

MAY 1 BROAD STREET BLOCK PARTY

200, 300 & 400 Blocks • 7-10pm

CURIOSITY SHOPPE

This 17th Season of First Friday begins with a Block Party not to be missed. Invite your family and friends and do not forget your lawn chairs! There will be two stages and two bands! Curiosity Shoppe is back again and is sure to please the crowd! They began



playing music in 1992 based out of Calhoun. Playing a wide variety of cover music from Prince to U2, there is something for all ages! The band began playing local venues and quickly became one of the biggest draws in Northwest Georgia and eventually expanded to a broader audience which includes Charleston, Charlotte, Chattanooga, New Orleans, and many college campuses. Curiosity Shoppe gives back to the community by playing benefit concerts. They will get the crowd going with their rowdy modern rock and alternative attack! Band line up: Andrew Miles, Chris Holt, both from Calhoun, Bobby Graham, Alan Petit, Rome, and Nic Bennett, Atlanta. Find them on facebook.

BABE'S BAYOU BAND

Babe's Bayou will rock some country tunes at the May Block Party! The band formed in 2005 and are well known here in Northwest Georgia. Babe's playing style is a mixture of modern country to southern rock. They play classic country mixed with some outstanding originals. They have opened up for acts such as Luke Bryan and Sammy Kershaw. The band released their first album in 2006 and went on to win country band of the year two years in a row in the Georgia Country Music Association. Lead vocals, Ryan Coker, acoustic guitar/vocals, Matt Chambers and Lead guitar/vocals, Matt Thornton. www.facebook.com/babesbayouband



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BRIDGEPOINT PLAZA CONCERTS

JUNE 5th SHAWN MACK BAND

This band originated in Rome, and has become a staple in downtown entertainment. They play everything from Soul, Jazz, Gospel, and Rock-n-Roll. Band



members consist of: Shawn McDougal - Front man vocalist, Marc Johnson - Sax, Band Leader, Bill Wear - Trumpet, Scotty Knight - Bass guitar, Rusty Lee Burrows - Guitar Vocalist, Al Kiser - B3, Wurliitzer, Piano, Background Vocalist, and Joe Wilson - Drums, and Bonnie McDougal - Background Vocalist. They will take you on a soulful journey from the 1960's to current day. Bring your dancing shoes! Find the Shawn Mack Band on facebook!

AUGUST 7th LITTLE KNOWN LETTER

This rock band has been building a buzz around NW Georgia since they began touring last year. With a variety of popular songs spanning from Chuck Berry to Taylor Swift. The band started in 2013 when singer Clay Shiflett met keyboardist Todd Burkhalter in college and started playing at local venues in and around Rome. Fueled by a mutual interest in entertaining and playing music, the two began expanding their song list and putting together a high-energy show. Later joined by drummer Kerry Harrell and lead guitarist Jordan Kendrick. LKL's sound is a true melting pot of influences ranging from modern punk rock to classic 70's piano ballads.



<https://www.facebook.com/LittleKnownLetter>

SEPTEMBER 4th BROAD & THIRD

Broad & Third formed in 2008. Ed Hunt and Tom Beck began jamming, and then added others to the mix. Broad & Third's studio is located on the 3rd floor suite located at the corner of Broad & 3rd Ave. hence the name. The members from Rome are Tom Beck guitar & lead vocals, Bill Carroll - lead guitar & vocals, Ed Hunt - keyboards, Hal Richards - bass & vocals, Hal Ruland - drums & vocals, and Lisa Smith - vocals & percussion. From Clarkesville, special guest, Nelson Payne - sax and flute. The vocal blends and instrumentation lends itself to their unique sound and cover choices. The array of artists covered range from Eric Clapton, Tom Petty, Aretha Franklin, Van Morrison, ZZ Top, Janis Joplin, and many more. From classic rock, southern rock, beach and R&B music 60's to 80's, Broad & Third wants to sing you back into a memory and leave you smiling!



JULY 3 BROAD STREET BLOCK PARTY

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The July First Friday Concert falls during Independence Day weekend and we will celebrate with a July 3rd Block Party! Wear red, white & blue and join in for an All-American celebration!

TIM REYNOLDS & FRIENDS

Reynolds is a native from Rome, where he began playing and performing. He is currently a student at Berklee College of Music in Boston. He has played at The Boston Symphony Hall, The Boston Opera House with Dream Theatre, The Rome City Auditorium, and the New England Conservatory. His style is so diverse and ranges from folk music, jazz, classical, hip hop, and pop. Reynolds looks forward to performing around the world after graduation. We are pleased to welcome Tim Reynolds & Friends back to his hometown for the second year in a row! You do not want to miss this awesome, high-energy show!



MORE ABOUT THE MAY & JULY BLOCK PARTIES

The 200, 300 and 400 Blocks of Broad will be closed to vehicle traffic and opened to concert goers. Attendees may purchase adult beverages from restaurants located within these blocks and bring outside into the event area. Armbands must be worn at all times. No alcohol will be allowed on the street after 10:30pm and the street will be cleared and opened following the concert. In case of rain, check our facebook page and media outlets for announcements. No coolers and no smoking.



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CONCERT PARTNERS

The 2015 First Friday Concert Series is a joint effort of the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Business Improvement District. The series provides free quality family entertainment in the heart of the City.

The Business Improvement District (BID) is a special assessment levied that enables local property and business owners to finance services and improvements beyond those already provided by the City of Rome. Business and property owners within the BID district have joined together to bring you this special FREE event. As you shop and visit within the historic district, remember this series is funded entirely through their generosity. We encourage you to support downtown businesses as they support this community. Special appreciation goes to the City of Rome Public Works Department, Police, and Greater Rome Visitors Bureau for their support.

Concerts are held rain or shine and rain locations are promoted on our facebook page, local radio, Hometown Headlines, and Rome News Tribune. Remember your lawn chairs and blankets, as bleacher seating is limited.

Join this wonderful summer tradition the First Friday of each month from May to September in Historic Downtown Rome.

June, August and September concessions at Bridgepoint Plaza are provided by the following non-profit organizations:

Cub Scout Pack 81

Rome Shrine Club

When you support the concerts and these organizations, you also support tremendous community improvement

FIRST FRIDAY PARTNERS



ADDITIONAL CONCERT

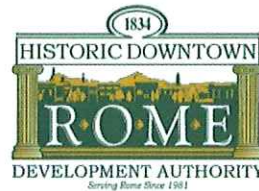
APOCALYPTIC BLOCK PARTY

OCTOBER 24TH

The great music continues in downtown in October and moves to the last Saturday.



On October 24th, downtown will play host to the Harbin Clinic Apocalyptic Block Party. Everyone's favorite, Infinity Show Band will play in the street! The DDA is partnering with Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Department for the 3rd year to add a new dimension that will feature a spook-tacular Zombie Run. You do not want to miss zombies filling the historic streets of downtown Rome! Bring the family and spend the entire day downtown! As always, there will be a kid zone!



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