

Visitors & Newcomers Guide to Laurens County



2021

Welcome



Whether you're here for a day, a weekend or a lifetime, welcome to Laurens County. You're certain to find something you like. If you're here for a visit, you just might find yourself wanting to stay.

If you've decided to make Laurens County your home, congratulations on a wise decision. Laurens County reflects the best of what's good about South Carolina. It is beautiful, safe, quiet, exciting and growing — though not too much, and not too fast.

Public education, private education, higher education, quality health care, exciting and challenging recreational opportunities, lakes, rivers, arts, culture, a variety of churches, jobs, natural beauty — it's all here in Laurens County, South Carolina.

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About 66,000 people make their homes across the 722-square-miles of Laurens County. Thirty percent of them live in the cities of Clinton and Laurens with the remainder living in the communities of Cross Hill, Gray Court, Hickory Tavern, Mountville, Joanna, Ware Shoals, Waterloo or in other rural areas.

Laurens County is home to some of the finest people, businesses and industries in the world. In January 2013 one of Laurens County's own, Ali Rogers, competed as Miss South Carolina for the title of Miss America, coming away with First Runnerup honors.

And it's a great place to call home if you decide to stay with us.



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The history of Laurens County



Native Americans were the first known inhabitants of the area now known as Laurens County.

The first known European settler to arrive in what is now Laurens County was John Duncan in 1753.

He liked the lush vegetation and abundant wildlife he found in the area and settled around a creek in the northeastern section of the county not far from the present city of Clinton.

Part of the old Ninety Six district, Laurens became a separate county in 1785 and was named for Revolutionary War-era patriot Henry Laurens of Charleston.

The town of Laurens (known as Laurensville well into the 19th century) became the county seat and the first courthouse was erected in 1786.

The current courthouse was built in 1840 and enlarged in 1857. Laurens County opened a new judicial center in 2000, moving most county offices from the courthouse on the public square in Laurens. A major addition to this Judicial/Services Center opened in 2016.

The town of Clinton (named for Henry Clinton Young, local attorney and member of the South Carolina General Assembly) built up around Holland's store, which in 1809 housed the only post office in the eastern part of Laurens County.

No military action occurred in Laurens County during the Civil War, though many native sons who went off to war became casualties of the conflict.

The desire to grow more cotton depleted forests as land was cleared and poor agricultural practices depleted the fertility of the soil.

With the building of railroads in the last half of the 19th century, the towns and communities of Cross Hill, Mountville, Waterloo, Ora and Lanford grew.

History of Laurens



The historic City of Laurens serves as the Laurens County seat and is the county's largest municipality. Until 1785, the area now known as Laurens County was a part of the Ninety Six (judicial) district. The first record of the town being officially called Laurens appears on a charter issued in 1873.

Most of the governmental, commercial, residential and religious buildings were built between 1880 and 1952 and are a visual record of the economic prosperity and growth that followed the construction of several railroads through Laurens between 1870 and 1900.

By 1906, Laurens had two major cotton-related industrial plants — a cotton knit mill and a weaving operation. In the 1930s, the major industries in Laurens were two cotton mills and a glass manufacturing plant, which was the first major effort in the county towards industrial diversification. Industry had been focused heavily on textiles up to this time and except for the glass works, remained so until the third quarter of the 20th century.

In the 1950s and 1960s, more job diversification took place to include additional textile works, steel fabricating operations and mobile home builders. Farm feeds, fiberglass, machine parts and paper-box manufacturing also became a part of the Laurens economic scene.

All county schools were under one superintendent until the 1950s, when the county was divided into District 55 (Laurens) and District 56 (Clinton). The population of Laurens is well over 10,000; however, the city serves a surrounding population of better than twice that.

The area of the public square and most of the surrounding streets are now officially recognized as the "Laurens Historic District," which has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Each fall, the city's square plays host to the State Barbecue Championship during the "Squealin' on the Square" festival.

History of Clinton



With at least three separate charters (1852, 1866, 1890) documented in state record books and other anecdotal accounts of its founding passed down through the ages, tracing the exact origins of Clinton, Laurens County's second largest municipality, can be as murky as the muddied land upon which the city was established.

Prior to 1852, Clinton was simply a stop for people on their way to somewhere else.

The area which has grown to become the city's downtown was originally an intersection of two main highways — the Greenville-Columbia Highway and the Spartanburg-Augusta Highway.

The first buildings in the area were constructed on those lots at the corner of present day Broad and Pitts streets.

In the end, it was decided to name the town after Henry Clinton Young, a lawyer from Laurensville who helped design the layout of the first streets.

With the arrival of Dr. William Plumer Jacobs in 1864, Clinton received not only an eager, young Presbyterian minister, but also an avid writer who kept a daily journal of his life and edited a monthly magazine for Thornwell Orphanage.

Clinton's history can be traced through both from 1864 until Jacobs' death in 1917.

Jacobs founded Thornwell Orphanage and the first building was completed in 1875.

In 1874, Jacobs made the decision to establish a college in Clinton — Presbyterian College.

In 1896, entrepreneur M.S. Bailey decided to build a cotton mill on Sloan Hill.

A second cotton mill was organized in 1902. Clinton Mills, later called CMI, broke ground for the Bailey Plant in 1966 on U.S. 76 west. CMI has since closed all four local manufacturing plants and closed its doors for good in 2001. The New York-based Richloom Fabrics Group reopened the 200,000-square-foot Bailey Plant in 2003.

In November, 2016, Clinton was accepted into the Main Street South Carolina program. The City's annual festival is Rhythm on the Rails.

GE Renewable Energy came to Clinton in 2017.

History of Joanna



Prior to the Civil War, the area now known as Joanna was an agricultural community known as Martin's Depot.

After several families moved into the area in the 1850s, a post office/stagecoach stop was established on Feb. 3, 1853.

In 1872, James S. Blalock, former land overseer from Union County, purchased 7,000 acres of land at Martin's Depot with gold he had earned running bales of cotton through a land blockade during the Civil War.

Because of this, his estate became known as Goldville, and on May 2, 1883, the name became official when the post office name was changed from Martin's Depot to Goldville.

In 1924, Banna Manufacturing Company was sold to Hartshorn, Hack and Durgin of New York and renamed Joanna Manufacturing Company after one of the new owner's wives.

The owners of the company were very interested in the welfare of the town's residents.

Indoor plumbing was installed, trees, shrubs and grass were planted, a community house was established and a registered nurse was hired for the village.

Joanna Manufacturing Company was sold in 1937 to William H. Regnery, president of the Western Shade Cloth Company in Chicago.

The Joanna Foundation, an idea of Regnery's, was established in 1945 to benefit the four areas the company's management had shown interest in: health, education, recreation and special events.

On Aug. 1, 1948, the post office was officially named Joanna. Today, Joanna is the biggest unincorporated town in South Carolina and boasts its own community development group, the Joanna Economic Development Corporation. A feature of its annual festival is "Puttin' on the Hits."



History of Gray Court

The Town of Gray Court is nestled in the northwest corner of Laurens County.

Originally named Dorroh, or Dorrohville, in honor of a local family, the town's first post office was housed at the Dorroh home in 1874.

The Dorroh home, also known as the Dorroh Inn, welcomed a stream of travelers from Augusta, Georgia.

The first train came through the town in 1886 and in the following year a depot was built.

The town changed its name in 1899 after a heated debate between Methodists and Presbyterians caused the small village to hold an election to settle the dispute.

The Methodists were victorious and named the town after a prominent cotton

planter named Robert Adams Gray.

Legend has it that Gray suggested adding the "Court" because it lent an air of British-like sophistication to the community.

A school was built north of Gray Court before 1900 and in 1902, the school at Gray Court and the Owings school merged to form Gray Court-Owings School.

In 1900, the county's first oil mill was built in the town. The first census of Gray Court was also taken that year and showed 181 residents.

In 1937, Highway 14 was constructed through Gray Court and 41 years later, a town hall was opened.

Pioneer Days is held here each September.

History of Cross Hill



The fast-growing Cross Hill area is located in the southeastern corner of Laurens County, bordered on the east by Newberry County and on the southwest by Lake Greenwood. The Town of Cross Hill's corporate limits consist of an area with a one-mile radius.

From the Saluda River at Chappells, in Newberry County, to Greenville, there is a high ridge that Native Americans used as a path from Charleston to their mountain villages.

A North-South Indian path, across the fish dams on the Broad River to the fish dams on the Savannah River, crossed the first path on a hill and gave Cross Hill its name. At the crossing of the two Indian paths, in the southwest corner, a

large two-story inn was built around 1800. This inn furnished food and lodging for approximately 100 years.

In the early 1800s, a brick building was erected on the southeast corner, across from the Cross Hill Inn, and operated as a store until about 1900.

In the late 1800s, cotton was king for all farmers and the town prospered. The Bank of Cross Hill was formed by local people. Two drug stores were operated by five doctors.

Each Labor Day weekend, the town celebrates its history with the "Coming Home to Cross Hill" festival.



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Education



LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55

District 55 operates 9 schools from Gray Court to Laurens and serves about 6,100 students.

The schools are:

- Laurens District 55 High School (grades 9-12), 5058 U.S. 76 West, Laurens, Tina Faulkner, principal, 682-3151
- Laurens Middle (grades 6-8), 1035 W. Main Street, Laurens, Lewis Compton, principal, 984-2400
- Sanders Middle (grades 6-8), 609 Green Street, Laurens, J.R. Reid, principal, 984-0354
- E.B. Morse Elementary (grades K-5), 200 Parkview Drive, Laurens, Jason Bailey, principal, 984-7777
- Ford Elementary (grades K-5), 601 Lucas Avenue, Laurens, Zakaria Watson, principal, 984-3986
- Laurens Elementary (grades K-5), 301 Henry Street, Laurens, Randy Dendy, principal, 984-3067
- Hickory Tavern School (grades K-8), 163 Neely Ferry Road, Gray Court, Brandon Addy, principal, 575-2126
- Waterloo Elementary (grades K-6), 10457 Hwy. 221 South, Waterloo, Jennifer Abercrombie, principal, 677-4670
- Gray Court-Owings School (grades K-8), 9210 Hwy. 14, Gray Court, Kim Penland, principal, 876-2131

Dr. Ameca C. Thomas is superintendent of District 55.

The district office is located at 301 Hillcrest Dr. in Laurens and the telephone number is 984-3568.

The web address is laurens55.org

A seven-member board of trustees, which is elected by district, sets policy for the district.

The board members, by district, are:

- District 1 — Terri Martin, 1432 Lakeview Dr., Gray Court, 876-3607
- District 2 — Cathy Little, 207 Doublebrook Dr., Laurens, 682-8783
- District 3 — Barbara Beeks, 151 Milam Heights Rd., Waterloo, 677-3568
- District 4 — Mike Hughes, Gray Court
- District 5 — Anthony Carpenter, 414 River St., Laurens, 681-0025
- District 6 — Susan Calhoun-Ware, P.O. Box 545, Laurens, 682-5902
- District 7 — Robby Bell, PO Box 517, Laurens, SC

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LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56

Enrollment in District 56 is approximately 3,069 students who attend six schools in the district.

The schools are:

- Clinton High (grades 9-12), 18132 Hwy 72 E, Clinton, Dr. Martha Brothers, principal, 833-0817
- Clinton Middle (grades 6-8), 800 North Adair, Clinton, Jeff Parks, principal, 833-0807
- Clinton Elementary (grades K-5), 800 Chestnut St., Clinton, Melodie Edwards, principal, 833-0812
- Eastside Elementary (grades K-5), 103 Old Colony Road, Clinton, Tanya Wilson, principal, 833-0827
- Joanna-Woodson Elementary (grades K-5), 510 S. Ellis St., Joanna, Eddie Marshall, principal, 697-6480
- M.S. Bailey Child Development Center (grades preK-4K), 625 Elizabeth St., Carol Anne Barnes, principal, Clinton, 833-0836

Dr. David O'Shields is superintendent of District 56.

The district office is located in the M.S. Bailey Municipal Complex, 211 N. Broad St., Suite B, Clinton. The phone number is 833-0800. The web address is lcsd56.org. The district's Wilder Stadium experienced a \$2.3 million renovation in 2019.

A seven-member board of trustees, which is elected by district, sets policy for the district.

The board members, by district, are:

- District 1 — Edna McGee, P.O. Box 436, Clinton, 833-1449
- District 2 — Kimberly Williams-Carter, 1619 Gary St., Clinton, 340-9109
- District 3 — James Barton (chair), 603 Chestnut St., Clinton, 833-4877
- District 4 — Dr. Patsy Sadler, 203 E. Walnut St., Clinton, 833-2411
- District 5 — Tammy Stewart, 3296 Hwy. 56 S, Clinton, 833-4159
- District 6 — Jan Simmons, 1228 Indian Creek Rd., Clinton, 872-1633
- District 7 — Keith Richardson, PO Box 310, Cross Hill, 864-998-4795

Education

Laurens County students also attend schools in Ware Shoals and Simpsonville. Thornwell Charter School and Summit Classical School opened in Fall 2019.

FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Faith Christian is a private education facility operated by Faith Baptist Church. Located at 1607 Greenwood Road in Laurens, Faith Christian is a full-service institution with classes for 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade. Founded in 1965, the school offers Christian-based classes for all students and features the Abekka DVD curriculum with master teachers. Teachers also offer special educational help. The phone number is 984-4277.

LAURENS ACADEMY

Laurens Academy, founded in 1994, is located one mile off I-385 on Hwy. 49. The school offers a 4K through 12 college preparatory curriculum with a nondenominational Christian emphasis and is accredited by the South Carolina Independent School Association. Visual and choral arts, foreign language, computer Blab, physical education, dual enrollment (high school/college credit) courses and a competitive and successful athletic program are just a few of the things offered at Laurens Academy. The phone number is 682-2324.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Lighthouse Christian Academy is located on Hwy. 221 between Laurens and Enoree. The school offers a quality education centered on Jesus Christ in grades 4K-12. The goal is to educate each child in a Christian atmosphere and provide them with the academic training they will need to succeed. The school also offers a variety of athletic programs for students. Annual and monthly tuition plans are available. The phone number is 682-3422.

Adult Education

SCHOOL-TO-WORK AND ADULT EDUCATION

Laurens County School-to-Work and Adult Education provides adult education classes for the two Laurens County public school districts as well as shadowing and internship opportunities for high school students. GED, high school diploma, computer and Employment Skills Certification Program (ESCP) classes are offered at the Laurens County Higher Education Center (938-1524). Laurens County Adult Education also provides a vital link between the county's education providers and area industries through its Work Skills Development Center in Laurens (984-5726).

Higher Education



PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Piedmont Technical College became the eighth of the 16-member institutions in the South Carolina Technical Education System when it was established in 1966 to serve Laurens, Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties.

Those seven counties represent the largest geographic area served by any technical college in the state.

Piedmont's main campus is located on a 65-acre site on Emerald Road in Greenwood. Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the commuter institution offers more than 70 associate's degree, diploma and certificate programs. The division of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning makes more than 150 courses available on the main campus, on-site at area businesses and industries, at the Laurens County Higher Education Center (938-1505) and at other convenient off-campus locations throughout the service area.

Piedmont maintains transfer agreements with all state-supported universities in South Carolina and a number of institutions in neighboring states. All high school graduates who live in Laurens County are eligible to attend PTC tuition free — through the Laurens County Future Scholarship program — to obtain a two-year degree.

Articulation agreements with Lander University facilitate joint enrollment and transfer.

Local students can take classes at the Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

Higher Education

Piedmont's Center for Advance Manufacturing near Laurens offers specialized training for industries and workforce development programs. It is a first-of-its-kind facility for Piedmont Technical College. In April 2018, the CAM opened its Phase III expansion of 4,800 square feet of additional instruction space.

USC UNION AT LAURENS

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Founded in 1880 as Clinton College, PC is located on 240 acres in the college town of Clinton. Its student population of 1,200 is comprised of students from 29 states and 7 foreign countries.

PC students have swept the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities awards during two of the past four years - the only college or university in the association to accomplish that feat.

In addition to winning prestigious national and international scholarships, including a Rhodes Scholar, Rotary Scholars, Pew Fellows, and a National Science Foundation Fellowship,

PC graduates are servant leaders in their careers, their communities, and their churches. Small classes are taught by 84 full-time dedicated faculty members, 94 percent of whom hold doctorates or the equivalent. Six faculty members have been honored as South Carolina's Professor of the Year since 1991, more than twice the number of any other public or private college or university in the state. The faculty has also been awarded seven Fulbright Fellowships.

Higher Education



PC offers bachelor's degree programs in 30 fields of major study, including a new major in medical physics. Pre-professional programs are offered in dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy, the ministry, veterinary science, Army ROTC, physical therapy, and allied health sciences. The college offers dual-degree programs in a number of areas including engineering and architecture with other four-year universities including Clemson, Auburn, Duke, Vanderbilt and Union Theological Seminary. The Blue Hose athletics program is now a member of the Big South Conference and competes in NCAA Division I (Football Championship Subdivision) with 19 varsity sports for men and women. In 2012, the NCAA granted Presbyterian College full Division I status for all sports. The "red-letter day" capped a five-year effort for the PC athletics administration.

PC football is transitioning to the Pioneer Football League in 2021.

In August, 2020, the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy welcomed its 11th class to a renovated 55,000 square foot facility in downtown Clinton.

The School of Pharmacy offers a four-year doctor of pharmacy degree and is partnering with pharmacists, health care providers, and free clinics throughout the state in ways that emphasize the school's mission — "Care for the Community." Its first class graduated in May, 2014 and shortly thereafter, PCSP received full national accreditation.

Based in the School of Pharmacy, the Center for Entrepreneurial Development launched a workshop series in January, 2012. Pharmacy students completing 10 workshops are awarded a certificate of entrepreneurial skills. Workshops also are available for Clinton community members wanting to start or enhance a business. In August 2018, PC broke ground on a 144-bed residential hall complex at the Georgia Hall parking lot, near Springs Student Center. It is part of a new strategic plan, The Promise of PC, rolled out last fall. The residence halls opened in Fall 2019.

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Location

Laurens County is located along I-26 and I-385 and has three U.S. highways running through it. Located in the southeastern part of the upstate of South Carolina, Laurens County is central to the Palmetto State cities of Greenville, Spartanburg and Columbia and Atlanta, Ga., and Charlotte, N.C.

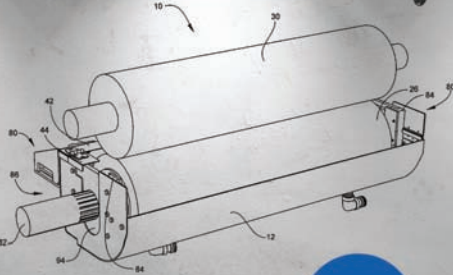
I-26 runs East to West from Charleston to Asheville and I-385 runs from Laurens County to downtown Greenville. U.S. 25 runs from Ware Shoals to Princeton, U.S. 76 runs from Clinton to Princeton and U.S. 221 runs from Enoree to Lake Greenwood.

S.C. 72 runs from Lake Greenwood to the Newberry County line; S.C. 56 runs from the Newberry County line to the Spartanburg County line; S.C. 49 runs from Laurens to Cross Anchor; S.C. 252 runs from Laurens to Ware Shoals; S.C. 560 runs between Cross Hill and Joanna; S.C. 39 runs from the Newberry County line to Cold Point (near Laurens); S.C. 101 runs from the Greenville County line to the Spartanburg County line; S.C. 418 runs from Fountain Inn to the Spartanburg County line and S.C. 14 runs between Laurens and Fountain Inn.



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The Laurens County Health Department provides Laurens County with services including environmental health, infectious disease control, nursing services, social work, nutrition services, health education, vital records, home health, immunizations, family support, maternal and child health, family planning, children's rehabilitative services and BabyNet.

Many of the department's programs have some eligibility requirements which can be addressed by the staff.

Clinic schedules change periodically and the department suggests patients call for an appointment.

LAURENS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Human Services Road, Clinton, S.C. 29325 — 833-0100

The Department of Social Services provides family independence through employment, training and temporary aid for limited income families; food stamps for qualifying families and individuals; Medicaid medical assistance for low income and other qualifying individuals; child protective services; adult protective services and foster care and adoption.

LAURENS COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD

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The Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board (LCDSNB), created in 1973, is a public not for profit service agency supporting persons liv-

Human Services

ing in Laurens County with a developmental disability, autism, head or spinal cord injury or a related disability. The LCDSNB supports more than 500 people living in Laurens County with a variety of services including residential long term care services to more than 120 people.

A sheltered workshop, Evergreen Skills, offers work or activity opportunities to more than 150 people. LCDSNB also assists people with disabilities in finding and learning the skills required to keep a job with a community employer and offers Service Coordination to ensure those with disabilities are gaining access to and receiving all applicable services.

The agency opened its new Sinclair Center in Clinton in 2015 and its new Magnolia Campus at Pleasantview in Gray Court in October, 2016.

The Keys to Success Early Intervention Program serves developmentally delayed children, birth to 5, and their families by providing weekly home visits and service coordination.

GOOD SHEPHERD FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic of Laurens County is a volunteer staffed medical clinic which serves the needy of Laurens County. The clinic is located at 245 Human Services Road in the Laurens County Professional and Medical Park in Clinton.

Good Shepherd, which receives support through private donations, area churches, the Laurens County Health Care System, Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy and United Way of Laurens County, provides free medical care and medications to citizens who are without government assistance, private insurance or the financial resources to afford such care. The clinic is staffed with volunteer physicians, nurses and pharmacists.

Clinic hours Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.; Thursday evenings, 5-8:30 p.m. Pharmacy hours (at PC), Tuesday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

Other specialty clinics, including women's health and diabetes care, are available, as are morning clinic hours by appointment. Call 833-0017 for more information.

SENIOR SERVICES

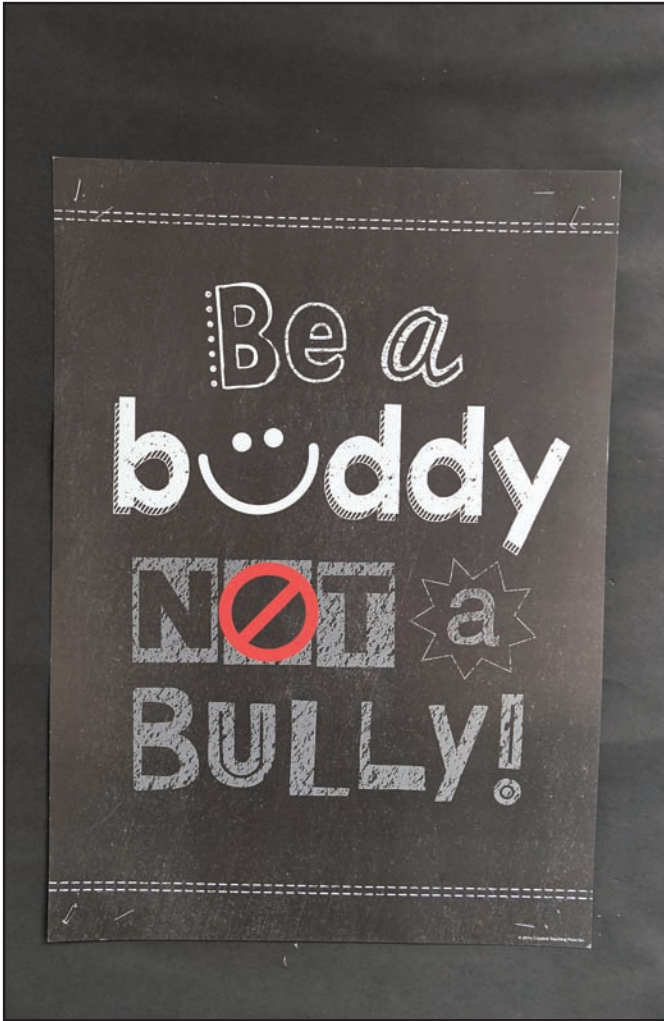
Senior services are provided by Piedmont Agency for the Aging (also Greenwood and Abbeville counties). Call 984-2438 (the former Senior Options) for more information.

Other human services are provided by Whitten Center and Thornwell, both in Clinton, and the Laurens County Cancer Association, Clinton Community Garden and Family Promise of Laurens County.

HOSPICE SERVICES

There are more than two dozen hospice care providers operating in Laurens County.

Human Services



Hospice of Laurens County was started in 1987 to provide medical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and families in 6 local counties dealing with end-of-life issues.

Hospice of Laurens County serves Laurens, Newberry, Union, Greenwood, Greenville, and Spartanburg counties. Hospice of Laurens County focuses on quality of life for patients and their families, providing care to patients in their home or in the Hospice Inpatient Facility.

In 2008, a 12 bed Hospice Inpatient Facility

was built to provide hospice care to those patients who are unable to stay at home. This state of the art facility provides hospice care in an environment that is comfortable, serene and family friendly.

Each large, private patient room opens out to a patio and has plenty of room for family and friends. Family areas include a comfortable family living area, dining area, children's room library and chapel.

Hospice Services Include: Medication, pain and symptom management, medical equipment/supplies, spiritual and emotional support, patient and family education, bereavement and grief care.

As a not-for profit hospice, Hospice of Laurens County has served thousands of families since 1987. It is now affiliated with Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region, also a not-for-profit hospice. The facility added the Palliative Medicine Consultants Clinic in 2018.



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Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital

At Prisma Health Laurens County Medical Campus, residents of the community can access high-quality healthcare services and programs blended with small-town hospitality. The campus is conveniently located on Highway 76 between Laurens and Clinton.

Prisma Health Laurens County Medical Campus houses:

- Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital
- Prisma Health Women's Life Center
- Prisma Health Upstate Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine Center
- Prisma Health Diabetes Center
- Prisma Health Cancer Institute

In addition, Prisma Health has four primary care and four specialty physician practices throughout the area, providing residents with access to care where and when they need it.

The campus is part of the largest not-for-profit health organization in South Carolina, Prisma Health, which serves more than 1.2 million patients annually. It is comprised of two affiliates — Prisma Health–Midlands (formerly Palmetto Health) and Prisma Health–Upstate (formerly Greenville Health System).

Prisma Health seeks to improve the health of all South Carolinians through improved clinical quality, access to care and patient experience, while also addressing the rising cost of health care.

Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital

Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital has provided the local community with exceptional care and a hometown blend of professionalism and courtesy since 1911. The 90 bed hospital provides care to individuals who need an inpatient stay. In addition, the emergency department provides high-quality acute care around the clock in an environment designed to maximize patient comfort.

Self Regional Healthcare

Self Regional Healthcare offers Self Medical Center - Laurens on Hwy. 76 between Laurens and Clinton. Family Healthcare - Clinton, Internal Medicine - Laurens and Express Medical Care - Laurens are located here.

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Laurens County United Way

United Way of Laurens County has been serving the health and human services needs of the people of Laurens County since 1955.

We partner with local, like-minded agencies to advance the common good by focusing on education, health, and financial stability. Our goal is to not only provide for the current needs of the community, but to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening.

The dollars raised by United Way, in 2018-2019 alone, impacted Laurens County residents in over 114,600 ways.

Twenty-four partner agencies received \$249,500 in grant funding from the United Way of Laurens County to offer direct services to our community through 34 programs: AMIKids Piedmont, Bell Federation of the Blind, Beyond Abuse, Bowers-Rogers Home for Children, Boys Scouts-Blue Ridge Council, C.H.A.M.P.S., Disabilities and Special Needs Board, District 56 JAG program, Girl Scouts-Mountains to Midlands, God's Pantry, Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic, Hospice of Laurens County, Laurens County First Steps, Laurens County Literacy Council, Laurens County SAFE Home, Laurens Memorial Home for the Aged, The Open Door Christian Center, Piedmont Agency on Aging, Salvation Army, United Ministries and the YMCAs of both Clinton and Laurens.

Partner Agencies apply for United Way of Laurens County funding through an annual grant process. No funding is guaranteed and is based on programmatic outcomes.

In addition to these local organizations, the United Way also funds an early childhood literacy program.

A direct service offered by staff and volunteers of United Way of Laurens County, as well as AmeriCorps members, is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This program was introduced in Laurens County in 2011 under an upstate collaborative grant. Households making less than \$55,000 and filing simple tax returns may qualify to have their state and federal taxes filed for free.

There are many ways to learn more about United Way and how to Make a Difference in our community! "Like" us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, visit us at uwlc-online.org, or call 864-833-3623.

Laurens County Library System

The Laurens County Library provides service throughout the county with locations in Laurens and Clinton, a new book-mobile (December 2017) and deposit collections at senior centers.

The main branch of the library is located at 1017 West Main Street in Laurens and the Clinton Public Library is located at 107 Jacobs Highway in Clinton. The bookmobile makes stops throughout the county, and a monthly schedule can be picked up at any location, or accessed through the website lcp.org.

Anyone who lives or works in Laurens County can obtain a library card at no cost. The library also has a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Greenville County and Greenwood County Library Systems, which allows card holders of each county to obtain cards with the other county's library system.

In addition to a collection of over 100,000 books, the library also offers DVDs, audio books, a large type collection and magazines for check out.

Through the website, www.lcpl.org, downloadable books and audios are available for Kindle, Nook or similar devices. Also from the website, patrons can reserve materials and can access a wide range of online databases.

Both locations offer computers for free internet access and wireless internet access.

Other services of the library include:

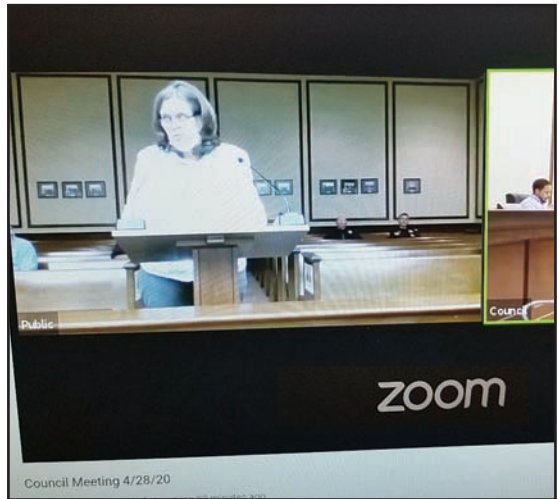
- * A local history and genealogy collection at the Laurens library.
- * Story time, programs and fun activities for young children at both locations
- * Faxing and photocopying are available at both locations for a small fee
- * Community meeting room at the Laurens Library
- * Private study rooms at the Laurens Library
- * Teen programs and a popular summer reading program.

Most importantly, a friendly and knowledgeable staff is available for questions, and will assist you in finding the book or material you want, whether it means locating it on a shelf, or obtaining it through interlibrary loans or purchase requests.

The Laurens Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Clinton Public Library is open Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call the Laurens Library at 681- READ (7323) and the Clinton Public Library at 833-1853 for more information.



Laurens County Chamber of Commerce

The Laurens County Chamber of Commerce is the primary marketing agency for the county. The organization promotes the many products and services offered by their 500 member businesses while working to improve the overall quality of life for county residents.

The Chamber is the main source of information for tourists and visitors to Laurens County. Available information includes a high quality county map, annual community profile, tourism brochures and this publication.

A welcome center is housed in the lobby of the Chamber building in the Professional Park between Laurens and Clinton.

The Chamber's staff and board of directors continually work to make Laurens County a better place to live and work. The Chamber works as a partner with other agencies and organizations to continually enhance the cultural, educational and workforce opportunities for our citizens.

For more information on the many services offered by the Chamber, call 864-833-2716 or visit the chamber's website at laurenscounty.org.

For tourist information, visit the Chamber sponsored tourism Facebook page at Explore Laurens County. See more at [#LoveLaurensCounty](https://www.facebook.com/LoveLaurensCounty), [#HeyLookLaurensCounty](https://www.facebook.com/HeyLookLaurensCounty) and www.laurenscountyagriculture.com.



Economic Development



The Laurens County Development Corporation is the primary marketing and recruiting agency for industrial development in Laurens County.

The Laurens County Development Corporation is led by a board and three-member staff. The mission of the LCDC is to form funding partnerships between the public and private sectors to advance development opportunities in the county. The LCDC handles economic development for new and existing industries in an effort to stimulate more investment, create more jobs and diversify the tax base in Laurens County.

For information call 864-939-0580 or visit the website www.growlaurenscounty.org

Two other economic development corporations have been formed in the county to promote the development of industrial and corporate parks in the area.

The Clinton Economic Development Corporation and Laurens First are led by a board of directors. Both corporations are responsible for working with their respective cities to create product in their communities.

The CEDC, together with the City of Clinton, has developed the three phased ClintonPark Corporate Center near I-26 and S.C. 72 interchange. Hunter Industrial Park serves Laurens.

Economic Development

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The county has seen progress in recent years thanks to recruitment efforts by the Laurens County Development Corporation. In the last two years, Laurens County Council has approved a range of incentives for industry expansions and new projects.

ZF Transmissions Greenville LLC has opened a million square foot transmission plant in Owings Industrial Park, creating 2,500 new jobs. In 2013, ZF announced an expansion in Laurens County to include a research and development facility, and recently dedicated a medical clinic.

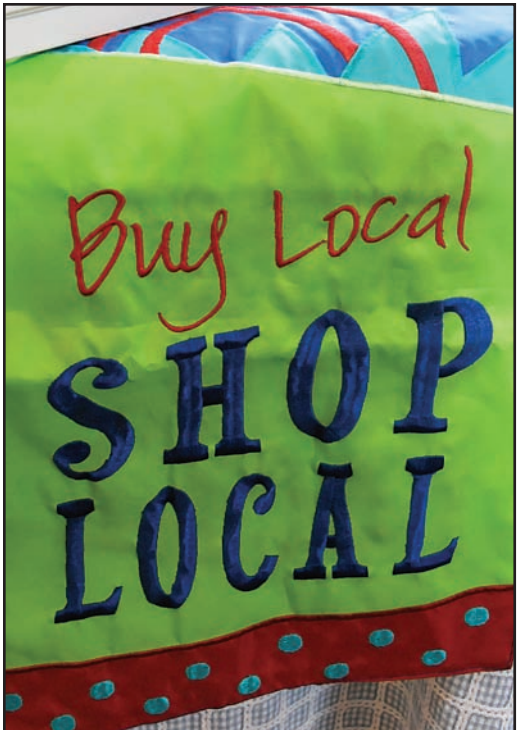
In a partnership with Laurens County, local businesses and readySC, Piedmont Technical College opened the Center for Advanced Manufacturing at I-385 near Laurens.

In August 2019, FlameSpray North America announced a \$4 million expansion of its Fountain Inn (Woodfield) thermal spray coating manufacturing plant.

Hunter Industrial Park in Laurens is located on U.S. 221 at I-385 next to CSX railroad and contains 350 acres of available land. The park includes site improvements and is home to Fukoku, Unifor Brass Forgings, Kimura, Koerber, Unifor Aluminum Forgings, and Muffin Mam.



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Industrial Parks

Woodfield Industrial Park in Fountain Inn is located near the Greenville County line on I-385. The park currently contains such industries as Yanfeng, Emitec, Color Resources International, Lacks Industries, Thompson Steel, Flame Spray and Callen Die Casting.

There are 135 acres of developable land remaining in the park.

The ClintonPark Corporate Center is under development, with more than 89 acres in Phase I, near the intersection of S.C. 72 and I-26 to serve corporate and industrial prospects. The City of Clinton and the Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority supply utility service to the mixed-use park.

Located in a growing area with a good transportation network, available workforce and pro-business environment, the site is an ideal location for expanding industries.

Clinton 26 Commerce Park is a 400+ acre Class A industrial park located at Exit 54 on I-26. The park is classified as a Palmetto Site by the South Carolina Department of Commerce. The utilities are served by the City of Clinton and Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority. All infrastructure is on the site. Located on I-26 and only one mile from I-385, the park offers an excellent transportation network, a pro-business environment and an available workforce. The park is anchored by GE's Alternative Energy R& D facility with a 60,000 SF spec building under contract and another 50,000 SF spec building planned. Land is priced in the \$20,000 - \$30,000 range. For more information visit www.advantageclintonsc.com or contact Marvin Moss at 864-833-7504 or mmoss@cityofclintonsc.com.

The City has a spec building on a 100,000 square foot development ready pad, for sale.

More information: www.advantageclintonsc.com

Contact: Marvin Moss, economic development manager, 864-833-7504; e-mail: mmoss@cityofclintonsc.com





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Laurens County Airport

Laurens County has a general aviation airport to service the county's general aviation traffic. The Laurens County Airport features a 4051-foot paved runway and full length taxi-way landing facilities. It serves private and corporate aircraft, including single and twin engine, conventional and turbo props and business jets.

The airport has pilot control runway lights for nighttime operations with PAPI and REIL lighting systems and a non-precision/ GPS instrument approach for inclement weather landings. The airport hosts an automated weather system (AWOS III) that is networked into the national weather reporting system. It may be accessed by the public as well as government agencies.

With a based average of 20 planes per day, the facility offers competitive self-service fuel, 24/7 terminal access for the aviation community, WIFI, courtesy car, aircraft storage with 18 units of T-hangers, one large maintenance hangar and tie down parking. The airport is staffed Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In 2012, the Laurens County Airport completed a \$3 million pavement rehabilitation project that included a concrete overlay of the runway, 152-foot runway extension, and concrete reconstruction of the parking ramp. Additionally, the project included initial site preparation for future hangar development. During 2016 it began a \$1 million project to rehabilitate its oldest taxiway with a concrete overlay and update the newest taxiway with asphalt rejuvenation. Completion was done in early 2017. Future projects include the addition of Jet-A fuel based demand.

A commission, appointed by Laurens County Council, manages the daily operation of the airport.

How To

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for all new construction, additions, renovations or demolition performed in Laurens County or its municipalities. The building standards office issues building permits for Laurens County. Call 984-6659 for more information.

For a building permit inside the City of Clinton, call the building and zoning inspector at 833-7517. The office is located at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Complex on North Broad Street.

In the City of Laurens, the building inspector can be reached by calling 984-2613. The office is located in Laurens City Hall at 126 E. Public Sq. in Laurens.

BURNING PERMITS

Residents should call the Laurens County Communications Center at 984-2523 to advise of the requested burning.

The dispatcher will in turn provide a number to call the S.C. Forestry Service.

REPORTING STRAY ANIMALS

To report stray animals in the unincorporated areas of the county, call the Laurens County Public Works Department at 984-6812 during business hours Monday through Friday. After hours and on weekends, call the Laurens County Sheriff's Office at 984-4967. In the City of Clinton, call the police department at 833-7512. In the City of Laurens, call the police department at 984-3532.

LAURENS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

The Laurens County Humane Society operates a no-kill animal adoption center on Poplar St., near Charlotte's Road in Clinton. LCHS actively seeks volunteers to help with the adoption center and other projects. Contact LCHS at 864-984-6484 (leave a message) or email: laurenshumane@gmail.com

OBTAIN A PASSPORT

To obtain a passport, call the Laurens County Clerk of Court's office at 984-3538 or go by the office at the Laurens County Hillcrest Square office complex in Laurens.

RENEW DRIVER'S LICENSE

The S.C. Department of Transportation Motor Vehicles Division is located near the Laurens County Fairgrounds off U.S. 76. Call 682-3213 for information.



How To

PAY TAXES

The Laurens County Treasurer collects county and municipal property taxes and vehicle taxes at the Laurens County Hillcrest Square office complex in Laurens. Call 984- 4742 for information.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The Laurens County Probate Judge's office issues marriage licenses. Call 984-7315 for more information or go by the Laurens County Hillcrest Square office complex in Laurens.

CAR, BOAT, ATV REGISTRATION

Car, boat and ATV registration can be obtained by paying vehicle taxes to the Laurens County Treasurer. Call 984-4742 for more information.

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE

Hunting and fishing licenses are available at any location that deals in hunting and fishing equipment.

REGISTER TO VOTE

The Laurens County Registration/ Elections office has voter registration forms available during business hours Monday through Friday at the historic Laurens County Courthouse on the square in Laurens.

Registration forms are also available at the Department of Motor Vehicles and at www.scvotes.org. Completed forms can be mailed to PO Box 769, Laurens, S.C. 29360. For more information, call 984-4431.

Utilities in Laurens County

ELECTRICITY

There are four electricity providers in the county: Laurens Electric Cooperative, 682-3141; Duke Energy, 1-800-777-9898; City of Clinton, 833-7520; and Laurens Commission of Public Works, 984-0481.

WATER & SEWER

Four agencies provide water to customers in

the county: Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission, 682-3250; City of Clinton, 833-7520; Laurens Commission of Public Works, 984-0481; and Greenville Water System, 241-6000.

Sewer service is provided by the following utilities: Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission, 682-3250; Western Carolina Regional Sewer System, 299-4000; Laurens Commission of Public Works, 984-0481; City of Clinton, 833-7520.

NATURAL GAS

There are three natural gas providers in the county: Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority, 833-1862; Laurens Commission of Public Works, 984-0481; City of Fountain Inn, 862-0042.

TELEPHONE

Laurens County is served by four telephone service systems. The Clinton and Joanna areas and Fountain Inn are served by AT&T. To establish service, call 1-888-757-6500 (residential) or 1-866-620-6000 (business). Verizon serves the Laurens area, along with Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative.

To establish Verizon service, call 1-800-483-4300 (residential) or 1-800-483-5300 (business). Sprint serves the Cross Hill and Mountville areas. Call 223-9011 for information. The remainder of the county is served by the Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative. Call 682-3131 for information.

INTERNET

Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative offer high speed internet for portions of Laurens County. Call 682-3131 for information.

Charter Spectrum also provides internet service, both residential and for businesses, in the county, as well as cable television. For information, call 1-888-GET-CHARTER



Government



COUNTY OF LAURENS

The following is a list of key county officials and phone numbers:

- Administrator – Jon Caime, 984-5214
- Director of Public Works – Dale Satterfield, 984-6812
- Sheriff – Don Reynolds, 984-4967
- EMS Director — Matt Pennington, 984-0577
- Treasurer — Cindy Burke, 984-4742
- Clerk of Court — Lynn Lancaster, 984-3538
- Coroner – Vickie Cheek, 984-8804
- Probate Judge — Kaye Fridy, 984-7731
- Voter Registration - Lynne West, 984-4431

Laurens County Council, by district:

- District 1 — Kemp Younts, 862-2029
- District 2 — Joe Wood, Ware Shoals, 861-2256
- District 3 — Garrett McDaniel, Laurens, 682-2450
- District 4 — Brown Patterson, 872-0804
- District 5 — Jeff Carroll, 876-9655
- District 6 — Diane Anderson, Clinton, 833-5738
- District 7 — Dr. David Pitts (chair), Clinton, 938-0499

Note: Michelle Simmons, Clerk of Court, and Luke Rankin, Council Seat 2, in January 2020.

CITY OF LAURENS

The City of Laurens is governed by a mayor, elected citywide, and six council members, who are elected by ward. Nathan Senn is the mayor and Gary Coleman is the city administrator. They can be reached by calling city hall at 984-3933.

Government

Council members by ward are:

- Ward 1 — Marian Miller, 304 Jersey St., Laurens, 681-4726
- Ward 2 -- Alicia Sullivan, 113 Hunters Court, Laurens, 981-1640
- Ward 3 — Cassandra Campbell, Laurens
- Ward 4 — Sara Latimore, 106 Short St., Laurens, 984-5202
- Ward 5 — Martin Lowry, 108 Adair St., Laurens, 984-5391
- Ward 6 — Johnnie Bolt, 105 Sunshine Lane, Laurens, 984-7550

CITY OF CLINTON

The City of Clinton has a city manager form of government and is governed by a mayor elected citywide and six council members who are elected by ward.

Bill Ed Cannon is the city manager and can be reached by calling 833-7505.

Bob McLean is the mayor and can be reached by calling 833-7515.

Council members by ward are:

- Ward 1 — Danny Cook, 403 Spruce St., Clinton, 833-6038
- Ward 2 — Shirley Jenkins, 210 Oak St., Clinton, 833-4943
- Ward 3 — Robbie Neal, 103 E. Bluford St., Clinton, 833-7505
- Ward 4 — Gary Kuykendall, 204 Stonewall St., Clinton, 833-6569
- Ward 5 — Ronnie Roth, 707 E. Ferguson St., Clinton, 833-3845
- Ward 6 — Megan Walsh, 300 Cedar St., Clinton, 907-5525

The City of Clinton received the prestigious 2018 Gaines Jontz Rehabilitation Award from Main Street SC and a Historic Preservation Award for its renovation of the First National Bank (101 Main Street Building). The City's Electrical Division has received the RP3 Award (Reliable Public Power Provider) from the American Public Power Association annually since 2011. Just 240 public power agencies nationwide are RP3 agencies.

TOWN OF CROSS HILL

The Town of Cross Hill has a council form of government and is governed by a mayor and four council members who are elected at-large.

Randy Bishop is the Mayor and can be reached by calling 998-3169.

TOWN OF GRAY COURT

The Town of Gray Court has a council form of government and is governed by a mayor and four council members who are elected at-large.

Stellarteen Jones is the mayor and can be reached by calling 876-2581.

TOWN OF WATERLOO

The Town of Waterloo has a council form of government and is governed by a mayor and four council members who are elected at-large.

Barbara Smith is the mayor and can be reached by calling 677-4646.

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Arts & Entertainment



Laurens County Chorale fills the air with music for county residents with annual performance and the cities of Clinton and Laurens each hold a summer/fall concert series on Thursday and Friday evenings (pending the COVID-19 pandemic).

The Artist's Coop serves as a showcase and gallery of local and regional artists' work, including original fine art, ceramics, sculptures, woodcarving and more. Located at 113 East Laurens Street on the historic square in Laurens, the Coop holds workshops. For more information, visit www.laurensartistscoop.org.

LAURENS COUNTY COMMUNITY THEATRE

The Laurens County Community Theatre is a group of local, regional and guest thespians who perform regular season plays and musical productions each year as well as youth theatre productions.

The LCCT production season for 2020-2021 will be announced later.

The LCCT is partially funded by the South Carolina Arts Commission and relies on season memberships for support. LCCT productions are held in the Gillam Center for Performing Arts on the campus of Thornwell Home for Children. For more information or to make reservations, call 833-LCCT (5228).

Recreation

Recreational opportunities are numerous and diverse in Laurens County. Both cities of Clinton and Laurens, as well as the county, have facilities for outdoor recreational enjoyment.

Numerous private and public lakes, including Lake Greenwood with over 200 miles of shoreline, Lake Rabon and the Enoree and Saluda Rivers afford excellent opportunities for fishing, boating and other aquatic sports. Presbyterian College offers many youth camps, such as baseball, football, softball, tennis, boys and girls basketball.

Hunting opportunities, like those at Singletree Hunting Preserve and the Clinton House Plantation near Clinton, are available on private lands and tracts leased by hunting clubs in the area, as well as on Game Management Areas managed by the S.C. Wildlife Department in the Sumter National Forest.

Other recreational facilities include two private 18-hole golf courses (Musgrove Mill near Clinton and Lakeside Country Club near Laurens), one public 18-hole golf course (Rolling S in Waterloo), two swimming pools (indoor at the Clinton YMCA and outdoors at the Laurens YMCA) and tennis courts (N. Adair St., Clinton, Presbyterian College, Laurens District 55 High, Thornwell, City of Laurens) plus outdoor recreation at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site and Greenwood State Park.

County Parks

Dedicated on Sept. 17, 2016, the Charlie Lollis Memorial Park is on Hwy 76 just west of Hickory Tavern, at the Tumblin Shoals bridge. It has a kayak and canoe launch, access point to the Reedy River for wading or fishing, a quarter mile walking trail, and paved parking and driveway. The blueway (personal watercraft transportation) extends south on the Reedy River to Boyd's Mill Pond. The park was developed with part of the settlement money from a 1996 Colonial Pipeline oil spill.

Laurens County also has the Karl H. Dixon Memorial Park on Boyd's Mill Pond.

The outdoors recreational area establishes a permanent boat ramp (small engine watercraft) at a popular access point on Boyd's Mill Pond. Facilities include a picnic shelter with tables and grill, playground, walking trail, onshore fishing and swimming, and restrooms.

Boyd's Mill Pond is a popular fishing and boating access waterway to the Reedy River.

The park's address is 1000 Boyd's Mill Pond Road, Laurens. Near the new park, the SC Department of Natural Resources has developed the Cliff Pitts Wildlife Management Area. The 509-acre management area, also at Boyd's Mill Pond, has a parking area with foot access to the Reedy River for hunting and fishing, and several miles of roads cut into the managed land. The address is 176 Armstrong Road, Laurens. Both the new park and the wildlife management area are located between Laurens and Ware Shoals in the western portion of Laurens County. An archery tower is near CeramTec in Laurens.

Laurens County Park is located on Calvin Bridges Road off U.S. 76 between Laurens and Clinton. The handicap accessible park features four ball fields, basketball courts, a children's play area, tennis courts, three picnic shelters, a fishing lake, paved walking paths and restroom facilities. In 2011, a nine-hole disc golf course was developed. The course consists of open shots, wooded shots, elevation changes and water hazards. The course has concrete tee pads and permanent mount INNOVA disc baskets. Nine additional holes will be added.

Hickory Tavern Park is located on S.C. 54 in Hickory Tavern and consists of two

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ball fields, restrooms, a concession stand, a basketball court, children's play area and a walking path.

The Joanna Park, at the corner of Ellis and Pickens streets in Joanna, has a half-mile paved walking path, ball field, children's play area, basketball court, picnic shelter, an open play area for games and restrooms.

The Cross Hill Park is located on South Church Street in Cross Hill and features a ball field, children's play area, picnic shelter, restrooms and a basketball court.

The county's Parks, Recreation & Tourism department also maintains a public fishing pier on River Fork Road south of Waterloo. The 150-foot aluminum pier, which is handicap accessible, provides visitors access to Lake Greenwood and has a paved parking area.

The Lake Rabon Park is located off S.C. 252 west of Laurens and is open from sunrise to sunset every day. The park is equipped with a boat launch, a fishing pier, covered picnic tables, grills, playground and restrooms and is managed by the Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission.



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LAURENS CITY PARKS

The City of Laurens Parks and Recreation offers youth programs such as Little League baseball and softball, tackle football and cheerleading, basketball, fall baseball and softball and a variety of summer camps.

The Ridge, Laurens County's newest recreation venue, was dedicated in Laurens on August 9, 2016. It is a \$3.3 million recreation center with two gymnasiums, for basketball and volleyball, meeting space, and office space for the City of Laurens Recreation Department.

The Ridge has become the new meeting place for the Laurens County Touchdown Club, and has hosted several other events since its opening.

WoodLife (Woodmen of the World Insurance) dedicated the front driveway flagpole to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the 9-11-2001 attacks on America.

The Recreation Department also handles the Summer Concert Series, Fall Movie Series and annual events such as the Boo in the Park, Riverfront Freedom Festival and the Little River Park Spring Festival.

The Little River Park, located on Main Street in Laurens, features a large playground, putt-putt course and a pavilion which can be rented for parties. The Little River Amphitheater nearby is where the city hosts the Summer Concert Series and is also available for weddings and family reunions. The Recreation Department also has the new Laurens City Park Tennis Complex where the Clinton-Laurens-Newberry Tennis Association offers leagues and tournaments.

CLINTON CITY PARKS

A new children's park in the Lydia Mill community is the City of Clinton's seventh park and features playground equipment for various age groups, picnic areas, a "tot" baseball field, basketball court and walking trail.

Also open to the public are: the Calvert Avenue Park; Clinton Mill Park on the corner of Jefferson and Sloan streets; Oak Street Park in Lydia Mill; Pinehaven Park on S.C. 72 north; Pine Street Park on the corner of Pine and Cedar streets; and the Josh and Ella Savage Park on S.C. 72 north (Willard Road) — with a new playground.

United Way of Laurens County, in conjunction with United Ways of the Upstate, has developed a Born Learning early learning childhood education park at Oak Street Park, Clinton, and in Laurens and Ware Shoals. Parks also have free Little Libraries.

Vance Park is a venue for outdoor movies and festivals (behind MS Bailey Municipal Center). The city has begun construction of a multi-use complex on Hwy. 56 near I-26 and has built Miller's Fork Trail.

YMCAs

Laurens County is home to YMCAs in the cities of Clinton and Laurens.

The Clinton Family YMCA serves as the city's recreation department, offering both city-sponsored programs and events and YMCA member programs. The Rufus Sadler Tennis Foundation and Clinton Jr. Tennis provide extensive tennis instruction and competition for tennis players in Laurens County.

The Laurens Family YMCA provides services to individuals, families and corpo-



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rations in the City of Laurens and upper parts of the county and has a branch facility in The Town of Gray Court.

YMCA offerings include adult education programs (like the Laurens County Shrinkdown), health and physical education, recreation, children's programs, afterschool programs, weight rooms, swimming pools and swimming programs, aerobics, fitness facilities, ball fields and more.

ATHLETICS

Sports fans can enjoy high school athletics at Clinton High, Laurens Academy and Laurens District 55 High, while Presbyterian College offers NCAA Division I competition in 19 sports, including the new women's and men's wrestling, and acrobatics and tumbling teams (2019-20).

The Blue Hose football team plays Saturdays in the impressive 6,500-seat Bailey Memorial Stadium. Lights were added in 2014. PC also has a lighted walking track open for public use.

The Clinton Little Red Devils Inc. provides tackles football instruction and competition for three age-group teams and is affiliated with Pop Warner (SC). Cheerleading instruction also is available and volunteers are always welcome.

MUSEUMS IN LAURENS COUNTY

The Laurens County Museum is located at 205 West Laurens St., Laurens, and is open every Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is free and tours can be scheduled by calling (864) 984-3860 or (864) 684-5639. Efforts are underway for a \$1 million renovation and move by the museum to a much larger Main Street, Laurens, location.

The Clinton Museum (temporarily closed) is located at 400 N. Broad St. and is open Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. Admission is free and group tours can be scheduled by appointment. Call (864) 833-2549 for more information.

The Clinton Textile Heritage Exhibit at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center, 211 N. Broad St., Clinton, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Musgrove Mill State Historic Site

The Musgrove Mill State Historic Site is a popular destination for visitors from across the state and just down the road.

More than 10,000 visitors, from American Revolution reenactors to school children, made their way through the park's front gate last year.

The park offers educational programs and outdoor activities such as fishing in the pond or Enoree River and walking the wilderness trails.

The visitor center, which features exhibits about the American Revolutionary War Battle of Musgrove Mill, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Monday.

A picnic area is located behind the pond near the Musgrove home and mill sites, both of which can be accessed from the picnic area. The picnic area is available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday through Monday. Use of the picnic area is free with park admission.

Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1.25 for seniors 65 and over and disabled, and free for children 15 and under.

The park staff, which over the summer includes three full-time and three part-time personnel, is working on future enhancements to the park.

In addition to continued preservation efforts on the Revolutionary War battlefield, projects include new parking to provide better access to Horse-shoe Falls and the Enoree River and the implementation of "Discover Carolina," a new curriculum-based program for school groups.

The park is located off Hwy. 56, approximately seven miles northeast of Exit 52 on I-26.

More information about the park is available by calling (864) 938-0100 or by visiting www.southcarolinaparks.com





Retirement and beyond

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Woodbridge Senior Living, Clinton

300 Jacobs Highway, Clinton, SC 29325 — 833-3425

Woodbridge is an independent and assisted living retirement center. The facility re-opened after renovation in early 2016. The facility has a security system and 24-hour call for assistance. Housekeeping, laundry and a full service salon are also provided. Residents also enjoy the chapel and the renovation included a movie theater. Woodbridge serves three meals a day plus a salad bar. Residents have the choice of one, two or three-room apartments. A full-time activities director provides opportunities to participate in day trips, crafts, shopping, cultural programs and other leisure activities. A memory care unit is being developed.

La Forest Community Care Center

Hwy. 127 Bypass, Laurens, SC 29360

— 984-8001

La Forest offers assisted daily living care for 35 residents in private and

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semi-private rooms. Residents participate in many social activities, are provided transportation, three meals a day and snacks.

Langston Place- Enlivant

939 Springdale Drive, Clinton, SC 29325 — 833-0338

Langston Place- Enlivant is an assisted living facility for older and disabled adults.

Residents in the facility live in studio or one bedroom apartments which are designed to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs and provide varied levels of assistance depending on the residents' individual needs. The apartments are private, locking rooms with voice-to-voice emergency call systems, individually controlled heat, kitchenettes and complete bathrooms.

Other services include: three homemade meals served daily, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, 24-hour security, private telephones, cable TV, activities, beauty shop, transportation, enclosed courtyard, a fireplace and whirlpool bath. Pets are welcome.

Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Community

1 Martha Franks Drive,
Laurens, SC 29360 — 984-4541

Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Community is a continuing care retirement community in Laurens, which offers accommodations in cottages, patio homes, residential care, assisted living, skilled nursing, Medicare rehabilitation and an Alzheimer's unit.

The 55-acre campus is located one block from West Main Street and provides a dining room, chapel, library, lobbies, laundry rooms, activity room, beauty shop, porches, post office, fishing lake, guest accommodations, picnic shelter and walking trails.

Weekly housekeeping services, socials, outings and spiritual, recreational, educational and cultural activities are provided to residents.

Laurens Memorial Home for the Aged

3744 Torrington Road, Laurens, SC 29360 — 682-2322

Laurens Memorial Home serves as a residential care facility for those who can ambulate and provide some of their own daily living needs. The facility accepts Medicaid and serves three meals a day and snacks to residents. The home provides transportation to health care and has a dining room, activity room, sun porches, a courtyard to stimulate the senses and pet therapy.

NHC HealthCare

379 Pine Haven Street Ext., Laurens, SC 29360 984-6584
304 Jacobs Highway, Clinton, SC 29325 — 833-2550

NHC HealthCare offers two facilities in Laurens County which provide sub-acute, skilled and traditional care, Alzheimer's and dementia care, respite care and home care.



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The facilities also offer rehabilitation services in speech, physical, occupational, respiratory and medical nutritional therapies for both inpatients and outpatients in a home like setting.

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

801 Musgrove Street Extension, Clinton, SC 29325 — 833-5190

The Clinton Retirement Community is a member of the larger family of Presbyterian Retirement Communities of South Carolina, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA in South Carolina, located just off Interstate 26, on the outskirts of downtown Clinton, and within an hour's drive of Greenville and Columbia. Clinton offers small town atmosphere boasting two other major institutions of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbyterian College and Thornwell.

The Clinton Retirement Community offers accommodations for independent lifestyles in cottages and apartments, as well as assisted living, skilled nursing, and special care accommodations in private and semi-private rooms.

The Community also offers a wide range of services available to all residents at no charge above the monthly fee.

Faith

The Faith Community is very important to the people of Laurens County, and has been for many decades. Many denominations have churches with Sunday School, Sunday Worship, Revivals, Week-night Activities, Prayer Gardens, Mom's Morning Out, and Vacation Bible Schools, as well as organizations for middle school, high school and college students, in the communities throughout Laurens County. The Clinton Family YMCA sponsors an open-to-the-community prayer breakfast every March, with transportation to Clinton Middle and Clinton High Schools.



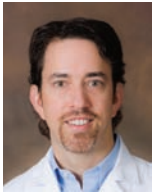
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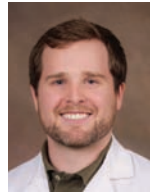
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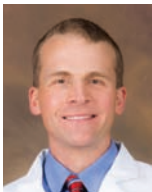
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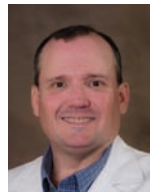
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