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AUGUST 2015

Pickens Exploring Options for Doodle Trailhead

PICKENS – The Doodle Trail has been well broken-in by runners, walkers and bicyclists in the first month since it opened. But the place where it starts – or ends, depending on which direction you’re going – remains pretty much an eyesore. Pickens City Council is working to change that. The council met recently with Blake Sanders of Alta Planning + Design, the same company that designed the trail, to explore options. The first decision is what to do with the two abandoned railroad buildings on the site. A plaza or park with a playground are expected to be in the final plans, and additional parking is a certainty, he said.

Other considerations the council weighed at the meeting was to what extent do they want to commercialize the spot. It would be a natural for locating shops and restaurants, but the council doesn’t want to sap too much business that might otherwise go down Main Street. But some retail space is likely, possibly small businesses like a snack bar, he said.

The council discussed how to balance its desire to make the trailhead a “destination” with its larger goal of using the trail as an economic engine for the whole downtown area. The city is looking at installing bike racks downtown, and one restaurant already has put some out front, he said.

The council also discussed ways of tying the trailhead to other points of interest in the town, such as Bruce Field, the downtown amphitheater and the village renaissance area around the Pickens County Museum. They talked about possibly developing Bruce Field as an attraction such as a water park or recreation area and building a trail to link it to the trailhead. The council also wants to bring the trail out to the intersection of Hampton, Cedar Rock and Railroad streets to give more direct access toward downtown. The city already has put up signs directing visitors to places of interest.

No firm timeframe has been set for the development, Owens said. The city hasn’t set a budget for the project yet. That will be worked out in next year’s budget, with the money coming from hospitality taxes and, hopefully, grants. The city also wants to get public input before making final decisions on the plan, particularly from business owners, he said. “When we do it, we want to do it in such a way that we know it’s going to have impact and be the best thing we could have done with the property,” he said.

Written by Ron Barnett, originally published in The Greenville News on June 30, 2015

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Welcome to our Newest Businesses in Pickens



The Pedal'n Shak held their Grand Opening in Pickens on July 4th. Located at 121 Railroad Street in Pickens, Pedal'n Shak is locally owned and operated, and uniquely positioned just across the street from the Doodle Trail trailhead in downtown Pickens.

The Doodle Trail is a 7.5 mile paved biking path which once served as the Pickens Railway, then nicknamed "Pickens Doodle" by local citizens due to it running backwards from Easley, Pickens, SC resembling "a doodlebug."

The Pedal'n Shak was inspired by the love the owners as a family share, spending time together enjoying the outdoors. They want to inspire families to spend quality time together, enjoying God's gift of the outdoors, all while getting fit and healthy.

Pedal'n Shak is proud to provide quality bike rentals and a fun filled biking experience to the community. They are within biking distance to the Playground of Promise, Town Creek Bike Park, the Pickens Amphitheater and local shops and restaurants.

Pedal'n Shak offers quality high-end comfort cruisers for your biking enjoyment, as well as kids bikes, trikes, trailers, and front facing toddler seats. Included free of charge in your rental are helmets, locks, and cell phone holders. The Shak also sells cold drinks and tasty snacks. Come relax and share your family fun, biking experience!

The Pedal'n Shak is open from 8am-8pm on Friday-Saturday and 2pm-8pm on Sunday. Stop by today or visit their website for more information: www.pedalnshak.com.



Buddy & Cisco's Bistro originally opened their doors in downtown Pickens in the fall of 2014, but this July brought the new addition of an ice cream parlor to their already popular restaurant.

Located at 321 E. Main Street, Buddy & Cisco's ice cream parlor offers all the old time favorites, floats, milk shakes, malts, ice cream sandwiches, banana splits, waffle and cake cones with a choice of 16 flavors of ice cream.

Be sure to stop by for a great treat on these hot days in Pickens and check out their specials on Facebook!

LOCAL NEWS

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Ivey's Furniture held their Grand Opening in Pickens on July 6th. Located in the Ingles Shopping Center in Pickens, Ivey's Furniture is open from 11am-6pm Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Saturday. Ivey's furniture was established in 2014 as the next step in Chris Ivey's furniture career. Chris has been working in the furniture industry for over 15 years and has vast amounts of industry knowledge. His character and reputation in the industry are well known as he has always been a man with an amazing work ethic who lives life driven by his faith. It didn't take much thought to decide where to open his store. He and his family have lived in Easley for almost 9 years and knew that a furniture store in Easley was the right choice!



The goals of this business are two fold. Not only does Chris intend to use his God given gifts in the furniture industry to support his wife and three children, he also intends to use those gifts to be able to give back to the community. The vast majority of profits not needed to help maintain the business will be given back to local ministries and charities. When you make a purchase from Ivey's furniture you are truly helping someone, and can rest assured that your money has been well spent! Visit their website at www.iveysfurniturestore.com or stop by their store today!



APPALACHIAN

— *Ale House* —

PICKENS, SC

morris on main

A B U S I N E S S C E N T E R

Opening in August at 205 E. Main Street in Pickens, Appalachian Ale House and Morris on Main are the recipients of \$10,000 from the Pickens Main Street Challenge.

The Appalachian Ale House will specialize in local beer on tap, bottled beer, tasting flights and growlers. The idea for the Appalachian Ale House is to offer the consumer an opportunity to taste, learn and experience craft beer in a laid back, yet sophisticated atmosphere.

Morris on Main is a flexible business space that offers a lobby, private conference rooms and work space for the professional needing a space to meet clients, work productively and network with other members.

Stay tuned for grand opening information, and in the meantime, visit their websites: www.morrisonmain.com and www.appalachianalehouse.com.

FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

BBQ and Bluegrass Fundraiser

For

Senior Center of Pickens



Saturday, August 8, 2015

4:30-7:30 PM

PICKENS SENIOR CENTER

129 SCHOOLHOUSE RD., PICKENS

\$8.00 TICKET IN ADVANCE – \$10.00 AT DOOR

(PLATE INCLUDES BBQ & BUN, BEANS, SLAW, AND DRINK)

DESSERTS \$1.00

Entertainment by local Bluegrass, Country and Gospel bands

Silent Auction

FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

FREE!

FREE!

Attractions at the AMPHITHEATER HISTORIC PICKENS

SUMMER 2015

april

16th Jamie Wright Review

18th Azalea Festival

25th Pickens' Got Talent

* Cruise-In & Music on Main Event



may

2nd Katlin Owen Band*

9th IS That So

16th Itchy and the Chiggers

23rd The Hired Help

30th Thomas Fountain

june

6th Folsom Prison Gang*

13th Jamie Wright Review

20th New Dixie Storm

27th YAMS & Blue Ridge Mountain Cloggers

july

4th 4th of July Celebration

11th Marvin King & Blues Revival

18th Derrick Dorsey Band

25th YAMS

august

1st The Flying Saucers*

8th Jamie Wright Review

15th Splitshot

22nd YAMS

7pm - 10pm
114 W. Main Street
FREE



For more information, contact the City of Pickens at 864.878.6421 or www.cityofpickens.com or Pickens Revitalization Association at 864.878.0105 or www.historicpickens.com

FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

RIDE TO THE ROCK



presented by
PICKENS ROTARY CLUB

proceeds benefit the



Join us for a cycling adventure to

TABLE ROCK

40k, 60k & 100k rides

8AM • September 26TH

Pickens Recreation Center

The rides travel north to the Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway 11 with views of Table Rock Mountain and the opportunity to climb Caesars Head before returning to Pickens.

**The 40k ride does not go all the way to Table Rock*

A complimentary **Ride to the Rock** t-shirt will be given to all pre-registered riders and a post-ride meal will be provided for each participant.

COST PER RIDER: \$40

Early Bird: \$35 before September 14th

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.PickensRotary.org/RidetoRock

REGISTRATION:

Go-GreenEvents.com/RideToRock

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FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS



FOUNDERS DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

"Pickin' in Pickens"
South Carolina

October 3, 2015

Pickens, South Carolina

bluegrass  crafts  food

**Blue Flame
Bluegrass Band**

County Clare

**Sweet Potato
Pie Kids**

**New Dixie
Storm**

Volume Five

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

1st

Cruise-In and Music on Main (Custom/Classic)

Attractions at the Amphitheater

The Flying Saucers

7pm - 10pm; Pickens Amphitheater

8th

Attractions at the Amphitheater

Jamie Wright Review

7pm - 10pm; Pickens Amphitheater

8th

Attractions at the Amphitheater

Jamie Wright Review

7pm - 10pm; Pickens Amphitheater

15th

Attractions at the Amphitheater

Splitshot

7pm - 10pm; Pickens Amphitheater

22nd

Attractions at the Amphitheater

Young Appalachian Musicians (YAM)

7pm - 10pm; Pickens Amphitheater

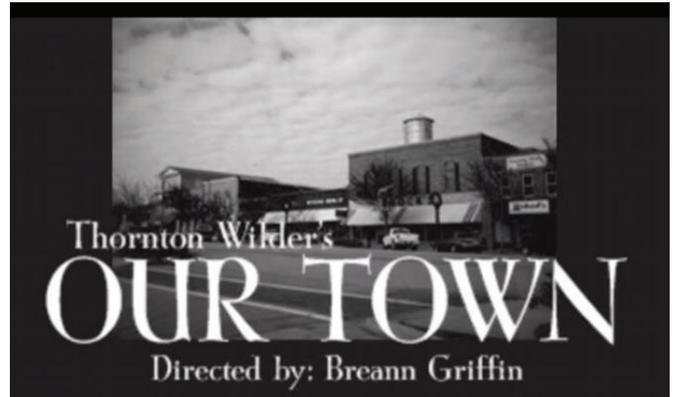
SEPTEMBER

17th - 19th

Thornton Wilder's Our Town

presented by Enrapt, LLC

7pm; Enrapt (118 W. Main Street, Pickens)



26th

Ride to the Rock

presented by Pickens Rotary Club

8am; Pickens Recreation Center

OCTOBER

3rd

Founders Day Music Festival

2pm - 9pm; Pickens Amphitheater

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