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Friday's ceremonial first skate begins the 2016-2017 season of United Community Bank's Ice on Main.

# Skating away: 6th season of Ice on Main kicks off

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The ceremonial first skate at the opening of United Community Bank's Ice on Main looked a little unusual Friday as some skaters wore short sleeves in the 78 degree weather.

The opening of the temporary downtown skating rink marks the unofficial start of Greenville's holiday season.

This is the sixth year for Ice on Main, which is at Village Green (in front of the Courtyard Marriott on South. Main). More than 75,000 skaters have spent time on the ice in the past five seasons, according to Greenville city council member Amy Doyle.

The 2016-17 season kicked off with the Friday ceremonial first skate and performances by the choir from St. Anthony of Padua School and the Greenville Figure Skating Club.

Last year's frequent rain shortened the 2015-16 skating season, forcing the rink to remain closed for 14 of its 60 scheduled operating days.

Rain does not appear to be a threat to this year's Ice on Main season, and current high temperatures aren't expected to stick around. A cool down is expected in the Upstate this weekend.

Ice on Main is open seven days a week through Jan. 16. The cost is $10 for adults, $8 for children 12 and under. Prices include free skate rental.

## Ice on Main

**Hours:**

Monday- Thursday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**School break hours (Dec. 19-30):**

Monday–Thursday11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Holiday hours:**

Nov. 23 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Christmas Eve 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Christmas Day 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

New Year's Eve 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

New Year's Day 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Final Day – Monday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m. to -9 p.m.

*The Greenville News* is a sponsor of the event. For more info, visit iceonmain.com.