Easley Music Series returns for second year

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The sounds of summer will soon return to downtown Easley.

Easley's Summer Music Series is set to kick off May 1 with a performance by The Flashbacks, according to Scott Buckhiester, vice president of operations for DunBurks Premier Events.

"It's just a great, wonderful family time," Buckhiester said. "It turns out to just be a big family of local folks and people that have traveled to come to a nice family event."

He said the music series, which is held in Old Market Square from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., will be every Friday night in May and also June 12 and 19.

"We have a wonderful area there in downtown Easley that we can do things like this," Buckhiester said. "It's just a fantastic venue for concerts."

There will be food vendors, inflatables for children and dancing, according to Buckhiester, and local and regional bands are lined up for shows throughout the season.

"This year we're working out to have an instructor there for some line dance instructions during the breaks," he said.

This is the second year for the free event.

Easley City Councilman Chris Mann said it's important for a community to have these kinds of events. He said things like the music series can draw people downtown and can build up the idea of fellowship in the community.

"On a Friday night you're going downtown; you're sitting and listening to music, talking, being around friends," he said. "It's just kind of something to bring everybody downtown."

Buckhiester said last year the event was every other Friday night and went into July.

"It was just too hot," Buckhiester said with a laugh. "We decided to go ahead and get it in in the spring ... before the heat gets too bad."

He said the music series gives options to residents so they don't have to travel outside of Easley for entertainment.

"With the economy like it is and gasoline the way it is, to stay home and provide entertainment here in the town where we live is our goal," Buckhiester said.