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Old Town Has a New Website

Old Town now has its very own website! Visitors to onlyintown.com can learn all about the restaurants, shops, services and housing opportunities available in Old Town. The site also includes a complete calendar of Old Town events. It is continually being updated, so check often for the most current information.

If your business is located in Old Town, or if you will be holding an event in Old Town, you are welcome to submit the information on the website. It will be reviewed and, upon approval, posted on the site. If you need assistance with the website or have any questions, please call 803-326-3838.

CTAP Concepts to be Shared

Concepts for the College Town Action Plan (CTAP) will be presented by consultants from Ayers Saint Gross and RCLCO on **May 13th** from 5pm to 7pm. The information obtained by these firms through public meetings and independent research will be shared. This information will then be used by the CTAP Working Group to help craft the final plan for transforming Rock Hill into more of a college town.

This meeting will be held in Winthrop Coliseum's Eagle Room. Members of the community are welcome to observe this meeting. For more information, visit the website: www.collegetownrockhill.com

Unveiling of Old Town Information Kiosk

In 2005, a tourism study indicated that visitors rely on directional signage when visiting an unknown city, and local residents often need assistance to easily find major attractions and points of interest. In response, the Convention and Visitors Bureau implemented a county-wide program for the installation of kiosks, and the City of Rock Hill implemented a wayfinding program that includes gateways into the City, street-level signs and banners, and pedestrian-level signs.

On April 1st, a ceremony was held to unveil the City of Rock Hill's first information kiosk. It is located in Old Town on Main Street at Elk Avenue. This kiosk is a four-sided, pedestrian-level unit that features information about festivals, events, and attractions in Rock Hill and in York County, as well as information about businesses and happenings in Old Town.

Funding for the Old Town Information Kiosk was provided by York County and the City of Rock Hill.



Carey Smith, City Manager and Susie Hinton, City Councilmember at the unveiling of the Old Town Kiosk.



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May 2010 Events

Greek Night at the Bistro

Old Town Bistro's Greek Night will be held on **May 27th**. For only \$12.95 per person, beginning at 4pm, enjoy a delicious All You Can Eat Greek meal in the Bistro. Or, enjoy your meal in the adjacent Palmetto Room while listening to live Greek music and watching dancers from the Saint Nectarios Greek Dance Group.

Call 803-327-9222 for more information or to purchase advance tickets. Ticket price of only \$19.95 per person includes the All You Can Eat meal and the live entertainment, which will begin at 6pm. Entrance for Greek Night is Old Town Bistro, 135 E. Main Street.
www.rholdtownbistro.com

Bike Rock Hill Events

May is National Bike Month. Several events will be held as part of "Bike Rock Hill," a bike safety and awareness campaign. Events will include:

- ◆ **Bicycle Rodeo. May 8th**, 2pm to 3pm. City Hall Parking Lot, 155 Johnston Street. Family-friendly. Practice cycling techniques, as well as learn hand signals and safety tips. Bring bike and helmet. Helmets will be available, while supplies last.
- ◆ **Mayor's Ride. May 8th**, 3pm. City Hall Parking Lot. Join Mayor Echols for a short ride around Old Town at a family-friendly pace. All ages are welcome with adult supervision. Helmets required.
- ◆ **Ride of Silence. May 19th**, 7pm. Wachovia Parking Lot, Main Street. Join cyclists worldwide to honor those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways. 10-mile ride, led by the Rock Hill Bike Club, at a pace up to 12 mph.
- ◆ **Bike to Work Day. May 21st**. Ride a bike to work today. E-mail your contact information and how far you rode to: bikerockhill@cityofrockhill.com

For more information and event notifications, visit:
www.bikerockhill.com or www.rockhillrocks.com

Main Street Live!

York County Regional Chamber presents Main Street Live! On **May 6th** from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, enjoy this outdoor festival on Main Street, featuring live music by The Remedy.

Vendors will be selling food and drinks for all ages. Valid identification required to buy wristbands and alcoholic beverages. Admission to the concert is free.

Additional concerts are being planned for the Main Street Live! Concert Series. The next one will be held on **June 3rd** from 5:30pm to 9:30pm and will feature the Hill City Party Band. For more information, visit the website: www.yorkscoc.weblinkconnect.com or call 803-324-7500.

Arts Events

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

Gallery Up & Gettys Center
201 E. Main Street
803-322-7873
www.galleryup.com

Memories of Motown—Mother's Day Event May 9th, 8pm

Presented by Arts Council of York County. Tickets are \$30 each. Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main Street. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Center for the Arts or visit the website.

Old Town Art Crawl

May 20th, 6pm to 9pm

Free. Open to the public. Events include:

- ◆ **LB Squared.** Exhibition of small-scale collages on display from **May 12th through June 11th**. Artist reception during Art Crawl. Gallery Up.
- ◆ **Women Who Go Beyond: Success Stories from Africa.** Photography exhibition presented by Friday Arts Project and One. Basement Gallery, Gettys Center.
- ◆ **YC Magazine Exhibition.** On display from **May 7th through June 18th**. Reception during Art Crawl. Center for the Arts.

Glenn Miller Orchestra

May 27th, 8pm

Presented by Arts Council of York County. Tickets are \$35 each. Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main Street. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Center for the Arts or visit the website.

Earth Fare Events

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

Itty Bitty Bites—Healthy Meals for Kids

Every Thursday Night, 4pm to 8pm

Kids eat free every Thursday night with the purchase of an adult meal. Adult meals start at only \$5!

Kids Cooking Classes

- ♦ **May 14th**, 10am to 11am: Kids will learn how to make edible playdough.
- ♦ **May 22nd**, 2pm to 3pm: Kids will learn how to make a simple, healthy pizza.

Free. Register by phone or in person at the store.

Uncorked!

May 19th, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Taste your way through some of the most flavorful and distinctive wines and beers. Free.

Pancake Day

May 22nd, 9am to 11am

Enjoy plain, blueberry, or chocolate chip pancakes with plenty of toppings. For only \$5 per plate, enjoy pancakes, two slices of bacon, and a 12oz. coffee or orange juice. Proceeds will benefit the York Technical College Foundation.

McHale's Presents: Mountain Jam Brewfest

On **May 8th**, McHale's is bringing the mountains to Old Town for the Mountain Jam Brewfest. Enjoy playing with Innova discs, testing skills on a rock climbing wall, and checking out everything that The Whitewater Center has to offer.

Entertainment will include: Evelyynn Rose, Heywire, and The New Familiars. Brewers will include: Abita, Rogue, Thomas Creek, Highland, Saranac, New Belgium, R.J. Rockers, and Olde Mecklenburg.

Brewer's Pass: \$25 or \$20 in advance. Includes all-day access—2pm to 4pm, sampling some of the best beers in the country and 4pm to 8pm, \$3 pints. Common pass: \$10 for access from 4pm to 8pm. Proceeds to benefit Pilgrim's Inn. For more information, call 803-329-8580 or visit the website: www.mchalesirishpub.com

Library Events

138 E. Black Street * 803-981-5860
www.yclibrary.org * 803-981-5888

Microsoft Word 2007 Basics

May 10th, 9:30am to 11:30am

May 25th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Learn to create, edit, and format a document using Word 2007. Need experience with Windows and mouse. Free. Call to register.

Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics

May 11th, 9:30am to 11:30am

May 26th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Learn to create, edit, and format a simple spreadsheet using Excel 2007. Need experience with Windows and mouse. Free. Call to register.

Teen Tech Night

May 13th, 5pm to 7pm

Teens in grades 6–12 can play online video games with other gamers. Internet permission is required on participant's library card. Free. Call to register.

Follow the Faerie Path

May 22nd, 10am to 12pm

Teens in grades 6–12 will share favorite faerie books and create a faerie house using natural materials. Free. Call to register.

Old Town Amphitheater Concert Series

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The Edwin McCain Band
MAY 1 GENERAL ADM \$28
RESERVED SEATING \$38

Sister Hazel
JUN 3 GENERAL ADM \$26
RESERVED SEATING \$32

Cravin' Melon
JUL 3 RESERVED SEATING \$10

The Little River Band
AUG 11 GENERAL ADM \$35
RESERVED SEATING \$45

Buy Tickets! onlyinoldtown.com

Business Spotlight:

East Main Guest House



East Main Guest House is a charming Bed & Breakfast in Old Town. It was built in 1916 and purchased by innkeepers Jerry and Melba Peterson in 1990. The Petersons fully renovated the property, earning them a Historic Rock Hill Renovation Award. They are active participants in their neighborhood association and in Historic Rock Hill. The Petersons opened East Main Guest House in 1991.

Melba, a graduate of Winthrop University's School of Interior Design, decorated the entire home herself. It features three comfortable, beautifully appointed bedrooms; as well as a sitting room with games, a TV, and a fridge full of drinks. A full, hot gourmet breakfast is served each morning. At times, it is enjoyed outside on the brick terrace or underneath the pergola in the garden. WiFi is now available as well.

East Main Guest House offers friendly hospitality to guests year-round. It is located at 600 E. Main Street. For more information, call 803-366-1161 or visit the website: www.bbonline.com/sc/eastmain

Upcoming Events

Local Foods Week and Grand Opening of Old Town Market. Restaurants throughout Old Town are committed to serving fresh, locally grown foods for your enjoyment. They will kick off Local Foods Week on **June 21st**. During the week, many interesting, educational events and activities will be taking place in these restaurants. And, best of all, they will be making a special effort to feature fresh, locally grown items on their menus. Look for more details in the June edition of Old Town News and visit onlyinoldtown.com for a full list of activities. This new local foods initiative will give customers the opportunity to enjoy fresh, local foods—*Only in Old Town!*

The Grand Opening of Old Town Market will be held on **June 24th** from 5pm to 8pm at the Gettys Center, 205 E. Main Street. It will feature local growers with their fresh and homemade foods available for purchase, along with local artisans and crafters. It will be fun for the whole family, with children's activities, music on the loading dock stage, and much more. Old Town Market will continue on the **2nd and 4th Thursday nights in July and August**, so please mark your calendars to enjoy finding items that are *Handmade, Homegrown—Only in Old Town!*

Summer Camps in Old Town:

- ♦ **Arts Explosion Camps.** For children from 4 to 12 years old and from grades 6 to 12. Children can experience arts, dance, drama, and more. Creative Hearts Community Art Center, 402 E. White Street. For more information or to register, call 803-366-8811 or visit the website: www.creativeheartsonline.com
- ♦ **Arts Council Summer Youth Art Camps.** Camps where children can learn everything from acting to sculpting to painting to jewelry-making. Camps will be held throughout York County, with several in Old Town. For more information, call 803-328-2787 or visit the website: www.yorkcountyarts.org
- ♦ **Be Great, Be Adventurous Summer Camp. June 7th through August 13th.** Camp for children in grades K–8 by Boys and Girls Clubs of York County. Each week will feature a different theme. Children can attend from one week to every week. Membership in Boys and Girls Club is not required. Northside Club, 900 Annafrel Street. For more information, call 803-324-7920 or visit the website: www.bgcyc.org



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