The Olde Towne Preservation Association (OTPA) came into being in 1991 to help preserve the heritage and character of a slice of North Augusta. The organization has been instrumental in doing that but it has done much more. OTPA has evolved into a community based association working to enhance the quality of life for the people of North Augusta, Aiken County, and the Greater Central Savannah River Area (CSRA).

From the development of the Living History Park where school children witness history firsthand through living exhibits and demonstrations of colonial life, to participating in the Christmas Parade, members of OTPA participate in many activities which benefit the people of the area. The Living History Park serves citizens from all over the southeast. During the school year the park is used by area teachers as a teaching tool. This 7½ acre park with natural springs provides for the children hands-on educational experience into the history of our area.

Over 25,000 people visit the park throughout the year. The park is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year. All events are free.

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Annual Events at the Park

Weddings & Wedding Receptions
Local couples have discovered the beauty and serenity of the park add to their special day.

Picnics and Recreation
Plenty of shade trees and a crystal clear spring invite you to linger for a relaxing meal. Check the Google calendar on our web page for private event listings.

Community Events
Graduations, graduation parties, family reunions, Easter Egg hunts, and much more! The park can be reserved for special events. The colonial barn now offers wifi, making it a great place for business retreats and meetings.

Historical Demonstrations
In addition to the Colonial Times events the members of OTPA arrange demonstrations for school groups, homeschool students, or tours. There are also living history demonstrations on the last Saturday of each month.

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Colonial Times: Under the Crown & Colonial Trades Fair
3rd weekend in April
Friday evening is a special Dinner, guest to be announced. (Reservations are required). Then on Saturday reenactors from numerous states gather to give the public a glimpse of life in the 1750s for people in the CSRA who had to live and work under British rule. The Colonial Trades Fair will focus on the arts and crafts of the era.

Educational Days
3rd Friday in April and 3rd Friday in October
Learn about life in the colonial era up close and personal with the historical reenactors. Reservations need to be made for both public or home school groups.

Colonial Times: A Day to Remember
3rd weekend in October
Explore daily life for people during the 1750s–1780s. Numerous crafts will be demonstrated. It is a wonderful and informative family event.

All Hallowed Eve Ghost Walk & Illusion Show
4th weekend in October
Friday evening is the Wine & Spirits Dinner. (Reservations are required). On Saturday walk amongst the ghosts of yesteryear. There will be guided tours and Faire Wynds hosts the grand finale.

Christmas in the Backcountry
The Saturday after Thanksgiving
Learn how colonists—and their slaves—observed Christmas in the backcountry.

Christmas for the Birds
1st Saturday in December
We remember the birds for this winter holiday by creating edible decorations for them. Stories, cookies and cider are all served up in the tavern. This is a great family activity.
I want to join OTPA and help keep history alive!

Name _________________________________  
Address ___________________________________  
City _______________________   State  ______  
Zip__________   E-mail ___________________  
Phone (home)____________________________  
Phone (other) ____________________________  

Membership Levels  
_____ Apprentice              $20  
_____ Settler (Family) $35 NEW  
_____ Journeyman $50  
_____ Yeoman $100  
_____ Colonist $250  
_____ Loyalist $500  
_____ Governorship $1,000  
_____ Spring House Tavern Society* $5,000  
* (a one time gift for lifetime membership)  
_____ Check (enclosed)  

ALL MEMBERSHIPS AND GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE  
OTPA is a 501-c-3 nonprofit 

Please send dues and membership form to: 
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P.O. Box 7915 • North Augusta, SC 29861  

From Columbia, SC: Take I-20 West to Exit 1 and make a left on to Hwy 230 (Martintown Road). Take a right on West Avenue and a right on West Spring Grove Avenue.  
From Atlanta, GA: Take I-20 East to Exit 1 and make a right on Hwy 230 (Martintown Road). Take a right on West Avenue and a right on West Spring Grove Avenue.  
From Augusta, GA: Come across the 13th Street bridge (Georgia Avenue). Turn left at the third traffic light on to West Spring Grove Avenue. The park is two blocks ahead.  
From Aiken, SC: Take Hwy 1 to Hwy 125 exit. Turn right on Atomic Road, which dead ends on Buena Vista. Turn right and drive to West Avenue (the second traffic light). Turn right, then take the second left on Spring Grove Avenue. 

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1. Designed by Jeff Tilden, the SENSORY GARDEN has been constructed to allow access to handicapped visitors, including the sight impaired.
2. The McKENNEY HERB GARDEN AND SHED has plants and herbs grown for use in cooking and throughout the park for demonstrations.
3. The GLASS HOUSE is used to procreate various 18th century plants and herbs used throughout the park.
4. The VILLAGE FRUIT & VEGETABLE GARDEN.
5. The SIGN OF THE RAM demonstration shop.
6. POST & PRINT SHOP houses the 18th century style printing press and the Community Post Office. Various printed items and souvenirs will also be sold here when available.
7. FALMOUTH GUARDHOUSE stands at the Lake Avenue entrance to the park. There may be a militia member there to welcome you!
8. The NEW WINDSOR CABINET SHOP AND THE VILLAGE MERCANTILE offers educational programs and brings to life 18th century cabinet-making, chair making, coopering and box-making. The first floor provides a place for our local artisans to showcase and sell their wares.
9. The COLONIAL BARN is designed for workshops, classes, meetings, plays, concerts, weddings, wedding receptions, artist-in-residence programs, music programs, story tellers, and other forms of modern and colonial heritage.
10. The LIVERY serves a variety of functions including housing restrooms. A complete kitchen was donated by Gary’s Hamburgers and is used for special events.
11. PERRY’S HILL BACKWOODS CABIN represents a true 1750s era hunter’s cabin. It served as the center of the backwoodsman’s hunting activities.
12. THOMPSON ACADEMY serves visitors and students alike as an education and information center.
13. Prior to refrigeration, a SMOKEHOUSE was used to cure meat to keep it from spoiling.
14. Church, school, community center, protective walls—the WILLOW SPRINGS MEETING HOUSE is all of these things.
15. The BLACKSMITH’S FORGE creates the hinges, lantern hooks, nails, etc. in use throughout the park.
16. ROGER’S ORDINARY serves as a concessions stand offering modern food choices.
17. The CORN CRIB stores grain for the grist mill.
18. The GRIST MILL is an 18th century design and allows viewing of operations from two sides.
19. The SPRING HOUSE keeps food items cool.
20. The SPRING HOUSE TAVERN provides a sheltered place to gather for meals, games, and music. The outside kitchens boast two bake ovens.
21. The APOTHECARY SHOP was the original pharmacy!
22. The SLAVE CABIN reminds us that slavery was a part of life during the 18th century.
23. NORWOOD HOUSE, located at the park’s entrance, serves as an information center to welcome visitors.
24. During events such as Colonial Times and Under the Crown, MILITARY ENCAMPMENTS dot the park.
25. INTERPRETERS’ DEMONSTRATIONS take place during last Saturday throughout the year and for the Colonial Times events.
26. The BACKWOODSMEN were primarily family men who were trying to acquire land. They supplemented their income by exploring the wilderness for land companies.