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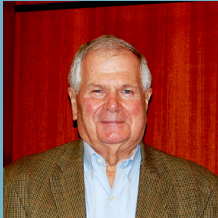
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City Clerk	<b>Beverly Coleman</b>

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**On the Cover**

**An Autumn stroll in the trees along Hwy 123 just up the hill from Clemson City Hall.**

**Throughout this issue, you'll find information on trees, leaves, Fall events, and more.**

**Community Connection Editor Sarah Wickham**

# Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer with family and friends. It seems the season has been over for quite some time with our children back in school since early August and our Clemson students back on campus. Now the vibrant (and cooler!) days of Fall will be here shortly.



City Council recently passed the 2024 budget and was sure to include funding for recommendations from the ClemsonNext strategic plan. Below are the nine focus areas and related budgetary plans. Notable in our efforts is the focus on partnerships and how vital they are to the success of our city.

These strategies and actions paired with continued community engagement, collection and interpretation of data, and continued research efforts are critical in helping us all understand the potential impact of decisions we are making on growth management.

<h3>Invest in Transit</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase starting pay for drivers from \$15 to \$17</li><li>• Purchase 3 buses - 1 diesel; 2 electric</li><li>• Introduce new Gold route to reduce wait times, increase ridership, provide better access</li></ul>	<h3>Create Overlays</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hire consultant to overhaul Comprehensive Plan</li><li>• Develop overlay district for Uptown Redevelopment Area</li></ul>
<h3>Enhance Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete Phase 1 of Green Crescent Trail</li><li>• Issue Hospitality Revenue Bond to develop Eighteen Mile Creek portion of Green Crescent Trail</li><li>• Require developments to install bike and pedestrian lanes along frontage (or pay fee)</li></ul>	<h3>Expand Capacity and Foster Collaboration</h3> <h4>With Clemson University</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fund Gold Route until it is eligible for federal grant funding</li><li>• Fund Old Stone Church and Cherry Road signalization project to improve safety and traffic congestion</li><li>• Link Green Crescent Trail to Perimeter Road pedestrian paths</li><li>• Enter year two of five year fire contract to include purchase of new fire apparatus</li><li>• Conduct feasibility study to create joint public safety training facility</li></ul> <h4>With Nearby Cities, Towns, and Counties</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address housing/infrastructure needs to facilitate growth in the Southern Part of Pickens County (with Pickens County and SDPC).</li><li>• Add capacity to the County's Middle Wastewater Treatment Plant (with Pickens County, the Town of Central, and the City of Liberty).</li><li>• Fund and jointly operate a \$60,000,000 investment in the Pendleton/Clemson Wastewater Treatment Plant. (with Town of Pendleton and Anderson County).</li><li>• Conduct a regional transportation study to identify projects needed to facilitate increased traffic. This will then be scheduled on the South Carolina Infrastructure Improvement Plan for funding (with Anderson County, Pickens County, and Clemson University).</li><li>• Create a shared CAD and Records Management System that will enhance public safety (with Pickens County and Clemson University).</li><li>• Install a new welcome to Clemson and Pickens County sign as you enter the City from Lake Hartwell on Tiger Blvd (with Pickens County)</li></ul>
<h3>Enhance the Small Business Ecosystem</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renovate downtown police substation</li><li>• Install new streetscape enhancements on College Avenue</li></ul>	
<h3>Support the Creation of Affordable Housing</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install infrastructure for Pickens County Habitat Neighborhood using Congressional allocation</li><li>• Make available two homes for affordable housing</li></ul>	
<h3>Invest in Neighborhood Preservation &amp; Enhancement in Key Areas</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with Appalachian Council of Governments to obtain \$1 million to replace water infrastructure in Goldman Street Community</li></ul>	
<h3>Facilitate Student and Non-Student Housing</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create Planned Development with Youngblood Development for the Grange (including non-student housing and commercial development)</li><li>• Develop infrastructure to facilitate phase one of Pacolet Milliken and link amenities to surrounding community</li></ul>	
<h3>Cultivate Development of the Overlay Areas</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address overlay areas through Comprehensive Plan development process</li><li>• Refine draft overlay for Uptown redevelopment area as more details are confirmed to promote future development</li></ul>	<h4>Other Expansions and Collaborations</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaborate with land owners and developers to create a downtown destination in the Uptown Catalyst Area (to include the expansion of Abernathy Waterfront Park, streetscape and traffic enhancements, and an activated waterfront)</li><li>• Adding 13 new full time employees in the FY24 budget to expanding capacity to deal with growth and continue providing services at a high level</li></ul>

As always, I want to hear from you! I use social media as a way to distribute information but never as a catalyst for conversation. Call me (864-888-7127). If you see me out in our community, stop me. I am happy to sit down over a cup of coffee. Let's Talk!

**Go Tigers!**

**Mayor Robert Halfacre**



## In Memory

### Samuel Ross "Sammy" Grant November 26th, 1965 - June 1st, 2023

Clemson Area Transit Director Sammy Grant will be remembered as, quite simply, a great guy who was dedicated to his family, his coworkers, and his community. As City Administrator Andy Blondeau said, Sammy "really had a kind soul."

Sammy grew up in Oconee County then earned a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of South Carolina then a Masters in Guidance and Administration from Clemson University. He then spent 33 years in the School District of Oconee County as a 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teacher, a middle school guidance counselor, a middle school assistant principal, and Director of Transportation. After his retirement, he briefly worked as a driver examiner at the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Then, in 2018, Sammy was hired as the Transit Supervisor under Director Keith Moody. Sammy and Keith had known each other for several years and worked together to cross-train school bus and transit bus drivers to be more effective in emergency evacuations, and Keith knew Sammy was the perfect person for the job. Then, in early 2022, Keith left the City to pursue another opportunity, at which time Sammy was promoted to Transit Director.

Sammy's coworkers respected him as both a boss and a friend. He was always willing to step in and help out in whatever way was needed, and he was completely transparent in his managing style. Perhaps more importantly, though, Sammy was always willing to listen and provide advice to whoever needed it. He will be greatly missed.

Sammy is survived by his wife Michelle, two daughters, and one son.



# Farewell Beverly



After 1,248 weeks – that’s 24 years – working with the City of Clemson, City Clerk Beverly Coleman will retire at the end of this year.

Beverly began her career with the City in October 1999 in the Planning and Codes department, back when it was housed downtown in the current Police substation. A few years later, she relocated to City Hall to become the Administrative Assistant under former Administrator Rick Cotton and then Deputy Clerk under former City Clerk Dianne Bitzer. In 2006, she was appointed Municipal Clerk and Business License Officer.

By 2015, the growth of Clemson had created an increased demand for business licenses and a need for a full time position. Beverly then shifted her business license officer duties to two new positions: business license clerk and business license inspector. She now supervises those positions and is better able to focus on her Clerk duties and on records management.

Beverly said her favorite part of the job has been experiencing the changing landscape of Clemson as it happened, calling the difference “unimaginable.” She has been involved with many accomplishments over the years, including the Abernathy Park Boardwalk and Butch Trent Pavilion, the Parking Deck, Catherine Smith Plaza, Park expansions, City Hall and Police Department expansions, the Clemson Community Care facility, The Arts Center, Clemson Area African American Museum, the Fire substation, and Patrick Square, not to mention all of the many businesses that have come to town. Beverly also said “I will dearly miss my City family that has been my life. The City has been good to me! I have served under the leadership of some awesome Mayors and Council Members, and I have also met some great people from volunteers serving to residents needing assistance or services to leaders of the community and throughout the State of SC. I have been blessed!”

While she appreciates her career and all the people she has met, the same cannot be said for the meetings. In fact, she’s counting down the number of agendas and sets of minutes she has left in her career.

Beverly’s dedication to the City cannot be overstated. In order to more effectively serve the officials, staff, and residents of the City, she earned both the Certified Municipal Clerk designation and the Master Municipal Clerk designation, the latter of which required several years of professional and education efforts. In 2022, Beverly was recognized for her years of service at the state level when she was presented the South Carolina Municipal Association’s Professional Achievement Award.

Beverly is looking forward to more family time in her retirement. Beverly has two children and four grandchildren, including a newborn granddaughter, and she and her husband will celebrate 40 years of marriage in 2025. She’s also excited for more time to travel and enjoy life.

# Welcome Faith

The City of Clemson Parks and Recreation Department is well known for its excellent athletics, events, and programs. The success and popularity of these programs has necessitated additional staff members to more effectively nurture and grow these programs. Last year, Shannon Knight was hired as the athletic director, taking on many duties previously covered by Parks Director Jay Bennett. This year, Community Programs Manager Faith Ray was hired to focus on program development, alleviating some of Lindsey “Mama Bird” Watley’s extensive list of responsibilities.

Faith is an Upstate native and the oldest of six children (three sisters and two brothers), so she knows a little about the area and about chaos. Faith graduated from West-Oak High School then attended Southern Wesleyan University. She earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Sports Management and Recreation in 2022. After graduation, Faith spent eight months as the Childcare Administrative Director with the Powdersville YMCA before accepting the position with the City of Clemson.



Faith is passionate about planning and implementing quality programs and events, and she is excited for the opportunity to apply that passion in Clemson. She is also excited to continue fostering relationships with the community - from children to senior citizens and everyone in between. She is excited to work alongside Lindsey and connect with the community. If you see her around town, she would love for you to say hi!

On a more personal note, Faith is preparing for her wedding this December. Her fiance, Jon-Luke, is from New Jersey, and they are excited to build their lives here in the Upstate.

Welcome to the City of Clemson, Faith!

## BY THE NUMBERS

**2023** MID YEAR  
**REVIEW**

**#5**

Truly Underrated Towns In South Carolina That Deserve To Be Explored  
(Ranked by [The Travel](#))

**12**

Graduates of Leadership Clemson this spring

**192**

Full-time City of Clemson Employees

**#2**

Cutest Small Town in South Carolina  
(Ranked by [World Atlas](#))

**362**

Trees given away so far this year

**2,726**

Business licenses issued in fiscal year 23.

**2,500**

Pounds of clay used in classes taught at the Art Center.

**1,172,000**

Pounds of recyclables collected at the recycle center at Public Works.

**1,236**

Collegiate players and coaches competed in Rowing Training at 12-Mile Park.

**\$3,400,000**

Grant awarded to the City of Clemson, City of Seneca and Clemson University from the Mellon Foundation to preserve Black history with the creation of Black Heritage Trail.

**\$10,890**

Dollars saved by using mulch generated by the City's 'Reuse the Refuse' program to mulch the median of U.S. HWY 76

### See Transparency Here



- City Council approved the FY 24 annual operating budget in June. The new budget went into effect on July 1st.
- The budget includes impactful investments in staff, infrastructure, equipment and vehicles, and transit. For an overview of the approved budget check out our "Budget at a Glance" document by scanning the QR Code.
- Due to rising operating and personnel costs, partnered with a rise in the cost of infrastructure projects, the City raised water and sewer rates a combined 17.5%, resulting in a \$6.72 increase in the average household bill. The stormwater fee also increased from \$3 to \$6 per month. This is the first increase since the fee's inception.

Scan the QR code to view the FY24 Budget at a Glance.



- 'On the Ave' Downtown Concert series has been a huge hit this summer resulting in the addition of two dates in July.
- The City partnered with the City of Seneca and Clemson University to host a wonderful Juneteenth Celebration.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has been busy this spring with events including Movies on the Green, VIP + Me, Senior Bingo, Nettles Park Garage Sale, Yoga for You, Picnic in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt (modified due to weather), Tech Time, and Camp Clemson. The 'Mobile Rec' trailer also made its debut this Spring, allowing the team to bring the fun into the community.
- Pop in the Park, a craft show featuring local artists, is a new, free event hosted at Gateway Park by the Arts Center.
- With the help of artist Patro Ulmer, members of the Clemson community came together to paint a beautiful mural on the side of the Calhoun Bridge Center.

### See Community Here



### See Sustainability Here



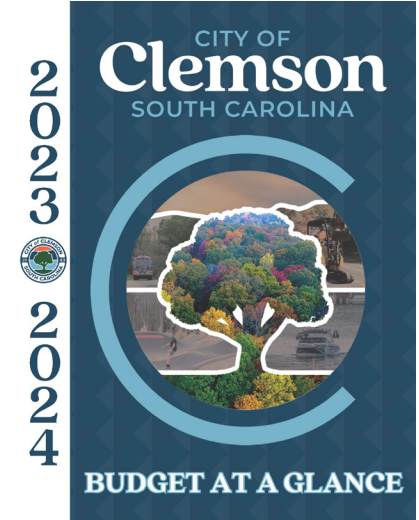
- Reuse the Refuse. The City's Public Works Department collects organic refuse in the City. The refuse is then ground, cooked, and used to mulch areas around the city.
- The City kicked off a tree planting campaign, #growagreenerclemson, in January. With support from Trees Upstate, Duke Energy, and Clemson Downs the City has hosted a tree giveaway event at Nettles Park and a tree planting event at Clemson Downs.
- The City is nearing the completion of Phase 1 of the Green Crescent Trail. This portion of the trail will be 1.5 miles long and will connect Gateway Park to Clemson Elementary.
- The City submitted an application to the EPA for funding through the 'Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling' Grant program to create an additional recycling drop-off facility in the City. Award notification is expected this fall.

# See City News Here

## 2023-2024 Budget

Clemson City Council adopted the 2023-2024 operational budget in June. The full budget document is located on the City's website under the Finance department tab. However, if you want just the high points, City staff put together a "Budget at a Glance" document. This document divides the overall budget into broader categories rather than the detailed charts and spreadsheets of the full budget. Also in this document is an outline of how the City's budget will affect citizen budgets in terms of property taxes, utility bills, and other fees and services while also offering a comparison between our numbers and those of our neighboring communities. You'll also find information about sustainability efforts and infrastructure improvements as well as some interesting facts about the community and the City at work.

Throughout this issue of the Connection - including the previous page - you will notice references to this budget as well as more details on some of the projects outlined in the budget and the budget at a glance. If something piques your interest, check out these additional documents for more information.



## Business License Rate Increases

The City of Clemson 2023-2024 budget also included a rate increase for business licenses - the first in over twenty years. The City Code of Ordinances establishes the business license rates, and City Council will formally vote this fall to amend the City Code on the specific rate increase. This new rate will be effective for license renewals due April 30th, 2024. The bi-annual classification changes will also be implemented for the 2024 renewals and will change some of the rate classes for businesses and may (or may not) increase the rate of a business activity.

Annual renewal notices will be sent by February 2024.

## Clemson Area African American Museum Grant



The Clemson Area African American Museum (CAAAM) has received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. These funds will be used to expand staff capacity and support paid internships to collect, preserve and make available oral histories from African Americans in Pickens County. The project activities include hosting two workshops on family legacy preservation and five open forum discussions designed to encourage community engagement and ownership of the oral history project. The project will result in a digitized and transcribed set of oral histories documenting African Americans in Upstate South Carolina. Staff will use these oral histories as the core of a new traveling exhibit, publish selections as a booklet of the stories collected, and make these resources available to researchers. CAAAM hopes to inspire and encourage community members to preserve their history by providing fundamental knowledge and understanding of best practices for the preservation of their families legacies.

## New Bus, New Look



This Fall, CATbus will transition to a new look in accordance with the City of Clemson's recent brand change.

Pictured is a new Gillig diesel bus, and Council has already approved three new electric buses. All of these new buses will arrive in this new color scheme while all existing buses will be steadily transitioned. These buses will have a slightly revamped CATbus logo, which will look very similar to the previous logo but will fit better with this new brand.

# See Community Here

## “On the Ave” Connects City and University with Food, Family and Fun

Clemson University and the City of Clemson are woven together like threads in a sweater – interlacing figuratively, geographically and politically. The link is so strong that it’s sometimes hard to know where one entity begins and the other ends. In the academic world, this relationship is known as “town and gown,” a term that originated in the Middle Ages that refers to the long black gown worn by academics then and graduates today. In recent years, Clemson has consistently been ranked among the best in the nation for town-gown relations by *The Princeton Review*.

Two years ago, as the country began climbing out of the COVID pandemic, Clemson City Council came up with a way to celebrate alliances with its higher education neighbor and provide a safe option for fun and community during the quieter summer months.

The City’s “On the Ave” series was created to bring students, faculty, staff, and community members together on College Avenue in downtown Clemson every other Tuesday in May and June for outdoor dining and live music. The City sections off a four-block area of College Avenue between Earle Street and Old Clemson Highway, fills it with tables and yard games, and provides wristbands so over-21 patrons can take beverages outside.

Clemson Mayor Robert Halfacre said the series is an ideal way for year-round employees and students at the University to come together with local community members and support local businesses. In the fall, a similar City-sponsored block party is held bi-weekly in the Patrick Square retail district.

“On the Ave is a terrific opportunity to come together as a community,” said Halfacre. “Students, residents, and businesses all benefit from the experience of outdoor dining, family-centric activities, and live music.”

Alesia Smith, assistant vice president and Title IX coordinator in the University’s Division of Inclusion and Equity and a member of the Clemson City Council, said the series came about because the members of the council were looking for ways to bring the community back to the downtown area after the COVID lockdowns, which were devastating to downtown businesses. Huge events like graduations and orientations were moved online or to out-of-town venues, leaving downtown Clemson a virtual ghost town during what are typically watershed events for local businesses each year. In fact, even after the return to normal operations, many of those businesses are still recovering from the up to 80 percent loss in sales during that time.

“On the Ave was a City initiative, but a lot of people who live in the community work at the University, so it’s a win-win,” said Smith. “After two years, people were ready to be out. They wanted to socialize. Our neighboring communities had similar events that were very successful, like Jazz on the Alley in Seneca. Our residents don’t normally come downtown because they think it’s for the students, so now we have a way to connect the community and enhance those relationships. It’s a family environment, and we want to encourage faculty, staff and everyone to come out and enjoy themselves.”

Smith went on to say the series is making an impact beyond Clemson, with other cities and universities looking to emulate its success.

“We hosted the International Town Gown Association conference here last year and On the Ave was one of the events they got to attend,” she said. “It was a highlight of the conference. They liked it so much that many said they are going to duplicate the event in their own communities.”





# See Diversity Here

## DEI Consultant

Guided by our cherished tagline, “See You Here,” the City is taking a step forward with our diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts. We understand the challenges faced by many communities regarding DEI, so we’ve partnered with LINK Strategic Partners, a firm recognized for their DEI excellence, to make a real difference for everyone.

Together, we embark on a transformative journey - auditing our practices and public perception, empowering our dedicated personnel through comprehensive DEI training, and crafting a visionary long-term strategy that will infuse inclusivity into every corner of our city life. From local ordinances to infrastructure enhancements, from hiring practices to vibrant public events, “See You Here” will become synonymous with an inclusive haven for all.

DEI celebrates the beauty of our differences - race, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, age, and income - interwoven harmoniously within our community’s fabric.

So we can’t do this without you, our esteemed citizens. Your voices, insights, and visions are the foundation of this transformation. Through lively discussions, engaging focus groups, and empowering exercises, we’ll make Clemson the epitome of inclusivity.

As we march towards progress, we pledge to establish equitable practices that will redefine our community’s identity. With your unwavering support, “See You Here” will stand tall as a beacon of unity and harmony for all.



with the Mellon Foundation’s grant for the Black I



## Juneteenth 2023

The 2023 Juneteenth celebration was a collaboration between the cities of Clemson and Seneca, the Call My Name Coalition, and Clemson University’s Libraries. The festivities were made possible in part due to the Mellon Foundation’s grant for the Black Heritage Trail.

The pre-Juneteenth Celebration kicked off June 13th at Seneca City Hall with a pound cake contest. More than 26 pound cakes of many different varieties were entered into the contest with Mr. Ronell Mark taking top prize.

On Sunday, June 18th, Mac Arnold & A Plate Full ‘O Blues took the stage at CAAAM for a wonderful performance of the band’s signature songs.

Monday’s Juneteenth celebration was moved indoors to the Hendrix Center due to rain, but this did not hinder turnout. The event featured live performances by Nick Rich, Dove Dupree, Jasmine Meyers and Seitu Solomon Steelpan as well as readings from authors including Desiree Evans, Dr. Rhondda Thomas, Carl Sharperson, Jr. and Moody Black.

Clemson University Library held an interactive exhibition of historical persons and places with contributions from the City of Clemson, the City of Seneca, and Clemson University.

Juneteenth 2024 will be held at Nettles Park. Details and forms to participate will be available on January 31, 2024.

# Mark Your Calendar

## September

*Hispanic Heritage Month, Suicide Prevention Month*

- 11 Patriot Day (US)
- 15 Rosh Hashanah begins (Jewish)
- 21 Int’l Day of Peace
- 22 National Native American Day
- 24 Yom Kippur (Jewish)

**September 15th - October 15th**  
*Hispanic Heritage Month*

## October

*Bullying Prevention Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

- 2 Int’l Day of Nonviolence
- 9 National Indigenous Peoples’ Day (US)
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 National Coming Out Day (LGBTQ+)
- 15 Navrati begins (Hindu)

## November

*“Movember” (men’s health awareness), National Native American Heritage Month*

- 1-2 Dia de los Muertos
- 1 All Saints’ Day (Catholic)
- 2 All Souls’ Day (Catholic)
- 9 Diwali (Hindu)
- 11 Remembrance/Veterans Day
- 19 Int’l Men’s Day
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance

## December

*HIV/AIDS Awareness Month, Universal Human Rights Month*

- 3 Int’l Day for People with Disabilities
- 7 Hanukkah begins at sunset (Jewish)
- 9 Int’l Genocide Prevention Day
- 10 Int’l Human Rights Day
- 21 Yule/Winter Solstice
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa begins

# Challenge Yourself

*Think Twice, Give Grace, Express Empathy*

We’ve all experienced moments of anger and frustration due to the thoughtless actions of others. Rather than responding in an angry manner, take a breath and consider that these actions are not personal but the result of many other outside influences. This may be especially true during this time of year. This season is often portrayed as a time of joy and happiness. However, for many, financial strains, the weight of loss, and feelings of loneliness are magnified. Kindness and empathy to yourself and others may make all the difference during this time.

**“To Kindness and Love, the things we need most!”**  
- The Grinch

# See Child Development Here



Since opening their doors in 1969, the non-profit Clemson Child Development Center (CCDC) has depended upon the “kindness of the community.” Churches, clubs, civic organizations, the City of Clemson, local colleges and universities, support foundations, and individual donors have long embraced the mission to provide affordable, high-quality childcare and preschool education. This generous support is greatly appreciated and remains vital to the future of CCDC.

This year, however, the CCDC budget held a bit of a surprise: extra funds for a major improvement and facelift project for the 75-year-old facility! The Federal emergency funding that kept the center afloat during the COVID pandemic years had allowed the Center to set aside much of their regular income from tuition, donations, and grants. These funds have made possible long-overdue repairs and upgrades to the CCDC’s part of the Calhoun Bridge Center, the building which once housed the Calhoun Colored School and later the Morrison Annex.

Phase One of this makeover has focused on the indoor spaces. To improve the learning environment and ensure the health and safety of students and staff, every indoor area was repaired, repainted, and refloored. The Center also created a new, well-equipped teacher workroom/lounge, a bookkeeper’s office, a family room/library, and a sixth classroom, while the screened porch “Playpen” has been converted to an all-weather sunroom for year-round use.

CCDC did not close for a single day during the renovation as contractors accommodated daily schedules to protect children and staff from debris, odors, and loud noises. Most of the work was completed after 5:30pm and on weekends, and on the few occasions that they needed to work during a school day, they made a concerted effort to keep the noise levels down during naptime. The teaching staff has also exercised extreme patience throughout the process, accepting the inconvenience as each classroom was refreshed and refurbished.

Clearing out these spaces ahead of work crew arrivals required a vast volunteer effort. This is also true of quickly moving furniture and reorganizing the space after the paint dried. The Board of Directors recruited family members and other volunteers for weekend and evening “work parties” to clean out one room at a time, moving items that could be re-used into a storage container set up in the parking lot. When the sixth and final classroom was finished, the entire administrative staff moved into it temporarily while all their offices were emptied, painted, floored, and completely refurbished. Now that the staff have moved out of their temporary quarters, CCDC has created a second classroom for Four-Year-Old Kindergarten. *(Families can find out if they qualify for tuition-free 4-K education by calling the Center at 864-654-3345.)*

Now that these interior improvements are nearly complete, CCDC is ready to tackle the building’s exterior and three playgrounds. Stay tuned for details of Phase Two of the CCDC Facelift!



**Top Row (left to right): 1. new 3 year old classroom room; 2. family resource room; 3. new 4K classroom**  
**Bottom Row (left to right): 1. renovated playpen; 2. Riley Miers and Stephen McIntee from Rotary of Clemson help move old cubbies; 3. CCDC board members and volunteers move 4k classroom furniture into a fully renovated classroom**

# See Safety Here

## From the Fire Marshal

Fire Prevention Week: October 8th – October 14th



This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Cooking Safety Starts With You!" Cooking fires are a leading cause of home fires and injuries. Unattended cooking is the main cause of cooking fires and death from the fires.

### Tips to Prevent Fires in Your Home

- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove top.
- Keep a lid nearby when cooking. A small grease fire can be suffocated and extinguished by covering the pan with a lid. After covering the pan, turn off the burner and remove the pan from the heat of the burner.
- Have a working fire extinguisher in your kitchen in case of a small fire.
- Watch what you are cooking or heating. Set a reminder in the form of a timer to aid in the cooking process.
- Establish a child free zone around the stove. The area should be at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.
- Have working smoke detectors, heat detectors, and CO2 alarms inside the home.
- Have an escape plan and meeting spot in case you need to leave the home quickly because of a fire.

### History of Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire which began on October 8th, 1871. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land. Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest running public health observance in the country.

### Gameday Traffic Adjustments

Fall is that exciting time when Clemson students return to campus and the Clemson Tigers take the field at Memorial Stadium for seven exciting Saturdays. While many of our residents look forward to these home games, hosting 80,000+ fans and visitors brings heavy traffic both before and after the games. For many years, the Clemson University Athletic Department has partnered with the University Police, South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP), and the City of Clemson Police Department to establish a traffic plan to maximize traffic flow before and after each game. Because our roads are not designed to handle the volume of traffic experienced in these relatively short periods of time, adjustments to traffic flow and direction are necessary. We do expect the new construction on Perimeter Rd to alleviate some of the experienced backups but we do not expect a significant change.

Before each game, SCHP monitors the traffic flow. As the inbound traffic increases, SCHP converts all US 93/Old Greenville Hwy to one-way towards the stadium until traffic lightens up. Traffic flow is then returned to normal. City officers will be patrolling downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods on foot and in vehicles looking for road obstructions, disturbances, and other undesired issues that may occur.

As the game draws to a close, SCHP will monitor the volume of fans leaving the stadium to determine when to change all of US 93, Perimeter Rd, and Old Stone Church Rd to one-way traffic outbound from the stadium. At this time, Clemson Police will block College Ave at US 93 and at US 123/Tiger Blvd to one-way traffic northbound. During this time, no one will be allowed to turn onto College Ave from US 123. This keeps a lane open for emergency vehicles to get to the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods quickly. The duration of this closure is dependent on how quickly traffic leaves downtown and surrounding neighborhoods, but the average is about two hours from the conclusion of the game. This allows the numerous pedestrians to safely walk up College Ave to get to their vehicles and moves traffic out of downtown as quickly as possible. Residents can access to College Ave by turning onto Keowee Trail from US 123 during this closure.

We understand this is an inconvenience, but experience shows these adjustments cuts the amount of time required to clear out the traffic in half. Our partnership with several law enforcement agencies is aimed at returning our town back to normal as quickly as possible.

*If you experience an issue, please call the police non-emergency number at 864-624-2000.*

### 2023 Clemson Home Games



**September 9th**  
Charleston Southern

**September 16th**  
Florida Atlantic

**September 23rd**  
Florida State

**October 7th**  
Wake Forest

**November 4th**  
Notre Dame

**November 11th**  
Georgia Tech

**November 18th**  
North Carolina

# See Sustainability Here

## Clemson as a National Wildlife Habitat

The Department of Urban and Park Land Management is in the process of establishing the City of Clemson as a Certified National Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. In doing so, the City of Clemson will join the City of Greer, Keowee Key, and a few neighborhoods in Greenville as a wildlife-friendly community committed to enhancing and restoring wildlife corridors.



If Clemson is named a National Wildlife Habitat, it would also be just the second city in the Upstate to do so. The City of Clemson can earn community/city-wide certification as a National Wildlife Habitat by certifying individual properties (homes, schools, businesses, etc.) as Certified Wildlife Habitats. A Certified Wildlife Habitat should be a sustainable area that provides food, water, shelter, and places to raise young wildlife, meaning native flora and fauna, including birds, bees, and butterflies. Fortunately, achieving these wildlife habitat criteria is easy and begins with cultivating native plants.

A wildlife haven may be as small as a garden bed or may be your entire property. In fact, many residents already meet these wildlife habitat criteria at their homes and businesses and just need to get certified. Each of these certifications will be tallied and count towards the entire City of Clemson being recognized as a National Wildlife Habitat. Currently, we need approximately 100 more individual areas in Clemson to become Certified Wildlife Habitats to meet the City-wide requirements.

A \$20 certification fee supports the National Wildlife Federation in addressing declining wildlife habitats. Along with your certification you will receive a handsome sign to identify the area of designation on your property.

*If you are interested in certifying an area on your property as a wildlife habitat, visit <https://www.nwf.org/certifiedwildlifehabitat>*

## Monarch City USA Updates

Whether you're a Monarch butterfly enthusiast or have just recently learned of the struggle of the Monarch, you'll be happy to know Clemson was named a Monarch City USA in 2022. This means the City of Clemson will be actively planted with native Milkweed (Asclepias) and nectar plants to provide feeding sites for the Monarch caterpillar. The milkweed area outside the Chamber of Commerce and the Sedgefield community wildflower garden are the two current Monarch feeding sites in the City.



The area outside of the Clemson Chamber of Commerce is planted with both Butterfly and Common Milkweed to attract and feed the Monarch butterfly. The Monarch will lay their eggs on the underside of Milkweed leaves and when hatched, the larvae will feed exclusively on these leaves. Native Milkweed is the only known food source for the Monarch caterpillars. The leaves in Milkweed contain cardiac glycosides compounds, making them toxic to bird and mammals. Milkweed's toxicity to mammals makes it an ideal hatching site for the Monarch eggs. By ingesting the Milkweed leaves, the Monarch larvae becomes toxic to common predators, aiding in their survival.

The Monarch butterfly is one the most well-known and recognized species of butterfly. The Monarch is also one of the most threatened species of butterfly with the International Union for Conservation of Nature officially listing the Monarch as an endangered species. Studies show that, as of 2021, the Monarch butterfly population has dropped 99% since the 1980s. This Monarch butterfly data shows we are at serious risk of losing not only a beloved species but also losing a valued pollinator for flowering plants.

As a Monarch City USA, Clemson is committed to providing habitats for Monarchs around the City to directly help the population recover. In addition to the Milkweed planting at the Chamber of Commerce and the wildflower garden at Sedgefield, the Urban and Park Land Management department will continue to plant Milkweed and other nectar plants throughout the City to ensure future generations of Monarch butterflies have a home in Clemson.

*If you have any questions about creating and certifying a wildlife habitat or the milkweed planting project, contact Chris White, City of Clemson Horticulturist/ Urban Forester, at [cwhite@cityofclemson.org](mailto:cwhite@cityofclemson.org)*

## Berkeley Orchard, the SC Conservation Bank, and Clemson University Landscape Architecture



In 2022, the City of Clemson received a grant through the SC Conservation Bank to assist with purchasing 4.36 acres at 341 and 347 Issaqueena Trail. The City of Clemson's primary focus for this park development project, named Berkeley Orchard, is to conserve green space in densely populated areas while providing an access point to the Green Crescent Trail. This trail aims to create a safe multi-modal path for walking and other outdoor recreational activities and to provide a connection to existing City Parks Lands. This will be a continuation of the Tottie's Place Park trail, located directly across Berkeley Drive from the new property. The loop will have a combination of impervious and pervious trails.

The SC Conservation Bank provides critical funding grants to local governments, nonprofit conservation groups and State agencies to acquire land for parks and nature preserves. The Bank considers a diverse portfolio of projects every year, ranging from Revolutionary War battlefields and family farms to historic sites and expansive forests. The ranking process factors in the various properties' historic or ecological significance as well as the degree of financial participation of partners. Based on the City's vision for the Berkeley Orchard to serve as an urban oasis for wildlife and passive recreations coupled with the commitment of funds to the acquisition and stewardship of the property, the Bank's Board of Directors supported the project. Bank Director Raleigh West said this project "provides a wonderful example of how local governments across South Carolina can partner with the State to create important passive park amenities in our more urbanized settings." In the coming years, the City intends to explore other opportunities to partner with the Bank to build off this success and expand the park and greenspace infrastructure."

To continue encouraging wildlife habitat and travel corridors, the City will also develop "Habitat Forage" within the park. This idea emerged while members of City staff were auditing Professor Paul Russell's Landscape Architecture Forest and Field Studio presentations at Lee Hall on the Clemson campus. These forages will return the property to a more natural state using native plantings, fruit and nut bearing trees and shrubs, and pollinator meadows. These native plantings will create more habitat and forage for humans, birds, pollinators, and other wildlife displaced by development while not inhibiting the floodplain

In an effort to promote water quality, the City will establish riparian buffers and complete stream restoration projects along 18-mile Creek. Low impact educational components like an outdoor classroom pavilion, interactive art pieces, and interpretive signage about the purpose of the area, plantings, floodplains, etc. will also be included.

In the summer of 2022 the City of Clemson invited Professor Paul Russell's Landscape Design class – Forest a Field Studio – to work on design concepts for the park that explored the potential of the space and how it could connect to an existing series of paths and become a central connector hub for future expansion of the Trail.

### **Paul Russell's reflection on the course:**

*Students researched and analyzed the existing riparian condition along Twelve Mile Creek at the perimeter of the site. Recognizing the importance of the stream bank ecology, offsets and flood zone data was taken into account as the studio prepares conceptual plans for the site. Through discussions with the City Urban & Park Land staff, the students learned valuable insights regarding the realities of resources and maintenance relative to design strategies. As a starting point, the students were encouraged to think about vegetation management and long term maintenance of the space as part of the design process. That is, how can management and week to week upkeep of the site be efficient and "low maintenance" while ensuring the longevity of the design integrity and organization of the space.*

*Through the course of the summer studio, three teams proposed various schemes that included accessible parking areas and restroom facilities, bridge connections over the Twelve Mile Creek, and gathering areas along the creek and inside the main park space. Critical to each project was a gradient of planting types that extended from the creek bed and riparian edge.*

*Some teams proposed orchards and groves of fruiting and nut trees including pecan, fig, apple, peach, and plum species. Keeping in mind the idea of 'forage' as a central concept to the planting strategy, other fruiting species proposed were blueberry, muscadine, blackberry, and other native species.*

*To increase and promote pollination within the park and community, some teams proposed planting zones specific to known pollinator species. Additionally, native meadow grasses and hardy wildflower species were incorporated into the space to serve as volumes in the landscape as well as habitat areas. Mowed paths and observation areas are included to provide areas for rest or simple observation of the various ecologies in action.*

*The collaboration between the studio and City staff was a reciprocal learning activity where each group listened, learned and grew through the process. Highlighted by fruitful open and critical discussion, this exercise provided the students a hands on 'real-life' learning experience while providing the city stakeholders a long term attainable vision and opening their eyes to the potential of the site.*

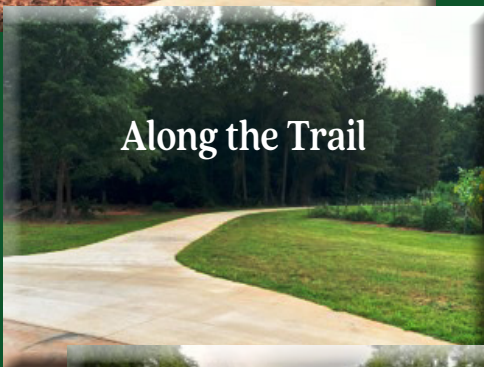
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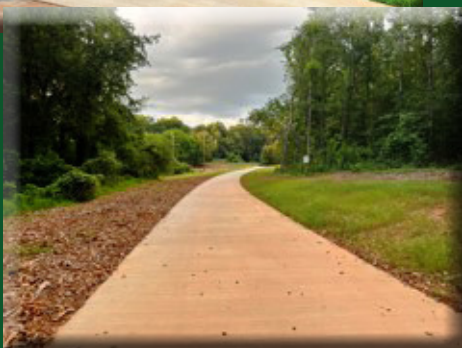
Lake Hartwell Cove



Community Garden



Along the Trail



## New Green Crescent Trail Connections at Clemson Park

The Green Crescent Trail (GCT) is a proposed network of walking and biking trails similar to Greenville's Swamp Rabbit Trail or Easley-Pickens's Doodle Trail. Unlike these two trails, though, the GCT is being completed in smaller segments, the first of which are now on the ground in Clemson, at and near Clemson Park.

The community members who began this grassroots effort envision this trail as a connector to the greater Clemson community, including City parks, through a network of trails, sidewalks, and other connections for walking and biking. The City is working with select engineering groups to design this trail system in locations that are appropriate, especially in terms of rights of way access.

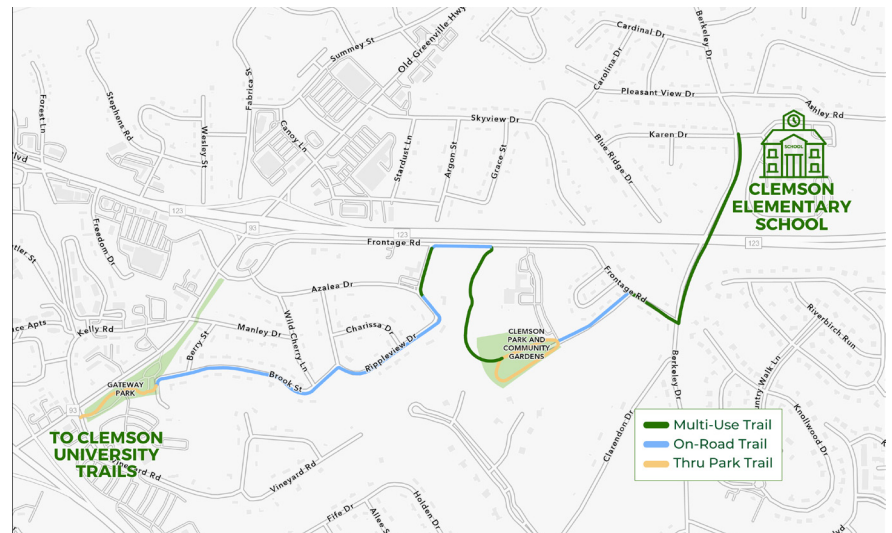
The first phase of the trail system was funded by the SC General Assembly and the City of Clemson and is expected to be completed in mid-October. This phase begins where the Berkeley Pedestrian Bridge Project ends, follows along Frontage Road, turns down Clemson Park Road towards Clemson Park then follows the creek behind Clemson Methodist Church. The Trail then begins a short protected section along Frontage Road to Rippleview Drive and continues on the road past the intersection of Azalea Drive to Gateway Park.

One new segment is a 10-foot-wide path that begins at the existing loop trail in Clemson Park beside the Community Garden. It continues along a creek, through the woods and ends on Frontage Rd, where it connects with a sidewalk and protected bike lane (coming soon). Most of the land for this segment was donated through a recreational easement by the First United Methodist Church of Clemson.

Another new segment is a sidewalk widening project along Frontage Road that connects Clemson Park Road to an existing trail and pedestrian bridge near Clemson Elementary School. Since the bridge opened in 2017, pedestrian and bike traffic to the elementary school has increased significantly, and this new segment aims to further improve safety and access for community members walking or biking in the area.

These segments will make up part of a larger, collaborative City-University Green Crescent Trail project that aims to connect Clemson Elementary, Clemson Park, and Gateway Park as well as the neighborhoods in between to Clemson University's campus, including the Botanical Gardens. Together, these new City-University GCT connections will create over three miles of continuous walking and biking paths.

The City of Clemson's portion of the construction, design, and engineering costs are approximately \$935,000 and are being funded by a combination of funds from the South Carolina General Assembly and the City of Clemson.



# See Trees Here

Scan to view the full  
Tree Canopy Report



“Clemson is a well treed city with an existing tree canopy of 48%. These trees provide residents with benefits, called ecosystem services, such as improved air and water quality, flood mitigation, urban cooling, habitat, and natural beauty. This report describes and quantifies the current ecosystem services the existing tree canopy provides. To maintain these benefits as new development and growth occur, the city will need to focus on minimizing loss of tree canopy through tree conservation and new tree plantings.”

- From the 2023 Tree Canopy Report

## Importance of Trees



### On Stormwater

The tree canopy mitigates 11.6 million gallons of stormwater for every 1-year/24 hour rain event (3.21 inches). Our trees then filter 18,360 lbs. nitrogen, 1,496 lbs. of phosphorus and 955 tons of sediment from our water system.



### On Air Quality

Trees cool impervious surfaces which reduce the formation of harmful compounds and absorb volatile organic compounds and particulate matter from the air, improving air quality and reducing asthma rates. Roughly 79,577 lbs of air pollutants are mitigated annually.



### On the Climate

Trees mitigate climate change impacts by sequestering carbon from carbon dioxide in their leaves, trunk, roots, tissues and soil, preventing it from being released into the atmosphere. Our trees sequester approximately 12,078 metric tons of carbon annually.



### On the Urban Heat Island Effect

The City is projected to have 11 times as many days over 100° F compared to the last 40 years. Shade trees contribute to significant cooling, more pleasant outdoor experiences, reduce the risk of heat related health issues, and even contribute to a longer lifespan of infrastructure.



### On Tree Equity

Neighborhoods with available space for tree plantings in the city that had higher than average surface temperatures and lower than average median household income were prioritized. These areas total 58 acres of high priority planting areas in neighborhoods with lower incomes and higher temperatures.

# See Philanthropy Here

## Community Foundation Celebrates Ten Years

The Community Foundation of Greater Clemson was launched as the Clemson Community Foundation in 2013 as a project of Leadership Clemson. The Leadership class was inspired by the successes of community foundations in other cities and the unmet funding needs in the greater Clemson area. Today, the foundation works to promote local philanthropy and volunteerism and to establish long-term sources of financial and human support to address needs in the greater Clemson community. The Community Foundation of Greater Clemson is on a mission to invest in the community through grantmaking and capacity building, and by helping generous neighbors establish their philanthropic legacies.

Over the past ten years, CFGC has grown into a trusted partner with deep experience stewarding resources in support of local nonprofit organizations. Today, the organization holds outside funds and invests in the convening, training, and resourcing of local nonprofit leadership and provides tools that match charitable giving with a discerning knowledge of the community's diverse needs. CFGC works with families and donors to make an impact on this beloved community while helping them design their legacies and realize their philanthropic goals.

Foundation members look forward to joining together with residents in the greater Clemson area, local governments, businesses, and institutions to provide long-term, sustainable resources for generations to come.

Let the Foundation help you create your legacy and leave a lasting impact on this wonderful community.

To learn more, contact Susan Sharp, president of the CFGC, at [susan.sharp@cfgcsc.org](mailto:susan.sharp@cfgcsc.org).



# See Clean Water Here

## Skyview Drive Culvert Replacement

In May, the City completed a minor infrastructure project, replacing an outdated and deteriorating culvert underneath Skyview Drive. Thank you to all the members of the Stormwater, Utilities, and Public Works crews involved with the project and did such a great job.



## Personal Pool Closure Request

As summer winds down and you begin closing your personal pools, the Stormwater Department requests you follow these simple steps to help protect our waterways before lowering the water level. Chlorine in pools is effective and keeps your pool water clean, but can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life. Below are some tips for a safe release of pool water.

1. Allow the pool to sit, without the addition of chlorine for 2-4 days. This will allow for the pool to aerate, as chlorine can be broken down by UV (sunlight) and exposure to air;
2. When lowering pool levels, ensure that there is a minimum of 100 feet of grassy area to the closest stormwater pipe for the pool water to flow and allow at least 200 feet before the closest stream.
3. Do not try to remove all water at once. Allow the discharge to be slow to allow any remaining chlorine to be better diluted, thereby keeping our waterways safe.

## Lead Service Line Program

Our utilities crews have been working hard all summer to verify that all water service lines in the city are lead free. Thank you for your support and understanding as we ensure compliance with the EPA. We have verified that over 4,500 water services in the city are lead free. More information can be found on our informational webpage, [nolead.org](http://nolead.org).

## Household Lead Testing Program

If you are concerned about lead in your household water, the City's engineering and utilities staff are working to establish a Household Lead Testing Program. Visit our webpage at [nolead.org](http://nolead.org), or contact the Engineering Dept at 864-624 1127 for more information.

# See City Services Here

## Mosquito Fogging Schedule

Fogging is based on the day of your normal garbage pickup.

### SEPTEMBER 2023

City Holiday - No Fogging	9/04
Monday's Garbage Route	9/18
Tuesday's Garbage Route	9/05 and 9/19
Wednesday's Garbage Route	9/06 and 9/20
Thursday's Garbage Route	9/07 and 9/21

### OCTOBER 2023

Monday's Garbage Route	10/02 and 10/16 and 10/30
Tuesday's Garbage Route	10/03 and 10/17 and 10/31
Wednesday's Garbage Route	10/04 and 10/18
Thursday's Garbage Route	10/05 and 10/19

For more information on this schedule:  
864-653-2047

For more information on Biomist3+15 ULV Insecticide:  
<https://www.clarke.com>

SC Mosquito Control Association:  
<http://www.scmca.net>

## Leaf Pick-up Schedule

When leaf season begins, the leaves will be picked up by the leaf vacuum truck starting sometime in October. The leaf vacuum truck will be in service until the end of the February or as determined by the Supervisor. During leaf season (October to February), follow the below instructions for more efficient collection.

- Leaves should be raked/blown within 10 feet of the street. Long rows are better than large piles.
- Loose leaves will be picked up quicker than bagged leaves. If you bag your leaves, the vacuum truck will not pick them up. You will have to wait for the brush crew to get them.
- Please do not mix your leaves with brush, junk, or any other materials.
- Please do not pile your leaves around power poles, telephone and cable pedestals, or over water meters or sewer manholes. The machine will suck the lids off and damage the machine.
- In the beginning we will move quickly around the City, but as the leaves begin to accumulate, it will take longer to get around. Please be patient and we will get to you as quickly as possible. Please try to get your leaves out early so that as we come through your neighborhood we will get them the first or second time through.

Many persons use "pulverized leaf material" for mulch/ground cover around trees, flowers beds and garden areas. If you would like this material dumped in your yard, please call 864- 653-2053.



# See Recreation Here

For more information on these and other programs, call 864-625-1120

## Picnic in the Park

Wednesdays in September  
11:30am to 1pm

September 6 Jaycee  
September 13 Ashley Dearing  
September 20 Nettles



## Day of Play

September 30  
10:30am to 1pm  
Nettles Park

## Doggie Tailgate

November 4th  
3pm to 5pm  
Nettles Dog Park



## Fall Sports Registration

Details and registration link: [www.clemsoncityrec.org](http://www.clemsoncityrec.org)

Questions regarding City of Clemson athletic programming can be directed to Athletic Director, Shannon Knight at [sknight@cityofclemson.org](mailto:sknight@cityofclemson.org)

### Youth Cross Country

Registration: September 11th - 29th

Recommended Ages: 6 - 13

Season: October 19th - November 16th

November 18th: Fun Run (\$20/participant)

### Youth Basketball

Resident Registration: October 2nd - 8th

Open Registration: October 9th

Ages\*: Girls 5 - 12, Boys 5 - 17

\*as of September 1st, 2023

Season: November 27th - February 8th

### Adult Church League Basketball

Registration: November 27th - December 14th

Registration by Teams (\$400 per team)

Season: Sundays in January and February 2024

Spring Sports Registration begins early January.

Stay up to date with registrations and offerings on Facebook (CityofClemsonParksandRec) and Instagram (Clemson\_parks\_and\_red) or sign up for email alerts at [www.clemsoncityrec.org](http://www.clemsoncityrec.org).

We continue to adjust to our new registration platform. We recommend visiting the website and logging in to and making a family account prior to registration opening dates. Anticipate the process taking a bit more time the first time you access the new site. Make a user account and FAMILY profile today!

## Senior Trip to Bryson City

November 9th  
Departing at 6am

## SENIOR BINGO

12pm to 2pm  
Fire Station Community Room  
740 Issaqueena Trail



**Free Senior Fitness**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10am to 11am  
Central Clemson Rec

# See Educational Programs Here

## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Fall Courses

This Fall, OLLI is offering a variety of courses including The Mystery of Amelia Earhart; Artificial Intelligence: Promise, Peril (or Both); Civil War Tactics and Their Impact upon History; Nevermore: The Mysterious Life and Death of Edgar Allan Poe; Staying on Your Feet: Practical Methods to Stay Healthy and Prevent Falls; Decade of the 60s; Canning Cranberry-Apple Preserves; Beyond the Basics: Using your iPhone/iPad Online; and High School Classics Revisited. OLLI also offers free special interest groups in art, mahjong, philosophy and more for current members. Courses at Clemson OLLI are fine-tuned to members. OLLI is always adding new courses, but the most popular courses often repeat in following terms.

### Technology Assistance

Clemson OLLI is providing troubleshooting assistance for phones, tablets, laptops, and e-readers at the Cheezem Education Center. Tech Talk appointments are available on the second Thursday of every month from August to November.

### Upcoming International Trips

The Christmas Markets Cruise on the Romantic Rhine, one of the most anticipated trips of the winter, is scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2023 to Saturday, December 16, 2023.

Ecuador & Galapagos Islands Cruise, an eight day trip, is set for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 to Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Registration for the fall term is now open, and the fall catalog is available on OLLI's website or drop by the Cheezem Education Center in Patrick Square to pick up a printed copy.



## OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

OLLI at Clemson  
Cheezem Education Center  
100 Thomas Green Blvd, Clemson, SC 29631  
864-633-5242  
olli@clemson.edu  
www.olliatclemson.org

## 2023-2024 CUWC Luncheon Programs

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



Occasions at Wedgefield - 1551 Eighteen Mile Road, Central  
Thursdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Program Beginning at 12:15 PM

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| Sept 7  | "The Brooks Center Stage Headliners for 2023-2024," Executive Director, Janice Crews  |
| Oct 5   | "Q & A with Kathleen Swinney," Co-Founder of the All In Team Foundation, Wife of Dabo Swinney, Clemson Head Football Coach  |
| Nov 2   | "The History of Clemson Women's Sports, Behind the Scenes Stories, & More," Tim Bourret, Broadcaster, Author, Former Clemson Sports Information Director            |
| Dec 7   | "Orange & White Holiday Caroling" with the Clemson University Choral Program  |
| Feb 1   | "A Peak into Clemson's Past & CUWC Beginnings," University Historian, Dr. Otis Pickett  |
| Mar 7   | "Spring 2024 Fashion Trends You'll Love Wearing," Emily's Especially For You  |
| April 4 | "Clemson's POWER Women's Leadership Academy for Student Athletes, One of only a few in the Nation," Stephanie Ellison-Johnson, Executive Senior Associate AD/Sports |



## Clemson University Emeritus College Online Courses

Birding and Nature Photography, Imtiaz Haque and Vince Jackson

Health Implications of Climate Change, Roxanne Calabria, Professor Emerita of Nursing  
\*Approved by SC AHEC for two contact hours of continuing education

For more information visit <https://www.clemson.edu/emerituscollege/>





# SOUTH CAROLINA BOTANICAL GARDEN

at CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

150 Discovery Lane Clemson, SC 29634

864-656-3405 | [scbg@clemson.edu](mailto:scbg@clemson.edu)

## Off the Mat and Into the Garden

### **Yoga + Walking with Melissa Powell**

September 12th through October 3rd

*Inclement weather make-up date October 10*

9:30am to 10:45am

Join Melissa Powell, RYT 200, for a yoga series that combines mindful walking with yoga. Class will start and end at the Amphitheater. The class will begin with seated poses on the Amphitheater seating levels, then shift to a mindful walk through the Garden, pausing to do standing poses, and we'll return to the Amphitheater to rest seated or lying down.

*This class is appropriate for anyone who can comfortably walk on the Garden's paths, including some uneven terrain, like steps and gravel pathways.*

## Bog Garden Workshop

September 22nd | 3:30pm to 5pm

Join SCBG Nursery Manager, Misty Shealy, and Education Program Coordinator, Allison Jones, to learn how to create a bog in which carnivorous and other unique and beautiful plants can thrive. Participants will be provided all materials and guidance to create a bog garden planter to take home.

*This class is designed for adults, but children 10 years and up are welcome to register.*

*Please wear clothes that can get dirty.*

## Owl Prowl

October 20th | 3:30pm to 5pm

Get wise about the lives of owls! Children will discover amazing owl adaptations and have the chance to be mad scientists, working to dissect and investigate the contents of a real owl pellet!

## Homeschool Days

Thursday classes 1pm; Friday classes 10am

*Presentations and activities for ages 5 and up.*

September 28th and 29th Settler Life

October 26th and 27th Minibeast Hunt

November 16th and 17th Thank a Tree!

*Please register ALL children that will be present, and limit adult attendance to 1 per household, as class space is limited.*

## After School Programs

### Junior Naturalists I

4pm to 5:30pm

Alternate Thursdays beginning September 7th

Learn about the landscapes that define the state and the plants and animals that make their home here.

*For ages 6 to 12*

### Junior Naturalists II

4pm to 5:30pm

Alternate Thursdays beginning September 14th

Discover how plants and animals adapt to their environments and how those environments are changing over time.

*For ages 10 to 14*

## Preschool Programs

### Garden Sprouts

Tuesdays September - November | 10am to 11am

Garden Sprouts blends the Garden's unique resources with imaginative and fun ways to learn about plants and animals using stories, arts and crafts, nature walks, movement, touch, and observation to explore each week's seasonal theme.

### Stroller Struts

10am to 11am

Start with a story, then set off on a garden walk.

September 7th Summer's End Expedition

October 4th Itsy Bitsy Spiders

November 1st Autumn Amble

December 6th Winter on the Way

*Please note that events may require a fee and/or pre-registration. Visit <https://www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/events/events-calendar.html> for more information on these and other events.*

# See Arts and Culture Here



**Skateboard Culture**  
Exhibition Opening and Fundraiser for Skate Upstate

**September 15th**  
**6pm to 8pm**

Exhibition includes music, food, and skateboarding demonstrations highlighting the skills of Upstate skateboarders.

All artwork for sale.

Skate Upstate is a nonprofit raising money to build a skate park in Clemson.  
For more information, visit [skateupstate.org](http://skateupstate.org).

**Skateboard Building and Maintenance** September 22nd and 24th  
**Learn to Skateboard** October 6th

**Upstate Skate Skateboard Deck Silent Auction Fundraising** November 3rd  
6pm to 8pm



For more information and to register for events, visit [explorearts.org](http://explorearts.org)

**Pop in the Park Artist Market**

September 8th, October 13th, November 10th

5:30pm - 8:30pm  
Gateway Park

Food Trucks, Live Music,  
Locally Handmade Goods

**Glass Blowing Workshops**

October 16th - 22nd

Workshops limited to 6 participants.

Register at [explorearts.org](http://explorearts.org) beginning September 5th.



**Workshop Times**

12pm to 2pm  
3pm to 5pm  
6pm to 8pm

**Registration Now Open!**  
**Fall Art Classes and Workshops**  
[explorearts.org](http://explorearts.org)



**Thursday Nights at CAAAM**  
Beginning September 21st



**Historical Films/Documentaries Viewing + Game Night**  
Discuss the films and learn about the origins and significance of these games.  
Visit [caaam.org](http://caaam.org) for more information.

Funded in part by a grant from Pickens County Recreation Fund.



**THANK YOU VETERANS**

**Celebrating African American Veterans**  
November 5th - 11th

Pop-up exhibition, mini parade, and discussions of the contributions of our local veterans to the nation.

Visit [caaam.org](http://caaam.org) for more information.




**A Taste of Memories One Recipe at a Time**

From the Friends of CAAAM  
**A Taste of Memories One Recipe At A Time Cookbook**

Friends of CAAAM (FoC) is collecting recipes to help create CAAAM's first cookbook.

Send in your recipes with your photographs, stories, and memories that make this recipe special to you.

Submissions can be emailed to [friendsofcaaam@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcaaam@gmail.com) or dropped off in person at CAAAM Tuesday through Friday between 9 am and 4 pm.

Deadline for submissions  
Friday, October 27th.

**THE CLEMSON LITTLE THEATRE'S  
2023 - 2024**



**The Fox on the Fairway**  
September 1st - 3rd  
8th - 10th

**Beauty and the Beast, Jr**  
October 13th - 15th  
20th - 22nd



**A Christmas Carol**  
December 1st - 3rd  
8th - 10th



**The Game's Afoot**  
January 19th - 21st  
26th - 28th

Visit us on the web: [www.clemsonlittletheatre.com](http://www.clemsonlittletheatre.com)  
Email: [CLTplays@gmail.com](mailto:CLTplays@gmail.com)

**City of Clemson Angel Tree**

The City's Angel Tree benefits local, deserving children from Clemson Child Development Center and Clemson Head Start.

Angels available for adoption: November 9th.  
All gifts returned: December 5th.

Monetary donations can also be made to the City of Clemson to purchase gifts for any children not selected by the cutoff date.

For more information or to find out other ways to help: call 864-653-2030 or email [angeltree@cityofclemson.org](mailto:angeltree@cityofclemson.org)



**Cookies with Claus**  
November 30th  
Details TBD

**Annual Parade**  
December 5th  
Festivities Begin 5:30pm  
Downtown Clemson

**Senior Holiday Luncheon**  
December 7th  
11am to 1pm  
Location TBD

**Breakfast with Santa**  
December 9th  
8am to 10am  
Location TBD

**Halloween on College**  
October 24th  
4:30pm to 6:30pm  
Downtown Clemson

**Goblins on the Green**  
October 27th  
6pm to 9pm  
Patrick Square

*The Arts Centers*  
**Holiday Art Market**  
December 2nd      December 3rd  
10am to 4pm      11am to 3pm  
Locally handmade and unique gifts

THE CITY OF CLEMSON artscenter  
More information at [explorearts.org](http://explorearts.org).

A collaborative event between City of Clemson, City of Seneca, and Clemson University

**Kwanzaa at CAAAM**  
December 26th - 28th

Continue in the spirit of Umoja - Unity

For more information, visit [caaam.org](http://caaam.org)

CAAAM  
Clemson Area African American Museum  
400 W. COMMERCE STREET

**3rd Annual Pumpkin Palooza**  
October 20th  
6pm to 8pm

Music, Food, Glassblowing Demonstrations, Glass Pumpkin Patch, and Jack-O-Lantern Competition

**Pumpkin Palooza Weekend**  
October 21st 10am to 2pm  
October 22nd 11am to 3pm  
Art Activities, Glassblowing, and Food

For more information and to register for events, visit [explorearts.org](http://explorearts.org)

**FIND A FIRST STEPS 4K PROGRAM NEAR YOU**

**FREE4KSC.ORG**

**first5sc.org**

**First SOUTH CAROLINA**

Get the support your child needs from birth through age five.

We connect families with South Carolina's public services for young children.

Check your eligibility for over 40 services. Answer a few questions and we'll show you what you qualify for.

**You can now apply online!**

**Bright by Text**

**Because kids don't come with instructions**

We know parenting can be overwhelming. We're here to help, one text message at a time.

What to expect from our weekly text messages?

- Easy, practical tips and info for parents & caregivers.
- Messages timed exactly to your child's due date or date of birth.
- Info about free services and events based on your zip code.

Text **SCKIDS** to 274 448 for **FREE** parenting tips

Msg & data rates may apply.



**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

**VITA** **United Way**

A UNITED WAY COLLABORATIVE

**Volunteers Needed!**

*Make an impact on the community and help others. No experience needed.*

Did you know that a tax refund can make up to 30% of a family's income? United Way of Pickens County, in collaboration with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), offers free income tax assistance to thousands of individuals and families with a household income of \$60,000 or less across Pickens County through Free File, a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

United Way is seeking greeters and tax preparers for tax season. Free training sessions are available in person and/or online. Weekdays, week evening, and weekends are available. Volunteer as little or as often as you'd like. CEUs are available for accountants and financial managers.

Apply online at <https://www.uwpickens.org/tax-volunteers>.

For more information, contact Nicole Zeiset  
 nzeiset@uwpickens.org  
 864-850-7094 x 131.

**Clemson Farmers Market**



Thursdays through September  
 3:30pm - 6:30pm  
 Patrick Square Village Green  
 160 Thomas Green Blvd  
 Clemson, SC 29631

For more information  
 Facebook: [Clemson Farmer's Market](#)  
 Instagram: [@clemsonfreshfarmersmarket](#)

**Central-Clemson**

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS**

**Recreation Center**

**\$99 PER SEMESTER**

August 1st - December 31st and January 1st - May 31st

WEIGHT ROOM, POOLS, BASKETBALL, PICKLEBALL, FITNESS CLASSES AND MORE.

Open to all full-time Clemson University, In-County Technical College, and Southern Wesleyan University students.

130 COMMONS WAY  
 CENTRAL, SC, 29630  
 (864) 624-1138  
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- 11** Planning Commission
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## Conversations with Council

Conversations with Council is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Community Room (740 Issaqueena Trail).

## City Observed Holidays

- September 4** Labor Day
- November 23 & 24** Thanksgiving
- December 25 & 26** Christmas
- January 1** New Years
- January 15** MLK Jr. Day

## Municipal Court Information

**Wednesday Court Sessions:**  
9:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm

**Municipal Court Business Hours**  
Monday - Thursday 8am to 5pm  
Friday 8am to 3pm

## Stay Informed and Updated

Meetings streamed live on the City's Youtube.  
[youtube.com/cityofclemsonsouthcarolina](https://www.youtube.com/cityofclemsonsouthcarolina)

For the most up to date information or to sign up for email updates, visit [www.cityofclemson.org](http://www.cityofclemson.org)



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1250 Tiger Boulevard  
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THE CITY OF CLEMSON AND PATRICK SQUARE PROUDLY PRESENTS

# ROCK THE BLOCK

◆◆◆◆◆ 2023 ◆◆◆◆◆

**PATRICK SQUARE**

**5:30 - 8:30 PM**

**THOMAS GREEN BLVD., CLEMSON**

*No Outside Coolers*



**Patrick  
Square**



SEPTEMBER 12 6 - 8:30 PM

◆◆ **MOJO ON MAX** ◆◆



SEPTEMBER 26 6 - 8:30 PM

◆◆ **ANGELA GASTERLING** ◆◆