

Old Town News ~ October 2008



Look at what's happening in Historic Old Town!

Renaissance Square: Luxury Townhome Community in Downtown

The groundbreaking ceremony for Renaissance Square, a new luxury townhome community, was held on Friday, September 19th at 507 E. Main Street. This planned development will be just a few blocks from downtown Rock Hill, offering future residents convenient access to downtown's shops, restaurants, bars, and amenities.

Renaissance Square will consist of 14 classically inspired, uniquely designed townhomes that will complement the surrounding East Town Neighborhood. The development team, Coldsprings Carolina, includes Michael LaCount, Owner/CEO, and Justin Hansen, Director of Development. They are well-known for their work in NoDa, where they revitalized a neighborhood near uptown Charlotte on North Davidson Street by building new homes and rehabilitating old ones. Upon completion, NoDa was attractive to young professionals with active, urban lifestyles. It is hoped that Renaissance Square will attract similar residents.

Coldsprings Carolina intends to begin site work this fall and construction late in the winter. Each 1,860 square-foot townhome will be built to Energy Star Certified specifications with numerous upgrades and a one-car garage. The Renaissance Square townhomes will be priced from the high \$230,000s. By spring or summer, the first ones should be ready for buyers to move in. For more information about this development, please visit Coldsprings Carolina's website: www.cscarolina.com

Now Open: Snacks on Main with Glass Bead Art by Danielle Hare

Main Street now has its own convenience store! Snacks on Main held its grand opening on Monday, September 8th. Items available at Snacks on Main include cold drinks; pre-packaged ice cream treats; and a variety of candies and snack foods. Newspapers, as well as a selection of gift items, such as candles and picture frames, are available as well.

Snacks on Main also features the works of Danielle Hare, lampwork glass artist and jewelry designer. Hare makes handmade glass beads and uses them to create charms, bracelets, keychains, and bookmarks. Her glass bead creations are available for sale in Snacks on Main or on her website: www.abeadinpath.etsy.com

Snacks on Main is located at 206 E. Main Street. It is open every Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 6:00pm. For more information, please call (803) 817-3800.

ChristmasVille Seeks Entries for Chili and Brunswick Stew Cook-Off



This year, ChristmasVille is holding its 1st Annual Chili and Brunswick Stew Cook-Off on Saturday, December 6th from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Teams, individuals, and non-profit organizations will compete for cash prizes totaling more than \$1,000. Non-profit organizations who enter the Cook-Off will also receive 50% of the proceeds from selling sample cups. Please contact Candy Randall at (803) 329-8756 if you are an individual who needs insurance coverage in order to participate in this event.

Applications will be accepted through November 1st (please note: the application deadline has been extended from the original deadline of October 1st). For more details about the Cook-Off or to download an application, please visit the ChristmasVille website: www.ChristmasVilleRockHill.com

OCTOBER EVENTS

Historic Marker to Recognize Role of Railroads in Local History

On Thursday, October 2nd at 4:00pm, a Historic Marker will be installed and commemorated near the intersection of White Street and Dave Lyle Boulevard, where Good Kia is located. This Marker will recognize the Rock Hill train depot and the important role that railroads have played in local history. It is the fifth in a series of Historic Markers being erected throughout Old Town to serve as reminders of Rock Hill's rich history.

Hominy, Paintings by Kevin Morrissey: New Show Opening at Gallery Up

Hominy, a collection of large-scale paintings by Kevin Morrissey, will be on display at Gallery Up from **now through Friday, October 17th**. The free show opening will be held on **Thursday, October 2nd at 6:00pm**, along with a screening of "Joy," a short film by R.A. Gunter and Moon Runner Pictures. The evening will feature artist talks by both Morrissey and Gunter, as well as performances by Charlotte bands Yard Work and Calabi Yau.

Gallery Up is located at 201 E. Main Street, on the second floor of the Gettys Art Center. For more information, contact Gallery Up at (803) 980-5355 or visit the website: www.galleryup.com



Kincaid, Luce, and Wood: Clay Exhibition

The Jennifer Kincaid, Allison Luce, and Alyssa Wood Clay Exhibition, sponsored by The Berry Company, will be on display in the Dalton Gallery from **now through Wednesday, October 29th**. The Dalton Gallery is located in the Center for the Arts, which is located at 121 E. Main Street. The show's opening reception is free to the public and will be held on **Thursday, October 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: www.yorkcountyarts.org



Elementary Art Show

The Elementary Art Show, sponsored by Elliott Close, will be on display in the Lewandowski Classroom Gallery from **now through Wednesday, October 29th**. The Lewandowski Classroom Gallery is located in the Center for the Arts, which is located at 121 E. Main Street. The show's opening reception is free to the public and will be held on **Thursday, October 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: www.yorkcountyarts.org

Fall Wine and Cheese Tasting

To kick off the new season, a Fall Wine and Cheese Tasting will be held in the specialty department of Earth Fare Market and Café on **Thursday, October 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. A variety of wines will be available for sampling, along with delicious cheeses to complement them. This event is being hosted by Catawba Care Coalition, to help raise awareness about this organization. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.

Downtown Blues Festival

From **Thursday, October 2nd** through **Saturday, October 4th**, blues artists from throughout the nation will be performing during the 4th Annual Downtown Blues Festival, which is being presented by the Arts Council of York County and Main Streets of Old Town Association. The festival will span three nights, with different artists performing each night in various Old Town venues. Venues include: The Center for the Arts, The Old Town Amphitheater, The Cookie Cafe', Old Town Bistro, McHale's Irish Pub, and Thi's Place on Main.

On **Saturday, October 4th**, children can enjoy inflatable slides, rides, and games in the Black Street Parking Lot. Children under 12 have free admission to the festival. For everyone else, pricing is as follows:



- 1-Day Pass: \$12
- 2-Day Pass: \$20
- 3-Day Pass: \$30

Tickets are available at the Center for the Arts, which is located at 121 E. Main Street. For complete event schedule and more detailed information, please call the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-ARTS (2787) or visit the website: www.yorkcountyarts.org

First Fridays in the Garden

The Rock Hill Parks, Recreation, and Tourism department has partnered with Clemson Extension Service to offer First Fridays in the Garden. On the first Friday of each month, **from 10:00am to 11:00am**, a free class will be conducted at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center, which is located at 825 Edgemont Avenue, by the York County Master Gardener Association. The topic will be different each month.

This month, class will be held on **Friday, October 3rd**. The topic for this class is "Bugging Your Pests". Participants will learn about friendly pest management. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at (803) 684-9919 ext. 112.

Serenity Spa Salon Offers Free Massages

Twice this month, Serenity Spa Salon will offer free massages at Earth Fare Market and Café. Come enjoy a massage on your lunch break by a masseuse from Serenity Spa Salon. Massages will be available on **Friday, October 10th** and **Friday, October 31st** from **11:00am to 1:00pm** on each day. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, contact Earth Fare at (803) 327-1030.

Operations Center Open House

On **Saturday, October 4th from 10:00am to 1:00pm**, the City of Rock Hill Utilities Department will host the Operations Center Open House to celebrate American Public Power Week. Enjoy music, games, face painting, visits from mascots, and more - all while learning about fire prevention; public safety; water and energy conservation; and traffic light, dispatch, and mapping technologies.

During this customer appreciation event, free hot dogs and refreshments will be available, and door prizes will be given away. The Police Department will be making children's photo/fingerprint IDs, while the Fire Department will be teaching about fire safety through the use of a Fire Safety House, which simulates actual fire conditions. New hybrid cars, utility vehicles, fire trucks, emergency rescue units, and the police mobile command center will be available for viewing as well.

The Operations Center is located at 349 Columbia Avenue, behind the former York County Fairgrounds. For more information about this event, please call (803) 329-5594.

Information Night and Oktoberfest: Benefits for Catawba Care Coalition



Catawba Care Coalition is the 'Friend of Earth Fare' for the month of October. The mission of Catawba Care Coalition is "to promote optimal health for York, Chester, and Lancaster County residents by providing medical care and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and by educating the community to prevent the spread of HIV."

On **Monday, October 6th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**, Catawba Care Coalition Information Night will be held at Earth Fare Market and Café, which is located at 725 Cherry Road. Information about this organization will be available for anyone interested.

On **Saturday, October 11th beginning at 12 noon**, Earth Fare will hold its 1st Annual Oktoberfest. This celebration will include live music out on the patio, as well as grilled bratwursts served with sauerkraut, big baked pretzels, and October beer. Bratwursts will be on sale for only \$2 apiece, or \$5 for a plate that includes side dishes. All money collected will benefit Catawba Care Coalition.

For more information about Information Night or Oktoberfest, contact Earth Fare at (803) 327-1030. For more information about Catawba Care Coalition, call (803) 909-6363 or visit the website: www.catawbacare.org

Kids Cookie Decorating Contest

On **Tuesday, October 14th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**, a Cookie Decorating Contest will be held at Earth Fare Market and Café. Kids are invited to decorate Halloween cookies while listening to fun Halloween stories. Photos will be taken of each cookie, and three judges from Catawba Care Coalition will select the grand prize winner. Although participation in the contest is free, space is limited, so please sign up in advance at the customer service desk. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.

Greek Night at Old Town Bistro

On **Thursday, October 16th from 4:00pm to 10:00pm**, Greek Night will be held at Old Town Bistro. Greek Night will feature the following delicious menu items: Greek salad, Greek lemon soup, pastitsio (Greek lasagna), mousaka (eggplant pie), souvlaki (pork on a stick), dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), spanakopita (spinach pie), roasted chicken with roasted potatoes, and baklava for dessert. This all-you-can-eat dinner is only \$12.95 per person.

Old Town Bistro is located at 135 E. Main Street in the historic McCrory's building. For more information, contact Old Town Bistro at (803) 327-9222 or visit the website:

www.rholdtownbistro.com



Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contests



On **Tuesday, October 21st**, show off your creative pumpkin-carving skills during Earth Fare Market and Café's pumpkin carving contest. Contestants are invited to bring in their carved spooky or happy pumpkins to Earth Fare **between 6:00pm and 8:00pm** for a chance to win a full Thanksgiving feast! This feast will include a 10-12 pound natural cooked turkey, all-natural stuffing, dinner rolls, cranberry relish, gravy, pumpkin pie, and apple pie.

All carved pumpkin entries will be numbered, photographed, and placed on display in the store. Customers will have until November 1st to vote on their favorite carved pumpkin. The winner will be announced at 1:00pm on November 1st during the Kids Harvest Event, which will benefit Upper Palmetto YMCA of Rock Hill (further details not yet available). The winner must be present to win the pumpkin-carving contest.

Also on **Tuesday, October 21st from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**, there will be a pumpkin-decorating contest for the kids. A panel of judges from Catawba Care Coalition will select the winner and a prize will be awarded. Although participation in the contest is free, space is limited, so please sign up in advance at the customer service desk. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.

Free Cooking Class: Chinese Food

On **Monday, October 27th at 6:30pm**, a Chinese Food Cooking Class will be held at Earth Fare Market and Café. This class is the third in a series of Asian Cooking Classes that will be offered each month. Although there is no charge for these classes, space is limited, so please sign up in advance at the customer service desk. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.

Boo HaHa

Boo HaHa will be held on **Thursday, October 30th**, the night before Halloween (rain date is Friday, October 31st). This event features food, fun, and festivities! Scheduled events include the following:

- **5:30pm to 8:00pm:** Safe, free trick-or-treating - Main Street
- **7:00pm:** Costume Contest for children ages 10 years and younger - Main Street
- **5:30pm to 11:00pm:** Children's inflatables, hay rides, and a haunted trail - Black Street Parking Lot. These are benefit activities for the Children's Miracle Network. Fees vary.
- **7:00pm to 9:00pm:** Outdoor Movie, "Corpse Bride" (rated PG-13) - Old Town Amphitheater
- **9:00pm to 11:00pm:** Outdoor Movie, "Psycho" (rated R) - Old Town Amphitheater

In addition, free dental screenings for children will be available at the Colgate van, with registration by a parent/guardian required prior to screenings.

This year, Boo HaHa is sponsored by WRHI, Interstate 107, Food Lion, and Main Streets of Old Town Association.



Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Old Town Events!

- **Friday, November 7th: First Fridays in the Garden**
A free class will be conducted by the York County Master Gardener Association from 10:00am to 11:00am. The topic for this class is *Get the Lowdown on Dirt: Learn about Soils and Composting*. Class will be held at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center, which is located at 825 Edgemont Avenue. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at (803) 684-9919 ext. 112.
- **Thursday, November 13th: Rock Hill Board of Historic Review Meeting**
Historic property owners and the general public are invited to participate in a discussion about proposed revisions to the *Design Review Guideline Manual*, which is used as a guide for rehabilitation of historic properties throughout Rock Hill. This meeting will be held at City Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Copies of the revisions are available in the City's Development Services office; at www.cityofrockhill.com, under the Development Services Department News section; or by sending an e-mail request to Janice Miller, Historic Preservation Specialist, jemiller@cityofrockhill.com

- **Thursday, December 4th thru Sunday, December 7th: ChristmasVille**
Held on the Main Streets of Old Town, ChristmasVille includes a wide variety of fun-filled, family-friendly holiday events, including:
 - Festival of Trees silent auction
 - Holiday parade
 - Historic home tours
 - Wonderful food, displays, and entertainment
 - Art Market, featuring fine arts and crafts by regional artists
 - Numerous events and activities for children of all ages
 - Finale with the Winthrop University ChristmasVille Rockhettes

For more information, please visit: www.ChristmasVilleRockHill.com

- **Friday, December 5th: First Fridays in the Garden**
A free class will be conducted by the York County Master Gardener Association from 10:00am to 11:00am. The topic for this class is Holly Days and More: Holiday Decorating Ideas Using Plants. Class will be held at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center, which is located at 825 Edgemont Avenue. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at (803) 684-9919 ext. 112.

Suggestions for articles for Old Town News are welcome!

If your organization or business is located in Old Town (downtown Rock Hill or the 1 ½ -mile radius surrounding it) and you are planning any activities/events, please let us know. We will make every effort to highlight your events in Old Town News. If your organization or business is *not* located in Old Town, we would still be happy to highlight your events if they will be held in this area. If you would like to have a map of the Old Town boundaries, please send your request to the e-mail address below.

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