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On August 22nd a large group of individuals representing education, business, county and city governments, tourism, and numerous elected officials from Chester, Lancaster, and York Counties meet in Rock Hill for the first of nine Grassroots Network Meetings coordinated by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was sponsored in part by the Greater York Chamber of Commerce and several other Chambers in the three counties. The purpose of the Grassroots Network Meetings is to identify the major issues affecting each area and establish a priority list. From the priority list, the State Chamber will set its Competitiveness Agenda for the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

The eight major issues identified in the Grassroots Network Meeting for York are Education: funding for K-12, support preschool programs, ensure adequate funding for higher education, link education more strongly with economic development, and oppose school vouchers. Environment: monitor interbasin transfer issues; focus on air quality, study mass transit. Health Care: Legislature needs to focus on citizens not insurance companies, address nursing shortage, address children needs, support increase in cigarette tax. Economic Development: create more incentives for small businesses and for current businesses to expand, review tax structure for business. Immigration: support reform that tighten the system to prevent illegal immigrants from coming to the State, properly punishes illegal immigrants that commit criminal acts, creates balance between immigration and business, don't place compliance burden solely on business. Infrastructure: Properly fund SCDOT; increase funding for the State Infrastructure Bank. Tourism: promote tourism statewide, support SCPRT, promote film incentives, and give locals authority to decide where 2% hospitality tax is spent. Other issues: eliminate Blue Laws, support Home Rule, etc.

Over the next year, you will receive updates of legislative action on these and other issues.

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Business of the Month

York Place

York Place, the Episcopal Church Home for Children, is a psychiatric residential treatment facility serving severely emotionally disturbed children ages 6 through 16 and their families. Their goal is to provide a stable, structured, healing environment using modern techniques in a Christian setting. Their purpose is to move these children back to their homes and communities or a least restrictive setting as soon as possible.

Established in Charleston, SC in 1850 as an orphanage, the Episcopal Church Home for Children moved to York in 1910. York Place is owned by the two Episcopal Dioceses in South Carolina and are nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

Please join the Greater York Chamber of Commerce in congratulating York Place upon being chosen the October 2007 Business of the Month.

GYCC...Our Business is Helping Your Business!



Pictured left to right: GYCC President Maria Duncan presents the Business of the Month Certificate to John Shiflet, CEO/President, York Place

***Welcome New Member
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York County Highway Project Status

Project 001(A/B)--SC Hwy. 5 West Segment A/B (SC 5 Bypass to Cedar Grove Road)---Construction is complete

Project 001 (C/D)--SC Hwy. 5 West Segment C/D (Cedar Grove Road to Cherokee County Line)---Construction is approx. 26% complete. Value engineering proposals completed & implemented. Completion expected spring of 2009.

Project 005--SC Hwy. 161 (Newport to York)---Construction is approx. 58% complete. Anticipate completion in summer 2008.

Project 006--SC Hwy. 274 Phase I (South of SC Hwy 49/55 to south of Little Allison Creek)---Phase 1 R/W acquisition is substantially complete. Securing additional easements for DHEC erosion control measures. Bids to be received on 09/11/07. Anticipate start of construction late 2007 with completion in 2010.

Project 012--SC Hwy. 5 Bypass (SC 161 to SC 5 West)---Anticipate completion of environmental assessment in early summer 2007. Design is approx. 90% complete. Right of way acquisition is 13% complete. Construction scheduled to begin in 2008 based on cash flow availability.

Project 002c--SC Highway 49/Paraham Road Intersection---Construction is 7% complete. Construction to be complete in fall 2007.

Project 002h--Shiloh Road/SC Highway 5 Intersection---Construction is 7% complete. Construction to be complete in fall 2007.

Project 005--SC Highway 49/211/97/Nimitz Road Loop---Environmental documentation scheduled for completion in late 2007. Example minimal plans have been prepared and approved by SCDHEC. Contract being prepared for completion of design. Construction scheduled for 2008.

Project 013--SC Highway 557 (Kingsburry Road to SC Highway 49)---The preliminary design is being completed pending determination of preferred alignment. A design presentation was made to County Council in July. Public meeting scheduled in August.

Project 020--SC Highways 274/279 (Pole Branch Road)---Program planning activities are ongoing. Design procurement is underway.

Events

October 14th~2-3 PM

Relay for Life Program

October 16th

Business After Hours

Jasmine Cafe & Gifts

5:30-7:30 PM

October 20th

Windy Hill Orchard &

Cider Mill ~ 15th Annual

Apple Harvest Festival

October 27th

Fall In Downtown York

1-6 PM

Stories of the Stones

10 AM-1:30 PM

December 5th~4:30 PM

York Christmas Parade

GYCC Board ~ 2nd Tues @ 7:30 AM

Economic ~ 1st Tues of Jan, Mar, May,

July, Sept, Nov @ 7:30 AM

Education ~ 3rd Wed @ 7:30 AM

Government ~ 3rd Tues @ 7:30 AM

Membership ~ 2nd Mon @5:30 PM



From 2000-2004 there were 3,621 new cases of cancer in York County. These are not just numbers. They are your family and friends. 1,563 of them died. ***This is a Call To Action For Western York County! Find out how you can help.*** Join us for information and light refreshments Sunday, October 14th, 2-3 PM (program begins at 2PM). First Baptist Church, 103 South Congress Street, York, South Carolina.

Join us in the fight against cancer. You can make a difference in those frightening numbers, and in the lives of your friends and family here in Western York County. RSVP Or For More Information: Amanda Wilson, American Cancer Society, 1-877-227-9398, Amanda.wilson@cancer.org

The Yorkville Historical Society Proudly Presents

Stories of the Stones

Cemetery Tour ~ Confederate Monument Rededication

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Saturday, October 27, 10 AM-1:30 PM

Historic Rose Hill Cemetery

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Fall in Downtown York

Saturday, October 27th, 1-6 PM

It's time again to celebrate the nicest season of the year with the 6th Annual Fall in Downtown York! Downtown businesses are encouraged to decorate their windows in a Fall theme and spill their business out into the street during the festival. Attractions include The Hudson Family playing sounds of Bluegrass, farmers market, face painting, pumpkin painting, food vendors and various artists. Fun activities for the whole family include Halloween costume contests for children & adults, Doggie costume contest, and the Weenie Dog Race. For more information please call, 417-8021 or 628-1777.

Tender Hearts Community Outreach & Thrift Store ~ House of Hope

Tender Hearts is pleased to announce that House of Hope is now open. House of Hope, located beside the Tender Hearts Outreach & Thrift Store at 511 Kings Mountain Road, is a shelter for women and children. Please visit the thrift store open Tues, Thurs & Fri 10-5, Wed 10-2, Sat 9-3. Find bargains or donate items to help support the Tender Hearts Ministries. For more information, please call 803-684-3132 or email ainslee@tenderheartsinyork.org

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Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden invites the public to submit photos to its 4th Annual Shutterbug Photography contest, part of the annual Art at the Garden celebration. The contest is open to any amateur photographer. Adults and youth will be judged separately. Pictures can be submitted for any of the six subject categories including plants, water, architecture, people, wildlife, and events/celebrations. All photos submitted must be 8x10 prints (no electronic files) and participants can only submit one picture per category. All photographs must be taken at the Garden. Winning photos will be displayed in the Garden's Visitor Pavilion during the month of February. The first prize winner in each category will receive a one-year Garden membership and \$25 to The Garden Store. Contest submissions can be sent to Attn: Marketing Department, 6500 South New Hope Road, Belmont, NC 28012. The deadline is Dec. 31, 2007 at 5 PM. For more information and an entry form, please visit www.DSBG.org or call 704-825-4490.



*Celebrate **Fall***
in Western York County with the following
GYCC Member Agri-Businesses

Windy Hill Apple Harvest Festival

*Windy Hill Orchard & Cider Mill is now open for the 2007 apple season.
The orchard will be open now until Christmas, Monday through Saturday
from 9 AM until 6 PM.*

Come visit and enjoy fresh baked apple pies, apple cider donuts, fresh apple cider, wassail, and many other items. The 15th Annual Apple Harvest Festival is Saturday, October 20th. Be sure to check their website at www.windyhillorchard.com or call 803 684-0690 for details.

Bush-N-Vine Fall Events

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Huge Pumpkin Patch ~ Ice Cream

Tee Pee Photo Opportunity

Pumpkin Bowling ~ Straw Bale Maze ~ Ball Toss

Peaches ~ Vegetables ~ Apples

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The Board of Directors of the Greater York Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship of the 2007 newsletter.

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September 25, 2007

