

HAPPENINGS IN THE UPSTATE

With the arrival of warm evenings it is time to enjoy live music at NOMA square in downtown Greenville on Thursday and Friday evenings. Enjoy an outdoor concert in Travelers Rest or Mauldin. Local Farmers Markets have opened and they are too numerous to list all of them. They are a great place to see what local farmers have to offer. Check: <http://www.ourupstatedesc.info/farmer-markets.php> for locations, dates and times.

Live music downtown Greenville on NOMA Square, 220 N Main St.
Piedmont Natural Gas Downtown Alive – Thursdays until August 31 5:30-8:30 pm
<http://greenvillesc.gov/239/PNG-Downtown-Alive>
Greenville Heritage FCU Main Street Fridays – until September 29, 5:30-9:30pm.
<http://greenvillesc.gov/220/Greenville-Heritage-Main-Street-Fridays>

TD Saturday Market – Saturdays May 6 – October 28, 8am-12 pm, Main Street at McBee Ave.
www.saturdaymarketlive.com
Taylor's Farmers Market – Thursdays, May 11 to August 24, 4-8 pm Taylor's Mill, 250 Mill St, Taylor's, SC. www.taylorfarmers.market
Travelers Rest Farmers Market, - May 6- September 30, Saturday 8:30 am-12 pm, Trailblazers Park, Travelers Rest. www.travelersrestfarmersmarket.com
Spartanburg Hub City Farmers Market, - Saturday, 8am-12 pm, 498 Howard St. Spartanburg, SC. www.hubcityfm.org
Simpsonville Farmers Market – Saturdays beginning May 6, 8am-12pm. East Curtis Street and Park Drive. www.americantowns.com/sc/simpsonville/events/simpsonville-farmers-market-2017-05-06

Do you have a problem knowing where to park downtown? Check out:

<http://greenvillesc.gov/513/Parking>

Just scroll down, find the map and click on the Go to interactive map link. Then, click on search (the magnifying glass in the upper right hand corner), enter the address, and the closest parking garages along with their address and charges will appear.

Red, White and Blue is Greenville's premier 4th of July celebration showcasing one of the state's largest fireworks display. Free. 5-10pm July 4th. Downtown Greenville.

South Carolina State Parks- Our state parks offer plenty hiking, camping, lodging, historic sites and special events. www.southcarolinaparks.com

Chautauqua History Alive - Greenville Winter Chautauqua. The Power of Words
All talks will be held at the Hughes Library, 25 Heritage Green Pl, Greenville
Upcoming June Festival-June 16-25. www.greenvilleCHAUTAUQUA.org

Freedom Blast – City of Greer's annual salute to veterans and current members of our armed forces. Includes fireworks, music, children's activities. See freedomblast.org for more information.

Friday Night Tunes in the Park. June 9-July 21. Greer City Park. 7pm

Banjo Extravaganza. Pickens, SC. 138 Hagood Mill Road. July 15. Get more details at 864-898-2936

Simpsonville Summer Music Series – Free. Friday nights 7-9pm. 6/2-8/11 at the Amphitheater at the Tater Shed. In the event of rain – The Arts Center

Falls Park on the Reedy. Enjoy classic movies under the stars. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics.
<http://greenvillesc.gov/210/Fidelity-Moonlight-Movies>

Live Music at Art Crossing - Saturdays May 6-June 24, 2-4 pm. Visit the artists at Art Crossing along the Reedy River in Downtown Greenville while enjoying live music.
steve@creativeconceptsfoto.com

Greenbrier's Porch Series – Wednesdays, 5-8 pm, through October 25. The weekly porch party with live music, games and food. 766 Hester Store Rd., Easley. www.greenbrierfarms.com

Greenville County Parks and Recreation – Creating community through people, parks and programs. Various programs throughout the year.
Information or to sign up for their newsletter at www.greenvillerec.com

Greenville County Library System – Eleven location throughout the county. Not only can you borrow books and videos, there are numerous classes and programs too numerous to mention here. Sign up to receive a monthly newsletter. www.greenvillelibrary.org

Roper Mountain Science Center – Second Saturday – The second Saturday of select months gives the public the opportunity to visit the learning spaces throughout the science center.

Daniel Observatory – Monthly star parties – A night under the stars with their astronomers for a view through a 23 inch refractor telescope.

T.C. Hooper Planetarium - Starry nights planetarium shows – Friday nights at 7pm and 8:30 pm. The planetarium is newly remodeled. 402 Roper Mountain Rd., Greenville. www.ropermountain.org

Moonlight Movies every Thursday in June 6pm -10:30pm Greer City Park, 301 E. Poinsett St, Greer

Greenville Drive – Class A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox play at Fluor Field, Greenville which is a mini replica of Fenway Park. Recent updates have been made to the park.
Tickets and schedule at <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t428>

Greenville Area Gallery Crawl- First Fridays – The first Friday of each month visual art galleries and venues are open from 6-9 PM. www.firstfridaysgreenville.com

Greenville Center for Creative Arts First Friday – 6-9 pm the first Friday of every month. Sixteen artists work in their studios and you can meet them and view their works. 25 Draper St., Suite A, Greenville. www.artcentergreenville.org

Craft Breweries - There are at least a dozen craft breweries located in the upstate area that offer many eclectic events. Here are just a few:

Quest Brewing Co.- 55 Airview Dr, Greenville. www.questbrewing.com

Thomas Creek Brewery – 2054 Piedmont Hwy., Greenville. www.thomascreekbeer.com

Birds Fly South Ale Project – 1320 Hampton Ave Ext., Greenville. www.bfsbeer.com

RJ Rockers Brewing Co – 226 W Main St., Spartanburg. www.rjrockers.com

Brewery 85 – 6 Whitlee Ct, Greenville. – www.brewery85.com

The Brewery Experience - Take a 12 passenger van to visit local breweries, meet the owners and learn how beer is made. For reservations and cost - www.thebreweryexperience.com

Greenville Pickens-Pickens Speedway – Auto racing has begun at the Speedway located at 3800 Calhoun Memorial Hwy, Easley, SC. Tickets and schedule at: www.greenvillepickens.com

Cars and Coffee of the Upstate – For the car lover in the family. Enjoy a coffee and stroll the parking lot of Michelin North America parking lot looking at all types of cars. Or display your classic vehicle. Last Saturday of every month year round. Michelin Corporate Campus, 1 Parkway South, Greenville. www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/events

BMW Zentrum – 1400 Highway 101 S., Greer, Sc. BMW has reopened the Zentrum, the only BMW museum in North America. Free. www.bmwusfactory.com/zentrum

Museums and Exhibits - For information on the various museums and art exhibits in the Greenville area visit www.visitgreenvillesc.com/events/museums.

Bon Secours Wellness Arena – Home to concerts, family events, sports and comedy acts. For events and tickets – www.bonsecoursarena.com

Live Theatre and Music Events – Check out their websites for events and tickets.

Peace Center – www.peacecenter.org

Centre Stage – 501 River St., Greenville, SC www.centrestage.org

Younts Center for Performing Arts – 315 N. Main St., Fountain Inn, SC. Tickets and schedule at: www.yountscenter.org

Greenville Little Theatre – College St., Greenville, SC. www.greenvillelittletheatre.org

Greenville County Youth Orchestras – Young artists take the stage at various venues. For dates and locations check out: www.gcyo.net

Bob Jones University Theatre Arts – www.bju.edu/events/fine-arts/student-plays.php

Furman University Theatre Arts –

www.furman.edu/academics/TheatreArts/Performances/Pages/currentseason.aspx

North Greenville University – www.ngu.edu/theatre.php

Newberry Opera House – 1201 McKibben St., Newberry, SC. www.newberryoperahouse.com

Flat Rock Playhouse – 2661 Greenville Hwy, Flat Rock, NC 28731. www.flatrockplayhouse.org

Walhalla Civic Auditorium – 101 E. N. Broad St, Walhalla, SC. www.walhallacivic.com/events.html

The Spartanburg Little Theatre – 200 E. Saint John St., Spartanburg, SC

www.spartanburglittletheatre.com

Mill Town Players – Pelzer, SC Inexpensive theatre about ½ hour from Greenville. Contact them at boxoffice@milltownplayers.org or 864-947-8000

Chapman Cultural Center – 200 E. Saint John St., Spartanburg, SC. www.chapmanculturailcenter.org

The Spinning Jenny – Live music and dance floor. 107 Cannon St., Greer, SC.

www.thespinningjennygreer.com

Volunteer Opportunities – Greenville Newcomers supports a local philanthropic organization every year. This gives our members an opportunity to become active in our community.

There are numerous organizations that would welcome volunteers and we are unable to list them all. Local hospitals, nursing homes, churches and local non-profits always have a need for volunteers.

Here are some websites that may direct you to an organization of interest or an outlet for your special talents.

www.justserve.org

www.handsongreenville.org

www.volunteermatch.org

www.greenvillesc.gov

www.local.aarp.org/greenville-sc/volunteering/