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GYCC Hosts York Christmas Parade

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce will host the 2011 York Christmas Parade on Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

The parade begins at 4:30 p.m., with participants

asked to line up at 3:30 p.m.

Parade proceeds benefit P.A.T.H. (People Attempting to Help) who provide emergency assistance for citizens in York School

District One.

Please come out and support the Chamber and your community.

The rain date for the parade is Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

Nominations Needed for Annual Awards

Nominations for the Greater York Chamber of Commerce's annual awards are now being accepted.

The special awards will be presented during the Chamber's Annual Meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012.

Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

- Business Person of the Year**
- Small Business of the Year**
- Business of the Year**
- Citizen of the Year**
- Volunteer of the Year**

Please make every effort to nominate a deserving business person.

Nomination forms are online at GreaterYorkChamber.com,

or use the insert in this issue of *The Partner* and fax to 803-684-2575.

Holiday Business After Hours

Hosted by

Greater York Chamber

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York Place

Thursday, December 15, 2011

5:30 p.m.~ 7:30 p.m.

York Place, 234 Kings Mountain Street, York

Please bring an unwrapped toy and stay to enjoy refreshments and networking opportunities.

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Greater York Chamber of Commerce Selects *Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center* as its December 2011 Business of the Month



Greater York Chamber of Commerce President, Nancy G. Warren presents the December 2011 Business of the Month award to Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center's Director Ron Roveri. Joining Warren and Roveri, from left is Lynda Wallace, Counselor; Peggy Sandifer, Secretary; Assistant Director Thomas Ray; and Sara Durso, Bookkeeper.

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce selected Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center as its December 2011 Business of the Month.

Said Director Ron Roveri, "At Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center our vision of building the foundation for tomorrow by sparking potential and inspiring success is a reality since every student has the opportunity to reach his or

her full potential by graduating not only with a diploma, but also with a National Credential, Dual Credit, a Work-Based Learning Experience, or experience in a State and/or National Competitive Event.

Last school year 54 students received an industry recognized credential in their program of study. Dual Credit with York Technical College

was awarded to 179 Career and Technical Students.

551 students participated in some type of Work-Based Learning Experience with 769 activities recorded.

Career and Technical Competitive Events included the participation of 38 students, resulting in eight third-place winners, 20 second-place winners, and ten first-place winners in the state.

Admission into the National Technical Honor Society was realized by 30 Career and Technical Concentrators.

We commend these students, Roveri continued, because this is what we are all about at Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center. We are committed to providing a diverse and innovative education for our students to become responsible citizens in a global society.

Director's Report

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce approved the Chamber's 2011 Competitiveness Agenda at the November 8th Board meeting. Copies of the approved agenda were distributed to the elected representatives for York County in the State General Assembly with a request they support legislation surrounding these issues.

The 2011 Competitiveness Agenda includes:

1.) Support the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Competitiveness Agenda.

2.) **Infrastructure** - support the '97, '03 & '11 Pennies for Progress projects; encourage comprehensive water resources study, support County wide development of a water/sewer system.

3.) **Workforce Development** - Support adequate funding for public schools; support efforts to reduce the dropout rate and encourage Chamber members participation in Work Base Learning and Mentoring programs; support cooperative efforts between local schools and higher education institutions to promote education past high school.

4.) **Economic Development** - Support YCEDB's Speculative Building plan; support YCED Group hiring and training of the new Marketing/Projects Specialist; support Western York County as site for Agri-tourism Center; support collaborative relationships between Municipalities and County to provide infrastructure for growth; support

infrastructure development for the Lee Nuclear Station

5.) **Tax Reform** - support comprehensive, pro-business tax overhaul to include Act 388; and industrial and commercial property tax rates.

6.) **Energy & Environment** - Monitor the County's Unified Development Ordinance process to ensure that changes enhance and protect the quality of life in western York County; Support the Bi-State Water Commission's efforts to ensure appropriate sharing of water resources between states and municipalities.

Future reports will update progress on these and other issues facing York County. If you need additional information on any of these items, please contact the Chamber office.



WELCOME

Please take a moment and join the Chamber in welcoming our newest member.

A quick phone call or even a personal invitation to an upcoming Chamber event can make all the difference in helping new members feel welcome.

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Calendar

York Christmas Parade

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011
Congress Street, York
4:30 p.m.

Christmas in Olde York Tour of Homes

Sat., Dec. 10, 4 - 8 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 11, 3 - 7 p.m.
Tickets at Chamber
Office

Brattonsville Christmas Candlelight Tours

Sat., Dec. 10, 3 - 9 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 17, 3 - 9 p.m.
1444 Brattonsville Rd.
McConnells, SC

Holiday

Business After Hours

GYCC, United Way and
York Place
Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011
234 Kings Mountain St.
York, SC
5:30 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Please bring a toy!

Chamber Office Closed

Monday, December 26
Tuesday, December 27

GYCC Board ~ 2nd Tuesday

7:30 AM

Economic ~ 1st Tuesday

7:30 AM

Education ~ 3rd Wednesday

8:00 AM

Government ~ 4th Thursday

7:30 AM

Membership ~ 3rd Tuesday

8:00 AM

Summerfest ~ 4th Tuesday

6:30 PM

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Aaron's Hosts November Business After Hours



York City Councilman Charles Johnson, Mayor Eddie Lee, and City Manager Charles Helms are ardent supporters of Business After Hours.



Aaron's Manager, Nicole Sweeney, addresses attendees at the November Business After Hours on November 15, 2011.



From left -- GYCC President Nancy G. Warren stands with Mayor Lee and Aaron's Assistant Manager Michelle Donahue during November's Business After Hours. First Citizens Shelley Meares and Kelly Gilbert, seated, also attended the event.

Aaron's proved to be great hosts of the November Business After Hours. Delicious hors d'oeuvres tempted those in attendance to pull up a chair and enjoy. Assistant Manager Michelle Donahue invited everyone to try the latest game console that is sure to become a hit this Christmas. Since opening last October, the furniture and appliance sales and rental center has done very well in its first year in York, according to Manager Nicole Sweeney. "While Aaron's is a lease to own business, it is also a retail store with lowest price guarantees," said Sweeney. "We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to shop Aaron's."

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