



# NEWSLETTER City of Simpsonville

## SIMPLY SUMMERTIME

Music series, food truck rodeo start in

Summer Music Series & Food Truck Rodeo

# Simpsonville

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**SIMPLY SUMMERTIME**

Entering its third season in June, the Simpsonville Summer Music Series & Food Truck Rodeo is set to be bigger and better than ever. After a successful season in 2020 despite a global pandemic, co-hosts the City of Simpsonville and Simpsonville Arts Foundation, Inc. anticipate a higher turnout at the CCNB Amphitheatre at Heritage Park of thousands of residents and visitors. Simpsonville Community Relations Specialist Justin Campbell said the lineup of artists and food trucks is expected to attract large crowds. "With a diversity of music and food and a desire among the public to get back to their lives and enjoy outdoor entertainment, we are excited to bring this opportunity for family-friendly fun to Simpsonville residents and visitors," Campbell said. "From an Elvis Tribute to 80s covers and tacos to barbecue, the Simpsonville Summer Music Series & Food Truck Rodeo has something for everyone." With free admission, the music series will be held at the CCNB Amphitheatre every Wednesday in June, July and August, save for a rain date on Aug. 4. Food trucks start serving at 6 p.m., and music will run 7-9 p.m.



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Dugger Band, a rising Nashville-based country duo, performed at the 2020 season of the Food Truck Rodeo.



Synergy Twins, an electric violin duo, performed at the 2020 season of the Simpsonville Summer Music Series & Food Truck Rodeo.

Summer Music Series &  
Food Truck Rodeo  
**Simpsonville**  
SIMPLY SUMMERTIME

**FREE ADMISSION**

June

- 2 Elvis Tribute
- 9 Angela Easterling & the Beguilers
- 16 REO Survivor Tribute
- 23 Synergy Twins
- 30 Chicago Rewired

July

- 7 Retro Vertigo
- 14 Honey & the Hot Rods
- 21 James Radford Band
- 28 Chocolate Chip & Co.

August

- 4 No performance scheduled (rain date)
- 11 Luke Smith Band
- 18 Reservoir Dogs
- 25 Randomonium

CCNB Amphitheatre at Heritage Park  
Food trucks 6 p.m. | Music 7 p.m.



The Simpsonville Summer Music Series & Food Truck Rodeo was a success in 2020 due to measures taken to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as social distancing.

**Food Truck Schedule**

- June 2 - Cluk Truk, Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- June 9 - Mad Cuban, One-Eyed Donkey, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- June 16 - Choc's Barbecue, Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- June 23 - Cluk Truk, Hoppers Soul Food, Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- June 30 - Cluk Truk, Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- July 7 - Harvey's Country Cooking & Sweetery, Hoppers Soul Food, Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- July 14 - Cluk Truk, Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- July 21 - Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- July 28 - Choc's Barbeque, Mad Cuban, The Noodle Lady, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- Aug. 4 - Rain date**
- Aug. 11 - Daddy's Cookout, Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- Aug. 18 - Cluk Truk, Mad Cuban, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**
- Aug. 25 - Daddy's Cookout, Mad Cuban, The Noodle Lady, Tacos & Bla Bla Bla**

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

The 2021 season of the Food Truck Rodeo features 9 different food trucks, including Mad Cuban.



# **SIMPLY PATRIOTIC**

**July 4th event Celebrate Simpsonville returns with free live music, fireworks show**

After a year off due to the pandemic, the Independence Day extravaganza Celebrate Simpsonville returns to the CCNB Amphitheatre at Heritage Park on July 4 with free live music and fireworks show. Multi-platinum selling country music artist Rodney Atkins will headline the Independence Day celebration with up-and-coming Nashville duo Dugger Band opening the show.

Simpsonville Community Relations Specialist Justin Campbell said canceling Celebrate Simpsonville in 2020 was the right decision for public safety but added the City is ready to again host the family-favorite.

“The City of Simpsonville is excited to once again provide families with a wonderful opportunity for outdoor fun to celebrate our country’s independence,” Campbell said.

“With free admission, we invite both Simpsonville residents and visitors to join us for a simply patriotic evening filled with great music and a mesmerizing fireworks show.”

Gates at the CCNB Amphitheatre open at 5:30 p.m., and the event starts at 6 p.m.



## **CELEBRATE** *Simpsonville*

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*-Justin Campbell, Community Relations*



# **RODNEY ATKINS**

**FREE admission**

**FREE fireworks show**

**July 4th**

**CCNB Amphitheatre at Heritage Park**

**Gates at 5:30 p.m. | Show at 6 p.m.**

**Opener: Dugger Band**



# Simpsonville

PUBLIC WORKS

## MEET PUBLIC WORKS Pete Lupu, Street Supervisor

Pete Lupu immigrated to the United States in 2000 with the help of his father Petru Lupu, who left Romania for the U.S. in the 80s to flee communism.

“There’s no better place to be than this country,” said Lupu, who came to the states on a green card before earning his citizenship in 2005 in New York. “I grew up during communism, and it was tough — really tough.”

Lupu is the street supervisor for the Simpsonville Public Works Department. In 2006, just one year after receiving his citizenship, Lupu landed a job at Public Works as a tech II part-time driver before rising to a tech III full-time driver.

“I’ve learned many different skills here,” Lupu said. “My first job was doing patchwork.”

Lupu has done everything at Public Works from patching potholes and sinkholes to curb and sidewalk repair to lawn maintenance. When the street supervisor position became available, Lupu made clear he would stay in the field rather than behind a desk.

“I love that I do a variety of things,” Lupu said. “I enjoy being outside. I’m not the kind of guy to stay on one thing.”

Simpsonville City Council recently voted for Public Works to take sanitation services back in September. Lupu believes the guys at Public Works are up for the job.

“I think we’re in good shape,” Lupu said. “We did trash pickup before with equipment that was way worse than subpar.”

A previous City Council approved a 5-year contract with a third-party vendor in 2016 due to aging equipment in disrepair. Council voted in 2018 to increase the Public Works fee for an enterprise fund to provide the capital needed to resume trash pickup in 2021. With the creation of the enterprise fund, Council accepted a sanitation proposal by Public Works Director Andy West, which includes the purchase of new trucks and cans and hiring of new personnel.

West said Lupu is the “definition of a selfless servant.”

“Pete takes pride making Simpsonville a great place to live and work,” West said.

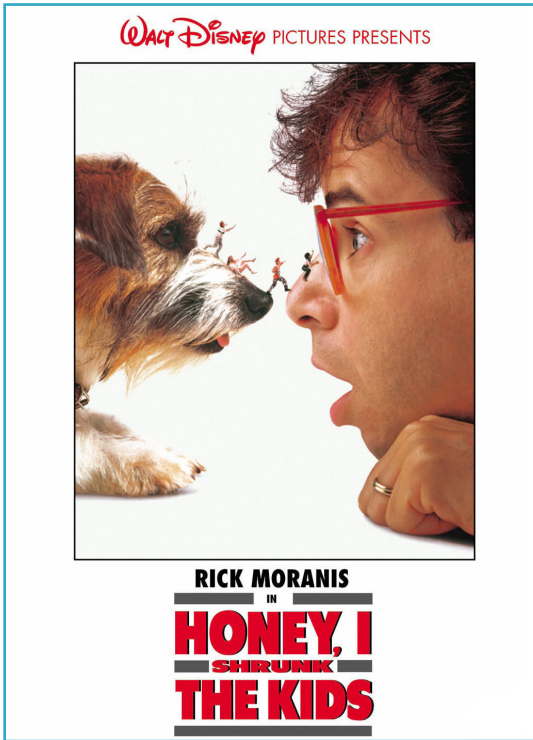
For Lupu, who likes to workout, bike and garden in his free time, City leadership has made all the difference for the positive direction in which Public Works is moving. City Administrator Dianna Gracely was hired by Council in 2018.

“I’ve been through three different leaderships, and the one that we have now is the best that we’ve ever had,” Lupu said. “We can get better, and we can always improve. To see that commitment to Public Works is special and makes me happy to come to work.”

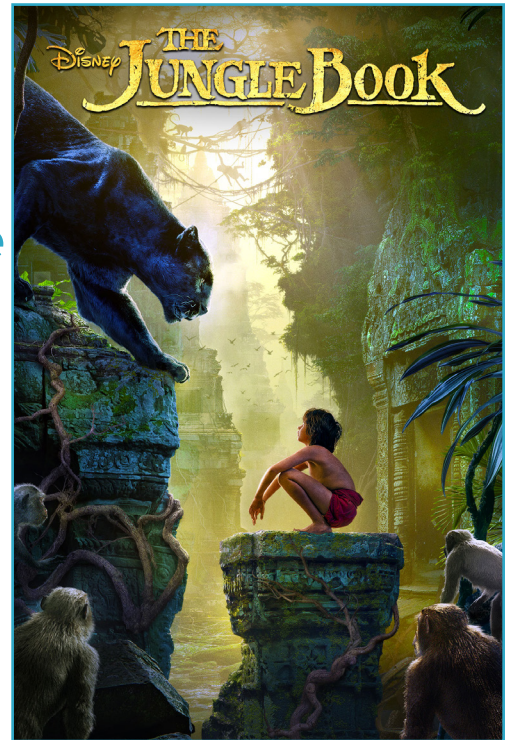


*Pete Lupu is the street supervisor for the Simpsonville Public Works Department.*

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PUBLIC WORKS  
SIMPLY DEPENDABLE.



**June 8th**



**July 13th**



**Aug. 10th**

**CCNB  
Amphitheatre**

**Gates at 7:30  
p.m.**

**Movies at  
sundown**

**PERMITTED:**

- Chairs
- Outside food
- Outside beverages
- Coolers

**PROHIBITED:**

- Alcoholic drinks
- Shrink rays
- Mischievous twins
- Evil Bengal tigers

