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JANUARY 2016

DOODLE TRAIL UPDATE

The City of Pickens is hopeful 2016 is a productive year for the Doodle Trail Head with the goal of providing park amenities and a safe connector to the downtown. The City, with the assistance of Blake Sanders and Alta Planning, recently completed a preliminary plan for the former 1.89 acre former Pickens Railway site at the corner of Hampton Avenue and Railroad Street. Phase I of the plan calls for extending the trail to Hampton Avenue, constructing a new restroom, adding greenspace, installing an informational kiosk, dressing up the property along Hampton Avenue, and providing pedestrian access to Railroad Street.

The City, with the assistance of the Pickens Revitalization Association (PRA), is in the process of applying for an Appalachian Regional Commission and a SC Recreational Trails Program grant to complete Phase I with the goal of starting construction in late 2016. The City recently applied for a third grant, an EPA Brownfield Cleanup grant, to remove asbestos and lead-based paint from the former railroad building which will make the demolition and removal of the buildings less costly. During the grant application process, the City received a great response from community support partners which is a very meaningful step of the grant application process and very important to the EPA grant decision makers. The timeline for the full removal of the buildings is yet to be determined.

Along with the PRA being a partner in the Doodle Trail project, the City also has a partner in the SC Department of Transportation and the Pickens County Career & Technology Center. In the first quarter of 2016, the SC DOT will be installing pedestrian signals at the intersection of Hampton Avenue and Railroad/East Cedar Rock Street. The City is very appreciative of Eric Dillon, Craig Nelson and the others at SC DOT who are helping with this effort to make it safer for the trail users to connect with the downtown. Also, City Council Member Patrick Lark is working with the Pickens County Career & Technology Center to build new Doodle bike racks for the downtown area and we are very thankful for the help of the students and teachers involved.

It has been great to see so many residents and visitors using the Doodle Trail and we hope that continues while the City and the PRA work to make it better and better. While we wait to see whether the grant funding is received, the City, with the assistance of the PRA, will be finalizing the design of the Doodle Trail Head. If you would like to share your thoughts on what you would like to see on the continuing Doodle project, please contact Mayor David Owens, City Council Members, City Hall or the PRA.

Pickens Revitalization Association is dedicated to the enhancement, preservation and sustainable growth of Pickens' historic downtown area.

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FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

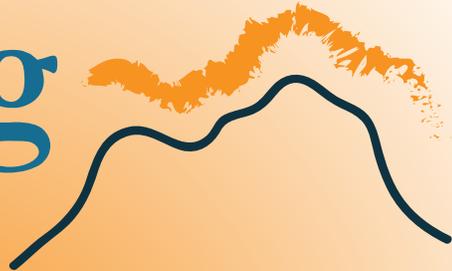
PHASE 1

- IMPLEMENT PAVED ENTRY PLAZA AT HIGHWAY 8 GATEWAY
- CREATE 8' SHARED USE PATH TO CONNECT DOODLE TRAIL TO DOWNTOWN PICKENS
- RENOVATE AND RELOCATE EXISTING ENGINE & RAILCAR
- INSTALL PARK WELCOME AND INFORMATION KIOSK
- INSTALL HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS AT HIGHWAY 8 AND RAILROAD STREET
- INSTALL STAIRS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO RAILROAD STREET, AND ADDITIONAL PARKING AT CITY OF PICKENS PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
- ADD NEW RESTROOM STRUCTURE & FACILITIES (20'x20')
- IMPLEMENT CONNECTION ACROSS RAILROAD STREET TO BRUCE FIELD
- IMPLEMENT RETAINING WALLS ALONG RAILROAD STREET AS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN GRADE & STABILITY
- SOD / SEED OPEN LAWN AREAS



Gathering

ON
Appalachian Life
in Historic Pickens



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

8:30am - 4:30pm

Hagood Community Center
129 Schoolhouse Street, Pickens

Join us for a fun day of learning about life in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Glimpse how our ancestors worked, played, and lived in this area. Learn how to cook, play music, sing, dance, do fiber arts, learn about your family's genealogy and history of Native Americans in our area, and on and on. Spend a day with us enjoying the Pickens way of life!

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FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

Fifth Annual

When - Saturday, January 23, 2016

Where - Pickens High Auditorium Pickens South Carolina

For Tickets & More Info – www.yamupstate.com

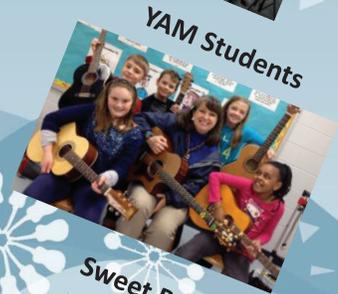
Find us on  – Winter Bluegrass Jubilee

Winter Bluegrass Jubilee

Performances, Workshops, Jamming, Vendors, Concessions
A Full Indoor Festival! Entertainment for Everyone!

Headline Performance and Workshops Led by:

Lonesome River
Band



All Proceeds Support the Young
Appalachian Musicians Program and
the Pickens High Bluegrass Program



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

23rd

5th Annual Winter Bluegrass Jubilee

Pickens High School Auditorium
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FEBRUARY

27th

Gathering on Appalachian Life

8:30am - 4:30pm; Hagood Community Center
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MARCH

4th

Chamber/PRA Annual Banquet

7pm; The Lighthouse Restaurant

19th

**Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
presented by Pickens Rotary Club**

6pm - 8pm; Pickens First Baptist Church

APRIL

28th - 29th

Electrify Your Strings Authentic Tour

Pickens High School Auditorium

15th - 16th

Pickens Azalea Festival

All Day; Downtown Pickens



THANKS MEMBERS!

Alexander Law Firm	Brock's	Corner Drug Store	Pizza Inn
Cannon Memorial Hospital	City of Pickens	Great Oaks Dental	Pace & Reeves
Pickens Senior Center	Edward Jones	Lindsay Oil Company	State Farm
Pickens Dental Associates	Stockade Antiques	American Legion	TD Bank
Town & Country Florist	Pickens Savings & Loan	Nestfeathers	Shabby & Chic
Behavioral Health Services	Flowers By Virginia	GateHouse Restaurant	Mark Kaiser
East Main Treasures	Foothills Gun and Pawn	Roper Law Firm	9 Round
Pruitt Health	Blue Ridge Electric Coop	TTI/OWT, Inc.	Durham Greene
Oh Joy!	Pickens Federal Credit Union	Pickens Rotary Club	Domino's
South State Bank	Cornell-Dubilier	Buddy & Cisco's Bistro	Enrapt, LLC
Pickens Azalea Festival	Southern App. Outdoors	Appalachian Ale House	Morris on Main