

Our Community
Main Street, Community Helpers, and Wonderful, Amazing Me

Design Intent: Main Street
Step onto *Main Street*, where shop windows sparkle with treasures waiting to be discovered. The scent of fresh bread drifts from the bakery, while the bell over the hardware store door jingles with each customer who stops in. Friends gather at the corner café, catching up over coffee as children skip along the sidewalk with an ice cream cone in hand. Every storefront tells its own story, adding to the heartbeat of a town that thrives on connection. In *Main Street*, community is built one smile, one hello, and one small business at a time.

Design Intent: Community Helpers
Step into the bustle of a town at work, where helpers keep everything running smoothly. Firefighters polish their trucks, ready at a moment's notice, while police officers direct traffic to keep neighbors safe. Across town, a barber laughs with a customer in his chair, and a teacher straightens books in her classroom before the bell rings. From doctors and delivery drivers to mail carriers and mechanics, each person plays a role in weaving the fabric of daily life. In *Community Helpers*, children learn that it takes many hands, many talents, and a shared spirit of service to keep a town strong.

Design Intent: Wonderful, Amazing Me
Fling open the back door and breathe deeply of the fresh spring air. The soft green lawn practically invites you to kick off your shoes and race to the far side. Run to the end of the neighborhood, leap the stones across the creek, jump over the fallen trees, and be amazed by all that your body can do. Visit your doctor to the get the a-ok for more tree climbing adventures. Pile your plate high with fresh fruits and vegetables to fuel up for the next adventure. Being healthy is about learning how to take care of your mind and body in all aspects of life. Get ready to leap into today's adventure in **Wonderful, Amazing Me.**

Technology Components
N/A

Mural Features

- Pickens County Courthouse (Hagood) - The original Pickens County Courthouse in South Carolina was built near the Keowee River. In 1868, the county seat was moved to the town of Pickens, where later courthouse buildings were constructed. The current courthouse building was completed in 1959. During the late 1800s, “court week” became a major social event, as families and visitors traveled into town while court was in session.
- Pickens High School (Hagood) - Pickens High School was founded in 1870 as Pickens Institute, making it one of the oldest schools in Pickens County and even older than nearby Clemson University. Today, the school serves almost 1300 students in grades 9–12 and is part of the School District of Pickens County. Known as the *Blue Flame*, the school has a strong football and marching band tradition.
- *Welcome to Historic Pickens* Mural (Hagood) - The *Welcome to Historic Pickens* mural was created by local artist Jordan Freeman and was completed in April 2026. It is located on Main Street in downtown Pickens. The artwork features large, postcard-style lettering in which each letter of the city's name contains a detailed scene representing local landmarks and cultural icons, such as the Pickens *Blue Flame* high school mascot and the historic Hagood Mill.
- D.W. Daniel High School (Six Mile) - D.W. Daniel High School opened in 1955 after consolidating the high schools from Central, Clemson, and Six Mile into one campus. Today, the school serves about 1,220 students in grades 9–12 and is known for its strong academics, athletics, and award-winning football program, which has won multiple South Carolina state championships. The school was named after educator David Wistar Daniel, a longtime professor and dean at Clemson College.
- Six Mile Town Hall (Six Mile) - The Six Mile Town Hall in Six Mile, South Carolina, is the center of local government for a town that was incorporated in 1910 and has roots in early 19th-century settlement along historic Cherokee trading paths. A veterans monument was dedicated there in 1991 and a Cherokee Path historical marker was added in 2018 to recognize the area’s cultural and historical significance.
- Clemson, South Carolina (Clemson University Water Tower) (Six Mile) - Clemson, South Carolina, is a college town in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains best known as the home of Clemson University, founded in 1889 by Thomas Green Clemson. Originally the site of the Fort Hill plantation, the area has deep roots connected to statesman John C. Calhoun and the development of higher education in South Carolina. Clemson is also nationally recognized for its strong college football culture, with Memorial Stadium, nicknamed “Death Valley,” drawing thousands of fans each fall.
- Central, South Carolina (Six Mile) - Central, South Carolina, is a small town in Pickens County known for its close connection to nearby Clemson University. Established in the late 1800s as a railroad town, Central was named for its location between the cities of Atlanta and Charlotte along the rail line. Central is home to the Central Railway Museum, which highlights the area’s rich railroad history and its role in the development of the Upstate region.
- Liberty High School (Liberty Primary) - Liberty High School in Liberty, South Carolina, serves students in grades 9–12 and has an enrollment of about 640–660 students. The school’s current campus was built in 2011 and the school is known for its *Red Devils* mascot, strong community traditions, and history of athletics and student involvement in career and technical education programs.

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- Pickens County Library (Liberty Primary) - The Pickens County Library System traces its beginnings to April 30, 1935, when community organizations in Easley helped establish the county's first public library with just two bookcases located in a store. Over the decades, the system expanded into multiple branches serving Easley, Central, Clemson, Liberty, and Pickens, growing alongside the communities of the Upstate region.
- Liberty, South Carolina (Liberty Primary) - Liberty, South Carolina, is a historic small town in Pickens County. Founded in the late 1800s, the town grew rapidly with the arrival of the railroad and became known for its textile industry, particularly the Liberty Mill, which played a major role in the local economy for decades. Today, the town is valued for its historic downtown, strong sense of community, and easy access to nearby lakes, parks, and mountain recreation.
- Easley Water Tower (East End) - Easley, South Carolina, is one of the largest cities in Pickens County. Founded in the 1870s and named after Confederate General William King Easley, the city developed as a railroad and textile manufacturing hub during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Easley is also known for the Doodle Trail, a popular walking and biking path inspired by the historic "Pickens Doodle" passenger train that once connected Easley to Pickens.
- Easley City Hall (East End) - Easley City Hall serves as the center of local government for the City of Easley. Located in downtown Easley, the building houses city administrative offices and plays an important role in civic events, planning, and public services for residents. Its location near the historic downtown district highlights Easley's long-standing connection to commerce, community development, and the city's rich textile and railroad heritage.
- Doodle Train Station (East End) - The Doodle Train Station in Pickens County, South Carolina, celebrates the history of the famous "Pickens Doodle," a passenger train that once traveled between Easley and Pickens beginning in the late 1800s. The train earned its name from the sounds and motions of its small steam engine as it traveled through the Upstate communities. Today, the station and surrounding area serve as a reminder of the region's railroad heritage and inspire the popular Doodle Trail, a walking and biking path that follows portions of the historic rail route.
- Easley High School - Easley High School in Easley, South Carolina, was established in 1909 and has grown into one of the larger high schools in Pickens County. Today, the school serves about 1,700 students in grades 9–12 and is known for its strong athletic programs, especially football and baseball, as well as a wide variety of academic and career-focused opportunities. The school's mascot is the *Green Wave*.
- Fresh Market - The U.S. grocery industry is massive, with nearly 62,000 supermarkets and grocery stores. Large chains like Walmart, Kroger, and Costco hold significant market share and influence pricing trends. Small, fresh markets and farmers markets offer many benefits across health, economics, and environmental sustainability.
- Doctor's Office - Early doctor's offices in the 1800's were often small rooms attached to a doctor's home. The term "waiting room" originated in the 19th century, when European doctors began seeing patients in their homes. Doctors wear white coats to project cleanliness and sterility, a shift from the early 19th century, when they wore black to symbolize death and mourning.

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- Gym - Gyms date back to ancient Greece, where physical fitness was considered an important part of education and daily life. Modern gyms became popular in the 19th century as people began focusing more on organized exercise, strength training, and overall health. The United States features the most gyms in operation globally (about 41,000) and brings in approximately $35 billion in revenue in an average year.
- Yoga Studio - Yoga originated in ancient India more than 5,000 years ago and was traditionally practiced as a way to connect the mind, body, and spirit. Modern yoga studios became especially popular in the 20th century, offering classes that promote wellness, stress relief, and healthy living for people of all ages. Industry data shows that up to 90% of in-studio yoga students already have an established fitness and healthy-eating routine.
- Dentist Office - Early dentistry dates back thousands of years, but modern dentist's offices became more common in the 1800s when dentists began using specialized tools and chairs designed for patient comfort. The first reclining dental chair was invented in 1832, making dental visits much more comfortable and practical than early years.
- Post Office - A post office is an official government or public facility responsible for processing, sorting, and delivering mail and parcels. In the United States, the Postal Service processes and delivers roughly 425 million pieces of mail each day and serves more than 168.6 million residential and business delivery points. The United States Postal Service has been operating for more than 250 years and was established in 1775, with Benjamin Franklin as the first Postmaster General.
- Fire Station - Early communities relied on citizens forming lines to pass buckets of water from hand to hand to fight fires. The 18th and 19th centuries saw the invention of hand-drawn, and later horse-drawn, water pumpers, which were housed in stations. Firefighters work shifts that generally last 24 to 38 areas, requiring stations to be equipped with kitchens, sleeping quarters, and fitness areas.
- Police Station - Before dedicated police stations existed in the early 19th century, police duties were handled by night watchmen. The idea of a modern, centralized station originated with Sir Robert Peel's Metropolitan Police Act of 1829 in London. In the United States, police stations were established in Boston and New York in the 1840s. Modern police stations have a precinct desk, holding cells, briefing rooms, and evidence rooms.
- Bakery - Bakeries originated with ancient Egyptian and Greek traditions around 2600 BCE. During the Middle Ages, many European bakeries were community hubs, often sharing large ovens that families used to bake their own bread. In the 18th and 19th centuries, bakeries expanded beyond bread to include pastries, cakes, and desserts as sugar become more available.
- Floral Shop - There are over 15,000 retail florists in the United States, and supermarkets account for about 50% of all flower sales. Roses are the most popular cut flower, with carnations close behind. Approximately 78% of flowers sold in the U.S. are imported from Columbia, while about 77% of domestically produced flowers come from California. Globally, the floral industry is valued at an estimated $100 billion per year, and demand peaks around major holidays such as Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, and weddings, when flowers sales can triple.
- Library - The United States has over 17,500 library locations, making libraries one of the most accessible public resources. The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, containing over 173 million items and adding approximately 10,000 new items to its collection every working day. The oldest continuously operating library in the world is located at Saint Catherine's Monastery in Egypt, established between A.D. 548 and 565.

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- Restaurant - Early forms of restaurants appeared in China during the Song Dynasty (960-1279), where urban locations offered menus and meals tailored to individual customers. Before this, Europe and the Middle East featured inns, taverns, and food stalls that served travelers and workers with limited choices. The modern Western concept of a restaurant developed in Paris during the 1760's, when businesses began offering individual meals from menus with fixed prices.
- Bank - The earliest banks originated thousands of years ago in ancient civilizations such as Mesopotamia, where merchants and temples safeguarded valuables and provided loans. Modern banking developed in Europe during the Middle Ages and expanded as trade and economies grew. Banks do not keep all deposited money in their vaults; instead, they lend a portion of deposits to borrowers, helping to support economic growth and investment.
- Pharmacy - Pharmacies have a history that dates back to ancient Mesopotamia around 2600 B.C. Pharmacists originally mixed medicines with ingredients to make them taste better, which led to the creation of several soft drinks: John Pemberton (a pharmacist) invented Coca-Cola, Charles Alderton (a pharmacy worker) invented Dr Pepper, and James Vernor (a pharmacist) invented Vernor's Ginger Ale. Louisiana was the first state in the U.S. to require pharmacist licenses in the early 1800s, and the very first licensed American pharmacist was located in the French Quarter of New Orleans.
- Boutique - A boutique is considered a small retail shop that specializes in selected products, often focusing on fashion, accessories, gifts, or luxury items. The word “boutique” comes from the French term for “shop” and became widely associated with high-end stores during the 20th century. The boutique concept expanded beyond retail in the 1960s and 1970s, leading to terms such as “boutique hotels” and “boutique agencies” for businesses that emphasize individuality and specialized service.

Themes to Explore: Main Street

- South Carolina History
- Maps
- Neighborhood Businesses
- Urban, Suburban, and Rural
- Transportation and Travel
- Arts and Culture
- Building and Construction
- Citizenship
- Voting
- Recycling
- Conservation

Themes to Explore: Community Helpers

- Community Helper Careers
  - Health and Wellness
  - Safety
  - Delivery and Transportation
  - Food and Service
  - Builders and Fixers
  - Animal Helpers
  - School Helpers
  - Community Service

Themes to Explore: Wonderful, Amazing Me

- Nutrition
- Health Related Professions
- Healthy Routines
- Mindfulness
- Feelings
- Senses
- Anatomy
- All About Me

Mounted Artifacts

- Prop Building and Service Vehicle - Prop Building and Service Vehicle-Using the dramatic play buildings, a group of students might set up a "city" with a hospital, fire station, and school. They assume roles like firefighter, teacher, or driver and create a storyline where a fire truck rushes to help, a school has to evacuate, and a bus driver helps people relocate. These types of play scenarios involve collaboration, sharing, storytelling, and learning through play.

To Find Out More

- United States Census Bureau
- Chamber of Commerce
- Kids Health in the Classroom
- USDA MyPlate