



SERCO presents
 6th Annual Holiday Taste & Tour – Lower Richland Heritage Corridor
Norfolk Southern Railroad Exhibit Car

SERCO's 6th Annual Holiday Taste & Tour promises to bring a unique special feature and a most memorable "Old Fashioned Christmas" to the historic "Village of Hopkins" site Saturday, December 1st from 12:00 noon until 4:00 PM. The "Village of Hopkins" is located at 214 Hopkins Road, intersecting Lower Richland Boulevard, just 11 miles from Columbia.

Norfolk Southern Corporation has scheduled the Village of Hopkins to be one of only 15 stops on their Exhibit Car's 30th Anniversary Tour! The Exhibit Car is a restored 1926 Pullman passenger car that was converted to a mobile museum in 1971. The FREE tours through the train will offer display models of locomotives, historical information, flat-screen monitor images, interactive challenge games, photo booth, locomotive simulator, and much more. The railroad system is intertwined with the heritage of the "Village of Hopkins." History tells us that this was once a bustling location, originally named "Hopkins Turnout" between 1836 and 1842, when the South Carolina Railroad from Charleston completed a turntable there.

Through the 1920's, the Village of Hopkins was thriving with general stores, gin mills, industries, residences and a Town Hall. Having benefited from local residents' memories and knowledge as well as extensive research, SERCO has taken on a labor of love to recreate a similar atmosphere. SERCO will present an on-site Museum Excursion comprised of vintage photo collections, models, artifacts, etc. of historical sites that exist throughout Lower Richland and guided by local historians. This FREE holiday event includes entertainment by the Fort Jackson Army Band and a variety of local talent. Visitors will enjoy FREE food samplings and excitement for all ages: carriage rides, miniature train rides, drawings for prizes and arts & crafts contests. Vendors will offer an outstanding variety of goods for sale that include food items, crafts and gifts along with a farmers market and flea market. FREE parking is available next to the event site, and shuttle service is provided.

For additional information, please e-mail sercoevents@gmail.com or contact Marie Barber Adams at 803-788-7185. This event is sponsored by SERCO, the Council of Village Elders and the Friends of Congaree Swamp. Funding is made possible in part by a Richland County Hospitality Tax Grant.



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