



# old town news

ROCK HILL, SC

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## Introducing the Old Town Historic Walking Tour

In 1851, Rock Hill was just a railway stop between Columbia and Charlotte. By 1929, a prosperous, progressive city had emerged. Over the years, this city continued to grow and change, shaped by the people who lived here—people who imagined a new world for themselves and the generations to come.

There is now a new forum for exploring Rock Hill's rich history: The Old Town Historic Walking Tour. This tour encourages participants to step back in time, stroll through historic Old Town, and let the city's history come to life. Along the tour route, which covers approximately 1.25 miles, historic buildings, markers, and sites are highlighted with interesting facts.



Information is shared through tour brochures, as well as audio recordings. Tour brochures are available at the Historic Panels (corner of E. White Street and Elizabeth Lane), The White Home (258 E. White Street), and the York County Visitors Center (452 S. Anderson Road). The public, including schools and other groups, is invited to participate in this free tour.

The audio information can be accessed via personal cell phones (phone numbers for each site are included in the tour brochure) and personal smart phones ([www.onlyintown.com/historictour](http://www.onlyintown.com/historictour)). It can also be accessed by MP3 players, which can be checked out at The White Home or the York County Visitor's Center. Groups of 10 or more should reserve units by contacting the York County Visitor's Center at 888-702-1320.

This tour is sponsored by Old Town Association, Historic Rock Hill, Comporium Communications, and City of Rock Hill. For more information, visit the website: [onlyintown.com/historictour](http://onlyintown.com/historictour)

## Courtyard at Highland Park Welcomes Community

In the 1890s, the Highland Park Manufacturing Plant was a thriving textile mill surrounded by the homes of the people were employed there. In 1968, due to the decline of the local textile industry, the mill closed. For years, it sat vacant in the heart of Highland Park, one of Old Town's historic neighborhoods.

In 1992, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Then, in 2001, The Landmark Group began to rehabilitate the building. Today, it is known as The Courtyard at Highland Park, a beautiful complex that many independent seniors call home.

The building, which has retained much of its historical integrity, has 116 one- and two-bedroom rental units for people ages 55 and up. The property also features three courtyards, where many residents have planted their own gardens, as well as a large community room.

The public is welcome to participate in its ongoing activities which include Bingo, game nights, Bible studies, and more. Activity details are posted online: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (search for Courtyard at Highland Park Apartments). The complex is located at 923 Standard Street. For more information: 803-366-5252.

## Library Events

138 E. Black Street \* 803-981-5830  
 www.yclibrary.org \* 803-981-5888

### Teen Writers' Circle

**October 17th and 24th**, 6pm to 7:30pm  
 Freelance journalist Trish Hildebrant will encourage and inspire writers in 6th–12th grades. There will also be opportunities for writers to share their work. To register, call 803-981-5830.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

- ◆ **October 27th:** 5pm to 8pm. Opening night for Friends of the Library. Memberships available at the door.
  - ◆ **October 28th:** 9am to 7pm.
  - ◆ **October 29th:** 9am to 3pm. Half-price day.
- More than 10,000 books for adults and children will be available at bargain prices. Sale will be held in the gym of First ARP Church, 201 E. White Street. For more information: 803-981-5837



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**OCTOBER 15**  
 5 TO 10 PM

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 LIVE MUSIC Strolling Accordionist 5-7pm • Foothills Oompah Band 6-10pm  
 CHILDREN'S AREA by Morton Amusement and Pickles Da Clown

## THE WORLD FAMOUS GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA



**Thursday, October 13 7:30pm**

**Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main St.**

[www.yorkcountyyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyyarts.org)  
 for information and tickets

## Emmett Scott Fall Festival

On **October 28th**, from 6pm to 8pm, enjoy music, games, a moon bounce, and light refreshments at this community fall festival. Cost is \$1 per person, which includes 5 tickets. Additional tickets will be available for purchase. Youth in 5th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Emmett Scott Center is located at 801 Crawford Road. Details: 803-329-5662.

## The Hive Cinema Series

Every Thursday this month, beginning at 6pm, The Hive Cinema Series will present a horror double feature. Free admission. No one under 17 admitted. Maximum capacity: 60 people. Movie schedule:

- ◆ **October 13th:** Frank Henenlotter's "Brain Damage" and Kathryn Bigelow's "Near Dark"
- ◆ **October 20th:** Tobe Hooper's "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and Dario Argento's "Profondo Rosso (Deep Red)"
- ◆ **October 27th:** Don Coscarelli's "Phantasm" and Wes Craven's "A Nightmare on Elm Street"

The Hive is located in Old Town at 157 E. Main Street, Suite 300. Details: 803-981-7744.

# Muse Fest

**October 20th—23rd**

This arts festival returns to Old Town, open and free to the public, and is centered around a juried craft market. The festival will also include artist demos, film screenings, live music, and raffles. Plus, craft beers, a photo booth, and more. Gettys Art Center, 201 E. Main Street. Details: [galleryup.com](http://galleryup.com)



## Arts Events

Center for the Arts  
121 E. Main Street  
803-328-2787  
[www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

Gallery Up & Gettys Art Center  
201 E. Main Street  
803-322-7873  
[www.galleryup.com](http://www.galleryup.com)

### On Beauty: Lecture and Discussion

**October 13, 7pm**

Lecture and discussion with Mr. Kirk Irwin, theologian and arts advocate, regarding the meaning of “beauty” and how it is related to both the artist and non-artist communities. Space 157, 157 E Main Street, 2nd Floor. For more information, visit the website: [onlyinoldtown.com](http://onlyinoldtown.com) and click on the event date.

### “My Roots are Showing—A Southern Boy’s Bumpy Road to Manhood

**October 21st and 22nd, 7:30pm each night**

Starring Michael Reno Harrell. Co-presentation of Dancing Bear Productions and Arts Council of York County. Tickets: \$10 advance; \$12 at the door. For tickets or more information, call 803-328-2787. Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main Street.

### Portrait Drawing Sessions

**Every Monday Night, 7pm to 8pm**

Friday Arts Project hosts drawing sessions with a clothed model. \$5 contribution suggested for model. Space 157, 157 E Main Street, 2nd Floor. For more information, call 803-554-1826.

# Earth Fare Events

725 Cherry Road \* 803-327-1030  
[www.earthfare.com](http://www.earthfare.com) (Our Stores, Rock Hill, Events)

## Good Olde Days

**Every Tuesday Night, 4:30pm to 7:30pm**

Home-style family classic meals are offered for \$7.99 or less, along with family activities and events.

## Family Dinner Night—Kids Eat Free

**Every Thursday Night, 4pm to 8pm**

Up to six kids eat free with the purchase of an adult meal priced at \$5 or more.

## Courtroom at Gettys Show

On **October 25th** from 9:30pm to midnight, several bands will be performing at the Courtroom at Gettys, 201 E. Main Street, 2nd Floor. These include:

- ◆ Dan Sartian from Alabama (Rockabilly)
- ◆ Appalucia from Charlotte (Country/Punk)
- ◆ Paint Fumes from Charlotte (Garage Rock)
- ◆ Motel Glory from Rock Hill (Garage Rock / Folk)

Cover charge: \$5 or less. . Screen-printed posters and a selection of drinks will be available for sale. Details: [www.facebook.com/thecourtroomatgettys](http://www.facebook.com/thecourtroomatgettys).

## Boo HaHa

**On October 31st**, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, children of all ages are invited to dressed in costumes and participate in safe trick-or-treating on Main Street.

Event includes a costume contest for children under age 10 and Pickles Da Clown with balloon animals.

Details: [onlyinoldtown.com](http://onlyinoldtown.com)



Children enjoying last year’s Boo HaHa event.

## Business Spotlight



### El Caribe Sunset Café

El Caribe Sunset Café is one of Old Town's newest eateries. This family owned and operated restaurant is proud to feature delicious, authentic Caribbean and Mexican cuisine. Lunch and drink specials are offered daily. College students can also ask about a special discount.

This restaurant is quickly becoming a local favorite. It is open every Monday through Thursday from 12pm to 2pm and 5pm to 10pm; and every Friday and Saturday from 12pm to 2pm and 5pm to 11pm. Customers may dine-in or order meals for take-out.

El Caribe Sunset Café is located at 1051 Oakland Avenue, near Winthrop University. For more information, call 803-366-7272 or visit the website: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (search for El Caribe Sunset Café Restaurant).

## Upcoming Events

### Second Saturday Series

This new family program is for children ages 3-5, who can enjoy crafts, stories, and music together with an adult. It will be held on the specified dates from 9:15am to 9:45am. Upcoming programs:

- ◆ **November 12th:** "Cuddle Up & Get Cozy"
- ◆ **December 10th:** "Twinkle, Twinkle"

The series will continue in January 2012. Main Street Children's Museum, 133 E. Main Street. Cost is \$2 per child, plus general museum admission. No registration required.

For more information, call 803-327-6400 or visit the website: [www.chmuseums.org](http://www.chmuseums.org)

### ChristmasVille

This four-day festival has been named SC Event of the Year for the past four years. It features shows, demonstrations, arts-n-crafts, contests, displays, musical performances, and much more.

This year's festival will be held from **December 1st—4th**. For details: [ChristmasVilleRockHill.com](http://ChristmasVilleRockHill.com)

## Thank You from the Market

Old Town Market would like to express sincere appreciation to all who helped make the 2011 season possible. The market, presented by The City of Rock Hill and the Old Town Association, would not have been possible without such strong support from its vendors, customers, volunteers, and staff.

In addition, several Old Town businesses and organizations supported the market by donating either tangible items or advertising assistance. These businesses and organizations include:

- ◆ WRHI
- ◆ The Herald
- ◆ Earth Fare
- ◆ Lell's Café
- ◆ Periwinkle Café and Bakery
- ◆ Gallery Up
- ◆ Citizen Corners

The market also appreciates Sandy Lovern of Lovern Landscape and Greenhouse for providing so many of the children's activities this season. Information about the market can be found online: [onlyinoldtown.com/market](http://onlyinoldtown.com/market)



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