

# around town

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DECEMBER 2014

## Celebrate "A Pickens Christmas"

Pickens, SC. Pickens Revitalization Association, the 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 a great line up of events for everyone to enjoy from now through the end of December."

The 2014 City of Pickens Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This year's theme is "The Doodle Express," playing off the popular classic "The Polar Express." 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 at City Hall (219 Pendleton Street) and Pickens Revitalization Association (222 W. Main Street).

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 at the Pickens Amphitheater. Awards will be given for the Parade as well as the Merchant Decorating Contest. Closing out the night will be a **fireworks** display from Bruce Field!

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. "We encourage everyone to get out and shop at our local merchants and experience the holiday spirit here in Pickens," said Fowler. Prizes will be awarded for the best 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, preservation and sustainable growth of Pickens' historic downtown area.*

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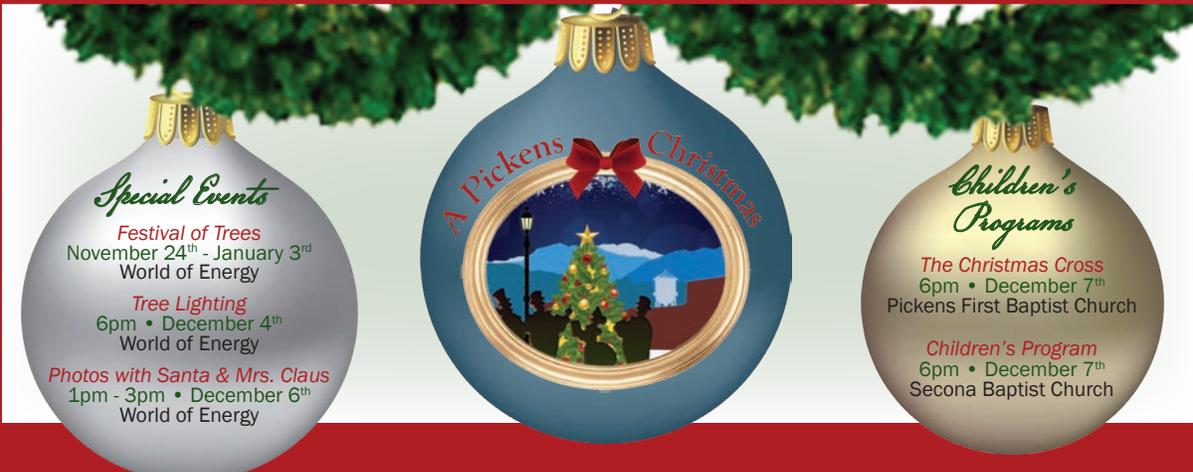
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*Special Events*

**Festival of Trees**  
November 24<sup>th</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
World of Energy

**Tree Lighting**  
6pm • December 4<sup>th</sup>  
World of Energy

**Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus**  
1pm - 3pm • December 6<sup>th</sup>  
World of Energy

*Children's Programs*

**The Christmas Cross**  
6pm • December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens First Baptist Church

**Children's Program**  
6pm • December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Secona Baptist Church

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS  
IN HISTORIC PICKENS!**



*Services*

**Hanging of the Greens**  
6pm • November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Secona Baptist Church

**A Service of Remembrance**  
4:30pm • December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Dillard Funeral Home

**Community Christmas Worship Service**  
10:45am • December 21<sup>st</sup>  
East Pickens Baptist Church

**Candlelight Communion**  
6pm • December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Pickens View  
Wesleyan Church

*Cantatas*

**Christmas Choral**  
10:30am • December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Grace United Methodist Church

**Joy to the World: John Rutter Carols**  
11am • December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Pickens Presbyterian Church

**Adult Cantata & Communion**  
10:30am • December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Secona Baptist Church

*Services*

**Christmas Eve Service**  
5pm • December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens First Baptist Church

**Christmas Pageant Candlelight Service**  
5:30pm • December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens Presbyterian Church

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion**  
6pm • December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Grace United Methodist Church

**Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service**  
11pm • December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens Presbyterian Church

*Special Events*

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
5pm • November 25<sup>th</sup>  
Blue Ridge Electric Coop

**Small Business Saturday**  
All Day • November 29<sup>th</sup>

**City of Pickens Christmas Tree Lighting**  
6:30pm • December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Legacy Square

**City of Pickens Christmas Parade**  
7pm • December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Bells & Cookies**  
7pm • December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Cafe Connections

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

*Special Events*

**Winter Warmth Clothing Drive**  
8am - 11am • December 6<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens Recreation Center

**Breakfast with Santa**  
9am - 11am • December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens Presbyterian Church; \$6 (2 & Under Free)

**Illumination of Luminaries**  
6pm • December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Hillcrest Memorial Park

**Nativity at Legacy Square**  
5pm - 7pm • December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens First Baptist Church

**Movie Night: The Nativity Story**  
7pm • December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens Presbyterian Church



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# GIFT OF PICKENS



**Get yours today!**

## Give the gift that stays in Pickens!

Pickens Revitalization Association is committed to continuing our very own Shop Local Initiative, Gift of Pickens! We want our local businesses in Pickens to thrive and hope you will join us!

Gift of Pickens certificates are on sale now at PRA and City Hall (cash or check only at these locations) and securely online by Credit Card or PayPal at:

[www.historicpickens.com/shop-historic-pickens/gift-of-pickens/](http://www.historicpickens.com/shop-historic-pickens/gift-of-pickens/)

# 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.

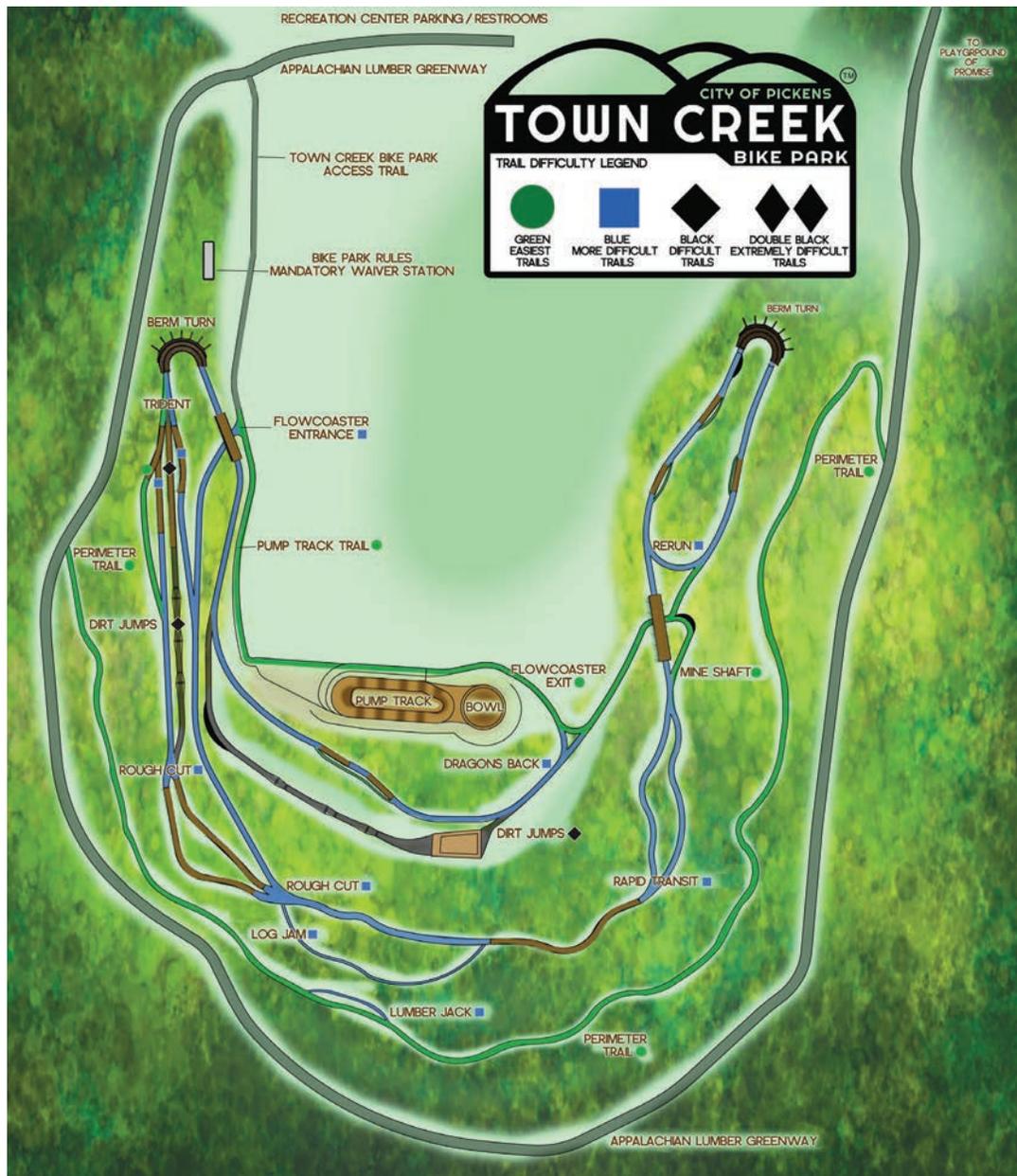




# LOCAL NEWS

## Town Creek Bike Park Opens in Pickens

Town Creek Bike Park officially opened on November 16th with a First Look Celebration and Ribbon Cutting. The Town Creek Bike Park (TCBP), which is located within the city limits of Pickens, has been transformed into one of the premier off-road bicycling facilities in Upstate South Carolina. The nearly 100 acre park located just one mile from historic downtown Pickens serves as the first of three anchor destinations within the proposed Pickens Easley Liberty Corridor (PELCOR). Ride Garden, LLC partnered with the City of Pickens to revitalize Town Creek Bike Park as the initial PELCOR facility. Completion of the park marks TCBP as one of the first bike parks in the state that offers unique riding features designed to enhance the riders experience through education, challenge and environmental awareness.



There is no cost to use the Bike Park and there is no attendant on duty. Bike Park riders need to sign a waiver and wear a helmet and other recommended protective gear.

The course may also be closed for major holidays, extreme weather conditions, and for special events so please call ahead when possible.

To find out if the Town Creek Bike Park is open on any given day, you may call the Recreation Department at 864.878.2296 and press Option 2 – the recorded message will give you an update.



# FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS



silent  
AUCTION

## Join us for a Gift Basket Silent Auction

December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
(Friday and Saturday)

8 am – 4 pm

\*Bidding will conclude at 4pm on 12/13

**Location:** Classroom- Cannon Memorial Hospital

This event will showcase a wide variety of gift baskets:

Kids

Men's

Sports

Women's

Hobbies

If you or your organization would like to donate a gift basket or make a monetary donation, contact Amanda at 864-898-1334 or [acooper@cmhsc.org](mailto:acooper@cmhsc.org)



Proceeds to Benefit CMH Auxiliary

# FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

## Fourth Annual Winter Bluegrass Jubilee January 24th, 2015

[www.yamupstate.com](http://www.yamupstate.com)

Performances and Workshops by:

Pickens High School  
Fine Arts Auditorium



*Terry Baucom*



*Shawn Lane*



*Jim Van Cleve*



*Wayne Winkle*

*Emcee: Cindy Baucom from Knee Deep In Bluegrass*

Also performing:

Slik Nickel, Laurel Fork, Sweet Potato Pie Kids,  
Out of the Blue, The Pickens High Bluegrass Students,  
YAM Elementary School Students, HotFoot Cloggers

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

Pickens High School Fine Arts Auditorium  
4314 Moorefield Memorial Highway  
Pickens, SC 29671

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 at all times.  
For other information please call 864-878-4257.

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



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER

### All Month Long

#### **World of Energy Festival of Trees**

Stop by the World of Energy and enjoy the holiday lights of dozens of decorated trees. Vote for your favorite tree and help them win a chance at donating \$1,000 to their charity of choice. No admission fee.

### 6th

#### **Winter Warmth Clothing Drive**

8am - 11am; Pickens Recreation Center

### 12th

#### **City of Pickens Christmas Parade**

7pm; Main Street, Pickens

### 13th

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

9am - 11am; Pickens Presbyterian Church (\$6)

### 14th

#### **The Nativity**

5pm - 7pm; Legacy Square, Pickens

### 19th

#### **Christmas Bells and Cookies**

featuring the Grace UMC Handbell Choir

7pm; Cafe Connections

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

## JANUARY

### 24th

#### **4th Annual Winter Bluegrass Jubilee**

Pickens High School Fine Arts Auditorium

for more information, visit: [www.yamupstate.com](http://www.yamupstate.com)

## FEBRUARY

### 28th

#### **Gathering on Appalachian Life**

more information to come

## MARCH

### 6th

#### **PRA/Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet**

more information to come

### 14th

#### **Pickens Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner**

more information to come

## APRIL

### 16th

#### **Jamie Wright at the Greater Clemson Blues Festival**

7pm; Pickens Amphitheater

### 17th - 18th

#### **Pickens Azalea Festival**

# THANKS MEMBERS!

Alexander Law Firm

Cannon Memorial Hospital

Pickens Senior Center

Pickens Dental Associates

Town & Country Florist

Behavioral Health Services

East Main Treasures

Pruitt Health

Oh Joy!

Brock's

City of Pickens

Edward Jones

Stockade Antiques

Pickens Savings & Loan

Gravelly's Law Firm

Foothills Gun and Pawn

Blue Ridge Electric Coop

Pickens Federal Credit Union

Corner Drug Store

Great Oaks Dental

Lindsay Oil Company

American Legion

Nestfeathers

GateHouse Restaurant

Chuck Dooley

TTI/OWT, Inc.

Pizza Inn

Pace and Reeves

State Farm

TD Bank

Shabby & Chic

Mark Kaiser

9 Round

Durham Greene