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MAY 2013

Pickens Women's Association recognized for Charitable Endeavors



Pickens, SC. After raising nearly \$10,000 for charity with its 2013 Azalea Festival 5K Fun Run/Walk, and other endeavors, the Pickens Women's Association was awarded the April "We Fan The Flame" award. This year's co-chairs, Debbie Carmical and Karen Roper, led the entire association to make the event a success. This year the Boston Marathon victims were remembered with green ribbons that the 80 entrants held high at the finish.

The race is the principal fundraiser for the Beverly Smith Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to a Pickens High senior girl each year. This year's recipient will receive \$2,000 to apply toward her college education expenses. Each year, in addition to the scholarship, the association donates to many worthy Pickens charities, including Meals on Wheels, Feed a Hungry Child, Prevent Child Abuse Pickens County, Cannon Hospital, Mary's House, HOSA chapter of Pickens County, Pickens County Museum, the YAMS program, and other local charities that help improve the quality of life in our area.

"We would be unable to hold this event and make such donations were it not for the many generous local businesses that sponsor our race each year, said Karen Roper. "We also have tremendous help with our race from Coach Bryan Clevenger of Pickens High School and the Pickens Service Club. This year, we were able to hold our first kids' fun run, *Mike's Tikes Run*, named in memory of Dr. Mike Carmical, who was always supportive of our club and will be greatly missed. We hope this is a tradition that will continue and grow each year."

The Pickens Women's Association was originally established as the Pickens Area Junior Assembly and charter members were installed in 1983. As membership grew, and projects developed, the group settled on enhancements for parks and recreation as a key area of focus. Over the years this group planted trees on Main St, upgraded Jaycee Park, built and maintained the original hospital fitness trail and was always a key supporter of the Pickens Azalea Festival. When Beverly Smith died suddenly in the spring of 2000, the club established a scholarship in her name and began annual fundraising to support this scholarship and other worthy causes.

Photo: Pickens Mayor David Owens presents the award to Debbie Carmical along with other Pickens Women's Association members.



We Fan The Flame recognizes group contributions that make Pickens a better place to live. It is presented by the Pickens Revitalization Association and the City of Pickens. The award program is open to any civic, school, charitable, religious, cultural, non-profit, business, senior youth, association or similar organization. Entries should be submitted to the PRA by the 15th of each month and will be considered throughout the year. Entry forms are available at 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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JUNE CRUISE - INs & MUSIC ON MAIN



First Four Saturdays in June

West Main in Historic Pickens

Vehicle Entry opens at 5:30 PM
from Garvin Street

Entertainment starting at 7:00 PM
at the new Pickens Amphitheatre

Special Awards plus other Surprises

Food & Beverage Available

CLASSIC & CUSTOM CARS
with the **KATLIN OWEN BAND**

1st

8th

MOTORCYCLES
with **THE SIDEMAN**

"OPEN" CRUISE-IN
with the **MARVIN KING BAND**

15th

22nd

JEEPS
with the **NEW DIXIE STORM**

Rain Date: *June 29th*

29TH ANNUAL PICKENS AZALEA FESTIVAL



The 29th Annual Pickens Azalea Festival was a huge success even though Friday's scheduled activities of live TV, car cruise-in and music activities had to be postponed due to a chance of severe weather. With beautiful weather Saturday, some 250 artist/crafters, food vendors, and civic non-profit organizations made it a fun and entertaining day. We hope you enjoyed the Hagood Mill shuttle as many new visitors to Pickens rode the shuttle to tour the historic mill. And many folks got to view Pickens from the air, with helicopter rides.

A special thanks to our local entertainers who performed on the West End stage and to the U.S. Military Transportation & Maintenance Exhibit. Early Saturday morning the 5K Walk/Run, sponsored by the Pickens Women's Association, saw more than 80 participants help to benefit the Beverly M. Smith Scholarship and other charitable endeavors. The highlight Saturday night was "Little Texas" as they rocked the crowd with *God Bless Texas* and many other memorable songs.

Thanks to the folks at WSPA-Channel 7, our title sponsor, and all the other great contributors for helping make the record-breaking 2013 Azalea Festival a reality. We deeply appreciate the financial support of this important community event. As always, we are indebted to the City of Pickens, its Police Department and the Streets and Sanitation Department workers for their assistance.

Special thanks go to the Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce, Michael's Restaurant for hosting the Saturday morning vendor reception, Town & County Florist for flowers on the Main Stage, Boy Scout Troop 51 for trash pick-up assistance, Pickens Senior Center volunteers, the Roundtowners of Greenville and local volunteers for their help. And lastly, we would be nothing without the Azalea Festival Planning Committee and individuals who work tirelessly for months to make each festival a success. Mark your calendars for 2014, the third weekend in April for the 30th Annual Pickens Azalea Festival with new activities, attractions and delights. We look forward to seeing you then!

-Russ Gantt, Festival Coordinator



FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Façade Improvement Grant Program (FIGP) is to support the revitalization of the City's Overlay Districts by stimulating private investments in high-quality improvements that enhance the appearance of buildings and properties and eliminate blight and non-conforming design standards. The FIGP provides financial assistance to commercial property owners and business owners in the City Center and Gateway Overlay Districts that qualify for façade improvements. The Façade Improvement Committee is responsible for administering the FIGP, intended to stimulate improvements to the exterior of commercial buildings in the Overlay Districts, identified as City Center Overlay District and the Gateway Overlay District.

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

CITY OF PICKENS



City Center Overlay District boundaries are established as:

- Main Street from Hampton Avenue to Bivens Street
- Court Street from Main Street to Cedar Rock
- Garvin Street from Main Street to Cedar Rock
- Ann St./Hwy. 178N from Main Street to Baker Street
- Hampton Ave./Hwy. 8 from Main Street to Baker Street
- Pendleton Street from Main Street to W. Lee Street

Gateway Overlay District boundaries are established as:

- All properties that have frontage on Hwys. 183, 178 & 8 that are not located in the City Center

The Façade Improvement Grant Applications are available at the PRA Office, City Hall and the following websites:

www.cityofpickens.com and
www.historicpickens.com

*Applications will be accepted from:
May 1st until July 1st*

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS:

- Exterior building improvements (cosmetic and/or structural)
- Signage
- Lighting
- Landscaping

Examples:

- Exterior painting or surface treatment
- Decorative awnings
- Window and/or door replacements or modifications
- Storefront enhancements
- Landscaping
- Irrigation
- Streetscape
- Outdoor patios and decks
- Exterior wall lighting
- Decorative post lighting and architectural features

CURRENT PRA MEMBERS

Alexander Law Firm	Brocks
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Pickens Savings & Loan	Pickens Senior Center
Pizza Inn	State Farm Insurance
Stockade 'n Stuff Antiques	Corner Drug Store
American Legion, Pickens Post 11	
Behavioral Health Services of Pickens	

Interested in Membership? Contact the PRA at
864.878.0105 or www.historicpickens.com

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to those of you who came out to help us clean up and landscape the embankment on Highway 8!



Photo: Pickens High School ROTC students and others clean-up Highway 8 on April 18th

GREATER PICKENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**MEMBER
OF THE
MONTH**

**GATEHOUSE
RESTAURANT**

This month's Pickens Chamber Member of the Month is GateHouse Restaurant located at 116 Ann Street in Pickens. When father and son, Dean and Jeff Holder decided to renovate the old LeJuans building in downtown Pickens little did they know, today they would be restaurant owners. Open daily, their restaurant offers a buffet along with a full menu for your dining. In addition, the restaurant offers full-service catering and has unlimited service available to assist you in planning your special event. The staff at GateHouse would like to thank the community for their support.



Contact the GateHouse at 864.507.4310

HAPPENINGS IN PICKENS



FRIDAY, MAY 10TH
6pm - 10:30pm

Located at the Cooperative's
Covered Outdoor Facility

734 W. Main Street, Pickens

Food and Non-Alcoholic
Beverages Available

Free Parking

All Events Held Rain or Shine

For more info, please visit:

<http://www.blueridge.coop/blueridgefest/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

10th

Blue Ridge Fest
Pickens, SC



17th

3rd Fridays
Cinco de Mayo
6pm - 9pm



JULY

4th

4th of July
Celebration

JUNE

1st • 8th • 15th • 22nd

Cruise-In & Music on Main
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SEPTEMBER

14th

Founders Day Music Festival
Details TBA