Capital Area Regional Vocational Center offers high school students the opportunity to prepare for a variety of occupations. Courses are also open to adults on a space available basis. Call 626-2470 for further information.

Water and Sanitary Services
Water and sanitary services are provided in the City by the Augusta Water District and the Augusta Sanitary District, respectively. Not all of the City is serviced by these utilities. Each should be contacted to verify service availability for a particular lot. Each owner served by water is responsible for the service from their building to the Main. Each owner served by sanitary is responsible for the property line. For further information, call the Water District at 622-3701 and the Sanitary District at 622-6184.

Electricity Services
Central Maine Power Co. provides electric service to the residents and businesses of the City of Augusta. A refundable deposit may be required on new business accounts. For information regarding new accounts, electric bills, outages or emergencies call 623-3251.

Telephone Services
Telephone service is provided by New England Telephone Co. For residential requests call toll-free 1-945-2700; for business requests call toll-free 1-761-1200. All other questions should be referred to 1(800)221-8001.