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THE AIKEN REPORT

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111 Chesterfield Street South, Aiken, SC 29801



Earth Day Aiken Returns

The City of Aiken's annual Earth Day Festival returns to the Newberry St. Festival Area and The Alley on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The hours are 9 AM to 1 PM.

The celebration theme is "Preserving for Tomorrow What We All Enjoy Today." The goal is to engage the Aiken community in a festive atmosphere that promotes environmental awareness, energy conservation, and personal stewardship.

Earth Day Aiken is a family-focused event open to children, adults, and others seeking information on various science, technology, nature, horticulture, and conservation topics. Craft projects, face painting, and a kids' inflatable run course are also included for the youngest visitors. Family canines on leashes are also welcome.

Earth Day Aiken begins Friday night when local restaurants include an Energy Conservation theme in their dining rooms, frequently using candles and other reduced lighting.

The festive event will include guided small group tours into Hitchcock Woods, a two-mile People Chase Fun Run, exhibits, food stations, music, guest speakers, and many fun-filled educational displays. A guided tour of nearby Hitchcock Woods has always been a popular feature of past Earth Day Aiken events. Transportation will be available to shuttle guests between The Woods and the downtown Festival area.

The City of Aiken Energy & Environmental Committee, and many volunteers and exhibitors, are responsible for organizing, raising funds, and supporting this annual event. Earth Day Aiken would not be possible without considerable support from sponsors in the community, and City Departments.

For more information, visit the Earth Day Aiken website www.earthdayaiken.org



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM
803-642-7631

Athletics/Leisure and Recreation Programs/
Community Events/Rental Facilities

AIKEN ALERTS CENTER
803-502-4843

Water Main Breaks/Boil Water Advisories/
Road Closures/Holiday Closings

FINANCE
803-642-7603

Water Bills/Taxes/New Water Service/
Disconnect Services/Business Licenses



Spring Story Time
Tuesdays in March, April & May at 4 PM
Rye Patch Lawn
803-642-7650

Summer Day Camp
Monday – Friday, June 12 – July 21
Registration opens on April 3!
Odell Weeks Activities Center
803-642-7631

Lessie B. Price Aiken Senior & Youth Center Annual Open House
Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 1 PM
All ages; Free Admission
Lessie B. Price Aiken Senior & Youth Center
803-643-2181

Living, Loving, And Lifelong Learning: Topics For Healthy Aging
Tuesday, May 2, 11 AM - 1 PM
Topic: Caring For Caregivers
“Take Care Of Yourself So You Can Care For Others”
Lessie B. Price Aiken Senior & Youth Center
803-643-2181

Sprayground
April 1 - October 1, 2023
Monday: 1 – 8 PM; Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 AM – 8 PM
Saturday – Sunday: 1 – 8 PM
Citizens Park (945 Barry Johnson Blvd)
Free admission
803-642-7631

Art Walk
Tuesday, April 4, 5 - 8 PM
Downtown Aiken
803-293-7846



DOWNTOWN AIKEN, SC • **SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

April Character Word: Enthusiasm
Expressing interest and excitement in what I do
The City of Aiken is proud to be a community of character and participates in the Character First initiative by encouraging its citizens and employees to practice monthly character traits for the betterment of our city.

- April 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM: The Lady & The Gents**
Sponsored by Vikki & Brandi at Meybohm
The Lady & The Gents is described as a classic and classy R&B and Smooth Jazz Band.
- April 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM: The Aiken Brass**
Sponsored by Aiken County Farmers Market
The Aiken Brass is made up of six members and has been performing for over 20 years at church services, weddings, festivals, and parties.
- April 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM: Southern Elite Cloggers**
Sponsored by Daybreak Adult Care Services, Inc.
A national award-winning team is ready to take the stage. Come see the Southern Elite Cloggers perform a variety of routines from ages 3 and up through senior adults.
- April 24, 2023 at 6:30 PM: Heart & Soul**
Sponsored by Security Federal
Heart & Soul is made up of seven local musicians who perform together for local parties, festivals and weddings throughout the community.

CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD MEETINGS


- APR 4 DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - 5:30 PM**
- APR 10 & 24 CITY COUNCIL - 7 PM**
- APR 11 PLANNING COMMISSION - 5 PM**
- APR 25 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - 5:30 PM**

ALL COUNCIL AND BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 111 CHESTERFIELD ST. S, AIKEN, SC 29801

TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

- Recycling weeks defined by **RED** or **BLUE** week.
- View schedule @ www.cityofaikensc.gov/recycling
- Roll carts to the curb by 7 AM on the day of pickup.
- Disability assistance, please call 803-642-7613.

Week of APR 3 / **RED** Week of APR 24 / **BLUE**
Week of APR 10 / **BLUE**
Week of APR 17 / **RED**



Aiken Explorer mobile App

Rain out Notices; Report Issues; Maps; Live Meetings

CMO OFFICE 803-642-7654 General concerns/ City Council info	BUILDING CODES 803-642-7675 Permits/ Code Enforcement	UTILITIES 803-642-7617 Water Leaks/Sewer/ Stormwater Issues	PLANNING 803-642-7608 Planning/ Zoning Annexations	PUBLIC SERVICES 803-642-7613 Garbage/Recycling/ Yard Debris
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