

Welcome NEW Members!

Magnolia Mall
 ABB*
 Pharmacy Express
 Assurant*
 Habitat for Humanity
 Chase (upgrade)*
 Trinity Collegiate
 Shealy Electrical*
 Finklea Law Firm (upgrade)
 H.J. Heinz (upgrade)*
 Wachovia (upgrade)*
 Fred DuBard
 Progress Energy (upgrade)*
 RealCap Inc.
 Johnson Control Battery
 Recycling*
 Florence Country Club (returned)
 Phoenix Design
 WFXB *
 Advanced Dental Center
 Fitts & Goodwin (upgrade)*
 Carlisle Associates Inc. (upgrade)*
 Smurfit Stone*
 (* indicates Pacesetter Member)

JOHNSON CONTROL BATTERY RECYCLING

The new Johnson Control Battery Recycling Facility broke ground on January 18th 2011 on its 270-acre site on Paper Mill Road off US-76. The company plans to develop 36 acres for the facility and parking. The new facility estimates a \$150 million dollar investment that should create 250 direct jobs and 1,000 indirect jobs. With the addition of this facility, JCI will now manufacture, distribute, and recycle batteries in South Carolina, all while minimizing environmental impact and maximizing economic development impact.

JCI was recently issued an air permit – the first for a new, fully integrated battery recycling facility in over 20 years in the United States. All air emissions will fall well below the acceptable limits. The company has continually demonstrated its concern and responsibility for the environment.



Mayor Stephen Wukela, Florence County Progress Chairman, Tim Norwood, President of Johnson Controls Power Solutions, Alex A. Molinaroli, Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Senator Yancey McGill, Senator Kent M. Williams, and Vice President and General Manager of Johnson Controls Power Solutions America, Allen Martin.

H.J. Heinz began hiring and plans to start production at the Florence facility in the Fall. People interested in applying for a position can visit the Careers section of www.Heinz.com for salaried positions, or the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce at www.dew.sc.gov/ for hourly positions. The opening of the facility will bring about 200 new jobs to the Florence area in 2011.

UPCOMING PROGRESS EVENTS

- ❖ March 3rd: First Quarterly Networking Social at Courtyard by Marriot at 5:30 pm
- ❖ March 8th: Pacesetter Cocktails with Jean Wasko at Victor's Bistro- 6:00 pm (invitation only)
- ❖ April 26th: Florence County Legislative Day in Columbia

Expansions in Florence County

- ICE Recycling (Lake City) invests \$4.35 million to create 50 new jobs
- Wellman Plastics Recycling (Johnsonville) invests \$2.5 million to create 50 new jobs
- American Luxury Coach (Florence) to create 40 new jobs
- QVC (Florence) created an additional 165 jobs
- Monster Worldwide (Florence) created an additional 85 jobs

Florence County Economic Development Partnership Florence County Progress Inc.

Check out the new updates and vendor directory on www.fcedp.com and www.fcprogress.com

Print versions of vendor directory containing detailed contact information available upon request to members only



Gov. Nikki Haley, Tim Norwood, and S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell.

Know someone interested in joining Florence County Progress Inc. or think someone would be a good member? Call Katie at 843-676-8796 Or kwylie@florenceco.org

Tim Norwood, Chairman of Florence County Progress Inc., has been honored as an Ambassador for Economic Development by the S.C. Department of Commerce and legislative leaders as part of South Carolina's 20th Annual Industry Appreciation Week. "These private sector leaders are at the frontlines of job creation and industry promotion for South Carolina and they do more for our economy than government can ever contribute. Our Ambassadors for Economic Development serve as a true asset to our state and deserve real credit for their leadership", said Speaker, Bobby Harrell. Each year, the state Department of Commerce joins local communities to thank businesses for their vital contributions to South Carolina's economy. The Department of Commerce kicks off Industry Appreciation Week each year by recognizing people throughout South Carolina as Ambassadors for Economic Development. They include leaders from the private sector representing a variety of businesses and economic development organizations committed to securing new jobs and investment in their communities.

Our Newest Board Members



John D. Bankson – Progress Board of Director
Northeastern SC Business Banking Manager
Senior Vice President at Wachovia Bank
(a Wells Fargo Company).
Has worked at Wachovia for 14 years



W. Stuart Ames – Partnership Board of Director
Manager – Economic Development - S.C.
at Progress Energy
Has worked for Progress Energy for 35 years

FLORENCE EVENTS

- ❖ March 21st: Florence Symphony Spring Concert
- ❖ April 29th – May 7th: Florence Little Theatre "Into the Woods"