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'TREE OF LIFE' COMMEMORATES LIVES LOST IN NC TRAFFIC CRASHES

MADD's Candlelight Vigil to honor victims of alcohol-related crashes

More than 1,500 people lost their lives in North Carolina traffic crashes in 2005, and this holiday season they will be remembered with gleaming lights on a "Tree of Life" to be displayed on the lawn of the State Capitol.

Presented by the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) the "Tree of Life" will be lit at 5:30 p.m. today by GHSP Director Darrell Jernigan, N.C. Mothers Against Drunk Driving Executive Director Craig Lloyd, and Stacy Koon of Graham. Stacy Koon's mother Faye was killed by an impaired driver in January.

The tree will be illuminated by 1,547 lights representing the number of people killed last year on North Carolina roadways. While the majority of the lights will be white, 431 of them will be red to remember those killed in alcohol-related crashes.

Victims of impaired drivers will also be honored by MADD during its annual Candlelight Vigil. Mr. Lloyd will lead the annual remembrance, which will conclude with the lighting of candles. Needham B. Broughton High School's vocal group the Madrigals of Raleigh will perform during the ceremony.

The "Tree of Life" will remain on display at the State Capitol through Jan. 5. The tree was donated by the Cornett-Deal Christmas Tree Farm in Sugar Grove. The holiday "Booze It & Lose It" campaign will begin Dec. 7 and continue through Jan. 1.

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HOLIDAY NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS SET FOR DECEMBER

Raleigh residents are invited to take part in several holiday neighborhood events scheduled for the month of December. They include:

- Glenwood-Brooklyn Tour of Historic Homes
Saturday, Dec. 2
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Featured this year is the A.J. Fletcher home. A.J. Fletcher was the founder of Capitol Broadcasting (WRAL-TV) and occupied the house from 1925 until his death in 1979.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.glenwoodbrooklyn.com/HTH2006/hth.htm>

- Boylan Heights Art Walk
Sunday, Dec. 3
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Over 100 artists will display and sell their work from porches, homes and studios. This is a wonderful opportunity to stroll through an historic neighborhood and shop for special gifts for the holidays.

For more information visit: <http://www.boylanheights.org/>

- Mordecai Holiday Event
Saturday, Dec. 9
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Events will include morning tours, open house, lantern tours, and rides on the holiday lights trolley.

For more information, visit: [http://www.raleigh-](http://www.raleigh-nc.org/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_306_210_0_43/http%3B/pt03/dig_web_content/news/public/News-ParksnRec-Mordecai_Holiday_Event_S-20061101-085854.html)

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- Historic Oakwood Candlelight Tour
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This tour is an annual opportunity to admire the interior of 12 homes in this historic downtown neighborhood.

More at:

<http://www.historicoakwood.org/candlelighttour2006.php>

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STATE CAPITOL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND HOLIDAY FESTIVAL DEC. 5

A traditional ceremony with the lighting of the State Christmas Tree by the Governor and First Lady will take place on the west grounds, followed by an open house inside the Capitol. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with the lighting of luminaries and musical performances on the State Capitol grounds. The Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh will host a holiday festival, featuring music and children's activities on Capitol Square, in the museums, in front of the Legislative Building, and on Bicentennial Plaza.

STANLEY CUP TO RETURN TO DOWNTOWN

The Stanley Cup will be on public display in Raleigh Monday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 5. The Carolina Hurricanes won the Stanley Cup championship following last year's National Hockey League season. Hurricanes players will not accompany the Cup at the public displays as the team will be on a West Coast road trip.

The Stanley Cup will be on display:

- Monday, Dec. 4 from noon until 2 p.m. at the "Brickyard" at North Carolina State University. As long as waiting lines are manageable, personal photographs with the Cup will be available for students and others. The Hurricanes mascot, "Stormy", a Hall of Fame "Keeper of the Cup", and several Hurricanes staff members will accompany the Stanley Cup;
- Monday, December 4 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the RBC Center for "Youth Hockey Night." All registered youth hockey players are encouraged to enter through the west entrance to the arena. Admittance will be based on the player wearing their youth hockey jersey. Families also are invited to attend with the players; and,
- Tuesday, December 5 from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the 400 block of Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh. The Cup will be placed under a tent and will be open to viewing from the public. If waiting lines are manageable, personal photographs with the Cup will be available. Stormy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Storm Squad members, a Hall of Fame "Keeper of the Cup", and several Hurricanes staff members will accompany the Stanley Cup.

JOINT MEETING PLANNED FOR CONVENTION CENTER

A joint meeting of the Raleigh City Council and Wake County Board of Commissioners will be held for the Convention Center project, Monday, Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m. at Progress energy Center for the Performing Arts.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

11/28 - 12/3	The Rat Pack - Live at the Sands - Broadway Series South	Memorial Auditorium
12/1	RAQS CARNIVALE - Bellydance Superstar, Inc.	Fletcher Opera Theater
12/2	Lamp Lighter Community Awards Ceremony	Fletcher Opera Theater
12/2	Songs of the Season with General Assembly Chorus	Meymandi Concert Hall
12/3	First Baptist Church	Meymandi Concert Hall
12/5 - 12/13	A Christmas Carol - Theatre In The Park	Memorial Auditorium
12/7 - 12/17	Cinderella - Raleigh Little Theatre	Fletcher Opera Theater
12/8	Cherryholmes with the Lovell Sisters - PINECONE	Meymandi Concert Hall
12/9	Joy of Season - NC Master Chorale	Meymandi Concert Hall
12/15 - 12/23	Nutcracker - Carolina Ballet	Memorial Auditorium
12/16 - 12/17	Raleigh Ringers Holiday Concert	Meymandi Concert Hall
12/18	Triangle Brass Band	Meymandi Concert Hall
12/20	NCSU Department of Computer Science Graduation	Meymandi Concert Hall
12/26 - 12/31	Cirque Dreams	Memorial Auditorium
12/31	New Year's Eve Concert - North Carolina Symphony	Meymandi Concert Hall

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Join THOUSANDS of friends in Downtown Raleigh for the area's only New Years Eve Celebration of the Arts!

On December 31, 2006 Artsposure will present its 16th Annual First Night Raleigh featuring over 100 performances.

Buttons will be on sale for \$9 (for adults and children ages 6 and up) beginning December 1 at over 100 area outlets including, Harris Teeter, Eckerd Drug and CARQUEST Auto Parts stores.

Purchase your button before December 31 and save on admission and receive coupons for local arts performances, including a discount to the North Carolina Symphony, Raleigh Little Theater, Carolina Ballet, Pine Cone, and Cirque Dreams at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts.

The CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION begins at 3 pm at the NC Museums of History and Natural Sciences and Bicentennial Plaza.

Then join 3,000 neighbors for the PEOPLE'S PROCESSION.

TWO COUNTDOWNS: 7 pm & 12 Midnight with Fireworks and Raleigh Acorn Drop at the 400 block of Fayetteville Street!

Volunteer for a 3-hour shift and receive an admission button for free! To volunteer, email volunteer@artsposure.org.

Check back here for more updates in late November!

Email us at info@artsposure.org or call 919-832-8699 for more information.



