Pickens set for some summer night music

Cruise 'N and Music on Main series returns to downtown on Saturday

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Saturday nights in June will offer live music and classic rides as the Cruise 'N and Music on Main event returns for its second year in downtown Pickens.

June 4 will feature custom cars, June 11 Jeeps, June 18 motorcycles and June 25 classic cars, said Scott Buckhiester, vice president of operations for DunBurks Premier Events, which is helping the city put on the event.

Music will be from 7-10 p.m., Buckhiester said. He said cruise-in vehicles are asked to check in between 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The event will be on Main Street in Pickens with the stage in the lot of the Bradley-Boggs House, Buckhiester said.

"This is a family event," he said. "The cruise-in part is nostalgic ... Many years ago Sunday afternoons were spent cruising Main Street of Pickens."

City Administrator Katherine Brackett said there will be live music from bands, food and inflatables for children. She said kids can also bring model or matchbox cars for display.

The event is designed to bring people downtown, Brackett said.

"It's great for the businesses and the restaurants," she said. "It's good exposure for the town, and it gives people something to do on a Saturday night where we can hopefully retain them in town and not lose them to somewhere else."

Buckhiester said the event was three Saturdays in June last year and has been expanded to all the Saturdays in June this year.

Brackett said last year they had about 1,500 to 2,000 people each week. She said they had about 200 vehicles participating each week.

"We had so much positive feedback, and people were saying why don't you do four or people even saying why don't you do the whole summer," Brackett said. "We'll try four nights, and we're just kind of learning and correcting as we go."