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OCTOBER 2013

2013 Founders Day Music Festival a Great Success!

Great weather started the day off right for the 2nd Annual Founders Day Music Festival in Pickens, South Carolina. Held on September 14th, the event kicked off at noon with the Pickens High School Blue Flame Bluegrass band on stage in the new Pickens Amphitheater, and a presentation of state and national colors by the Pickens High School ROTC Color Guard on Main Street. Food, beverage and traditional arts and craft vendors displayed handmade items and instruments along West Main Street. Other highlights on Main Street included lost craft that featured blacksmithing, quilting and more. Also, living history demonstrations featured an authentic Revolutionary War canon that fired every hour.

Andrew Pickens came to say hello and celebrate his 274th birthday and shared his birthday cake with everyone. The Olde Time Medicine show was a huge hit with kids and adults alike as the folks from Faire Wynds entertained everyone with magic tricks and breathing fire! Other notable parts of the event included vintage vehicles on display, old-time storytelling, face painting for the kids, and two free drawings for a mandolin and a guitar.

Pickens' new Amphitheater provided the perfect venue for the music scene this year, as six different bands took the stage over the course of the day. The bands included Blue Flame Bluegrass, Sweet Potato Pie Kids, Pine Top Revival, The Traveling McCollums, Volume Five, and the DeJaBlue Grass Band. The Amphitheater was also the site for the new open Hot Licks Competition and a Big Jam that featured "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," - both huge crowd pleasers.

The event finished out with a huge fireworks display from Bruce Field while a variety of musicians jammed together on stage at the Amphitheater. A great thank you to everyone who attended, participated in, sponsored, or volunteered to make the 2013 Founders Day Music Festival a grand success!

Pickens Revitalization Association and the Founders Day Music Festival Committee have already begun planning the 3rd Annual Founders Day Music Festival. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13th, 2014 for a great time in Pickens, and visit our website (www.historicpickens.com) and Facebook page for more information and photos of this year's event!

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

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111 Court Street
Pickens, SC 29671
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9am - 4pm
Tuesday - Thursday



FOUNDERS DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations Drawing Winners!

Guitar (courtesy of Joe Padgett):
Elaine Belcher

Mandolin (courtesy of Pickins Guitar Company):
Daniel Hamilton



THANKS to our SPONSORS



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WE FAN THE FLAME

Senior Citizens of Pickens, Inc. Receives "Fan the Flame" Award

Pickens, SC. The Senior Citizens of Pickens, Inc., best known for operation of the Pickens Senior Center, recently received the September *We Fan the Flame* award.

The stated purpose of the organization and its Senior Center is "to provide a place for fellowship, entertainment, recreation and nutritious meals for seniors in the ... community." The organization has achieved unqualified success in assisting all seniors in maintaining their quality of life and independence.

It took the hard work and dedication of a number of people to make it all happen. It all started in 2008 when a number of concerned citizens decided to try and obtain the vacant Ben Hagood Elementary School - envisioning it as a place for senior activities. They reached an agreement with the City of Pickens, and the Pickens County School District, for use of the school. A non-profit corporation was formed and restoration of the building began. Successful fund-raising efforts included a grant from the Lt. Governor's office as well as business and individual donations. Eighty percent of the renovation is done with only the auditorium portion to complete.

The original purpose of the organization has certainly been realized. Lunch is offered Monday through Friday with 50 or more citizens served each day. Dinner and music are offered on Tuesday evenings. Daily activities include card games, puzzles, pool and bingo. The Senior Band entertains on a regular basis and there is always a celebration on holidays.

The Hagood Community Center, home of the Pickens Senior Center, also provides a meeting place and home for the Young Appalachian Musicians, Cannon Hospital Fitness Programs, Weight Watchers, Southern Traditions band, and the New Beginnings Church. Some local businesses, civic and individual groups also utilize the facilities, and it serves as a precinct voting place during the elections. Most recently, a new line dancing instruction class started on Wednesdays

It is noteworthy that the board members, activity leaders and kitchen staff are all volunteers. Twenty to thirty individuals give of their time each week. Truly the success of the organization in renovation, fund raising and programs, as well as the dedication of so many individuals, deserves "fan" recognition.

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.



Photo: C.B. Hayes, a key volunteer and member, accepted the award from Pickens Mayor David Owens on behalf of all the volunteers at the Pickens Senior Center.

CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Wilson Gas Service
2824 Gentry Memorial
Highway, Pickens
864.878.0160

October's Chamber Member of the Month is Wilson Gas Service. Here at Wilson Gas Service we pride ourselves on our customer satisfaction. We are a local company with combined experience of over 65 years. Our employees are local folks and over the years we have built many relationships based on our dependable service - whether a service call for heat or appliances or for our prompt propane delivery. We appreciate our existing customers and look forward to meeting new ones in the future. So if you're looking for a local, dependable propane company to meet all your propane needs, please come on down to see us. You'll be glad you did!



FEATURED PROMOTIONS & EVENTS



DOODLE RAIL TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY PUBLIC WORKSHOP

WHEN Thursday,
November 14, 2013
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

WHERE Pickens YMCA
2223 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens, SC 29671

CONTACT
Easley City Hall (864) 855-7900
Pickens City Hall (864) 878-6421

Please join the City of Easley and the City of Pickens for a public workshop focusing on the Doodle Rail Trail Feasibility Study. The workshop will be held in the Multi-purpose Room at the YMCA in Pickens. The consultant team led by Alta/Greenways will be available to share information, answer questions, and receive public input for the project. The public is welcome to attend and participate. Please come and share your ideas and vision for the Doodle Rail Trail!



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

Again this year, Pickens Revitalization Association wants to help Pickens celebrate! In addition to sponsoring a merchant decorating contest and assisting with the city tree lighting and parade events, the PRA will gather information on all area religious, civic and business events that are open to the public. These events will be promoted and publicized via local media, flyers and posters. So let us know what you are planning! Contact PRA at 878.0105 or pra.historicpickens@gmail.com by November 1st.

ATTENTION PICKENS MERCHANTS!

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS INVENTORY

Pickens Merchants, we need your help! Pickens Revitalization Association is undertaking a Downtown Business Inventory in an effort to better serve our local businesses. Gathering this information will allow us to develop a database of our downtown businesses, including information such as owner, hours of operation, square footage, etc. Over the next few weeks you may receive a phone call or personal visit from one of our volunteers asking you a few questions about your business. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation so that we can better promote our existing businesses here in Pickens!

In addition, we would love for you to share how Pickens Revitalization Association can help you as a small business. What kind of workshops would be beneficial for you? What is the best time of day to hold these workshops? What kind of joint merchant promotions would you like to see in Pickens? We welcome any and all ideas for how to keep our local businesses thriving here in Pickens! Please contact PRA today via phone or email and share your ideas with us.

BUSINESS DECORATING CONTEST

Again this year, you have the opportunity to showcase your business during the holiday season. Decorate your storefront, store window and/or interior in the spirit of the season!

Pickens Revitalization Association will present very special awards.

Start planning now!
More details to come!

FEATURED PROMOTIONS & EVENTS

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All proceeds will help the Cafe keep their doors open to the community.
 Tickets are limited and go on sale September 26th for \$25/person (includes a sit down dinner)

Silent Auction Items Include:

A Night at the Westin Hotel & Dinner at Trattoria Giorgio · Edgefield Pottery · Two (2)
 One-Hour Massages · Six Flags Tickets · Autographed CD's & T-Shirts from American Idol
 Finalist Chris Sligh · Four (4) Tickets to the Greenville Children's Museum · Center Stage
 Tickets to "A Christmas Carol" & Dinner at The Melting Pot · Plus Many More Items

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Silent Auction

November 7, 2013

6:30pm

Cafe Connections

To order tickets or to sponsor this event,
 contact Ann at 864.201.1772



Court Street Gallery presents

"IMAGINATION IN
 DIFFERENT FORMS"

Please join us for an
 opening reception:

Friday, October 11th
 6pm - 8pm
 Artist Talk at 7pm

featuring Atlanta artists:
 Cindy Zarrilli
 Tom Zarrilli

107 Court Street
 Pickens, SC 29671
 864.293.9078



TRICK OR TREAT
 ON MAIN

Saturday, October 26th
 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Cannon Memorial Hospital and the City of Pickens are gearing up for the annual Trick or Treat on Main! This event provides a safe, fun environment for children and parents to enjoy a night of trick or treating.

New this year are a family-friendly movie, free popcorn and a costume contest. Come on out for a night of fun!

Harvest the Benefits of Membership with the Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce

Friday, October 11th
 9am - 5pm, Drop In

Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce, 222 W. Main Street

Business After-Hours to Follow

5:30pm - 7pm

Flowers by Virginia, 509 W. Main Street



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

11th

“Imaginations in Different Forms” featuring the work of
Cindy & Tom Zarrilli
6pm - 8pm, Artist Talk at 7pm
Court Street Gallery, 107 Court Street

11th

Harvest the Benefits of Chamber Membership Drop-In
8am - 5pm
Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce
222 W. Main Street

11th

Business After-Hours
5:30pm - 7pm
Flowers by Virginia
509 W. Main Street

18th

3rd Fridays*
6pm - 9pm
Historic Pickens



*for more information on
3rd Fridays, please visit:
[www.historicpickens.com/
calendar-of-events/3rd-fridays/](http://www.historicpickens.com/calendar-of-events/3rd-fridays/)

26th

Trick or Treat on Main
5pm - 8pm
Main Street, Historic Pickens
For details, contact Amanda Cooper at 864.898.1334



NOVEMBER

7th

Cafe Connections Christmas Gala & Silent Auction
6:30pm
Cafe Connections, 319 E. Main Street



14th

Doodle Rail Trail Feasibility Study Public Workshop
5:30pm - 7:30pm
YMCA of Pickens, Hwy. 8

15th

3rd Fridays*
6pm - 9pm
Historic Pickens



30th

Small Business Saturday
shop local. shop historic pickens.
<https://www.americanexpress.com/us/small-business/Shop-Small/>



DECEMBER

13th

City of Pickens Tree Lighting Ceremony & Christmas Parade
7pm

14th

Hillcrest Memorial Park Luminary Ceremony
6pm

THANKS MEMBERS!

Alexander Law Firm
Pizza Inn
Great Oaks Dental
Edward Jones
Pickens Dental Associates
Pickens Savings & Loan
Behavioral Health Services
Nestfeathers
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Corner Drug Store
City of Pickens
Pickens Senior Center
State Farm
Stockade 'n Stuff Antiques
Town & Country Florist
Court Street Gallery
Gravelly's Law Firm

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