

# SIMPLY ARTISTIC

Local artist brightens downtown with murals

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Artist and muralist Lacey Hennessey poses with an interactive element in one of two planned murals for South Main Street in Downtown Simpsonville.

Downtown Simpsonville is a little brighter now after artist Lacey Hennessey completed a 15-foot by 50-foot mural on South Main Street. Hennessey, who owns and operates *Hennessey in the Home*, installed the mural on the northward-facing wall of the Main Street alleyway in an impressive five days.

Hennessey said working in Simpsonville has been a pleasant experience.

"I was overwhelmed by the kind words of encouragement and friendly faces that I saw each day," Hennessey said. "Whether it was members of the community on their daily morning walk or talking with kids at night while they were enjoying ice cream, downtown was an incredibly welcoming atmosphere, one that I hope I have merely enhanced."

And Hennessey has definitely enhanced the downtown area. With a mural consisting of bright bold colors and elements inspired by the importance of community to Simpsonville residents, Hennessey went above and beyond the expectations of the Mural Artist Selection Committee that chose her for the downtown murals project. Simpsonville Community Relations Specialist Justin Campbell said Hennessey was "without a doubt" the right artist for the job.

"We were blown away by Ms. Hennessey's design," said Campbell, who served on the Committee. "Ms. Hennessey



Lacey Hennessey paints one of two planned murals on South Main Street in October.

truly captured what it means to visit and live in the City of Simpsonville by focusing on family, entertainment, outdoor recreation and history, and that's on top of the creative interactive elements she incorporated. The mural is simply magnificent."

The Committee stressed to the artist that interactive elements would be crucial to the success of the mural. Ms. Hennessey delivered by including mylar balloons spelling out the city's name that one can "hold" and a dog whose paw one can "shake."

At the City Council Committee of the Whole meeting in September, Councilwoman Jenn Hulehan of Ward 3 said the mural design conveys Simpsonville "is home" and applauded the interactivity.

"People are going to want to get out there and take their photos in front of (the mural)," Mayor pro-tem Hulehan said before Council approved the design.

Council gave the go ahead again at a business meeting in October for Hennessey to execute a second mural planned for the southward-facing wall of the same building. The mural depicts a drive-in movie scene with multiple elements from the City's brand, including a bonus element that pays homage to South Carolina, the Palmetto State.

"Whether you're walking or driving by, you'll quickly recognize the appearance of a drive-in theater representing classic Americana," Ms. Hennessey said. "The mural gives several nods to Simpsonville's brand, such as the diamonds as shown on the sign and in the stars and the countdown 'S' on the outdoor screen. I hope those passing by have just that pride in a new addition to the town."

Ms. Hennessey is expected to begin work on the second mural the week of Oct. 19th and finish by the end of the month. Funding for the murals includes money allocated by Council and generous donations by the Simpsonville Arts Foundation, Inc. and Hunter Howard, Jr., who permitted the City to both construct the new alleyway and install the two new murals on his building.



Artist Lacey Hennessey completed a 15-foot by 50-foot mural on South Main Street in an impressive five working days.



Simpsonville City Council approved the above design by artist Lacey Hennessey for an additional mural planned for the southward-facing wall of the Howard property on South Main Street. The mural is designed to accommodate parked vehicles.

Summer Music Series & Food Truck Rodeo

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SIMPLY SUMMERTIME

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Scenes  
from the  
Music Series!



The Southern Rock band Reservoir Dogs opened up the Music Series in August on a perfect summer day.



A pair at the Retro Vertigo concert enjoyed dancing on the spacious lawn at the CCNB Amphitheatre.



Members of the Simpsonville Arts Foundation enjoy a concert by the Chicago tribute band Chicago Rewired.



The violin duo Synergy Twins was the second act of the Music Series. Despite the rain, they played a great set.



A group of children watch rising Nashville group Dugger Band, which played a combination of original tunes, 90s country and pop music. Simpsonville and SAFI look forward to hosting the 2021 season!

# Simpsonville

## PUBLIC WORKS



### RESIDENTIAL LEAF PICKUP HAS BEGUN

The Simpsonville Public Works Department began collecting leaves in October. Vacuum trucks will collect loose leaves from only residential properties through April. To be collected, leaves must be loose and neatly piled at the curb.

Please do not place leaves on or near storm drains. If leaves are not raked onto the curb when the vacuum truck moves down a block, the truck will not backtrack for properties at a later time. However, crews will make periodic return trips through neighborhoods. **Note that there is no set schedule for leaf pickup.**

Because yard debris other than leaves can damage the trucks, **do not place grass clippings, branches or brush in leaf piles.**

Leaf pickup may be delayed at times due to weather, equipment and personnel availability and emergencies, such as storm cleanup.



### ...AND SO HAS BRUSH PICKUP!

In addition to leaf pickup, Public Works also continues to collect brush from only residential properties within city limits. To be collected, brush piles must be placed at least 5 feet from the curb to allow the brush truck's mechanical arm enough room. Please do not place brush piles near mailboxes, utility poles, fences, trees or other stationary objects. To ensure the safety of mo-

torists and pedestrians, please do not block traffic lanes with brush piles.

All limbs must be 6" in diameter or less and 6 feet in length or less. Do not include stumps, root balls or dirt. Additionally, please do not place brush or other yard debris on or near storm drains.

**Lastly, yard waste from commercial services must be disposed of by the company and not left for collection by the City.**

There is no set schedule for brush collection. **Length of time between collections for any one residence is determined by how heavy the volume of brush is at that particular time.**



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PARKS & REC

## THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW



## SIMPLY STRANGE

The night of Oct. 30 will be “simply strange” when the Simpsonville Parks & Recreation Department hosts a free screening of the 1975 musical comedy *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. A cult classic, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* follows sweethearts Brad and Janet, whose flat tire strands them near Dr. Frank-N-Furter’s eerie mansion. To escape the storm, the couple enters the mansion, where they meet a host of wild characters during a series of elaborate songs and dances, during which Dr. Frank-N-Furter unveils his latest creation: a hunk named Rocky.



**Free admission**



**Oct. 30th at 7**



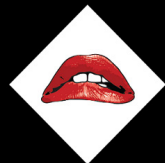
**CCNB Amphitheatre**



**Ages 21+**



**Alcohol for purchase**



## Simpsonville's SIMPLY SPOOKY MOVIE NIGHT

It'll Be Simply Paranormal!

The Simpsonville Parks & Recreation Department and Simpsonville Area Chamber of Commerce will host *Simply Spooky Movie Night* on Oct. 24 at the CCNB Amphitheatre at Heritage Park. Sponsored by Ray Thompson's Upstate Karate, *Simply Spooky Movie Night* will feature a

free showing of the kids Halloween movie *ParaNorman*, and the first 1,500 kids inside the gates, which open at 6 p.m., will receive free treat bags safely packaged with candy and toys.



The City and Chamber partnered with Upstate Karate and other sponsors to bring Simpsonville a fun family-friendly Halloween event in lieu of *Halloween at Heritage Park* for 2020. Simpsonville Special

Events Coordinator Lisa Everidge said *Simply Spooky Movie Night* is a safe way to enjoy the fall holiday in the midst of a global pandemic.

“The City has already had success with social distancing at the CCNB Amphitheatre with the *Simpsonville Summer Music Series & Food Truck Rodeo*, and we believe we’ll replicate that success with *Simply Spooky Movie Night*,” Everidge said. “We are excited to partner with the Chamber to provide families with outdoor fun while taking appropriate precautions.”

Due to the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, the City and Chamber opted to suspend the annual *Halloween at Heritage Park* to hold a scaled down event that still offers free candy, treats and movie.

“Dress up in your best costume, line up at the gates at 6 and have a ‘simply spooky’ evening in Simpsonville,” Everidge said.



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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- 🎃 Stay away from long trailing fabric when choosing a costume
- 🎃 Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources
- 🎃 Keep exits clear of decorations
- 🎃 Use battery-operated candles in jack-o-lanterns; use **extreme caution** if you use a real candle
- 🎃 Instruct children to stay away from open flames and teach them how to stop, drop and roll

### Thanksgiving Day Safety Tips

- 🦃 Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop
- 🦃 Keep children away from the stove
- 🦃 Stay home when cooking your turkey and check it frequently
- 🦃 Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids
- 🦃 Keep knives and appliance cords out of reach of children
- 🦃 Keep matches and utility lighters away from children
- 🦃 Make sure fire alarms work

### SAFETY TIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room on all levels
- Interconnect smoke alarms so that if one sounds, all sound
- Use smoke alarms and alert devices available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing; some alarms have strobe lights
- Have an escape plan

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly 800 reported home fires each year. More than 1/3 of these fires were started by a candle.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Let them help with safe recipes.

Include everyone in the home in escape planning. Each person should have input. Home fire drills are important, and everyone should participate.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### PINKIE IS OUT & ABOUT!



Pinkie, a retired patrol car, was made possible by donations.

The Simpsonville Police Department helps fight cancer with its former patrol vehicle turned cancer awareness cruiser Pinkie. Ofc. James Ballard, Pinkie's new handler, has taken Pinkie on a tour around Simpsonville and the Greenville area to both show her off and remind the public that cancer touches everyone. "All of us have been affected by cancer one way or another, and recognizing that is a huge step in defeating the disease," he said. "Pinkie is a great way to increase cancer awareness." Learn more about Pinkie on her Facebook page @pinkiespd and Instagram @Pinkie\_SPD. Join Pinkie to #SimplyFight cancer until cancer is no more!

