

# around town

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DECEMBER 2013

## Time Again to Celebrate "A Pickens Christmas"

Pickens, SC. Pickens Revitalization Association, City of Pickens and numerous local businesses and organizations have combined to help celebrate Christmas throughout the month of December. "Borrowing from the Dickens Christmas tradition, A Pickens Christmas simply identifies and publicizes the many family fun seasonal events and activities that will occur throughout the city," said Allison Fowler, PRA Executive Director. "This year we have identified more than thirty happenings for everyone to enjoy from now through the end of December."

The 2013 City of Pickens Christmas Parade will be held December 13th at 7:00 PM. "Last year's parade was recognized as one of the very best in the entire upstate area," said Pickens Mayor David Owens. This year's traditional theme is "Christmas Lights". Everyone is encouraged to come early to get a good viewing place, view merchant decorations and sing Christmas carols together. An awards ceremony will follow the parade by the City Tree in Legacy Square. Awards will be given for the Parade as well as the Merchant Decorating Contest. Parade rules and entry forms are available online at [www.cityofpickens.com](http://www.cityofpickens.com) and [www.historicpickens.com](http://www.historicpickens.com) as well as City Hall and Pickens Revitalization Association.

Other events throughout the month include numerous Christmas concerts and cantatas, children's programs, holiday plays, Breakfast With Santa, Illumination and "Hanging of the Greens" ceremonies, Christmas Eve services and other special events.

We are also very excited about the Merchant Decorating Contest," said Fowler. "Very soon you should start to see decorations going up all over town. "We encourage everyone to get out and shop at our local merchants and experience the holiday spirit here in Pickens," said Fowler. Special prizes will be awarded for the best window and interior holiday decorations and displays.

A Pickens Christmas posters and flyers, listing all the activities, are available at City Hall, Pickens Revitalization Association, Pickens Chamber of Commerce and at merchants throughout the city. All the events, activities, parade rules and contest details are available at [www.historicpickens.com](http://www.historicpickens.com).

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

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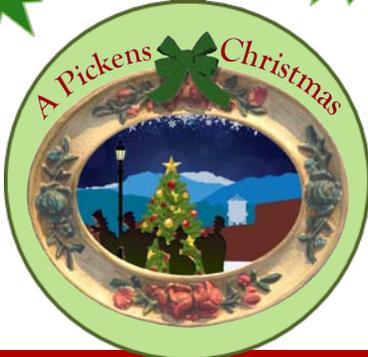
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Tuesday - Thursday





**Children's Programs**  
*Christmas Presentation*  
 December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm  
 Pickens View Wesleyan Church  
*Stranger in the Manger*  
 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am  
 Grace United Methodist Church  
*The Christmas Vision*  
 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
 Pickens First Baptist Church  
*Visions of Christmas*  
 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
 Secona Baptist Church

**Hanging of the Greens**  
 December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am  
 Grace United Methodist Church  
 December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm  
 Secona Baptist Church  
 December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm  
 Pickens View Wesleyan Church

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN HISTORIC PICKENS!

**Special Events**  
*Winter Warmth Clothing Drive*  
 December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8am - 11am  
 Pickens Recreation Center  
 sponsored by Pickens Ministerial Association  
*Breakfast with Santa*  
 December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 11am  
 Pickens Presbyterian Church - \$6 (2 and Under Free)  
*Illumination of Luminaries*  
 December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
 Hillcrest Memorial Park  
*Merry Christmas Pickens 2013*  
 December 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm  
 Pickens First Baptist Church  
*3rd Fridays*  
 December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 9pm  
 Downtown Pickens

**Services**  
*A Service of Remembrance*  
 December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
 Dillard Funeral Home  
*Community Christmas Worship Service*  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:45am  
 East Pickens Baptist Church  
*Family Christmas Service*  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11am  
 Pickens View Wesleyan Church  
*Christmas Communion Service*  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm  
 Pickens View Wesleyan Church

**Services**  
*Christmas Eve Service*  
 December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5pm  
 Pickens First Baptist Church  
*Christmas Pageant Candlelight Service*  
 December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm  
 Pickens Presbyterian Church  
*Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion*  
 December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
 Grace United Methodist Church  
*Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service*  
 December 24<sup>th</sup>, 11pm  
 Pickens Presbyterian Church

**Special Events**  
*Tree Lighting Ceremony*  
 November 26<sup>th</sup>, 5pm  
 Blue Ridge Electric Coop  
*Small Business Saturday*  
 November 30<sup>th</sup>, All Day  
 Participating Businesses Listed on PRA Website  
*City of Pickens Christmas Tree Lighting*  
 November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
 Legacy Square  
*City of Pickens Christmas Parade*  
 December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
 Downtown Pickens  
*Festival of Trees*  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>  
 World of Energy

**Cantatas**  
*The Heart of Christmas*  
 December 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am  
 Grace United Methodist Church  
*Tapestry of Lights*  
 December 15<sup>th</sup>, 11am  
 Pickens Presbyterian Church  
*Emmanuel - God With Us*  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30am  
 Secona Baptist Church  
*The First Noel*  
 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
 Combined Choirs of Pickens View, United and Easley First Wesleyan Churches  
 Pickens View Wesleyan Church

\*all times and events subject to change without notice\*



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# GIFT OF PICKENS



Get yours today  
at PRA!

## Give the gift that stays in Pickens!

In its first year, the *Gift of Pickens* program provided more than **\$7,000** to be spent at local businesses in Pickens! We want our local businesses in Pickens to thrive and hope you will join us!

The *Gift of Pickens* program is an economic development tool designed to stimulate local shopping. Together, let's support our local businesses to make Pickens an even better place to live, work and play!

## SHOP LOCAL. SHOP HISTORIC PICKENS.

### Top Ten Reasons to Shop Local:

1. **Protect Local Character and Prosperity:** Your community is unlike any other city in the world. By choosing to support locally owned businesses, you help maintain your town's diversity and distinctive flavor.
2. **Community Well-Being:** Locally owned businesses build strong neighborhoods by sustaining communities, linking neighbors, and by contributing more to local causes.
3. **Local Decision Making:** Local ownership means that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.
4. **Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy:** Your dollars spent in locally owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent at national chains. When shopping locally, you simultaneously create jobs, fund more city services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvement and promote community development.
5. **Jobs and Wages:** Locally owned businesses create more jobs locally and, in some sectors, provide better wages and benefits.
6. **Entrepreneurship:** Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.
7. **Public Benefits and Costs:** Local stores in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.
8. **Environmental Sustainability:** Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers – which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss and air and water pollution.
9. **Competition:** A marketplace of tens of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term.
10. **Product Diversity:** A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.





*Oh Joy!* features a large selection of Made in America items, perfect gifts for your loved ones this holiday season!



Duplin Wine is bottled right here in the Carolinas! Find this local favorite at *Main Street Spirits* to bring holiday cheer to all!

# SOMETHING

*for everyone*



Hand blown glass vases, bowls and ornaments are just a few of the holiday gifts you'll find at *Nestfeathers!*

At *Town & Country Florist*, choose from an assortment of arrangements for your holiday decor and gifts for everyone.



At *Court Street Gallery*, handcrafted jewelry, pottery and paintings by local artisans are on display and for sale!



Stop in *Antiques & Uniques*, a local treasure chest that specializes in creative photography and sells everything from vintage clothing and toys to antiques.

These boots are just one of the many apparel items you'll find at *Brock's Department Store* this holiday season!



Place the finishing touches on any holiday gathering with a bouquet from *Flowers by Virginia*.



Keep your family warm this year with a wood stove from *Biv-en's Hardware Co.* and check out their full line of accessories to meet all your needs.



*Historic Downtown*

- 1 Fiesta Mexican Restaurant Dining
- 2 Tony's Restaurant Dining
- 3 Martha's Marvelous Munchies Dining/Specialty
- 4 Flowers by Virginia Gift Shop/Florist
- 5 Chamber of Commerce Information
- 6 Main Street Pizzeria Dining
- 7 Nestfeathers Retail/Specialty
- 8 Village Inn Dining
- 9 Pagoda II Dining
- 10 Petals Flowers & Gifts Gift Shop/Florist
- 11 Your Home Furniture Retail/Specialty
- 12 Pizza Hut Dining
- 13 Sub Zone Dining
- 14 Cellpoint Specialty
- 15 Foothills Gun & Pawn Retail
- 16 Domino's Dining
- 17 East Main Treasures Retail/Specialty
- 18 The Golden Butterfly Gift Shop Retail/Specialty
- 19 GateHouse Restaurant Dining
- 20 Bivens Hardware Company Hardware
- 21 Brock's Department Store Retail
- 22 Michael's Restaurant Dining
- 23 Burning Brick Tavern Dining
- 24 Antiques & Uniques Gift Shop/Anitques
- 25 Town & Country Florist Gift Shop/Florist
- 26 Cafe Connections Dining
- 27 Garren's Cafe Dining
- 28 Court Street Gallery Art
- 29 Pickens Revitalization Association Visitor Center
- 30 Pickens County Museum Museum
- 31 Shabby & Chic Interiors Retail/Specialty

- 32 The Open Door Retail/Specialty
- 33 The Corner Drug Store Pharmacy
- 34 Bee Well Honey Natural Market Retail/Specialty
- 35 Oh Joy Retail/Specialty

*Highway 8*

- Stockade 'n Stuff Antiques Specialty
- Arby's Quick Service Dining
- Hardee's Quick Service Dining
- Carolina Fine Foods Dining
- American Waffle Dining
- KFC/Long John Silver's Quick Service Dining
- Verizon Wireless Specialty
- Walmart Retail
- Cuddlebugs Boutique Specialty
- Pancho's Dining
- Little Ceasars Quick Service Dining

*Highway 178 North/Ann Street*

- Bojangles Quick Service Dining
- Burger King Quick Service Dining
- Wendy's Quick Service Dining
- Pizza Inn Dining
- Heidi's Hotdogs Dining
- Goody's Retail
- JD Sports Retail

- Shopping
- Dining
- ★ Amphitheater

- P All Day Parking  
Legacy Square  
Courthouse  
Visitors Center
- P 2 Hour Parking  
Main Street  
Pendleton Street  
Court Street
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Main Street  
PRA Visitors Center

Cover photo: Burning Brick Tavern

Top banner photos (LtoR): East Main Treasures, Bivens Hardware Company, Historic Downtown Pickens and Nestfeathers

# FEATURED PROMOTIONS *and* EVENTS



World of Energy Presents

## *The Festival of Trees*

**C**ome and tour the dozens of decorated trees at the World of Energy. Groups, families or individuals are welcome at the 1st annual Festival of Trees. No reservations are required and there is no charge to attend the event.

**Viewing times:**

**M-F 9 a.m. to 5p.m.**

**Sat. noon to 5p.m.**

**Dec. 2~28**

The World of Energy is an official Toys for Tots drop off location. We encourage those visiting our Festival of Trees to bring a new, unwrapped toy.



# FEATURED PROMOTIONS *and* EVENTS



Hosted by Pickens High School and The Young Appalachian Musicians Program.

## Saturday, January 18, 2014

### Pickens High School Fine Arts Auditorium

4314 Moorefield Memorial Highway • Pickens, SC 29671

**Incredible line-up of some of the most talented young traditional musicians of the southeast!**

## BAND COMPETITION!

**1st Place - \$1000 • 2nd Place - \$300 • 3rd Place - \$200  
People's Choice Award by Audience Selection - BRING YOUR FANS!!**

Register for the competition online at [www.yamupstate.com](http://www.yamupstate.com) starting November 16, 2013.  
Spaces are limited.

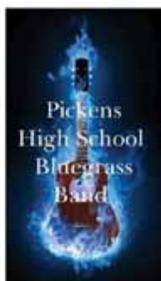
**Attend a music workshop!**

Tickets \$12. Children 12 and under are free\*.

Visit [www.yamupstate.com](http://www.yamupstate.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

\* Child must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

For other information please call 864-878-4257.



Young Appalachian Musicians

**All proceeds from the event will go to support the Pickens High Bluegrass program and the Young Appalachian Musicians program.**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER

**13th**

City of Pickens "Christmas Lights"  
Christmas Parade  
7pm



~ entry forms are available at [www.historicpickens.com](http://www.historicpickens.com)  
and must be received at City Hall by December 10th  
~ visit [www.historicpickens.com](http://www.historicpickens.com) for the parade line up

**14th**

Illumination of Luminaries  
Hillcrest Memorial Park  
6pm

**20th**

3rd Fridays  
6pm - 9pm



*for a full list of holiday events in Pickens, please refer to "A Pickens Christmas" on Page 2*

## JANUARY

**18th**

2014 Winter Bluegrass Jubilee  
Pickens High School Fine Arts Auditorium  
~ visit [www.yamupstate.com](http://www.yamupstate.com) to register and purchase tickets

# CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

The Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce recognizes the Pickens YMCA as its Chamber member of the month. The various programs the YMCA offers have truly made a difference in the lives of others and the community. Their leadership and commitment to improving the health and well being of others makes the YMCA a true leader in the community. The Pickens YMCA is located at 2223 Gentry Memorial Highway and open Monday - Thursday from 5am -10pm, Friday 5am - 8pm, Saturday 7am - 7pm and Sunday 2pm - 5pm. Built in 1998, the Pickens YMCA houses the only indoor pool in a 15 mile area. The facility includes 6 acres of field space, 8,000SF of wellness space and a multipurpose room that serves many different programs and groups.



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Pickens Dental Associates

Pickens Savings & Loan

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Pace & Reeves

Lindsay Oil Company

Main Street Pizzeria

American Legion

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Hiott Printing Company

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Corner Drug Store

City of Pickens

Pickens Senior Center

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Stockade 'n Stuff Antiques

Town & Country Florist

Court Street Gallery

Gravelly's Law Firm

GateHouse Restaurant

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