

ROCK HILL

SOUTH CAROLINA

Don't Miss the Rock Hill Police Department Open House – Saturday, September 15!

Bring the family and come get an inside look at The Rock Hill Police Department! Meet the police officers that keep you safe! Eat hot dogs! See the bomb robot do maneuvers! Take a look at the RHPD Mobile Command Center! See the latest in SWAT equipment and say hello to McGruff!

The Rock Hill Police Department will host its annual Open House Saturday, September 15 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Law Center, next to City Hall at 120 E. Black Street. The event will feature information about employment opportunities, department tours and a variety of displays. The department will serve free hot dogs, snacks and drinks from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The police department hosts its open house to educate the community about the wide range of jobs that exist within the department, and to also introduce the public to the high-tech equipment and techniques that help protect the citizens of Rock Hill.

Take a tour of the station, and explore the Mobile Operations Center. Ask questions of RHPD officers and staff or inquire about

Important Numbers

for 24-Hour Automated Service

803/329-5555 Outage Reporting
803/329-5588 Billing Inquiries and
 Payment Processing

Other Important Numbers

803/325-2500 Customer Service
 Requests
803/329-5610 City-Maintained
 Road Pothole Reporting
803/327-6186 State-Maintained
 Road Pothole Reporting

employment opportunities. SWAT and Bomb Unit representatives will hold live demonstrations, and the Dragoon armored personnel carrier used by the SWAT team will be on hand.

Officers are eager to talk about the worthwhile initiatives and programs they're involved with, including Weed and Seed, the Street Crimes Unit and Gang Investigator



The armored police vehicle and bomb robot are used to help defuse potentially dangerous situations. The open house provides residents an opportunity to check out some of the high-tech equipment law enforcement uses to keep our community safe.

program. Don't forget to ask about their work in such community programs as United Way, Easter Seals and the Worthy Boys and Girls Camp.

RHPD Recruiter Master Police Officer Tim Marquez will be available to answer any questions about employment opportunities with the Police Department, benefits, training and eligibility.

So don't miss the Rock Hill Police Department Open House! Come to the Law Center on September 15 for an exciting, in-depth look at the RHPD. For more information or to learn more about a career in law enforcement, contact Officer Tim Marquez at **803/329-7225**, or by email at rhpjobs@ci.rock-hill.sc.us.



Officer Messenger demonstrates the tools available to officers in their police cruisers. Cameras and computers are among the items that assist officers in documenting incidents and apprehending criminals.

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Youth Sports Registration

Registration for Fall Youth Soccer and Football programs offered by Rock Hill Parks, Recreation & Tourism runs from Aug. 6 - Aug. 31. Registration is taken during office hours at Manchester Meadows, the Cherry Park tower and at the four recreation centers. First time players should bring a copy of their birth certificate. Call **803/326-3792** or **803/329-5672** with questions.



Participate in the Fall Litter Clean Up!

- Fall into a healthy neighborhood by participating in a litter clean up!
- Trash is more than an eyesore; it's hazardous to the health of the environment. Litter can become mosquito breeding grounds. Discarded fishing line can seriously injure fish and birds. Plastic bottles, bags and packaging can pollute our land and water for thousands of years to come.
- The City of Rock Hill will sponsor a fall litter clean up for the **Month of September!**
- The City will provide trash bags, litter grabbers and safety vests to groups who want to clean up the litter in their neighborhoods, around businesses or schools. The City will even pick up the bags when you're done!
- Call Mike Kropp at Neighborhood Empowerment at **803/325-2523** to participate.



Glencairn Garden is Glowing



In the heart of the city, Rock Hill's jewel, Glencairn Garden, will be glowing with even more luster due to the generosity and support of citizen groups, individuals, families and businesses. In the past year, five sponsorships for Garden features have been made through the Rock Hill Parks Foundation. These sponsorships will continue to enhance the overall development of the Glencairn Garden Master Plan – all aimed at benefiting both Rock Hill residents and visitors.

- **South Carolina Bank & Trust of the Piedmont's** recent sponsorship of the Bigger House Patio provides a wonderful event venue overlooking the Garden while allowing the bank to give back to the local community – something it values highly.
- The **Albright family's** sponsorship of the C. H. "Icky" and Sophie M. Albright Garden Overlook honors the community-minded efforts of the man who initiated the idea for the Come-See-Me Festival. The Garden, birthplace of Come-See-Me, holds many special memories for the Albright family.
- The Inis Gillis & A. W. Huckle Tree Restoration Fund was given by **Elizabeth Huckle Rader** to further the family's interest in the environment: specifically, the restoration of trees. The fund recently paid for the planting of a willow oak tree in the Garden to replace a dead tree that posed safety concerns.
- **John A. Hardin** has sponsored the John A. Hardin Greeting Circles at the entrance to the Bigger House. These lovely brick planters are a fitting reflection of the former mayor's fondness for the Garden and his welcoming spirit.
- In the fall of 2007, a celebration will take place in the Garden to celebrate the sponsorship of the Vernon Grant Performance Stage by the **Vernon Grant family**.

Many other developments have taken root in the Garden the past year. In November, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the newly restored Bigger House. Later that month, the house's exterior was illuminated with white lights, donated by 17 individuals, groups and businesses.

In April, Harold Peebles and Sherry Martin, chairs of the Glencairn Garden Advisory Committee and the Glencairn Garden Development Subcommittee respectively,

unveiled a logo for the Garden, a membership program and a selection of souvenir items reflecting a garden theme. The unveiling culminated many months of work by these citizen groups in their campaign to establish an identity for Glencairn so that its lawns and flower-filled walkways can bring more local and out-of-town visitors to enjoy the garden's beauty.

The membership program offers a variety of participation levels for individuals and organizations interested in enhancing the Garden while receiving special benefits. Those interested can obtain a membership brochure at the brochure rack outside the Bigger House at 725 Crest Street, on-line at www.rockhillrocks.com or by calling **803/329-5620**. Souvenir items featuring the Garden's logo will be available in late August. Items include a flowerpot coffee mug, a garden visor, and colorful children's T-shirts.

Renovations are now nearing completion at the Learning Center, formerly the home of the United Way on Edgemont Avenue, across from the Garden. The Learning Center will provide indoor space for classes currently taught in the Garden to children by the Parks, Recreation & Tourism's (PRT) Environmental Education team. Gabby Greenleaves, Mother Goose, Flower Friends, and other mascots have been educating children at Glencairn and at other PRT facilities since the late 1990s with storytelling, puppets, crafts and nature tours. With the addition of the Learning Center, new and expanded programs will be offered for all ages.

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Representatives from South Carolina Bank & Trust of the Piedmont and their Board, Mayor Doug Echols, and members of the Glencairn Garden Advisory Committee and subcommittees cut the ribbon on the newly dedicated Patio at the Bigger House at Glencairn Garden. SCB&T of the Piedmont made a sizable donation through the Rock Hill Parks Foundation to become the lifetime sponsor of the Patio area.

Many other people have played roles in the Garden's recent developments. Rock Hill City Council and City Management paved the way with the approval of the Master Plan in 2004. Both have continued to provide support and direction during the implementation of the plan. The Glencairn Garden Advisory Committee, along with its subcommittees, operates under Rock Hill's Public Parks and Recreation Commission. This commission, along with the Tourism Commission, has been very supportive of the efforts, recognizing the many recreation and tourism opportunities that Glencairn Garden provides. Local gardening enthusiasts have combined efforts during several Volunteer Gardening Days to spruce up the Garden for special occasions and to welcome the new seasons.

Thanks to the vision, support and dedication of Rock Hill's citizens, leaders and local organizations, Glencairn Garden is entering a new era of revitalization and growth for all to enjoy.

Glencairn Garden is located at the corner of Charlotte Ave. and Crest St. in Rock Hill. The Rock Hill Parks Foundation's goal is to enhance the quality of life through parks, recreation, and tourism above and beyond its normal operating budget. To find out more about the Foundation and how you can support it, call **803/329-5620** or visit www.rockhillrocks.com.



Glencairn Garden souvenirs can be purchased at the Bigger House, 725 Crest Street, next to the Garden. They will be available beginning late August, Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - noon. Souvenirs will also be available during Garden events. For more information please call **803/329-5620**.

Shopping, Dining and Entertainment Options Offered Every Thursday Downtown!

The Main Streets of Old Town Association and its downtown partners have organized a series of events to bring the Main Streets alive every Thursday night from June through the end of September. Participating retail merchants and restaurants will have extended hours on Thursday so you can shop, dine and unwind in historic downtown Rock Hill all summer long.

- What:** New summer promotional campaign — Every Thursday Downtown!
When: Thursday nights, June through September
Time: Main Street Live! begins at 5:30 p.m., with all other events starting at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Main Street in historic downtown Rock Hill

The lineup of events:

1st Thursday - Main Street Live! 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. brought to you by the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce

2nd Thursday - Shag Under the Stars! With D.J. Frank Price behind McHale's in the Black Street parking lot 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. featuring the City Club Tiki Bar, The Cookie Café Snack Cart, Kinch's Carolina Classic Burger Bar or inside dining at Old Town Bistro, McHale's, The Station Bar & Grille, and Thi's Place on Main.

3rd Thursday - Arts Live! Art crawl, merchant open house and sidewalk sale with live music outside the Gettys Center 6:00-8:00 p.m. Free dessert at Thi's Place. * **In August, Arts Live! will be scheduled on the 4th Thursday (August 23).**

4th Thursday - Live Inside! - Featuring entertainment inside restaurants including Greek Night at the Old Town Bistro, Sample Night at the Cookie Café, live music at Thi's Place featuring Linh Le and Friends, live music every Thursday night at McHales. * **In August, Live Inside! will be scheduled on the 3rd Thursday (August 16).**

5th Thursday (August 30) - Open Mike Night at Thi's Place! - Come hear local songwriters and musicians in an intimate setting with great Vietnamese food.

For more information, contact Candy Clapp Randall, Rock Hill's Downtown Marketing and Events Manager, at **803/329-8756**. Get the weekend started early with a variety of shopping, entertainment and restaurant options **Every Thursday Downtown!**