

ROCK HILL

SOUTH CAROLINA

Emmett Scott Recreation Center Open House September 29

On Saturday, September 29, the Emmett Scott Recreation Center will be holding a special event and the public is invited! The recreation facility will host an open house from 10:00 a.m. - noon to showcase its many opportunities and to celebrate recent improvements, including the newly installed gymnasium floor. The floor was replaced in the spring; care was taken to preserve the Emmett Scott High School emblem in the center of the floor. Built in the early 1930s, Emmett Scott Recreation Center was originally the Emmett Scott High School for African-American students.

A brief program will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium followed by an open house during which the community is invited to tour the building and see displays and demonstrations about the programs offered at the Center. The Boys & Girls Clubs of York County will give tours of the game room and study areas they use; their Step group will perform during the program.

Some of the Center's classes will be featured with a ceramics display and a ballroom dance demonstration. Among the other groups planning displays for the open house are Impact Community Uplift, Weed & Seed, Rock Hill Boxing Club, Rock Hill Parks Foundation, and Rock



Hill Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Light refreshments will be available.

The Emmett Scott Recreation Center includes the 1,100 seat McGirt Auditorium named for Principal Ralph W. McGirt. The auditorium currently hosts theatrical plays, gospel singings and pageants. Also at the Center are an outdoor basketball court, a handicapped accessible pool, large multipurpose field, a walking trail, a picnic shelter and a tot lot.

Emmett Scott Recreation Center is located at 801 Crawford Road. For more information about the Center or the Open House event, contact Loretta Robinson, Center Supervisor, at **803/329-5661**.

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

Irrigation Meters Can Help

It's that time of year for watering the lawn. If you have been thinking about installing an irrigation system, you might want to consider using a separate irrigation meter. With a separate meter for irrigation, you will be charged only for the gallons of water you use and not for any minimum sewer charges. The cost for the meter and installation is \$440. Installation may take up to two weeks. For more information, please contact the Development Services Department at **803/329-7080**.

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RHFD Celebrates Fire Prevention Week

The Rock Hill Fire Department will celebrate Fire Prevention Week with a variety of activities designed to educate parents and kids about ways to prevent fires.

To get everyone involved and concerned with fire safety, the Department is sponsoring a coloring contest, essay contest, safety demonstrations, and tours of the fire station.

Fire Prevention staff visit each first-, third- and fifth-grade class in the 18 Rock Hill elementary schools beginning in early September. Students learn how to be safe in their homes by seeing the different ways a fire could start in the interactive Sparky's Fire Safety House. They're then invited to participate in the coloring and essay contests.

The coloring competition is aimed at first-graders; fifth grade students write essays about a designated fire safety topic. Entries in both contests are judged and a grand prize winner determined for each contest. All entries for the contests are submitted to the teacher and picked up by RHFD staff for delivery to the judges. Judges then determine first-place winners from each school, and from these, judges select the grand prize winner. Each school's first-place winner in the essay contest receives \$25 with a grand prize of \$100. First-place winners in the coloring competition each receive a goody bag of fire related safety items with the grand prize winner receiving \$50.

First-place winners and their families in both categories are invited to an awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 9, at RHFD Station No.1 to find out who the grand prize winners of the contests will be.

October is also a great time to schedule a tour of a fire station. All area day cares, churches, and schools are encouraged to call the main station at **803/329-7220** to schedule a tour. If your group cannot come to a station, the RHFD can bring a fire truck to your organization. For more information about fire safety and Fire Prevention Week activities, or to schedule a tour, call Fire Station No. 1 at **803/329-7220**, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Darrell McAteer, last year's Coloring Contest Grand Prize winner, poses with Sparky at the awards ceremony.



October 10th Is Customer Appreciation Day

In observance of 2007 American Public Power Week (October 7th-13th), the City of Rock Hill Utilities Department is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day.

Date: Wednesday, October 10th **Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Place:** City Hall, 155 Johnston Street

City of Rock Hill utility customers are invited to enjoy refreshments, receive free gifts and register for prizes. For more information about Customer Appreciation Day, please call **803/329-5594**. We're your hometown utility connection and we thank you for your support.