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College Town Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

The College Town Action Plan is a joint effort between the City of Rock Hill and Winthrop University. This plan makes recommendations about creating “a ‘college town’ atmosphere that attracts economic development to the area around the Winthrop campus, while simultaneously increasing the overall attractiveness of the area to current and prospective students, residents, and investors.”

The College Town Action Plan notes that a college town is “walkable / bikeable.” It further notes that, to create this kind of town, safety and pedestrian access needs to improve along Cherry Road; and bike access needs to increase to and from the Winthrop campus. A College Town Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was developed as part of the College Town Action Plan to address these specific needs. An open house was held in January to discuss it with the community.

Based on community feedback, the City and Winthrop are working on college town area improvements for both pedestrians and cyclists. Some improvements will take longer to implement than others, but efforts are underway. Enhanced signage has been installed in the college town area, bike racks have been installed downtown, and many crosswalks have been restriped.

Planned improvements include an improved intersection with a new signalized crossing on Cherry Road near Winthrop; enhancements to pedestrian signalization and improvements to lighting at existing crossings; and exploration of bike lane striping on Cherry Road, as well as “sharrows” on routes where dedicated bike lanes may not be feasible or justified.

Details about all aspects of the plan can be found online: www.collegetownrockhill.com

Glimpses of Glencairn Photography Competition

All amateur photographers are invited to participate in this year’s Glimpses of Glencairn Photography Competition. Categories are as follows: Blooms, Water, Wildlife, and People & Events. Photos must have been taken at Glencairn Garden within the last two years.

Winners from all categories will be displayed in City Hall’s Rotunda Gallery during the month of June. Deadline for entries is **May 1st**. Winners will be announced at BloomFest, which be held on **May 19th**. from 10am to 3pm at Glencairn Garden, 725 Crest Street.

The photography competition application can be found online at: rockhillrocks.com

For more details about the photo competition or BloomFest, call Merritt Croom at 803-329-5620.



Last year’s 1st place photo in Water category, by Diane Duncan.



Earth Fare Events

725 Cherry Road * 803-327-1030
www.earthfare.com

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.

Be Irish for a Night: Benefit Event for Pilgrims' Inn

Be Irish for a Night will be held on **March 10th** at 6:30pm at St. Anne Parish Life Center, 1696 Bird St. This event will include a full dinner with corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, desserts, and drinks. There will also be music, Irish dancers, auctions, door prizes, and more. Tickets are \$40 each, to benefit Pilgrims' Inn. To purchase tickets, call Kendra: 864-906-6257 or Pilgrims' Inn: 803-327-4227.

Pilgrims' Inn is a local non-for-profit organization serving individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or having trouble meeting their basic needs. Pilgrims' Inn provides counseling services, offers housing programs, and operates a shelter for homeless women and their children. For more details, visit: www.pilgrimsinn.org

St. Patrick's Day

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MARCH 16, 2012
 4:30-9:30pm



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Library Events

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

Building Your Family Tree Series

March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th: 2pm to 3pm

Learn how to begin your ancestor search through census and military records, online records, and more. A different topic will be discussed on each date. No registration required.

Celebrate Ireland with Storytelling and Music

March 11th, 3pm

Irish storyteller and author Batt Burns will present a travelogue of Ireland with storytelling, poetry, and traditional Irish music. Free performance is suitable for all ages. Copies of his book, "The King with Horse's Ears and Other Irish Folktales," and his CDs of Irish stories will be for sale. Details: 803-981-5844.

Paperback Bonanza Book Sale

March 16th and 17th, 9am to 6pm

Choose from a large selection of videos, paperbacks, and children's books, priced at 50¢ each. Sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Details: 803-981-5837.

Trending Artist Party Series Presents *The Down Beat Project*

Originating from Charlottesville, VA, the soul-filled, message-driven music of The Down Beat Project has a sweet balance between powerful, heartfelt singing and intense groove. The five members of the band bring their own touch to the music, creating a unique and natural vibe. Their music has been compared to that of Jack Johnson and The Dave Matthews Band because of its energy, beat, and popular appeal.

The Down Beat Project will perform on **March 30th** at 8pm at the Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main Street. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Now through **March 25th**, visit onlyinoldtown.com and enter to win 4 tickets to The Down Beat Project and \$40 to spend at Old Town Bistro. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 803-329-7092.

Arts Events

Center for the Arts
121 E. Main Street
803-328-2787

Gallery Up & Gettys Art Center
201 E. Main Street
803-322-7873

Flora: Works by Jenni Brant and Jennifer Mecca Exhibition: Now through March 23rd

These artists bring high-quality ceramics and vase work Rock Hill. Free exhibition. Gallery Up.

Teacher's Choice Youth Art Month Exhibition Exhibition: Now through March 18th

Public Reception: March 8th, 6pm

Presented by the Arts Council of York County and Rock Hill Schools. Sponsored by Artsee Magazine. Free exhibition. Center for the Arts.

Spoken Word Artist at Winthrop

March 23rd, 8pm to 9:30pm

Spoken word artist Jason Carney's life mission is to educate and participate in an honest conversation about race, class, and gender. Carney has been on HBO's "Def Poetry Jam" numerous times. He will be at Winthrop's DiGiorgio Center. For details, call 803-323-2108 or 803-323-4757.



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OF YORK COUNTY

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2011-2012
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TONY BENNETT TRIBUTE

featuring Mitch Seekins

Sat., March 10, 2012 7:30pm
249 E. Main Street, Rock Hill, SC

www.yorkcountyarts.org

Business Spotlight

Sub Station II



Sub Station II has been serving delicious sub sandwiches and salads from its Old Town location since 1986. Owner Charles Ruffalo began the company with his brothers in 1976, and now there are more than 50 Sub Station II locations. Ruffalo is a Rock Hill resident and operates the Rock Hill location. He is passionate about serving high-quality food and even grows the tomatoes, watermelons, and cantaloupes served in the restaurant during the summer months. Everything is sliced fresh to order, and subs are served on bread that is hot from the oven.

At Sub Station II, customers can enjoy a wide variety of hot and cold subs; specialty sandwiches; salads; and side dishes. Catering services are also available. Party trays, giant party subs, and custom-made box lunches can be created and even delivered (with minimum purchase) with just 24 hours notice. Check out Sub Station II and see why it has received The Herald's Buzzie Award for "Best Sub Shop in Town" seven times!

Sub Station II is located across from Winthrop University at 403 N. Cherry Road. It is open every Monday through Saturday from 10am to 10pm, and every Sunday from 11am to 8pm. Follow Ruffalo, known as SubGuy, on Twitter for the latest Sub Station II information. To learn more, call 803-329-0073 or visit the website: www.mysubstationii.com

Upcoming Events

Come-See-Me Festival

April 12th through April 21st

This annual spring festival features a wide variety of events, many of which are held in Old Town. The 10-day festival includes sporting events, a parade, food, garden entertainment, concerts, and fireworks. For complete details, visit: www.comeseeme.org

Pottery and Craft Sale: Call for Entries

Application Due Date: March 16th

Event Date: April 14th, 10am to 4pm

Rock Hill Pottery Center is accepting vendor applications for its 2nd Annual Pottery and Craft Sale, which will be held at the Gettys Art Center, 201 E. Main St. For more information, call 803-327-1294 or email: cwpottery@comporium.net Application and details can also be found online: onlyinoldtown.com

BloomFest

May 19th, 10am to 3pm

The 2nd Annual BloomFest event will be held at Glencairn Garden, 725 Crest St. This event features garden-themed vendors, music, food, garden tours, children's crafts, and much more.

COOLFest

May 19th, 10am to 3pm

The 7th Annual COOLFest event will be held at the Old Town Amphitheater, which is located downtown near the intersection of Black and Hampton Streets. This event will include exhibits, contests, inflatables, and kid-friendly educational and fun zones. Everything is free, except food and drinks. Event is hosted by Keystone Substance Abuse Services. For more details, visit: onlyinoldtown.com