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New series of 'City Walks' to highlight neighborhoods

City Council-led walks will focus on active living opportunities and unique character to be found in each of six Council districts

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (October 3, 2013) — A new series of six community walks, led by City Council members and planned for various neighborhoods throughout the City, will kick off on Tuesday, October 15. The series of walks, which have been organized by the City of Spartanburg's Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, are open to all citizens.

The walks, which will take place in each of the six City Council districts, will start from various locations and will cover between 1 and 3 miles. The walks will include landmarks such as the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail, Hatcher Garden, and Duncan Park. Three of the six planned walks have been set:

District 1 (represented by Councilmember W. Sterling Anderson II)

Tuesday, October 15, 6 p.m.

Meet at Hatcher Garden, 820 John B. White Sr. Blvd.

District 4 (represented by Councilmember Cate Brandt Ryba)

Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m.

Meet at Bull Hawg's BBQ, 840 South Pine St.

District 3 (represented by Councilmember Robert Reeder)

Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m.

Meet at Henry Street trailhead of the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail

Details for the other three walks will be announced soon.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission was seated by Spartanburg City Council in 2011 to assist the City in making improvements to the transportation infrastructure intended to make it easier and safer to bike and walk. The Commission hosts events, promotes the use of the City's existing trails, and develops ways to measure rates of biking and walking. The City contracts with local non-profit Partners for Active Living to staff the commission and provide expertise.

For more information, contact Ned Barrett, Partnership Coordinator with Partners for Active Living, at (864) 598-9638 or nbarrett@active-living.org, or Randy Cooksey, chair of the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, at (864) 621-2662.

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