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## Comporium Announces Zipstream for Knowledge Park

Comporium is designing a new, state-of-the-art fiber-optic network that will provide ultra-fast internet service to Rock Hill's Knowledge Park. Named Zipstream, the service will provide internet speeds of 1,000 megabits per second—or one Gigabit—to parts of downtown Rock Hill. This speed is nearly 85 times faster than Comporium's standard internet service.

Old Town Rock Hill will be one of only two Gigabit communities in the state. It will be the first in the South Carolina Upstate and the Charlotte, North Carolina metropolitan areas.

The biggest immediate benefits will be seen by the businesses of Knowledge Park—ones that need to transmit very large data files. One of the first buildings to receive Zipstream will be the Citizen Building, home of the Technology Incubator at Knowledge Park,

which supports the formation of technology Companies; and The Hive, an internet marketing, communications, and technology training program.

Because of Zipstream, Sora-Phelps—the master developer of the Bleachery area at the heart of Knowledge Park—will be able to target businesses in a variety of high-tech and information technology fields. As the Bleachery area is developed, Zipstream will be offered to new businesses, as well as residents.

Bryant Barnes, President and CEO of Comporium, said, "We are very pleased to be able to offer Zipstream in Knowledge Park to help ensure that the area becomes a recognized hub for recruiting, launching, and growing high-impact technology businesses." For more information, call 803-326-6464 or visit the website: [comporium.com](http://comporium.com)

## Banner Project on Display in Old Town



Colorful lamppost banners are now on display in Old Town, as well as in other downtown areas of York County. They will remain on display until March 16th.

The 46 banners were all designed and painted by students from 23 different York County schools. The theme for this year's banner project was 'Music.'

A child paints one of this year's banners. Photo courtesy of the Arts Council of York County.

Ashley Beard, an art teacher at South Pointe High School, also worked with The Palmetto School at the Children's Attention Home to paint large banners for the windows of Old Town's Center for the Arts.

The Arts Council of York County, York County's school districts, City governments, and corporate sponsors recognize the value of engaging students in public art projects. This year's banner project is sponsored by Springs Creative and Derick and Elliott Close. Contributing sponsors are the Old Town Association, the Decorative Arts of the Carolinas, and Grace Flenniken.

For more information about this project, call 803-328-2787 or visit the website: [yorkcountyarts.org](http://yorkcountyarts.org)



## Partners in Business Health and Wellness Fair

On **March 12th** from 8am to 12pm, a free Partners in Business Health and Wellness Fair will be held at The Palmetto Room, 150 E. White Street. Come learn more about wellness services such as exercise programs, nutrition, CPR, stress management, skin/nail care, massage, and more. Screenings offered will include:

- ◆ Free heart health screenings—includes cholesterol, BMI, blood glucose, and blood pressure\*
- ◆ Advance heart health risk assessment screening—above tests plus 12-lead EKG and cardiologist review: \$39.95
- ◆ Free Peripheral Vascular Disease screenings
- ◆ Free bone density checks

\*This screening requires fasting. If you would like to have the advanced assessment, call 803-329-1234 ext. 2 to schedule a time.

This event is sponsored by the Piedmont Association of Realtors, in partnership with Piedmont Medical Center the Heart 2 Heart Foundation. For more information, call 803-524-5671 or visit the website: [TheHeart2HeartFoundation.org](http://TheHeart2HeartFoundation.org)

## Courtroom at Gettys Shows

### Amigo

**March 7th**, Doors: 9pm, Show: 9:30pm

Amigo has been working on a record, and its long-awaited release will happen at this show. The lineup will also include Motel Glory, Sinners & Saints, and Elonzo. Cover charge: \$5.

### The Black Iron Gathering

**March 29th**, Doors: 9pm, Show: 9:30pm

Imagine beards, banjos, and a choir of burly men—this is The Black Iron Gathering from Columbia, SC. Music is punk rock with traditional folk instruments and rhythms. Chase Warren & the Homewreckers will also be performing. Cover charge: \$5.

## Wee Wednesdays

On Wee Wednesdays, kids ages three and younger, with their caregivers, can enjoy music, movement, and crafts at the Main Street Children's Museum. Free with paid museum admission. Schedule for March:

- ◆ **March 5th**, 10:30am to 11am
- ◆ **March 12th**, 10:30am to 11am
- ◆ **March 19th**, 10:30am to 11am
- ◆ **March 26th**, 10:30am to 11am

Main Street Children's Museum is located at 133 E. Main Street. For more details, call 803-327-6400 or visit: [mainstreetchildrensmuseum.org](http://mainstreetchildrensmuseum.org)

## Arts Events

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

Community Performance Center  
249 E. Main Street  
[www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

### Rock Hill Teachers' Choice Youth Art Exhibition Exhibition: Now through March 16th

**Free Public Reception: March 6th**, 6pm

The Arts Council of York County and Rock Hill School District present the annual Teachers' Choice Youth Art Exhibition, featuring selected artwork by local elementary, middle, and high schools students. This exhibition has been created in honor of Youth Art Month. Lewandowski Classroom, Perimeter, and Dalton Galleries, Center for the Arts.

### Big Ray & the Kool Kats

**March 14th** at 7:30pm

Big Ray & the Kool Kats is comprised of a crisp four-piece rhythm section, four sizzling horn players, and a variety of vocalists. Tickets: \$35 advance; \$40 at the door. Community Performance Center. For more information, call 803-328-2787 or visit the website: [yorkcountyarts.org](http://yorkcountyarts.org)

### Works by Dressler and McCorkle

**Exhibition: Now through March 16th**

Paintings by Sudy Dressler and Mary McCorkle, both of York, SC, are now on display. Williams & Fudge Gallery, Community Performance Center.

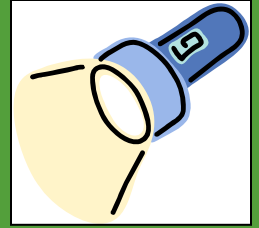
### Works by Todd Baxter

**Exhibition: March 4th through March 28th**

Oil paintings by Todd Baxter of Charlotte, NC will be on display. City Hall Rotunda Gallery, 155 Johnston Street, Monday–Friday, 8am to 5pm.



## Business Spotlight:



### Styletrends Barber and Hairstyling Academy

Styletrends Barber and Hairstyling Academy is an educational institution that is accredited by NACCAS (National Accrediting Commission of Arts and Sciences). According to the website, Styletrends is “dedicated to providing quality education...[believing] the purpose of education is to prepare the student for a responsible position where individual talent, initiative, and learned skills can be used to launch a rewarding career.”

Styletrends seeks to embrace diversity in both students and clients. Instructors teach techniques for working with all hair types and textures. Upon graduation, students will be qualified to fulfill positions such as hairstylist, color technician, registered barber, perm specialist, hair stylist in a photography studio, salon manager, or salon owner. In addition, graduates will be prepared for taking the state board examination for a South Carolina license.

Styletrends also operates a salon where students in the most advanced phase of the program are given the opportunity to apply their learned skills and techniques under the close supervision of their instructors. The salon is open to the public and offers a variety of services including haircuts, braids, updos, and more. To make an appointment, call 803-328-0807.

Styletrends Barber and Hairstyling Academy is located in Old Town at 239 Hampton Street, across from City Hall. For more information, call 803-328-6234 or visit the website: [styletrendsacademy.com](http://styletrendsacademy.com)

## Upcoming Events

### **Come-See-Me Festival** **April 3rd through April 12th**

Come-See-Me is an annual festival with music, races, contests, activities for children, fireworks, and more. It focuses on Glencairn Garden with a number of events held there, as well as in other Old Town and greater Rock Hill locations. For complete details, call 803-329-7625 or visit the website: [comeseeme.org](http://comeseeme.org)

### **Alan Black & the Tryon Street Quartet** **April 26th, 7:30pm**

The four principal players from the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra have formed Alan Black & the Tryon Street Quartet. Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main Street. Tickets: \$25 advance; \$30 at the door. For more information, call 803-328-2787 or visit the website: [yorkcountyarts.org](http://yorkcountyarts.org)