BBQ on the Boulevard committee readies for October 13 event

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The BBQ on the Boulevard Committee is busy making plans for the 3rd Annual BBQ on the Boulevard. The event will be held on October 13, from noon until 4 p.m. at the Clinton Plaza Shopping Center and will showcase local amateur BBQ teams competing in a cook-off in three categories: pork, chicken, and people's choice. The committee has been busy ironing out details and recruiting BBQ teams for the event. Several teams will be returning for their third year of competition, along with some newcomers.

The Boulevard Business District will begin to smell with the sweet aroma of BBQ on Friday evening as teams set up and begin cooking for the competition and tasting. The public is invited to attend the public tasting for only \$5 per person beginning at 2 p.m. Attendees can sample BBQ from the competitors and vote on their favorites.

BBQ on the Boulevard is a family-friendly event, complete with great food, live music and kids' activities, which will include a kiddie train, face-painting and games. New this

year, BBQ plates will be available to purchase for \$9. Proceeds from the BBQ plates will benefit Kids for Christ Performing Arts, and tickets can be purchased in advance or at the event.

For the third consecutive year, Susan Wilson has been the Committee Chairperson and the driving force behind the successful event.

"When this event began in 2016, we were looking for a way to bring a family-friendly event to the Boulevard," said Wilson. "The past two years have been so much fun and supported by the community; we are anticipating an even bigger turnout this year. Our committee has worked so hard to plan a fun event for both the competitors and the community." The committee is still accepting competition teams.

The committee has added two new components to the 2018 event. The first is an amateur Corn Hole Competition. The competition will be held from noon until 3 p.m. The entry fee is \$15 per two-person team, which includes

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an armband for the BBQ tasting. Rules and an entry application can be found on the Main Street Clinton website at www.mainstreetclintonms.com.

The second component added for 2018 is a new youth division in the BBQ cook-off. This division will allow for youth teams, comprised of children ages 16, provided the team has adult supervision. Rules and an application are also available on the Main Street Clinton website.

In an effort to raise more funds for Boulevard District improvements, committee members and Main Street Board members are selling raffle tickets. Winners will be announced at the cook-off. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or five for \$20. Some of the raffle prizes include: four (4) BF Goodrich Advantage TA Sport or Long

Trail Tour Tires; a threemonth membership to
the Baptist HealthPlex;
RTIC 45 Qt. Cooler;
Natchez Pilgrimage
Tour tickets; gift
certificates from
The Cupboard, The
Bank, Sii Bello, Cups,
N'Awlins Grill, Tips and

Toes, and Home Depot; promotional item from Entergy, and more. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets can also be purchased at the Main Street Clinton office.

The committee has been planning and organizing the event since January, and they say that could use some additional volunteers during the event. Committee members working on the event include: Susan Wilson, Marc Wilson, Rob Logan, Don Nyberg, Jimmy Lee, Bernard Kines, Peggy P'Pool, Chrystelle Thymes, Bob Blanton and Tara Lytal. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event can contact the Main Street Clinton office at 601-924-5472.





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