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## Old Town East Construction Projects Set for Groundbreaking

The City of Rock Hill’s Mayor Doug Echols and Comporium’s President and Chief Executive Officer Bryant Barnes have jointly announced downtown construction projects in the area known as Old Town East.

These projects will anchor what City officials describe as Knowledge Park, a place for technology-centric businesses, entrepreneurial start-ups, and residents who are lifelong learners with active lifestyles.

Although the projects were first announced in 2010, both Echols and Barnes presented unified optimism that the timing is now right to begin the improvements to the six-block vicinity around the City’s municipal parking lot and Comporium’s headquarters on E. Black Street.

Comporium’s groundbreaking on a four-story, 48,000 square foot professional office building will likely be in mid-April, while the City of Rock Hill will begin

construction to convert its nearby municipal parking lot into a public park sometime this summer.

“We have an official commitment from Morton & Gettys [a local law firm], and another major tenant is close to signing an agreement,” Barnes said.

“Assuming we will land at least a couple more by April, we’re pretty comfortable breaking ground.”

Warren Norman, development director for Warren Norman & Co., described Comporium’s professional building as “class A” because of the quality materials that will be used, as well as the environmentally friendly design and construction. “There is really nothing in York County today that would compare,” Norman said.

Norman also said that the exterior design will be modern but also compatible with the rest of downtown Rock Hill. While most of the professional building is planned for commercial office space, he said some of the space on the first story would be suitable for retail. The building will also feature a three-story attached parking deck that will accommodate up to 210 vehicles.

Echols said that the construction of the professional building and the City’s moves to create the public park demonstrate the community’s will and determination to control its own destiny. “These things take time, but we are continuing to move forward to build for our future generations,” he said. “This is an exciting day to see a locally-based business like Comporium step forward, along with numerous groups and citizens, all with a common goal and vision to make our community a great place to live, work and raise families.”



Rendering of Comporium’s planned office building.



## Earth Fare Events

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

### Family Dinner Night—Kids Eat Free

**Thursdays**, 3pm to 8pm

Enjoy a healthy dinner at Earth Fare. Up to six kids eat free with a \$5 deli purchase.

### Good Olde Days

**Tuesdays**, 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Enjoy prime rib, mashed potatoes, and veggies for only \$9.99. Sides available for \$1 each.

## Rock Hill Community Theatre Presents “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change”

Rock Hill Community Theatre presents “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change,” a musical comedy revue that takes the audience on a hilarious and tuneful ride through the spectrum of modern male-female relationships. This play holds the record for second-longest running show off-Broadway and has been produced in more than 400 cities. PG-13, some adult content.

“I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change” stars Jimmy Chrismon, Veda Covington, Peter Guarascio, Paul Jone, Joanna Llambias, and Maggi Monahan. It is directed by Mike Collins and Aven Stephenson.  
Schedule of performances:

- ◆ **February 15th**, 8pm
- ◆ **February 16th**, 8pm
- ◆ **February 17th**, 3pm
- ◆ **February 22nd**, 8pm
- ◆ **February 23rd**, 8pm
- ◆ **February 24th**, 3pm

Tickets: \$15 evening shows (\$12 for students and seniors); \$13 matinees (\$10 for students and seniors).  
Tickets available online: [www.RockHillTheatre.org](http://www.RockHillTheatre.org).  
Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main St.

## Arts Events

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

Gettys Art Center  
201 E. Main Street  
[www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

### Coming Home

**Exhibition: Now through February 17th**

Photography exhibition by Cameron Bunce of Friday Arts Project. Bunce says, “These photographs are the tiny moments, the little pieces of hope that keep me attached to the goodness of family and friends. Anchors of hope in a whirlwind, they’re the still and beautiful moments to look back on and work towards. Courtroom Gallery, Gettys Art Center, 2nd floor.

### The Tints that Glow

**Exhibition: Now through February 17th**

**Free Public Reception: February 7th**, 6pm

Exhibition of paintings and objects by Caroline Rust. The emphasis of her current work has unfolded into a multifaceted examination of the feminine world, the woman’s identity, and her pursuit for a sense of self. Dalton Gallery, Center for the Arts.

### Works by Allison Tierney

**Exhibition: Now through February 17th**

The Arts Council of York County presents works by local artist Allison Tierney. Perimeter Gallery, Center for the Arts.

### Batik

**Exhibition: Now through February 17th**

The Arts Council of York County presents works by Jessica Calloway’s students from Fort Mill High School. Calloway is a 2012 Small Grant Recipient. Lewandowski Classroom Gallery, Center for the Arts.

### Voices from the Water: The Indigo Batik Art of Arianne King Comer

**Exhibition: February 5th through May 3rd**

**Free Public Reception: April 18th**, 6:30pm

Clinton Junior College presents Voices from the Water: The Indigo Batik Art of Arianne King Comer. Comer uses traditional African art forms of batik and indigo dyeing to honor the gifts of heritage and healing. The images in this exhibition reflect her ancestral discoveries and journeys from across-the-water places in Africa and the Carolina Lowcountry. Exhibition is free and open to the public. Dalton Gallery, Clinton Junior College, 1029 Crawford Road. For more information, call 803-327-7402 x 221.

## Classes at Flutterby Interiors

Flutterby Interiors, 206 E. Main St., is offering classes:

- ◆ **Let's Distress! February 5th**, 10am to 11:30am. Learn four different furniture painting techniques and 3–4 luxury wax finishes for each technique. \$75 per person.
- ◆ **Cool Coasters: February 9th**, 10:30am to 12pm. Learn how to transform everyday ceramic tiles into beautiful one-of-a-kind monogrammed and artfully decorated coasters. \$20 per person.
- ◆ **Painting Superstars: February 23rd**, 10am to 3pm. Bring a small-ish piece of furniture and learn to paint, distress, and wax your piece. Supplies and tools provided. \$100 per person.

Call 803-412-2220 to register for any of these classes.

## Library Events

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

### Art-Rageous Books

**February 7th**, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Children ages 6 to 8 can use a different illustrator's style as inspiration to make their own unique art.

### Investing with Confidence

**February 12th**, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Learn about investing basics, using debt sensibly, and the benefits of a 401(k). This workshop is part of the "Know Your Dough: Inspiring Financial Freedom" series. Register at: [familytrust.org/knowyourdough](http://familytrust.org/knowyourdough) or call 803-326-2187.

### Homeschool Helper Workshop

**February 14th**, 7pm to 8:30pm

Discover educational games to use with your children. Tackle problem areas of math and writing to make learning fun. This is a forum for homeschooling parents to exchange ideas and resources.

### Youth in the Civil Rights Movement

**February 21st**, 5:30pm to 7pm

Teens in grades 6–12 can learn about youth involvement in the Civil Rights Movement by working together to create a display for the Young Adult Department in the Main Library. Teens earn volunteer time for participating. Call 803-981-5830 to register.

## 2013 Heart Gala to Benefit the Heart 2 Heart Foundation

Piedmont Medical Center presents the 2013 Heart Gala to benefit the Heart 2 Heart Foundation. It will be held on **February 14th** from 6pm to 9pm in The Palmetto Room, 150 E. White Street.

The gala will feature live music by The Tim Hartis Group, a wine tasting by CHL Wines, a silent auction, and a complementary photo. Dress is semi-formal red dresses and red ties. Tickets are \$90 per couple or \$50 per individual, available at Old Town Bistro (135 E. Main Street) or online: [TheHeart2HeartFoundation.org](http://TheHeart2HeartFoundation.org) For more information, call 803-524-5671.

## Underexposed Film Series Presents "And Then There Were None"

The Underexposed Film Series introduces the best in independent film and returns timeless films to the big screen. On **February 9, 2013** at 7:30pm, the classic "And Then There Were None" will be screened at the Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main Street.

"And Then There Were None" is based on the novel and ensuing stage play of the same name by Agatha Christie. It is a 97 minute-long crime / drama/ mystery film directed by Rene Clair. It won the Golden Leopard, best film award, at the 1948 Locarno International Film Festival. The film will begin at 7:30pm, with doors opening at 7pm. Tickets are \$6 each. Call the Arts Council of York County office at 803-328-2787 or purchase tickets online: [yorkcountyarts.org](http://yorkcountyarts.org)



## Business Spotlight:

### Main Street Children's Museum



Main Street Children's Museum opened in Old Town just over two years ago. Featuring exhibits inspired by the late Vernon Grant's whimsical artwork, the museum is a place where families can make memories while engaging their young children in fun, developmental play.

Three weekly ongoing programs at the museum provide additional creative learning opportunities. On the **Second Saturday** of each month at 9:15am, children can enjoy seasonal stories and crafts. Wednesdays are **Wee Wednesdays**. On these days, beginning at 10:30am, children ages three and younger, and their caregivers, can enjoy listening to stories, moving to music, and creating crafts. Every Friday, all day, is **I Spy Friday**. Children ages three to six can explore the museum with their caregivers on a self-guided scavenger hunt. These special activities are included with museum admission, and registration is not required.

Main Street Children's Museum is located at 133 E. Main Street. It is open every Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and every Sunday from 1pm to 5pm. Admission: \$5 for adults and children ages one and up; free for children younger than one and for Culture and Heritage Museum members. For information, call 803-327-6400 or visit the website: [www.chmuseums.org](http://www.chmuseums.org)

## Upcoming Events

### The Artsy Affair

This year's The Artsy Affair, signature fundraising event for the Arts Council of York County, will be held on **March 9th** at 7:30pm, at the City Club of Rock Hill, 140 E. Main Street. This event will feature music by DJ Angel Juarez, a scavenger hunt, a photo booth, tastings by Van Gogh Vodka, a silent auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar. Tickets: \$80 per person. Dress is black-tie optional. Tickets must be purchased by **March 1st** at the Center for the Arts, by calling 803-328-2787, or online: [yorkcountyarts.org](http://yorkcountyarts.org)

### The Arts Council of York County's Main Stage Series:

- ◆ **March 22, 2013:** The Hunts
- ◆ **April 12, 2013:** Masters of Motown

Shows begin at 7:30pm, with doors opening at 7pm. Old Town's Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main Street. Tickets are on sale now. Call the Arts Council of York County office at 803-328-2787 or purchase tickets online: [yorkcountyarts.org](http://yorkcountyarts.org)

