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DECEMBER 2017

Join us for all the holiday fun in Pickens this season!

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

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"MAGICAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS"



**2017 CITY OF PICKENS
CHRISTMAS PARADE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th
7PM • MAIN STREET**



LOCAL NEWS

Town Creek Bike Park Chosen for the IMBA Dig In Grant

Upstate SORBA and the City of Pickens are excited to announce that they have been accepted to participate in the very first IMBA Dig In Grant and Fundraising Campaign. The campaign will raise funds to continue the development of trails at Town Creek Bike Park in Pickens with a fundraising goal of \$3,000 by December 31st. The money raised will be used to plan and flag approximately 3 miles of single track trails at the bike park. Upstate SORBA will work hand-in-hand with the City of Pickens to complete this project.

The initial phases of Town Creek Bike Park were completed in 2014. This park offers an array of wooden and dirt features for riders of all ages and skill levels to hone their bike abilities within close proximity to downtown Pickens. Bike parks like this one and Gateway Park in Travelers Rest, shine in their function of bringing cycling to a large variety of people in a fun environment that is inclusive of all skill levels and free of the hazards of biking on or near roadways.

The addition of single-track trails to the park, will build upon the existing trails and will offer more variety for riders. In addition, these trails will be accessible to people on foot, making the network an easy escape into nature for bikers, hikers, and runners. These trails will be easily accessed from the Appalachian Lumber Greenway near the Pickens Recreation Center.

IMBA, the International Mountain Bike Association, is the premier organization providing advocacy, education, and resources for mountain bikers and the trails that they ride. The IMBA Dig In campaign highlights 68 projects in 31 states and provides direct fundraising for the expansion and improvement of mountain bike trails in the backyards of millions of people. Upstate SORBA is the South Carolina Upstate chapter of the Southern Offroad Bicycle Association and serves the Upstate through advocacy, building and maintenance of mountain bike trails in the area.

For more information or to donate, please visit win.imba.com/digin. To find information specific to the Town Creek project, please scroll down on the website mentioned above to find the project titled 'Upstate SORBA'. Donations can be made specifically to the project by clicking the link on the project page or to all of the projects equally.



LOCAL NEWS

South Carolina Department of Commerce Awards \$475,230 for the Pickens Neighborhood Revitalization Project

The City of Pickens is happy to announce they have received an award of \$475,230 from the South Carolina Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program for a Neighborhood Revitalization project for the neighborhood south of Main Street. The funds will be used to demolish dilapidated, vacant properties and for the installation and repair of new and existing sidewalks in the South Pickens Neighborhood (W. Cedar Rock Street at S. Lewis Street to S. Catherine Street, S. Catherine to Monroe Street, and S. Lewis Street to Monroe Street).

“The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is designed to assist in the development of sustainable communities through revitalization of in-town residential neighborhoods. Projects must incorporate comprehensive strategies for linking commercial revitalization successes with improvements to neighborhoods that are generally adjacent to downtown or business centers.”

-SC Department of Commerce

For the last eight months, City staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly going door to door gathering data via income surveys, countless windshield assessments of all land use in the area, and hours of data analysis to create a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan with proposed improvements to infrastructure which will be phased in based on additional grant funding cycles. The City would like to thank Mayor David Owens, Council Member Carlton Holley, AFTA- Arise from the Ashes Non-Profit, Pickens Revitalization Association, and city staff for their assistance in gathering the income survey data necessary to compile this comprehensive strategy, without their effort this project would not have been possible.



Home for the **Holidays** at **Holly Springs Center**

2nd Dec | 10am to 3pm

Join Us For: A Holiday craft fair highlighting local artisan crafts, vendors, & Appalachian Culture

MUSIC | FOOD | VENDORS | RAFFLE | LOCAL ARTISANS | CRAFT DEMOS

120 Holly Springs School Rd Pickens, SC 29671

All proceeds will go to benefit Holly Springs Center, Non-Profit

FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

CITY OF PICKENS
&
PICKENS UNITED IN PRAYER
PRESENTS

PICKENS
CHRISTMAS
TREE
LIGHTING

DECEMBER 1ST, 2017

6 PM

LEGACY SQUARE

MAIN ST.

PICKENS, SC



FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

Pickens Concert Choir
presents
a concert of
Christmas Music

Friday, December 1, 2017
at
7:00PM

in the auditorium
at the
Pickens Community Center
129 Schoolhouse Street
Pickens, SC 29671
864-878-6000

Sponsored by:

Merry Christmas
Bush Oil Co., Inc.
UHaul Truck Rentals
Easley, South Carolina
864-855-2666

Joy to the World

Tickets \$10 at the Door

www.pickensconcertchoir.com

FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS



Breakfast with Santa

Hosted by: Pickens Co. Board of Disabilities & Special Needs

Date: December 2, 2017

Location: Rock Springs Baptist Church - Building B

Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet and Talk with Santa!

(Parents bring your camera to take pictures)

Menu:

Pastries, muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee

Things to do:

- Picture with Santa
- Eat breakfast
- Listen to Christmas music and make 2 crafts

TICKET PRICE: \$10.00 per person

RSVP (864) 644-2563 or bleist@pcbdsn.org

FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

Join us for
"Festival of Wreaths"



On Display in the Front Lobby of
AnMed Health Cannon
November 18-December 8

**Bidding closes at 1pm on
Friday, December 8th**

**Winners may pick up wreaths
December, 8th 1-5 or December, 11th 9-5**

**All proceeds benefit
the Cannon Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

1st

City of Pickens Christmas Tree Lighting

6pm; Legacy Square, Pickens

1st

Pickens Concert Choir

7pm; Hagood Community Center, Pickens

2nd

Breakfast with Santa

hosted by Pickens County Board of D&SN

8am - 11am; Rock Springs Baptist Church

2nd

Home for the Holidays at Holly Springs Center

10am - 3pm; 120 Holly Springs School Road, Pickens

8th

City of Pickens Christmas Parade

7pm; Main Street, Pickens

Until the 8th

8th Annual Auxiliary Festival of Wreaths

AnMed Health Cannon, Pickens



16th

Ed Harrison Memorial Celtic Christmas

10am - 4pm; Hagood Mill, Pickens

visit www.visitpickenscounty.com for more info

JANUARY

20th

Winter Bluegrass Jubilee

10:30am - 7:30pm; Pickens High School Auditorium

visit www.winterbluegrassjubilee.com for more info

20th

Third Saturday at Hagood Mill

10am - 4pm; Hagood Mill, Pickens

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THANKS MEMBERS!

Alexander Law Firm	Brock's	Corner Drug Store	Pizza Inn
AnMed Health Cannon	City of Pickens	Great Oaks Dental	Pace & Reeves
Pickens Senior Center	Edward Jones	Seth Crow - State Farm	American Legion
Pickens Dental Associates	Stockade Antiques	Lindsay Oil Company	TD Bank
Town & Country Florist	Pickens Savings & Loan	Blue Ridge Electric Coop	Shabby & Chic
Behavioral Health Services	Flowers By Virginia	GateHouse Restaurant	9 Round
Foothills Gun & Pawn	Roper Law Firm	Pruitt Health	TTI/OWT, Inc.
Oh Joy!	Pickens Federal Credit Union	Pickens Rotary Club	Domino's
South State Bank	Cornell-Dubilier	Martha's Marv. Munchies	Enrapt, LLC
Pickens Azalea Festival	Southern App. Outdoors	Appalachian Ale House	Rustic Chic
Bee Well Honey	Serenity at Sunset	Durham Greene	