



Sora-Phelps Presents Knowledge Park Plan Draft to City Council

Tim Elliott, Director of Vision and Design at Sora Development, representing Sora-Phelps Rock Hill LLC, recently presented an initial recommendation to City Council for development of Knowledge Park.

Highlights of the plan include student housing, office, retail, parking, and an active adult component. Civic uses are also possible, such as a library and a YMCA branch. Tim Elliott explained, "The Sora-Phelps team has prepared a Master Plan that enjoins many uses indicative of a successful Knowledge Community. We envision an 8-phase \$180 million investment over 1.3 million feet of construction. The project would take 7-9 years for full build-out and incorporate university, residential, office, retail, and hospitality uses. Moreover, once completed, the project should infuse over 1,000 jobs to the Rock Hill economy."

Sora-Phelps has partnered with local developers Skip Tuttle and Gary Williams to transform the Lowenstein Building into a cornerstone piece of the larger tract. Andy Shene, Chair of the Knowledge Park Leadership Group, said, "I'm pleased that Sora-

Phelps chose to use the talents of two of our local developers on this project. The experience and perspective that Skip and Gary will bring to the revitalization of the Lowenstein Building will be invaluable."

Sora-Phelps was selected to serve as the master developer for Knowledge Park in September 2013. The organization is earning no compensation from their work on the plan, but instead will profit from real estate development. Other aspects of this public-private partnership include upgrades the utility infrastructure with a new electric substation and water tower, and Comporium's contribution to the technology infrastructure with a new one-Gigabit internet service, Zipstream. Mayor Echols commented, "The fact that Sora-Phelps is investing their time and resources without compensation to develop a strategy for Knowledge Park is testament to their belief in the potential for success of this project and in Rock Hill's future."

The Bleachery property provides an important connection between Winthrop University and downtown Rock Hill. "...The successful futures of Winthrop University and Rock Hill are inextricably linked," said Dr. Jamie Comstock, Winthrop's president. "The Bleachery property in particular holds the promise of offering Winthrop students exciting living and learning opportunities, including new residence options, research possibilities, and a hub for graduate and professional education. The opportunity for academic and business collaboration at Knowledge Park is phenomenal." For more information, visit: knowledgeparkrockhill.com



Master Plan rendering by Sora-Phelps.



old town

ROCK HILL, SC

Alan Black & the Tryon Street Quartet

On **April 26th** at 7:30pm, Alan Black & the Tryon Street Quartet will perform in Old Town at the Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main Street. Alan Black & the Tryon Street Quartet is comprised of the four principal players from the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$25 advance or \$30 at the door. For more information, call 803-328-2787 or visit the website: yorkcountyarts.org

Rock Hill Community Theatre presents... *Directed by Christie Young*

Disney
THE LITTLE MERMAID
JR

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater
Book by Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney Film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements.

April
4, 5, 11 & 12 @ 7pm
6, 12 @ 3pm

The Community Performance Center
249 E. Main St.

Tickets
Adults \$15
Students/Seniors/Kids \$12
(\$2 off matinees)

Available online at
www.rockhilltheatre.org
(803)326-7428

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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:

- ◆ **April 9th**, 10:30am to 11am
- ◆ **April 16th**, 10:30am to 11am
- ◆ **April 23rd**, 10:30am to 11am
- ◆ **April 30th**, 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

Arts Events

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

Community Performance Center
249 E. Main Street
www.yorkcountyarts.org

Winthrop University's Senior Graphics Show Exhibition: Now through April 11th

Free Public Reception: April 4th, 6pm

Lewandowski Classroom Gallery, Center for the Arts.

Pastels, Southern Style

Exhibition: Now through April 13th

Free Public Reception: April 10th, 6pm

Pastels, Southern Style features works by Marcia Buike. Perimeter Gallery, Center for the Arts.

5th Congressional District Student Art Show Exhibition: April 17th through May 2nd

Free Public Reception: April 10th, 6pm

Hosted by the Honorable Mick Mulvaney. The winning piece of art will hang for 11 months in the Canon Tunnel, which leads to the U.S. Capitol, and the artist will be eligible for scholarship opportunities from the Savannah College of Arts and Design. Perimeter and Lewandowski Classroom Galleries, Center for the Arts.

Seeking the Sublime

Exhibition: Now through April 27th

Free Public Reception: April 10th, 6pm

Seeking the Sublime in an exhibition of works by J. Michael Simpson, Seth Rouser, and Robert W. Mullinix. Their works explore time and place, work in metaphor, and delve into the physical changes witnessed in viewing art through the computer and in person. Dalton Gallery, Center for the Arts.

Come-See-Me Festival

This year's Come-See-Me Festival will be held from **April 3rd through April 12th**. It will include music, races, contests, activities for children, fireworks, and more. The festival 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 festival details, call 803-329-7625 or visit the website: comeseeme.org

Library Events

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

Chess Club for Teens

- ◆ **April 7th**, 4:30pm to 6pm
- ◆ **April 29th**, 4:30pm to 6pm

Play chess in a relaxed atmosphere. Don't know how to play? This is your chance to learn. For teens in grades 6–12. No registration required.

Jumping Jeepers Frog Crafts

- ◆ **April 8th**, 10am to 11am and 6pm to 7pm
- ◆ **April 9th**, 3pm to 4pm

Make and take Glen and Glenda's favorite frog crafts. Glen and Glenda are the mascots of the Come-See-Me Festival. For ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Journey to Financial Security: Credit Reports and Scores

April 17th, 6:30pm to 8pm

Learn the factors that make up your credit score, as well as how to understand and monitor your credit report. Free workbooks available. Call to register.

Word 2013 Basics

April 24th, 6pm to 8pm

Learn how to create, edit, and format a document using Microsoft Word 2013. Experience with Windows and a mouse required. Call to register.

Bugs, Blossoms, & Butterflies

- ◆ **April 26th**, 11am to 12pm
- ◆ **April 29th**, 6pm to 7pm

Stories, songs, and crafts about insects and flowers. For ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult. Call to register.

Courtroom at Gettys Shows

Indie Rock

April 4th, Doors: 9pm, Show: 9:30pm
Performers will include Stagbriar, Borrowed Arts, Grimoires, and Stop Motion. Cover charge: \$5.

Winthrop Art Auction

April 11th, 5pm
Artwork by Winthrop University students will be auctioned. The event will also include live music and art performances. Free admission.

Punk/Grunge/Rock

April 18th, Doors: 9pm, Show: 9:30pm
Performers will include Nerve Endings, Mr. Gold, and more. Cover charge: \$5.

A Night of Rock n' Roll

April 25th, Doors: 9pm, Show: 9:30pm
Performers will include The Shine Brothers, Motel Glory, Timmy & the Tumblers, and Beat Orchard. Cover charge: \$5.

The Courtroom at Gettys is located inside the Gettys Art Center at 201 E. Main Street. For more information about these events, find The Courtroom at Gettys on Facebook.

York County Choral Society Spring Concert

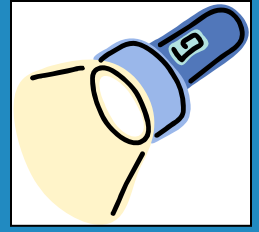
On **April 13th** at 4pm, the York County Choral Society (YCCS) and Chamber Singers, in collaboration with the Winthrop Chorale and Chamber Singers, will present Ralph Vaughn Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*, a secular cantata featuring the Civil War poetry of Walt Whitman. Soloists are Dr. Kristen Wunderlich, soprano, and Dr. Jeffrey McEvoy, baritone.

Also featured will be music by Vaughn Williams' British predecessors, contemporaries, and successors. All groups are under Dr. Katherine Kinsey, Director of Choral Activities at Winthrop University and Artistic Director of the YCCS.

This concert will be held in Byrnes Auditorium on the campus of Winthrop University. General admission: \$15, Seniors 62 and over: \$10, Students with ID: \$5. For more information, visit: yorkcountychoralsociety.org

Business Spotlight:

Summer Camps in Old Town



Several organizations are offering summer camps in Old Town for children of all ages. These camps include:

CRAVE Fun in the Summer Sun

Emmett Scott Recreation Center offers a full summer day camp for children ages 6–13. Campers enjoy fun-filled days with an educational curriculum, arts and crafts, swimming, sports activities, field trips, and more. Call Emmett Scott Recreation Center at 803-329-5661 for more information.

Outdoor Adventure Club

Get up, get outdoors, and get your child movin' this summer with Nature Navigators. The weekly half-day summer adventures are designed to get children outdoors, learning about nature and finding new ways to stay healthy. Locations vary each week. For more information, call 803-817-5122 or visit the website: cityofrockhill.com/prtcamps

Summer Art Camps

Children ages six and up can be sculptors, painters, or jewelry-makers during these art camps through the Arts Council of York County. For more information, call 803-323-1970 or visit the website: yorkcountyarts.org

Upcoming Events

Old Town Farmers Market

Rock Hill's only all-local market will open for its fifth season on **May 8th**, 5pm to 8pm. It features fresh seasonal produce, pastured meats, local honey, baked goods, plants, cut flowers, handmade works by local artisans, and much more. The market also includes live music and free activities for children. This year, Old Town Farmers Market will be open from **May 8th—August 28th**, Thursdays from 5pm to 8pm and Saturdays from 9am to 12pm. Vendor applications are accepted throughout the season. For more information, call 803-417-4067 or visit the website: onlyinoldtown.com/market

Girls on the Run 5K

This year's Girls on the Run 5K will be held on **May 8th**, beginning at 8:30am. In addition to the non-competitive run/walk, the event will be a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Girls on the Run afterschool program in the Tri-County area. Hundreds of girls ages 8–15 will accomplish their goals together while celebrating their uniqueness and strengths. The race will begin in Old Town on E. Main Street's Wells Fargo parking lot. On-site registration, packet pickup, happy hair, and face painting will begin at 7am. For more information, visit the website: gotricountysc.org