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# News Release

## **PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS DOWNTOWN ALIVE KICKS OFF GIMME THE GIG MAY 1**

### ***Bands battle to earn spot at weekly concert series***

**Greenville, S.C.** – Piedmont Natural Gas Downtown Alive kicks off its annual Gimme the Gig competition May 1, inviting bands to battle for a chance to earn a paid gig at the weekly series on August 25 and eight hours of recording studio time at Sit-N-Spin Recording Studios.

In its first year, nearly 15 bands submitted entries and 1,500 votes were cast during the weeklong voting period. 2015 Gimme the Gig winner Brooks Dixon and the Noble Sound formed the band with a group of young talent in hopes of entering the music scene. Since winning the contest, the band has released a six-song EP, “Weather the Storm,” and played various venues throughout the **Upstate.**

Participating bands will ultimately be narrowed down to a group of finalists, giving music fans the opportunity to cast a vote for their favorite band online at [events.greenvillesc.gov/gimmethedig](http://events.greenvillesc.gov/gimmethedig). The band receiving the largest number of votes will earn a paid gig and recording studio time.

To enter, bands can submit their audio or video May 1 through June 1 to Josh McGee, entertainment coordinator, at [jmcgee@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:jmcgee@greenvillesc.gov). The contest is free and additional rules are online at [events.greenvillesc.gov/gimmethedig](http://events.greenvillesc.gov/gimmethedig). For more information about Piedmont Natural Gas Downtown Alive, visit [events.greenvillesc.gov](http://events.greenvillesc.gov) or follow the event on social media.

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