



## Breach of Contract?



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**Stadium sale could put old plan back in play  
Conestee group would like to collaborate.**

As some local entrepreneurs prepare to purchase Greenville Municipal Stadium, an idea that was originally floated more than four years ago is resurfacing – with tourism business ramifications.

"That's going to be a major, positive, economic impact," says Greenville City Manager Jim Bourey.

Greg Cassidy is one of three partners who have offered \$1,955,365 to purchase the baseball stadium on Mauldin Road. Greenville City Council is expected to give final approval to the sale at its Jan. 8 meeting.

The 42-acre facility was home to minor league baseball prior to the construction of West End Field. The group, Greenville Athletics LLC, plans to renovate the stadium and build five additional fields in order to host tournaments for elite youth baseball teams.

"We expect to bring in over 1,000 teams in 2007," Cassidy says.

He also is seeking to develop a relationship with The Conestee Foundation, which hopes to turn 800 acres of adjacent land in and around Lake Conestee into a nature park.

### Calendar of Events:

#### Monday, Jan. 8

First Monday in Greenville  
12 p.m.  
Poinsett Club, meeting.  
Call 244-5770

#### Tuesday, Jan. 9

Business Before Hours  
7:30 a.m.  
Commerce Club of Greenville, \$7, networking.  
Call 239-3707

#### Thursday, Jan. 11

Baldrige Use in Education  
4:15 p.m.  
Greenville Chamber, users' group meeting.  
Call 239-3743

Beyond the Resolution: Goal Setting for 2007  
8:30 a.m.  
The Building Zone (Clemson), Women in Business meeting.  
Call 654-1200

Business After Hours  
5:30 p.m.  
Between the Buns (Easley), networking.

"They've talked about installing bridges over the river so our guests can use their park," Cassidy says.

Possible synergies between a Lake Conestee park and the baseball stadium were mentioned in 2002, when the city was looking for a developer to renovate the ballpark. A request for proposals was issued by the city, and local architect Scott Johnston was among those who took interest.



While he did not submit a formal proposal to the city, Johnston, a Conestee Foundation member, drew up plans for a recreation/entertainment area that would have included the stadium, the lake and adjacent property.

"The idea was still at that point that the (Greenville) Braves or another baseball team would stay out at the Mauldin Road location," Johnston says. "We tried to create some passive recreation areas."

Plans also called for bridges linking the ballpark property to the lake property, as well as a mixed-use development along Mauldin Road. Johnston says there were also plans for an environmental education center at the lake.

The city's RFP was ultimately shelved as attention shifted away from renovating the old stadium and toward building a new stadium elsewhere. The Braves chose to leave the Upstate for Mississippi. Another group moved their minor league team from Columbia to Greenville, played at Municipal Stadium in 2005, and opened West End Field in 2006.

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**Downtown Spartanburg attracts Square deals**

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**Upstate residents turn hobbies into businesses**

**HVAC legislation set for another try**

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### **The List**

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Whitney M. Young Jr. Humanitarian Gala  
6:30 p.m.  
Embassy Suites, \$175, Urban League of the Upstate event honoring Stewart Spinks.  
Call 244-3862

### **Friday, Jan. 12 2007**

Annual Luncheon  
12 p.m.  
Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center, annual meeting.  
Call 226-3454

South Carolina International Auto Show  
10 a.m.  
Palmetto Expo Center, \$8, exposition.  
Call (858) 523-0001

### **Saturday, Jan. 13**

Indy Gold  
8 p.m.  
Peace Center: Peace Concert Hall, \$45-\$15, Greenville Symphony Orchestra concert.  
Call 679-9223

South Carolina International Auto Show  
10 a.m.  
Palmetto Expo Center, \$8, exposition.  
Call (858) 523-0001

### **Sunday, Jan. 14**

Indy Gold  
3 p.m.  
Peace Center: Peace Concert Hall, \$45-\$15, Greenville Symphony Orchestra concert.  
Call 679-9223

South Carolina International Auto Show  
10 a.m.  
Palmetto Expo Center, \$8, exposition.  
Call (858) 523-0001

### **Monday, Jan. 15**

South Carolina International Auto Show  
10 a.m.  
Palmetto Expo Center, \$8, exposition.  
Call (858) 523-0001

### **Tuesday, Jan. 16**

Business After Hours  
5:30 p.m.  
TBD, networking.  
Call 239-3707

Pendelton Area Council  
9 a.m.  
The Depot (Clemson), meeting.  
Call 654-1200

### **Wednesday, Jan. 17**

Filling the Sales Pipeline  
12 p.m.  
Greenville Chamber, sales roundtable.  
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### **Thursday, Jan. 18**

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February 2 **Minority Business**  
Lists: Minority-Owned Businesses

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McAlister's Deli - Augusta Road  
Eckerd - Augusta Road  
Eight O'Clock - Cleveland Street  
Post Office - Washington Street  
Senor Wraps - Haywood Road  
Barnes & Noble- Haywood Road  
McAlister's Deli - Woodruff Road  
Garner's - Laurens Road  
Monterrey's Restaurant - Laurens Road  
Burlington Coat Factory - Haywood Road  
Verdae Market Square - Laurens Road  
Stax Omega - Orchard Park  
Atlanta Bread Company - Pelham Road  
Books-A-Million - Laurens Road  
Lake Forest Quick Shop - N. Pleasantburg  
The Open Book - S. Pleasantburg  
W. H. Smith - GSP Int'l Airport  
News & More - E. North Street  
Liquid Highway - Halton Road

### Spartanburg

County Square - Church Street  
Fords Drug - Main Street  
Beacon Restaurant - Reidville Road  
County Court House - Magnolia Street

### Anderson

Main Post Office - Main Street  
Reid-A-Book - Clemson Blvd.

69th Annual Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce Celebration  
6 p.m.  
Embassy Suites, \$75-\$60, annual meeting.  
Call 877-3131

Business After Hours  
5:30 p.m.  
Sparty's (Seneca), networking.  
Call 882-2097

Chamber Luncheon  
12 p.m.  
Kimberly Hampton Library (Easley), lunch with Superintendent of Pickens County Schools Dr. Lee D'Andrea.  
Call 859-2693

Oconee Pickens Chamber Coalition  
8:30 a.m.  
The Depot (Clemson), meeting.  
Call 654-1200

Romeo & Juliet  
7:30 p.m.  
Peace Center: Gunter Theatre, \$38, Aquila Theatre production.  
Call 679-9223

South Carolina National Tooling and Machining Association,  
6:30 p.m.  
Holiday Inn (I-85 and Augusta Road), meeting.  
Call 898-1297

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