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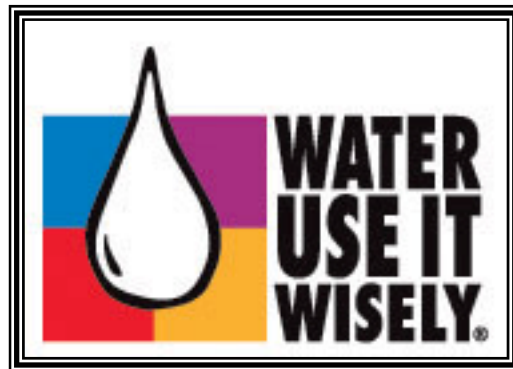
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RALEIGH RECORDS THIRD HIGHEST DAILY USE DESPITE IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER RESTRICTIONS

The results are in from the first week of permanent, mandatory water use restrictions in Raleigh and they are disappointing.



Even with a great many residents enjoying the Independence Day holiday week out of town, water use was very high. Saturday, July 7's pumpage was the third highest daily pumpage the E.M Johnson Water Treatment Plant has ever recorded at 70.6 million gallons per day (MGD).

The code enforcers are on the job. They are finding a plethora of irrigating scofflaws. The City's code enforcement staff issued 202 warning citations during the first eight days the lawn irrigation restrictions were in place. The last time that Raleigh had water restrictions in place was during the drought of 2005-06. During that seven-month period of restriction, the City's code enforcement staff issued 546 citations for violations.

A written notice or warning is issued for the first violation of the mandatory rules. A second violation will be a \$50 fine, and a third violation will result in a \$200 civil penalty. A fourth violation will result in the interruption of the customer's water service. Service will be reinstated at the discretion of the City's Public Utilities director.

The new measures apply to all City of Raleigh water customers, including those in Garner, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon.

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The restrictions apply to the use of automatic and non-automatic irrigation systems and hose-attached sprinklers. City of Raleigh water customers are allowed to use these lawn irrigation systems only three days a week to water lawns and outdoor plants. Water customers with odd-numbered addresses may water anytime on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Those with even-numbered addresses may water anytime on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Lawn irrigation using automatic or non-automatic systems or hose-attached sprinklers are not allowed on Monday.

City of Raleigh water customers who use hand-held hoses are exempt from the mandatory, year-round rules and may water lawns and outdoor plants at anytime.

Water Supply

According to Public Utilities Director Dale Crisp, Falls Lake is at 249.65 feet, which is 1.85 feet below the level of the lake when the water supply pool is full, which is 251.5 feet. The lake level has continued to drop due to the lack of rainfall in the Falls Lake watershed over the past five weeks since the water supply pool was full on May 24.

The current rolling 30-day-pumpage average at the E.M. Johnson Water Treatment Plant is 62.6 MGD. The water supply pool storage in Falls Lake is 81 percent according to an update given today by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE). The water supply projection using the 30-day pumpage average indicates a 190-day supply. That projects to Jan. 16, 2008.

According to the National Weather Service, the rain gauge at the Raleigh-Durham Airport is 4.6 inches below normal rainfall for year-to-date 2007. The U.S. Drought Monitor now classifies the Falls Lake Watershed in a "moderate drought." The rainfall deficit in the last drought (2005) reached a high of 9.0 inches on Nov. 20, 2005. That also was the date of that drought's lowest lake level of 243.05 feet. Falls Lake's all-time low reading of 242.73 was recorded on Nov. 27, 1993.

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CITY OF RALEIGH TO CLOSE FAYETTEVILLE STREET FOR RALEIGH WIDE OPEN 2

Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh will be closed to vehicular traffic for Raleigh Wide Open 2 (RWO2), the July 21 four-block party celebrating the renaissance of the Capital City's center.

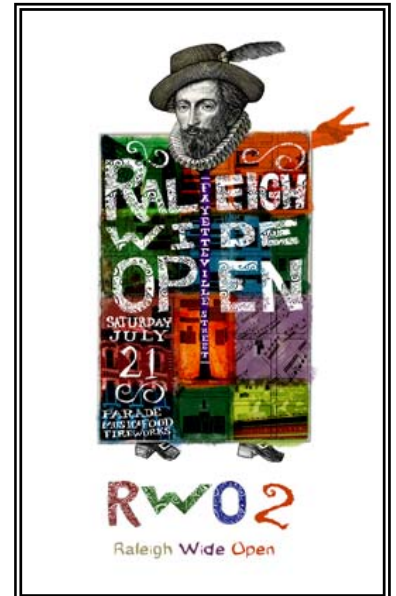
The 100 to 400 blocks of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 6 p.m. Friday, July 20 until 4 a.m. Sunday, July 22. Also to be closed to accommodate RWO2 are sections of Martin, Hargett and Davie streets that cross Fayetteville Street. The 00 blocks of Hargett and Martin streets will be closed to traffic from 6 p.m. July 20 until 4 a.m. July 22. The 00 block of Davie Street will be closed from 7 a.m. July 21 until 4 a.m. July 22.

Additionally beginning at 6 p.m. on July 20, parking spaces will be encumbered on the west side of the 200 to 300 blocks of South Wilmington Street and on the east side of the 200 to 300 block of Salisbury Street. The parking spaces will be opened back up for public use on July 22 at 4 a.m.

RWO2 is going to fill up Fayetteville Street from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 21. It will be music to the max with the following lineup:

- 12:30 to 2:00, Mickey Mills & Steel (reggae);
- 2:20 to 3:05, Airiel Down (rock);
- 3:25 to 4:10, Kickin Grass (bluegrass);
- 4:30 to 5:45, Bio Ritmo (Latin);
- 7:00 to 8:00, Dillon Fence (pop rock); and,
- 8:30 to 10:00, Eddie Money (pop/classic rock).

The headliner of course is rock icon Eddie Money, whose long beloved tunes such as "Two Tickets to Paradise" and "Baby Hold On" are being joined by hits from his current album "Wanna Go Back" featuring 12 rock classics.



Notice, it's non-stop music except for 6:00 to 7:00. That's parade time! The RWO2 parade will begin at the Capitol and make its way down Fayetteville Street, ending at Davie Street.

If you're "tuned out" by mid evening, saunter on down to Moore Square and enjoy a free showing of "Dream Girls" around 8:15 p.m.

Raleigh's southern downtown sky will turn into a pyrotechnic pageant around 10:15 p.m. when the boom and blast of fireworks signal the conclusion of the first anniversary of Raleigh's downtown revitalization celebration.

The charge for parking downtown will be \$3. The City has five convenient parking garages that offer approximately 5,000 parking spaces. The garage locations are as follows:

- Cabarrus Street Parking Lot, 100 E. Cabarrus St.;
- Convention Center Parking Deck, 429 S. Wilmington St.;
- Moore Square Parking Deck, 233 S. Wilmington St.;
- Municipal Parking Deck, Morgan Street entrance, W. Morgan St.;
- and,
- Wilmington Street Parking Deck, 327 S. Wilmington St

CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EAST GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD VISIONING PLAN

At its July 10 meeting, the Raleigh City Council accepted a report from a citizens ad hoc committee regarding the proposed East Gateway Neighborhood Visioning Plan. The report, which council members requested, contained recommendations from the Southeast Raleigh Assembly's (SERA) Ad Hoc Committee on the East Visioning Process.

In its report, the ad hoc committee issued recommendations regarding a development strategy for the Martin-Haywood area. The recommendations focused on the importance of affordability, architectural compatibility, acceptance of density, connection with broader redevelopment plans and establishment of an East Community Group that will consist of residents who will provide feedback on City redevelopment plans for east-side areas. The Planning Commission will study the ad hoc committee's recommendations and issue a report to the City Council.

The East Gateway Neighborhood Visioning Plan provides a framework for guiding the redevelopment of the gateway area east of downtown Raleigh. The plan area is bounded by New Bern Avenue on the north, Tarboro Street to the east, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on the south and East Street to the west. The visioning plan was drafted with substantial input from residents in the affected area.

COUNCIL APPROVES MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

The Raleigh City Council on July 10 approved a contract with HDR Architecture, Inc. for the plan and development strategy for the multi-modal transportation center. The firm will prepare a feasibility study and conceptual drawings for the complex along with a development strategy for properties in the vicinity of the center near the Boylan Heights neighborhood.

The contract is for more than \$263,000. The plan and drawings are scheduled to be presented to the Raleigh City Council by the early summer of 2008.

POPE HOUSE DISCUSSION TO BE HELD AS SPECIAL ITEM

On July 24, the Raleigh City Council will continue its discussion on whether the Pope House should remain at its current location at 511 S. Wilmington Street or be moved to another City-owned location.

The Pope House is the last standing home from a middle and professional class African-American neighborhood. The home was built by Dr. M.T. Pope, a Shaw University graduate who was the first African-American to be licensed as a physician in the state of North Carolina. The house is a rare example of a front-gable structure and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Pope House Museum Foundation has plans to open the house to the public as a museum.

The Council has been debating moving the house in order to include it in an African-American cultural consortium that would include the Martin Luther King Resource Center and the African-American Cultural Complex. Each currently operates separately in Raleigh but all three have agreed that a common location would be mutually beneficial.

RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL APPROVES GRANT TO ALLIANCE MEDICAL MINISTRIES, INC.

The Raleigh City Council has approved a grant of \$100,000 to Alliance Medical Ministries, Inc. capital campaign.

Alliance Medical Ministries, Inc. provides affordable primary medical care to uninsured families in Raleigh and Wake County. Since January 2003, Alliance Medical Ministries, Inc. has provided care for approximately 30,000 patient visits. The ministry has purchased a new facility that will allow for a significant expansion of the service capacity.

The funds are designated to come from the City of Raleigh budget in fiscal year 2008-2009 and fiscal year 2009-2010.

CITY COUNCIL WEIGHS BAN ON SALE OF GLASS TUBE ITEMS USED AS DRUG PARAPHENALIA

The Raleigh City Council's Law and Public Safety Committee is considering banning convenience stores from selling small glass vials or tubes that are used in the consumption of illegal drugs.

The glass stems or tubes are sold encasing items of little value. The tubes are used to ingest crack cocaine, methamphetamine or other controlled substances. The Law and Public Safety Committee will consider requesting the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt a statewide ban on the sale of the items. The Law and Public Safety Committee also requested City Attorney Thomas McCormick to research ordinances passed by other municipalities in North Carolina regarding the sale of these items.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

07-13 7:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-14 2:00 PM	Bud Light Downtown Live	Moore Square
07-14 8:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-15 2:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-17 8:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-18 8:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-19 8:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-20 8:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-21 2:00 PM	Raleigh Wide Open	Fayetteville street
07-21 2:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-21 8:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-21 8:30 PM	Movies In The Park	Moore Square
07-22 7:00 PM	Chess	Memorial Auditorium
07-28 2:00 PM	Bud Light Downtown Live	Moore Square
08-03 8:00 PM	Arnez J	Memorial Auditorium
08-04 8:30 PM	Movies in the Park	Moore Square