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Message from Mayor J.C. Cook, III

I hope that each of you have enjoyed the start of the New Year. I want to offer my congratulations to the Clemson University football and soccer teams for the great season they experienced and thank them for the manner in which they represented the University and Clemson community. Their success in getting to the national championship games was a testimony to the work, effort, and focus in competing through a long season. Many of us traveled to away games during the year, and I was extremely proud in the way that they competed and demonstrated sportsmanship of true student athletes. Likewise, I appreciated the way that Clemson students and fans provided a welcoming environment to those teams (and their fans) that came here for games. What a ride it truly was!

During the past year we have seen a tremendous amount of construction on campus - and much private investment and construction spilling over into our community. Over \$80 million of private investment was permitted in calendar year 2015, and we anticipate that amount will be exceeded in 2016. Although much of the attention was on larger mixed-use projects during the year, we saw \$23.8 million of new single-family construction and \$18 million of commercial projects under construction last year. Our Planning & Codes Administration department was extremely busy - and will continue to be in the future.

On December 1, 2015, the City's ISO rating was released - and we were pleased to see that a Class 2 rating was awarded. This means that your homeowner's insurance renewal should see a decrease in the premium cost this year. The ratings are based on three components: (1) the staffing, equipment, training and response time of our fire department, (2) the quality of our water distribution system and hydrant access for firefighters, and (3) the level of building plan review and inspections that are completed on new construction and building remodel work. Special thanks go to the CU Fire Department, the City's Planning & Building officials, and our Utility operators. These folks often work behind the scenes and are not noticed until a fire or other problem arises, but this Class 2 rating validates the great job that they do every day.

City Council has been working on several projects over the past few years and some of that planning and budgeting work will transition into new public improvements later this year. A few of these include the following:

- The Old Calhoun District Streetscape project will be bid this spring to allow for summer construction. This \$800,000 of new sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and

utility improvements will change the appearance and functionality of the Old Calhoun area. Hospitality tax revenues will pay for these improvements.

- The long awaited Berkeley Drive pedestrian bridge will be bid and started later this spring. Grant funds and C Funds will pay for the majority of this project, which will provide much safer access across Highway 123.
- The new Tottie's Place greenway (next to Ashley Dearing Park) is undergoing development of sidewalks, benches, and other improvements, which will continue for the next several months.
- The selection of a design/build team for the construction of Clemson's first fire sub-station is taking place at this time, and construction on this new public safety building could start by late this summer. It will be located on vacant land that is just north of the Trinity Wesleyan Church on Issaqueena Trail and will be a \$2 million investment to enhance fire protection of our community.
- It is hard to believe that Abernathy Park is nearly 15 years old, but it will soon be time to re-deck the boardwalk portion of that park. City Council has put aside \$15,000 annually since the time it was constructed to ensure that the boardwalk would be maintained and replaced as needed. A pilot project to compare the types of new composite decking materials to be used on the replacement boardwalk has been in place over the past year, and we will schedule the re-decking later this calendar year.
- The first phase of the expansion of the Cochran Road waste water treatment plant has been started, which includes the replacement of the office and laboratory building. An architectural firm should have the plans completed by late spring, which will allow construction to start this summer. Design of the treatment plant expansion, which will expand the treatment capacity from 1.15 million gallons per day to 2.0 MGD, will be included in next year's budget. Actual construction of the expansion will likely occur in 2018.

As you can easily note, it will be a busy year. We know that some of this work will cause interruptions to persons throughout the year, and we appreciate your patience and safety awareness as you travel through construction areas. When completed, all of these public improvements will benefit the residents and visitors to our community.

As always, please feel free to contact your City Council members should you have questions about these projects.

HAVE A GREAT SPRING!

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

New City Attorney Named

Mary McCormac was unanimously appointed by Clemson City Council as the new City Attorney at the January 19, 2016 Council meeting. Ms. McCormac will replace retiring City Attorney Kay Barrett, who has served in that position for more than 20 years.

Ms. McCormac focuses on Labor and Employment Law and Municipal Law. She has been the Legal Representative for the Town of Iva, South Carolina since 2003. Her duties in Iva will continue as she also begins representing the City of Clemson. Her law office is located in Clemson.



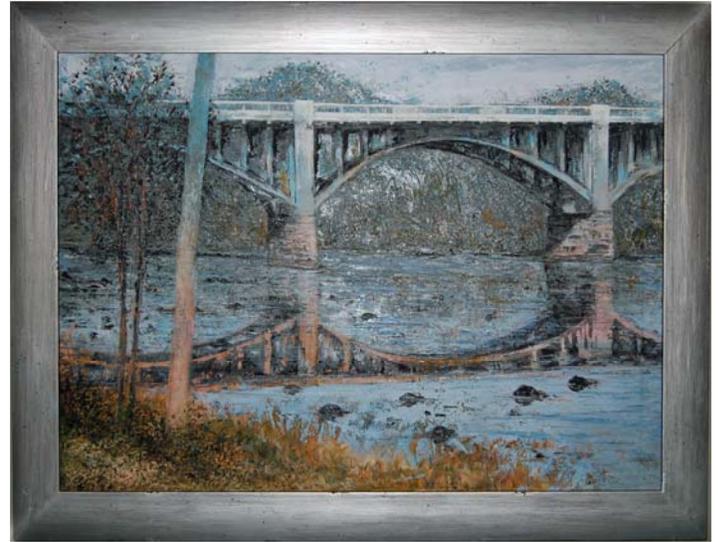
Pictured above right to left: City Clerk Beverly Coleman administering the Oath of Office to newly appointed City Attorney Mary McCormac in Clemson City Council Chambers.

Mary is a hometown girl and attended Daniel High School. She went on to graduate from Furman University in 1984 and Wake Forest University in 1987. Except for a very brief period, Mary has lived in Clemson. She likes the diversity of activities that are always available in the local area. Playing tennis at Nettles Park and hiking in the nearby mountains take most of her leisure time.

The new City Attorney stated, "I look forward to working with Municipal Judges Teresa Daniel and Nikki Munn. Both of them have recently been named to their judicial positions. It will be good for us all to work and learn together!"

New Art Exhibit at City Hall

The ARTS Center and the City of Clemson City are hosting a new art exhibit called "Freshwater Veins". Pieces range from batik to oil painting to photography. The artwork portrays the vitality of freshwater rivers and waterways and how they vein throughout the Palmetto State.



Pictured above: Gervais Street Bridge 2015, an oil painting on panel by Rob Shaw on exhibit at Clemson City Hall.

This exhibit is curated by the Palmetto Curatorial Exchange through March 31, 2016 at Clemson City Hall and will travel on to Columbia City Hall in April. This exhibit is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The Palmetto Curatorial Exchange is an arts organization working across The Palmetto State. This initiative aims to make existing collections and contemporary art more accessible to under-served publics, nurture the network of existing arts organizations within the state, and cultivate the next generation of arts professionals studying in South Carolina.

Collegiate Students at Clemson University, The University of South Carolina, and Winthrop University participate in the exchange program.

**Clemson City Hall
1250 Tiger Boulevard
Clemson, SC 29631**

STORMWATER DATA COLLECTIONS

The City of Clemson Stormwater Department will be conducting outlet and inlet data collections in the coming months. Interns will be assisting the department by wading through the streams and creeks that are located within the City limits and those to which the City contributes. Most streams and creeks are located behind residences so collection teams may be in your back yard.

The department will be placing signs (Figure 1) ahead of where our collection teams will be to notify residents of the collection team's presence.



FIGURE # 1

These collection teams will be looking for and assessing the condition of outfalls in the waterways and stormwater inlets within the City right-of-way.

Collecting outfall and inlet locations will help the Stormwater Department by:

- Helping identify problem areas, either derogated structures or locations which may be potential sources of pollution.
- Creating an inventory which will allow an inspection schedule to be developed helping with planning of future capital projects.
- Allowing for future Citizen reporting on the City's website.
- Giving the City an opportunity to have the entire stream, creek, and lake shore to be monitored and visually inspected for any possible issues.
- Meeting SCDHEC requirements of outfall mapping.

The same collection process will be completed for stormwater inlets. Major issues will be assessed and placed on two priority lists, those that can be handled in house or those that will need to be bid out.

Stormwater Quarterly Discussion

With spring coming soon and our current spring-like weather, it seems a good time to discuss washing your

car at home. Water from car washing may contain oils, greases, solvents, detergents, petroleum, and surfactants all of which degrade water quality and harm fish and animals that live in our streams. If the wash water is allowed to enter the storm drainage system the water will be conveyed directly into the local streams and creeks without any treatment.

To minimize contaminants from entering our storm sewer here are a few helpful suggestions:

- Wash on a grassy surface or a hard surface which slopes towards a grassy surface, the water can infiltrate the ground allowing for the chemicals to be dispersed and infiltrate into the ground;
- Limit the amount of soap you use and use a mild detergent, especially those that are phosphate-free; and,
- Conserve water by turning off the hose while soaping up the car and rinse quickly, minimizing any runoff created.

Another note, when removing leaves or brush with yard clean ups, the debris should not be placed near any storm drainage structure. Our country is currently in an El Nino weather pattern which means a high likelihood of unusually amount of rain over the next several months in our local area. Large amounts of rain can move leaves and brush that are placed in or in-front of a storm drainage structure creating several issues such as:

- Clogging of storm drains which will back up with water creating flooding hazards;
- Creating unusual path ways for the water to move which can force water onto the roadways creating a hazard for drivers.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) can use a vacuum truck to pick up leaves within 10' of the edge of the street or curb. Brush and other materials will be removed by methods determined best by DPW. Leaves, brush piles and other materials must be separated and not located within or near any stormwater structure.

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2015 AWARD WINNERS

EMPLOYEE SPOUSE AWARD

Kristie Morrison was presented as winner of the 2015 Jo Ann Abernathy Employee Spouse Award. The award was presented by Mrs. Jo Ann Abernathy and Council Members Crossie Cox and John Ducworth, III at the City's Annual Holiday Banquet in December.

The Jo Ann Abernathy Employee Spouse Award is given annually to honor a spouse that has provided outstanding support to a City of Clemson employee during their job performance. Kristie was nominated for the award by her husband of 15 years, Neely T. Morrison, Plant Operations Supervisor at the Cochran Road Wastewater Treatment Plant.



Pictured above right to left: City Council Members Crossie Cox and John Ducworth, III, Award Winner Kristie Morrison, and Mrs. Jo Ann Abernathy.

In his nomination, Neely stated that although Kristie had been through much trauma in her life, including the loss of a child, she remained faithful and supportive of him meeting the demands of his job. Demands that sometimes require late or early morning hours and being on-call, even on holidays. He stated that Kristie is a wonderful mother to their 2 young daughters and he never has to worry because she sees well to the needs of their household. He ended by stating, "She has never once tried to make me a better man, but she made me want to be one."

The City of Clemson congratulates Kristie Morrison on this well-deserved recognition.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

By: Steve Figueroa, Parks & Recreation Director

Jamie Cathey was named 2015 Employee of the Year for the Administration, Recreation, Court and Finance Departments at the Annual City Holiday Banquet.

What are the characteristics of an Employee of the Year? An Employee of the Year should be an innovator, a motivator, a problem solver and persistent to check, check, and double check. An Employee of the Year should be a leader. How about a graduate of a two year leadership training program and a two year term as District Vice President for your state professional organization? An Employee of the Year should produce results. How about more new programs, more participants and more program income?

So who has these characteristics? Her name is Jamie Cathey. Many parents have faced the dilemma of how to entertain their youngsters during the summer. Now take that and multiply it by 125 youngsters and - we aren't looking at one rainy day when the kids are inside - we are looking at eight weeks of daily responsibility. Any volunteers? Jamie does an eight week summer camp every year.

Anyone ever hosted a party? - How about a backyard horseshoe tournament? - How about a National Collegiate Championship Triathlon with over 1,250 participants from across the country, producing a course that meets the specifications for swimming, running and biking, and organizing a pre-event athlete's dinner and a post event awards ceremony? - Well Jamie has done all these and more!

What in the world is a Zombie Run? Jamie knows and last year she coordinated a Zombie Run at Nettles Park. It was great with about 350 participants. Easter Egg Hunt for a few hundred children and a Senior Citizen Christmas luncheon - bring it on! New girls' volleyball program - yeah, Jamie has that covered too.

Jamie helps make Clemson more interesting and lots more fun! With great appreciation, the City of Clemson congratulates Jamie Cathey on a job well done!

CITY EMPLOYEES HONORED

2015 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations are extended to the full-time City employees that were named departmental 2015 Employee of The Year. Winners were nominated by their peers and supervisors from individual departments. Exceptional job performance, leadership and dedication to public service were the final criteria for their selection. Their commitment continues to guarantee the City of Clemson will remain a great city!

The honorees were recognized at the City's annual Holiday Banquet at the Madren Center. Awards were presented by their respective Department Heads.

~ 2015 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR ~

Patrick Bikas	Police
Elexis Earle	Public Works
Holly Brown	Transit
Jason Dean	Utilities
Jamie Cathey	Administration/Court/ Finance /Planning/ Recreation

2015 SERVICE AWARDS

The Certificate of Service Awards were also presented by Mayor J.C. Cook, III, Clemson City Council and City Administrator Rick Cotton at the annual Holiday Banquet.

These awards are given annually on behalf of Clemson Citizens to recognize and celebrate City employees' valuable and distinguished public service.

Over the years, the dedication and loyal service of those honored have helped to improve the quality of life for all citizens! Full time employees are recognized for every five years of service.

~ 2015 SERVICE AWARDS ~

5 YEARS

Lowell Arwood
Nikki Munn
Telly Owen
Kevin Shaw
Garry Weeden

10 YEARS

Gail Fox
Christie Kernells

15 YEARS

Teddy Adkins
Mark Bryson
Stephen Millwood
Sharon Richardson
Ron Winchester
Kim Wright

20 YEARS

Sha Boggs

25 YEARS

Donnie LeRoy

30 YEARS

Robert Crooks
Tom Sparacino
Mitchell Swaney

35 YEARS

Benjie McGill

*If you are going to achieve excellence in big things,
you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is
not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude.*

~ Colin Powell ~

Little Free Libraries Get A Hearty Welcome In Clemson

By: Dot Yandle, City Historian

Last April, Clemson City Council approved a request for a new housing development that was a bit out of the ordinary since it was quite small, and nobody planned to live there. The request was unusual, too, in that it came from the local Browsers Book Club rather than from a real estate developer. And the housing in question was meant to accommodate books, not people! Furthermore, the three initial buildings were to range in height from 30 to 60 or so inches. The project, which was enthusiastically approved by Council, was completed by mid-summer 2015.

The project is part of a dazzling movement called “Little Free Libraries” that has gone worldwide since one man in Wisconsin had an idea in 2009 and acted on it. His idea was simple. Build a little house with a floor or two, set it on a pole and fill it with books. Then, place it in a conspicuous spot where people will see it. As the little houses grow in number, locate them in neighborhoods, near playgrounds or along downtown sidewalks and other well-used walkways. (You get the drift.)

The directions for content? Simply fill the little-house libraries with books of all kinds. Children’s books. Novels. Mysteries. How-tos and cookbooks. Histories and biographies. Suggest by the sign you affix to the structure - “Take a Book, Return a Book”. A person can take a book, then return it, and/or replace it with another one of their own. In either case, the user knows it’s okay to take a book home to read – and that it’s free.

The Clemson Browsers Book Club was organized back in the early 1950s by Grace Ward Calhoun, a local lady with some pretty interesting ideas of her own! Several of the current Browser members had seen little libraries in other places during their travels. And no wonder! At latest count, some 36,000 of them exist in countries all over the world. After deciding the City wanted to be a part of this remarkable book-sharing phenomenon, Clemson formally registered its three little libraries last spring. The libraries were assigned numbers 24,194, 24,195 and 24,196.

Volunteers stepped forward in wonderful numbers. Early on, Tommye Hurst, Director of the ARTS Center, took an active part in planning. With the Browsers

furnishing funds, Bill Hurst and Jim Reneke bought materials and built the three boxes. Sue Reneke and other volunteers painted them. Some of the painters



Pictured above: Little painters adding a special touch to the Nettles Park Little Library.

were pint-sized. They added their special touch to decoration of the Nettles Park box at the Arts Center’s Art Festival, where the book club introduced the project to the public. The Nettles Park “MOMs Club” has continued to watch over and help with that installation near the small fry playground.

With a lot of help from City Council Member Crossie Cox and City Horticulturist Tony Tidwell, the project was set to go in mid-July 2015. Employees from the City Department of Public Works attached posts, dug holes and made homes for the three little buildings. The Browsers had gathered an impressive stock of books for all ages of readers from a multitude of donors, and now volunteers stocked the shelves and looked on with pride as book-lovers from all over Clemson discovered the three sites.

The locations of the little libraries were carefully selected, using the guidelines of the national program.

The first library is located at the intersection of Calhoun and Clemson streets in the Old Calhoun District of Clemson. The colorful blue box sits beside a busy walkway and next to a CATbus stop.



Pictured left: The very popular Little Library, located in the Old Calhoun District.

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This box, the smallest of the three, has been perhaps the quickest to “turn over.” Interestingly enough, children’s books fly out of this particular library, perhaps because of older grad students living in the area with small children.

The second box is on the grounds of the Calhoun Bridge Center that houses the Clemson ARTS Center, Area African American Museum and Child Development Center. The third is near the entrance to Nettles Park, just outside the fenced playground. All three boxes have been successful, and the three “stewards” from the Browsers Book Club keep an eye on their content to make certain that the demands of voracious Clemson readers are met! Donations of books have been steady.



Pictured above: The second Little Library is located at the Calhoun Bridge Center, 214 Butler Street.



Pictured left: The third Little Library is located at Nettles Park, 102 Nettles Park Road by the playground.

After the project was well under way, it was discovered that a little library was already sitting on the welcome counter at Clemson University’s Brooks Center, the gift of a University staff member. And later still, it was also found that another had arrived in Clemson with new residents from another part of the country. They had brought it along with them and installed it at the end of their driveway on Augusta Road!

**Do you have books you would like to share?
Simply add them to the Little Library boxes or
Phone: (864) 654-8979**



FAST FACTS

In 2012, the Associated Press declared Little Free Library “A global sensation.” Since then countless media outlets including USA Today, the Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, LA Times, and the Huffington Post have named Little Free Library a global movement.

On October 27, 2015, Little Free Library was awarded the Library of Congress Literacy Award for its effective implementation of best practices in literacy and reading promotion.

In January, 2016, there were 36,000 Little Free Library book exchanges around the world. They are represented in all 50 states and more than 70 countries.

Little Free Library aims to deepen its current impact by growing to 100,000 libraries worldwide by the end of 2017.

**For more information about the worldwide
“Little Free Libraries” project:
www.littlefreelibrary.org**



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CHOOSE TO STAY INFORMED!

CLEMSON AREA AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM NEWS

In 2002, the vision for a museum and cultural center to document the accomplishments of African-Americans around the Clemson area was shared by local residents. Work began to make this vision a reality, and in August 2007, a diverse group of local residents, along with graduates from the former Calhoun Elementary School and volunteers from Clemson University, joined together to establish the Clemson Area African American Museum (CAAAM).

The late Mayor Larry Abernathy was the driving force in having CAAAM located at the Calhoun Bridge Center on 214 Butler Street. The Calhoun Bridge Center was formerly an all-black school that was known as the Calhoun Elementary School. It was the last school built for African American students in this part of Pickens County. The Clemson ARTS Center and Clemson Child Development Center are also located at the Calhoun Bridge Center.

Recently, CAAAM Board Members presented the 2015 Larry Abernathy Volunteerism Award to Dorothy Jones. Each year, the award is presented to a volunteer who contributes a significant amount of their time, talents and commitment to the success of the museum.



Photo by Barry G. Richards
Pictured left to right: CAAAM Board Members Gloria Isham, Deborah Hamilton, and Bessie Kemp, recipient of the 2015 Larry Abernathy and Volunteerism Award, Dorothy Jones, and Board Member Larry Walker.

The 2015 CAAAM Business Award was presented to Walmart in Central, South Carolina. Each year, this award is given in recognition of commitment to maintain

a diverse workforce with growing job and economic opportunities and other outstanding contributions to the African American Community. The Central Walmart was recognized for being one of the first companies to end the sale of the Confederate Flag.

The City of Clemson congratulates these well deserving award winners. Appreciation is given for the significant contributions they have made to the community.



Photo by Barry G. Richards
Pictured left to right: Bessie Kemp, CAAAM Board Member presenting the 2015 CAAAM Business Award to Towanda Peppers, Personnel Coordinator of Walmart-Central.

For more information:
Clemson Area African-American Museum
Phone: (864) 654-2944
Website: <http://ca-aam.org>

~ MUSEUM HOURS ~

Sunday: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Saturday: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

CAAAM MISSION: "To collect and showcase the historical achievements and culture of African Americans by serving as a resource center for the Greater Clemson Area to engage the local and upstate communities in intellectual discourse about the past."



April 15 - 23, 2016

The 5th Annual Greater Clemson Music Festival (formerly “The Blues Festival”) has added many new venues to help make this an exciting event for the Clemson community. During this year’s event, many types of music will be included: rock n’ roll, gospel, country, jazz and of course - blues.

One of the festival highlights will be The “Beach Bash” hosted by the Clemson Sertoma Club at the Madren Center Pavilion. Men of Distinction will entertain at the Friday, April 22nd event. Proceeds will benefit Sertoma programs for disadvantaged children.

Each year, the festival encourages artists to enter the Festival Art Poster Contest with a \$500 grand prize, plus 2 events passes. The contest is sponsored by Clemson’s Park Sterling Bank. Deadline for art submission is February 29.

Art work will be on exhibit at the Pickens County Museum of Art and History, 307 Johnson Street, Pickens, SC. - The exhibit opens March 3rd and displayed through April 23rd.

Museum hours are Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am - 7:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Admission is FREE -

For contest entry forms, and other information:

www.clemsonbluesfest.org

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday, April 15

Brandon Turner and
Fayssoux Starling McLean
Westminster Music Hall,
101 E. Main, Westminster, SC
Tickets @ the door

Saturday, April 16

THREE BIG EVENTS

“Hagood Mill Event”

Freddie Vanderford and
Mill Billy Blues Band
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

“Historic Soapstone Church 3rd Saturday Lunch”

Music, Tour Church and Slave
Cemetery and enjoy good food!
296 Liberia Road, Pickens, SC

“Six Mile Swing”

Tony Tidwell Band, Brandon
Turner, Fayssoux Starling McLean
and South Carolina’s Lady of
Rhythm, Blues & Soul,
Wanda Johnson
Six Mile Farmer’s Market
4:00 pm - ??
Food sold for local charities
Free Entertainment

Sunday, April 17

“Gospel Singing”

Nell Hobson Newton Chapel
Southern Wesleyan University
Free Event

Monday, April 18

“CATbus Heritage Tour”

African American Historical
Locations (\$5/person)

Tuesday, April 19

“CATbus Heritage Tour”

African American Historical
Locations (\$5/person)

Tuesday, April 19

Loretta Holloway,
SC First Lady of Song and Jazz
Cox Hall
Clemson Little Theatre
Pendleton, SC

Wednesday, April 20

“CATbus Heritage Tour”

African American Historical
Locations (\$5/person)

Evening Event

TBA

Thursday, April 21

“Jazz On The Alley”

Ram Cat Alley, Seneca, SC
---FREE---

Courtesy of local merchants-

“OLLI Night of Entertainment”

Osher Lifelong
Learning Institute (OLLI)
Patrick Square
Issaqueena Trail, Clemson, SC

Friday, April 22

“Beach Bash”

Men of Distinction
Madren Center Pavilion
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Ticketed Event

Saturday, April 23

“Music on Main”

Bizness Suit,
Classic Rock Band
Main Street, Central, SC
This entertainment will follow
The Central Rail Road Festival.

The Music Festival is a 501c3 non-profit corporation benefitting local charities and non-profits. Festival workers are unpaid volunteers.

For final times, schedules and ticket prices:

www.clemsonbluesfest.org

HORTICULTURE NEWS

During this period of growth and development, Clemson is experiencing a reduction in its urban forest. Why is this important to us as a community? Research shows the urban forest:

- Increases residential and commercial property values.
- Attracts visitors, businesses & new residents.
- Increases recreational opportunities.
- Increases water quality by decreasing storm water runoff and soil erosion.
- Improves air quality by trapping particulates and sequestering CO2 and other dangerous gases.
- Provides habitat and food for wildlife.
- Conserves energy by reducing heating and cooling costs.
- Helps regulate climate and temperature.

And the list goes on. Most love the grand and majestic old trees. It is the mature trees that give an air of antiquity and attest to an established community.

Clemson City Ordinances require commercial developers to replace a percentage of the trees removed during construction, but it is often done with a much smaller species that even at maturity cannot provide the same benefits as its predecessors. Who then can help in encouraging and maintaining our tree canopy? A 2014 study showed that up to 70% of the City of Clemson's tree canopy is on residential property and that is why the City is providing this information to encourage property owners to help maintain the health of this vital resource.

The City Horticulture Division along with the Department of Public Works monitor, assess and maintain the trees in our streetscapes, parks, public buildings and right of ways. To do this properly, the American National Standards A300 (ANSI A300) are followed. These standards promote Best Management Practices and provide guidelines for proper tree care, pruning being one of the most common. At one time or another, almost everyone has either hired a tree care service or attempted to do the work themselves. Tree pruning is both a science and an art and should only be performed by properly trained individuals after careful consideration and/or consultation with a certified

arborist. Clemson University has a great Extension Service with passionate, dedicated folks who are always willing to give their expert advice. There are also many good tree care companies in the area.

However, some companies still use "topping" as a pruning method on trees. This practice can cause irreparable damage to the tree. The following is an excerpt from the ANSI website that explains the dangers of topping: *"Topping," "hat-racking" and "de-horning" – all names for a non-standard pruning procedure that severely cuts back large trees to a predetermined size – has long been considered an easy and inexpensive way to manage the size and improve the safety of mature trees.*

A recent statement issued by the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a professional resource on trees and arboriculture, identifies that topping trees:

- Leaves large exposed wounds that can become infested.
- Ruins tree structure.
- Removes too much foliage, disrupting the tree's energy storage.
- Stimulates vigorous new growth, which is prone to breakage.
- Destroys a tree's appearance and value.

Many trees die as a result of the damage caused by this drastic pruning technique; others eventually become unsafe due to dangerous limb breakage or whole tree failure that occurs years after the cuts were done. The risks arise because topping removes too much foliage, upsetting the delicate foliage-to-root ratio each tree tries to naturally maintain. The entire tree can fall due to root die back. Topping also means that large cuts are made at locations where a tree has no natural defense against the wood-eating insects and decay organisms that can quickly destroy it. Limbs weakened by decay may be unable to handle the weight of rapid re-growth, leaving new branches susceptible to breakage and falling.

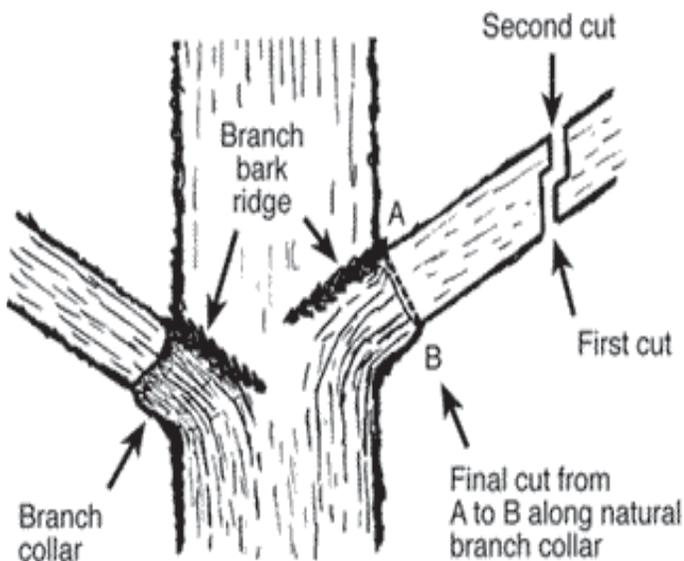
Topping is commonly seen on Lagerstroemia (Crepe Myrtles) and is not so affectionately referred to as "Crepe Murder". **Short story long, never let a tree service sell you on topping!**

Pruning Types

Here are some excerpts from the ANSI A300 manual on the different types of pruning that should be discussed with when using a tree care service. Owners should take the time and carefully inspect trees to decide which is best for their situation.

- **Clean:** Cleaning shall consist of selective pruning to remove one or more of the following parts: dead, diseased, and/or broken branches.
- **Thin:** Thinning shall consist of selective pruning to reduce density of live branches. Thinning should result in an even distribution of branches on individual limbs and throughout the crown. Not more than 25 percent of the crown should be removed within an annual growing season.
- **Raise:** Raising shall consist of selective pruning to provide vertical clearance.
- **Reduce:** Reduction shall consist of selective pruning to decrease height and/or spread.
- **Interfering branches:** Crossing, rubbing, or upright branches that have the potential to damage tree structure and/or health.

An important thing to remember is that older trees are less tolerant of severe pruning than younger ones.



Shown above: Diagram of a drop-cut method.

Pruning Cuts

Along with knowing the proper types of pruning, it is crucial to understand how to make a proper pruning cut. It is used if a limb is to be completely removed. The first

two cuts of this technique eliminates the risk of bark peeling back to the trunk as the limb falls. The third cut, at the branch collar, allows the tree to compartmentalize the wound and heal properly. A cut should never be made that is flush with the trunk of the tree, this removes tissue that is essential for the healing process. Never leave a stub, the dead tissue is an invitation to harmful pathogens. Review this technique with the tree service before you hire them. Observe all work from a safe distance to insure proper cuts are being made on your trees. (Image from the Clemson Extension website: www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic)

Root Protection, Soil Compaction and Mulching

The root zone is often overlooked, but it is just as important for maintaining tree health and vigor. Most of the tree's absorbing roots are located in the top 12' (30cm) of soil. These roots absorb elements dissolved in water that are used as nutrients to support the functions of the tree. The soil around the roots must be porous to allow for enough water and oxygen to enable this process. Compaction can occur when these pores are destroyed by excess foot or vehicular traffic. This is very common in the urban environment and during construction.

Avoid piling soil or raising the grade on top of tree roots. Applying a 3" layer of organic mulch will help protect the root zone, provide a natural source of essential nutrients and help support the microbial activity necessary for a healthy root system. Be careful not to pile mulch against the base of the trunk. This can cause the trunk to rot and encourage girdling root growth that can strangle the base of the tree. A soil sample test is recommended before fertilization. Follow the recommendations on the diagnosis of the test using a good slow release fertilizer at a rate of 3lbs per 1000sq feet.

For questions or comments:

Tony Tidwell

City Horticulturist

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E-mail: ttidwell@cityofclemson.org

Green is Clemson's Middle Name

(Cover Story)



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS Coming Back to Clemson

Last year, over 1,250 collegiate men and women took part in the 2015 USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championships in Clemson, South Carolina. USA Triathlon will call Clemson home again this spring.

The 2016 event is scheduled for April 22 – 23 and more than 120 collegiate clubs from across the United States are expected to compete in three events over two days of competition. This year we are also very excited to add the first ever High School National Championship to the event.

Action will begin in the morning Friday, April 22, with the USA Triathlon Draft-Legal Collegiate Championships, introduced to the event program in 2013. This qualification-only race showcases the same style of racing contested in the Olympic Games on a 750-meter swim, 20-kilometer bike, and 5-kilometer run course.

Friday afternoon will be the inaugural High School Triathlon National Championship race. The event will feature a non-drafting sprint triathlon, covering a 750-meter swim, 20-kilometer bike and 5-kilometer run course. The High School Triathlon Program, meant to expand opportunities in the sport for young athletes ages 13-19 and grow triathlon clubs at the high school level, giving athletes an age-specific community to pursue their passion for the multi-sport lifestyle.

The traditional Olympic Distance Collegiate National Championships is set for Saturday, April 23, featuring the best collegiate triathletes in the country competing on a 1500m swim, 40k bike, 10k run course. The popular draft-legal, mixed team relay, in which teams

of four athletes (two women, two men) each complete a super-sprint triathlon before tagging the next teammate, will close out the weekend on Saturday afternoon.

In 2015, the University of Colorado grabbed its sixth consecutive overall team title while Navy took the men's team title, snapping a five-year streak by Colorado. UCLA took home its second consecutive women's team title while Colorado also won the mixed team relay. Penn State's Jason West won the men's draft-legal race with Kelly Kosmo of UCLA winning the women's draft-legal competition. Rudy Von Berg of Colorado won the men's Olympic-distance Collegiate National Championship for a second consecutive year with Rachel Lenz of Colorado claiming the women's Olympic-distance title.

"The City of Clemson is pleased to welcome the 2016 USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championships to Clemson, South Carolina for a second year," said Jamie Cathey, Program Director with the City of Clemson Parks & Recreation department. "Overall, we had a great first event last year. In addition to the individual and team champions, we were honored to crown the first ever collegiate para-triathlete champions at our race. This year, with the addition of the high school program by USA Triathlon, we will again be crowning first time champions in the inaugural High School National Championship race. The City of Clemson Parks & Recreation staff and our partners are working hard to showcase our championship spirit in Clemson and provide an exciting and memorable experience for all athletes, coaches and spectators during their time in the Upstate."

For more information:

Jamie Cathey

Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext. 16002

E-mail: jcathey@cityofclemson.org

Or visit:

www.usatriathlon.org

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Begins 2:00 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

ANNUAL RENEWAL CYCLE BEGINS Residential Rental Permits

In 2000, the City of Clemson began enforcing a Rental Housing Program to address the safety, health, and welfare of our citizens, neighborhoods, and tenants. As a result of the ordinance, any single-family residence, duplex, or town home that is rented to tenants must have a current rental housing permit.

Before obtaining the initial permit or renewing an existing permit, an inspection of the residence must be successfully completed and a permit fee of \$100 paid.

For the 2016/17 rental year, appointments for rental inspections will be accepted beginning on April 15, 2016. In order to avoid additional fees and fines, the inspection process must be completed by August 31, 2016.

To schedule a "Renewal Rental Inspection":
Call (864) 653-2050 or send an e-mail to:
econnor@cityofclemson.org

E-mail requests for an inspection must include the full name, address, contact phone number and addresses for all rental properties requiring an inspection. The owner or agent must be present for the inspection.

After the inspection has been successfully completed and all items passed, the rental license may be obtained by bringing the inspection form to the Planning and Codes Administration Office.

Payment for a permit cannot be accepted until the inspection has been completed and all items passed. Payments can be received by mail with prior arrangements to ensure all information is accurate. Visa and Master Card are accepted.

The cost of each Residential Rental Permit is \$100.

**For more information contact:
Planning and Codes Administration
Phone: (864) 653-2050**

**Or visit:
[http://www.cityofclemson.org/planning-and-codes/
rental-housing-program](http://www.cityofclemson.org/planning-and-codes/rental-housing-program)**

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS Calendar Year 2016

The City of Clemson Business License renewal applications were mailed to business owners the first week of January for 2016.

"Annual Licenses" (in town or out of town) are required to renew by **April 30, 2016** with proof of gross receipts for the previous calendar year with the renewal application. Business owners are reminded that there will be a \$25.00 late fee plus 15% penalty for a delinquent license beginning May 1st; 20% as of June 1st; and 25% as of July 1st. After July 1st businesses are subject to court summons and court fines are up to \$1,092.50.

"Licenses by the Job" (out of town only) must renew prior to the initial job each year and upgrade prior to commencement of work for each job thereafter. Any and all businesses operating within the City of Clemson without being properly licensed will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee for operating without a license and are subject to a court summons per occurrence. Each day constitutes a new occurrence and court fines are up to \$1,092.50.

The complete Business License Ordinance and Business License applications are available on the City's website at www.cityofclemson.org.

~ BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICE HOURS ~
8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday,

**Contact information:
Connie Standridge
Phone: (864) 624-1147
E-mail: cstandridge@cityofclemson.org**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

**CENTRAL/CLEMSON LIBRARY
DIAL (877) 648-9900**

Available **FREE** to residents of Pickens County For Household Incomes \$54,000 or less. Sponsored by United Way of Pickens County.

Fire Safety: What's The Capacity?

Modern offices and homes are power hungry. Cold weather can make even more demands with space heaters, coffee pots and other appliances adding to the mix. We often extend the reach of available outlets by using power strips. How often does anyone take the time to calculate if we have exceeded the capacity of the power strip?

All appliances indicate how much wattage is consumed when operated. That rating can be found on the appliance itself and often within the use and care booklet that accompanies the product. Other appliances will indicate power usage in amps, rather than watts. Quick Tip: Watts = amps x volts. If an appliance indicates that it uses 5 amps at 125 volts, then its wattage rating is 625 watts (5 amps x 125 volts).

When using extension cords, power strips or surge protectors with two or more appliances, the wattage rating for all appliances used on the cord must be added together. The total of those wattage ratings will help determine which gauge size will be need.

Warning: Daisy chaining power strips is often against electrical code and increases the chance of overloading.

Common household items in watts:

• Appliance	Watts
• Hair Dryer	1600
• Deep Fryer	1500
• Portable Heater	1500
• Iron	1000
• Vacuum Cleaner	600
• Portable Fan	150
• Television	150
• Computer	150
• VCR	40
• Stereo	30
• Light Bulbs	40, 60, 75, or 100

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**For more information or inspection
of your home or office, please contact:**

**Bill Box
City Fire Marshal
E-mail: bbox@cityofclemson.org**

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The City Of Clemson will once again sponsor a community garden in 2016. The garden site is located at Clemson Park off Frontage Road on property owned by Clemson United Methodist Church. There are several plots available for rent at this time. The yearly rental fee is \$100.00 per plot. Renewal fees are due by February 29, 2016. Renewal fees not received by due date allow plots to be available for new renters.

As a Community Gardener you will receive the following:

- One 10' x 40' plot
- Mulch/soil amendments available on site.
- Access to water for drip irrigation.
- Access to Community Garden shed containing tools, cart and wheelbarrow.

The City Of Clemson will till each plot once before April 15 and once before September 15.

Anyone interested in leasing a new garden plot or if you have any gardening questions:

**Tony Tidwell, Horticulturist
Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext. 16003
E-mail: ttidwell@cityofclemson.org**

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft
**COMMUNITY SHRED DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1250 Tiger Boulevard
(Clemson City Hall Upper Parking Lot)

**FREE TO ALL
LIMITED**

4 boxes/bags per person

FOOD DRIVE TENT

Accepting donations of canned and non-perishable food items to benefit Clemson Community Care.

**For more information:
Dianne Bitzer
Phone: (864) 653-2078
www.cityofclemson.org**

Celebrating Black History Month

THIRD SUNDAY EVENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

3:30 pm

214 Butler Street

Clemson Area African American Museum
and in conjunction with

- Enjoy free samples of African inspired dishes.
- Meet previous participants/students to talk about their ATAH experience.
- See the Health specialist that will be available to discuss health disparities (high blood pressure, diabetes, stroke, etc.) in the African American/Black community.
- Receive handouts & giveaways.

A Taste of African Heritage (ATAH)
A Cooking Class Series, Dine at Home



Are you still fulfilling your
New Year's Resolution to eat healthier?
Do you have High blood pressure or Diabetes?
Is losing weight one of your goals for 2016?

If you said yes to any of the above questions...
YOU NEED TO SAVE THE DATE!

For more information:
Phone: (864) 324-2869 (Tiffany Davis)
Or
Phone: (864) 506-1057 (Pat Kemp)
www.fyichef.com

*"Control what you can, our food choices
should be one of them" Tiffany R. Davis*

Central/Clemson GIRLS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

**REGISTRATION
ENDS FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

**PRACTICES
Begin February 15, 2016**

**GAMES
Begin February 29, 2016**

FEES:
**\$30 for Central/Clemson Residents
(Living within City limits)**
**\$45 for Non-Residents
(Living outside City limits)**

The fee includes a shirt for each player, the equipment,
and an end-of-season pizza celebration. The players are
asked to provide their own kneepads.

For more information:
Jamie Cathey
Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext. 16002
E-mail: jcathey@cityofclemson.org

**Clemson Area Story Tellers Guild
"CAST"**

**8th Annual
CELEBRATION OF STORY**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

7:00 pm

**The ARTS Center
212 Butler Street**

Free Admission
Please remember to bring a canned item
to benefit Clemson Community Care.

For more information:
Lynn Garner
Phone: (864) 940-5974
www.explorearts.org
E-mail: carabrook@hartcom.net



VOLUNTEER COACHES
(Needed for All Teams)

*This is a great opportunity to interact
 and have fun with your child and others!*

Head Coaches registration fees are waived.

For additional information:
Steve Figueroa (864) 624-1122 or
Jason Crawford (864) 639-2177

**Central/Clemson
 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

**Central/Clemson
 COACHES PITCH**

**Central/Clemson
 T-BALL**

Registration:
February 09 - March 03
 (or until player limit is reached)

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 (or until player limit is reached)

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February 09 - March 03
 (or until player limit is reached)

Player Divisions

Boys & Girls (ages 6, 7 & 8)
 (Player's age as of May 1, 2016)

Boys & Girls (ages 4 & 5)
 (Player's age as of May 1, 2016)

Boys 8u AA (ages 7-8)
Boys 10u (ages 9-10)
Boys 12u (ages 11-12)

Season: March 21 – May 12

Season: March 21 – May 12

Boys cut off date:
May 1, 2016

Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

(Player's age as of that date)

Practices/games scheduled at
Nettles Park and Central

Practices/games scheduled at
Nettles Park and Central

Girls 8u (ages 7-8)
Girls 10u (ages 9-10)
Girls 12u (ages 11-12)

Registration Fees:

Registration Fees:

\$30 Central/Clemson residents
(Living inside City Limits)

\$30 Central/Clemson residents
(Living inside City Limits)

\$45 for non-residents
(Living outside City Limits)

\$45 for non-residents
(Living outside City Limits)

Girls cut off date:
December 31, 2015
 (Player's age as of that date)

Registration Fees:

\$60 Central/Clemson Residents
(Living inside City Limits)

Practice/Play: Two/week
Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday

Practice/Play:
Two/week
Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday

\$75 for Non-Residents
(Living outside City Limits)

**The 7 & 8 year old players with
 at least one year of coach pitch
 experience are recommended to
 play 8u AA machine pitch or Girls
 8u softball.*

**Age appropriate rules are
 used to make the games fun.**

2016 PASSPORT TO THE ARTS

Take a cultural journey - right here in Clemson!

FRIDAY, MARCH 04, 2016

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Passport to the Arts is a unique immersion of food, music, art and creativity in Clemson - truly a one-of-a-kind experience.

Now, in its 6th year, the always SOLD OUT Passport to the Arts continues to be an exciting and popular "Town and Gown" event. Join the Center for Visual Arts-Lee Gallery and the Arts Center of Clemson as they host an evening full of art, entertainers, live music, drinks and exceptional food showcased at four different locations.

This year, City and University leaders have embraced this comprehensive event to highlight the incredible local talent housed in the small college town of Clemson, S.C. Currently ranked #1 in the nation for "Town Gown Relations" by the Princeton Review, Clemson has supported this event that is truly an exceptional evening showcasing the beauty of this nationally renowned relationship.

Passport to the Arts is quite a journey. Attendees receive a "Passport" at an announced starting location, and stamp their books at several venues as they travel through Clemson on provided transportation. At each new venue, a new batch of local food, music, art, and creativity will be on display. During Passport to the Arts, entertainment is at every turn - even on the shuttle; local musicians greet you with their talents as you travel through Clemson. This innovative combination of art and entertainment has made Passport to the Arts the "Town and Gown" event of the year - you do not want to miss this trip!

BUY TICKETS NOW! Early bird price until February 19, 2016. Tickets will be available after this date leading up to the day of the event or until sold-out. Your ticket includes transportation as well as food, drink, and entertainment.

For more information or to buy tickets:

Meredith Mims McTigue

E-mail: mmims@clemson

www.clemsonpassport.org

CAMP CLEMSON

REGISTRATION (Both Camps)

MARCH 01- MARCH 24, 2016

~ SPRING BREAK CAMP ~

March 28 - April 01, 2016

~ SUMMER DAY CAMP ~

Weekly Begins June 06, 2016

Both Camps for Children 6 years - 12 years

(5-year-olds currently enrolled in full day kindergarten are accepted.)

REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED

Camp located:

Clemson Elementary School

For more information:

Jamie Cathey

Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext. 16002

E-mail: jcathey@cityofclemson.org

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016

10:00 am

NETTLES PARK

(off Issaqueena Trail)

Egg Hunts are broken into age divisions:

2 years & under 10:00 am

3 & 4 year olds 10:15 am

5 & 6 year olds 10:30 am

7 & 8 year olds 10:45 am

9 year olds & up 11:00 am

Free To All Participants

(All participants will receive a goodie bag.)

For more information:

Jamie Cathey

Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext. 16002

E-mail: jcathey@cityofclemson.org



SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

Presented By: Orange and White

The 24th Jubilee Joy Ride is Saturday, April 2, 2016 beginning with an 8:00 am. MASS start at the Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum of SC, located directly across Highway 76 from Tri-County Technical College.

Jubilee Joy Ride is a cycling event for the whole family. The ride includes three carefully planned loops, 10 miles, 28 miles and 62.5 miles (Metric Century), with the 10 mile loop being a new route this year. These loops take cyclists onto some of the most scenic roads in Anderson County. Safety and gear (SAG) drivers monitor the route, and rest stop volunteers provide snacks and drinks.

Rest stops will be located at SC Century Farms. Split Creek Goat Farm and Walker Farm stores will be open for those who might want to do some shopping along the way. All purchases will be dropped off at the finish line.

This year's event partners with the Kids Backpack Snackpack program where a portion of the proceeds will help feed and fuel the minds of 1,000s of kids in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties on the weekends when they don't have access to a school lunch.

Bring your friends and family out to support this worthy cause while getting exercise and shopping at the same time!

Online registration available at www.active.com or download a registration form at www.pendletondistrict.org and mail to PO Box 565, Pendleton, SC 29670.

The Clemson Little Theatre proudly presents

A RAISIN IN THE SUN
By Lorraine Hansberry

Directed by Javon Johnson

Performances: **APRIL 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 & 24, 2016.** Friday and Saturday curtain time is 8:00 PM. Sunday matinee curtain time is 3:00 PM. A ticketed event.

Set on Chicago's South Side in the 1950s, the plot revolves around the divergent dreams and conflicts of three generations of the Youngers, an African-American family. When the play opens, the Youngers are about to receive an insurance check for \$10,000. This money comes from the deceased Mr. Younger's life insurance policy. Each of the adult members of the family has an idea...a dream as to what he or she would like to do with this money.

The title of the play references a speculation that Langston Hughes famously posed in a poem he wrote about dreams that were forgotten or put off. He wonders whether those dreams shrivel up "like a raisin in the sun." The tensions and prejudice the Youngers face shape this American drama. By the end of the play, the Youngers agree upon one dream. It's the most important dream on how to use the insurance money because it unites the family. Sacrifice, trust, and love among the Younger family...and their heroic struggle to retain dignity in a harsh and changing world are a searing and timeless document of hope and inspiration.

2015-2016 Season of Plays is sponsored by



Please call the office at (864) 646-8100 for reservations. Tickets must be paid for at time of reservation. You may charge with Master, Visa or Discover. The Clemson Little Theatre is located at the Pendleton Playhouse, 214 South Mechanic Street, Pendleton, SC.

A Raisin in the Sun is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. Funding Assistance provided by Anderson County Accommodations Tax Program and the season partner, The Journal.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Every Wednesday in
APRIL

JAYCEE PARK
on College Avenue

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Live Music & Free Drinks Provided

Just bring your family, friends,
blanket or chair and a picnic lunch.

For more information contact:
Jamie Cathey
Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext. 16002
E-mail: jcathey@cityofclemson.org

The ARTS CENTER

Now Offering

Beginner and Advanced Art Classes
and
Workshops in 4 Studios

ART FOR ALL AGES

New classes are being offered in photography, painting,
jewelry making and ceramics.

Learn pastels, darkroom developing, glass fusing and
slip decorating, just to name a few!

“Art After School”

A great way to keep your children excited about art
while they wait for summer camp to start! Monthly
classes offered for kids in clay, painting and mixed
media.

“Playdate with ART”
New for preschool ages 3-4

For more information:
Phone: (864) 633-5051
www.explorearts.org

FINDING YOUR VOICE

A Camp for Middle School Girls

APRIL 15 - 17, 2016

Clemson's Outdoor Lab

This camp is FREE!

Space is limited so spots will be filled
on a first come first served basis.

Registration is required.

For more information contact:
Jamie Cathey, Program Director
Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext 16002
E-mail: jcathey@cityofclemson.org

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

FRIDAY, MAY 06, 2016
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016
FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

Activities begin 7:00 pm
Movie begins at Sundown

Patrick Square Town Center
578 Issaqueena Trail

Enjoy FREE Movie, Popcorn.
Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

For more information:
Jamie Cathey
Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext. 16002
E-mail: jcathey@cityofclemson.org

CLEMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

presents

The 22nd Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016
(Rain date is May 5, 2016)



Boscobel Golf Course



BBQ Lunch @ 11:00 am
Silent Auction - Come Early
12:00 Noon Shotgun Start

Four Member Team, Captain's Choice
\$300.00/team

For more information:

Jeff Stone: 864-624-2009

Alex Kiliszewski: 864-624-4481

Tate Brown: 864-624-2001

James Peppers: 864-624-2014

Richard Gooch: 864-624-4463

Benefitting local charities and service agencies.

OFF-ROAD TRIATHLON

2016 XTERRA - CLEMSON

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016



Issaqueena Lake & Forest/
Recreation Area/Boat Ramp

8:00 am Start
1K Swim
11 Mile Bike
4 Mile Run

For more information:

Jamie Cathey

Phone: (864) 624-1120 ext. 16002

E-mail: jcathey@cityofclemson.org

CLEMSON FARMERS' MARKET

Every Friday
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Rain or Shine

Patrick Square Village Green

**OPENING DAY
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016**

**featuring
"The Healthy Living Expo"**

Regular Season: May 13 - October 14, 2016
Harvest Market: November 4, 2016
Holiday Market: December 2, 2016

Straight from the farm to you! Shop for fresh, locally grown produce, farm products, specialty food items, and handmade arts & crafts.

For directions and vendor information:

Kathi Dimmock, Market Manager

Phone: 864-654-3918

E-mail: kathi.dimmock@att.net

<http://www.clemsonfarmersmarket.org>

Eat Healthy | Buy Local | Have Fun!

THE ARTS CENTER

presents

2016 CLEMSON FESTIVAL OF ARTS

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Catherine Smith Plaza & Jaycee Park
College Avenue**

Artistic enrichment for all ages. Participate in creating a public art piece, watch demonstrations, and try something new. Local and regional artists will have booths lining the blocked off street that runs between the plaza and parks demonstrating their different crafts and selling their works. Lunch will be available for purchase.

For more information:

Phone: (864) 633-5051

www.explorearts.org

Boards & Commissions Calendar 2016

February

01	City Council Meeting 6:30 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
02	Architectural Review Board 6:00 pm City Hall Council Chambers
08	Planning Commission 6:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
15	City Council Meeting 6:30 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
18	Board of Zoning Appeals 6:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers

March

01	Architectural Review Board 6:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
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19	Board of Zoning Appeals 6:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers

Littlejohn Community Center

ClubEdge Academy
Summer Camp 5 Weeks
JUNE 13-21 2016

Camp Registration:
Begins May, 2016
Fee Charged

Club Edge/Tech
(Academic Enrichment Center)

Monday - Thursday
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
(During the school year)

Adult Ed/GED
T.B.A.

For more information:
Adraine Jackson-Garner
Phone: (864) 653-3835

Please visit the
City website for current events
and community calendar:
www.cityofclemson.org

Sign up to be on the mailing list
to receive electronic updates:
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