



*We are excited to present this first edition of our new quarterly Main Street Woodruff Newsletter newsletter! You will find information here on community businesses, events, and projects.*

## WHAT IS MAIN STREET WOODRUFF?

The City of Woodruff became one of thirteen towns accredited as a Main Street Community by Main Street South Carolina in August 2013. Main Street South Carolina is a service of the South Carolina Municipal Association dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of the downtown cores of towns throughout the state.

Our Mission: Main Street Woodruff works together with the community to improve quality of life enhancing the town's business environment, community activities, and physical appearance. There are many ways for Woodruff residents, business owners, and property owners to get involved in this program. Please visit the office for more information.

## CREATIVE PLACEMAKING

The City of Woodruff has embarked on a Creative Placemaking project that includes two downtown murals, a "Wishes for Woodruff" ceramic tile project, and a future artist incubator space. The plan was written by Public Art Consultant and former Spartanburg City Councilwoman Cate Ryba.

Ryba said, "In small cities like Woodruff, creative activities and projects focused on community engagement can serve as an important growth stimulus. Through event-based creative projects and utilization of vacant spaces, both indoor and outdoor, Woodruff will increase tourism, boost civic pride, support economic development projects and foster population growth."

The new Welcome to Woodruff mural (shown above) represents items of significance to the Woodruff community that have been emphasized throughout committee meetings and public input meetings.

### *We support our local Woodruff businesses!*

Owners of existing and potential businesses in Woodruff may access support resources from the Main Street office. Please contact Alyson Leslie at (864) 476-2133 or aleslie@cityofwoodruff.com for more information.

### *Opening Soon*

**Woodruff Public House and Restaurant**  
139 South Main Street

The Woodruff Public House and Restaurant will open downtown soon! The restaurant will have a traditional Irish menu and kids menu as well as American favorites such as burgers, sandwiches, salads, soups, seafood, and steak. There will be live entertainment daily and a full service bar.

### *Recently Opened*

**The Gallery Tattoo of Woodruff**  
111 South Main Street

The Gallery Tattoo of Woodruff is now open for business with tattoo artists Brandon Wofford, Richard Frey, Colt Strickland, Ray Griggs, and award winning artist Dewayne "Cheezie" Gallagher.

**KB Vapor Hut**  
312 South Main Street

KB Vapor Hut is now open for business next to Flower Patch Florist. Every Thursday, they run a buy one, get one half off sale on the house Eliquid. Stop by and see them!

**Courthouse Gym, LLC**  
110 North Main Street

Join for \$40 per month individually or \$70 per month as a couple to enjoy unlimited intense group style fitness classes. You can also try one class for FREE. Visit them on Facebook or contact owner/trainer Morgan Smith for more information: (864) 415-2390.

**Perfect African Hair Braiding & Boutique**  
823 North Main Street

The boutique specializes in Senegalese twist, Kinky twist, Havana twist, Micro braids, Goddess braids, Cornrows, sewing & more.... Blessed with talented braiders. For more information, call (864) 518-7389.

# A WORD FROM WOODRUFF FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF WADE GODFREY



When asked to produce an article for this first edition of the City's new quarterly newsletter, I began to think about the many different things that I could write about and share with you. Ultimately I came to the conclusion that I should use this first publication as an opportunity to "introduce" you to your fire department, briefly describe our organization, and recognize the selfless contributions of our members who serve this community day after day.

Officially organized in 1921, the Woodruff Fire Department dates back as far as the late 1800's, when local townsmen formed a bucket brigade for battling fires in the community. The dedicated men and women of this department, both past and present, have served this community faithfully and willingly for nearly ninety-five years. Our department has a rich history, of which we are all very proud, and we continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our dedicated staff. The Woodruff Fire Department consists of three stations. We operate a fleet of four engine companies, one rescue/engine, two service companies, one aerial platform, two command vehicles, a rehabilitation unit, and a Polaris Ranger UTV that is used for special events and incidents inaccessible by our larger apparatus. We also have a fire safety house that is used for public fire prevention courses at our schools and during local events.

Our department is staffed from 8:00am until 5:00pm, seven days a week, with three firefighters. We use part-time employees working a rotating schedule to fill these three positions each day. Our department also has a dedicated group of nearly thirty volunteers. These volunteer personnel support our paid suppression members during our staffed hours, and our volunteers are solely responsible for all calls for service and any/all fire department activities during our "unstaffed" hours from 5:00pm until 8:00am.

We respond to approximately five hundred calls for service annually. We serve the City of Woodruff and the surrounding communities in the Fire Service Area in Spartanburg County. The Woodruff Fire Department's fire district encompasses nearly sixty-five square miles, making our call area the second largest fire district in Spartanburg County.

As an emergency services organization, we strive to provide the highest possible level of service to everyone who lives in, works in, or visits the Woodruff Fire District. Over the last ninety-five years, the Woodruff Fire Department has expanded its services to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. Our department offers fire suppression, fire prevention, and technical rescue services. Our personnel work diligently to provide the protection that our citizens have come to expect and deserve.

Although we have reached several milestones during recent months, one thing that we are especially proud of is the reduction in our Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. We scored well enough on our last evaluation to lower our rating to a Class 3/3x. This rating plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. What this means, is that homeowners within the Woodruff Fire Service Area could see a reduced premium for fire protection for personal or commercial property insurance. At the time of our notification of our rating class reduction, the published nationwide distribution of communities by their ISO class showed that only 2,410 fire departments out of 49,010 had achieved this rating.

However, none of our accomplishments would have been possible without our volunteers. We've celebrated ninety-four years of committed individuals saving lives, protecting property, helping people, and making a difference. It has taken special people to provide the services that we do. It has taken the kind of special people that love to help people and live to be challenged. People that have a love for this profession, and there is something incredibly inspiring about watching people doing something they love.

How was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. able to lead the largest non-violent revolution in American history for the rights of African Americans? How did Mahatma Gandhi, a man with no title, no wealth, and no desire for fame, bring freedom to millions of people? How did Winston Churchill overcome a speech impediment to become one of the world's greatest orators and political leaders?

All of these people, and countless others, who have inspired millions of people around the world share a common thread; passion and love for the job. When you have passion and a love for what you are doing, or passion for the mission, vision, and core values, you inspire people.

Luckily, we have this amongst the rank and file here at the WFD. Our members have made a commitment to themselves, and to this community, to build an unstoppable force of great firefighters.

If we can assist you in any way, or if you have any additional information that you would like to learn about your fire department, please let us know.

In Service,  
Wade M. Godfrey, Fire Chief



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**OCT 31** This year's *Halloween on Main* event will include a costume contest, a haunted house, fun Halloween games, a DJ dance party, and an outdoor showing of Hotel Transylvania on a large screen. We will announce the winners of our Local Business Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt and Pumpkin Decorating Contest during the Halloween on Main event at 8pm just before the movie begins. Visit the Main Street office or fill out our online form at [Jotform.us/MainStreetWoodruff/Halloween\\_on\\_Main\\_Entry\\_Form](http://Jotform.us/MainStreetWoodruff/Halloween_on_Main_Entry_Form) to enter the contests, volunteer, vend, sponsor, or sign up to trunk-or-treat. Call us for more information.

*The Woodruff Leisure Center* has ongoing programs for all age groups! Senior fitness class, Senior Solutions, ACE (After Class Enrichment) Program/afterschool program, Line dancing, Zumba, Yoga, Piano, WWWC (Woodruff Wolverines Walking Club), and a new hip-hop dance/tumbling class coming soon! Looking to host an event? Call for rental rates! Stay up to date with our Facebook page online at [www.facebook.com/WoodruffLeisureCenter~KoulaMetasoumis](http://www.facebook.com/WoodruffLeisureCenter~KoulaMetasoumis)

**NOV 19** *Holiday on Main:* Bring the whole family and get in the Christmas spirit with our downtown holiday event on November 19 from 2:00–8:00pm. Holiday on Main will feature an arts and crafts market, photos with Santa, Christmas tree lighting, and Christmas carols. Ring in the holiday season on Main Street! For more details or to register as a vendor contact the Main Street office.

## CHURCHES AND NON-PROFITS

### **OCT 28** *Cedar Shoals Baptist Church*

Cedar Shoals Baptist Church in Enoree would like to invite children and their families to Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 28th from 6:00-7:30pm. There will be a free hot dog supper at 6:00pm, and then everyone will move outside for more fun. Enjoy a bouncy house, inflatable obstacle course, and trunk or treating with games, candy, and prizes.

### **OCT 31** *Enoree First Baptist Trunk or Treat - October 31, 2015*

Drop by the church parking lot from 6:00–8:00pm where members will give out free treats in a safe and gospel-centered Trick or Treat atmosphere.

### **NOV 5** *Helping Hands*

Helping Hands will have their annual Banquet & Silent Auction on Nov 5, 2015 at 6:30 at First Baptist Woodruff. They will have a Pulled Pork Dinner including Beans, Slaw, Dessert and Drink for \$7 per plate. There will be a silent auction and entertainment.

### **NOV 7** *Woodruff Area Soup Kitchen*

The Woodruff Area Soup Kitchen is planning a Skinner's BBQ fundraiser for November 7th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Plates: \$8.00. The kitchen will pre-sell Boston Butts for \$35. Call 706-0896 to place an order.

## DOG DAZE RE-CAP

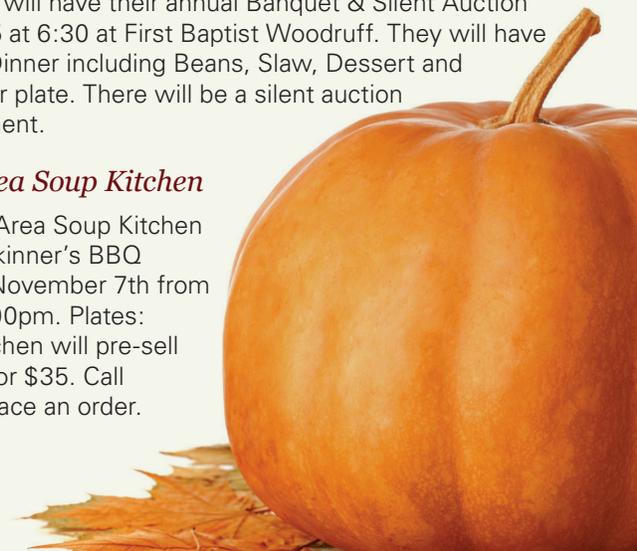
On September 12th and 13th, the City of Woodruff hosted the annual Dog Daze of Woodruff Festival featuring the Woodruff Chili Crawl and "Goat Craze at Dog Daze" goat show. Furry friends alike joined Woodruff citizens for a weekend full of entertainment, contests, and fun! Canines participated in a jumping contest with the Palmetto Dock Dogs. Several dogs also participated in the Parade of Paws contest as characters such as Mickey Mouse and a Gamecock fan!

Sales from event resulted in a \$1,000 donation to The Woodruff Police Department's Coats for Kids program! A speaker from Upstate Wounded Warrior Solutions capped off events on Saturday night, as he acknowledged a salute to veterans and those currently serving. The event was filled with live entertainment, karaoke, craft and food vendors, and fun fellowship between Woodruff residents and visitors.



### *Remembering Little Willie*

The Dog Daze of Woodruff Festival mascot, Little Willie, passed away shortly after the event this year. Please keep Little Willie's owner, Kathi Burnett, and everyone who knew and loved him in your prayers.





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### *Advertise your events and projects in our 2016 Newsletters!*

Send us information about your projects & events for your Woodruff business, non-profit, or church that you would like to see in this newsletter. Your advertisements will be completely free and will be included on a first come, first serve basis for all of our 2016 newsletters.

Please submit your information as JPEG files. The deadline to submit information to us for our Winter newsletter will be December 15th. The newsletter will be distributed in mid-January. Contact the Main Street office for more information.

### *McKinney Park Upgrades*

McKinney Park is now under renovation based on a design by Landplan Group South that originated from a series of community input meetings in May of 2013. Additions to the park include an amphitheater, spray ground, walking trails, new basketball court, new concession stand, and more. The original Ham Werner softball field will remain in place. There will be a removable fence surrounding the field to allow the space to be used for other purposes outside of softball season. The park is currently closed during renovations and is scheduled to re-open in March of 2016.



## EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Your support for our community events enhances the activities and entertainment that draw Woodruff residents and visitors together to enjoy everything that the town has to offer. We invite you to partner with us to enhance our opportunities to bring the community together.

Sponsorship of Main Street Woodruff enables you to:

- Promote your business to Woodruff residents and visitors
- Actively involve your business with the community
- Support the goals of enhancing the Woodruff community

Please contact the office for more information on sponsorship.

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