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DOWNTOWN APPETITE FOR ART SET FOR AUGUST 18

On August 18, the Historic Glenwood-Brooklyn Neighborhood Association (HGBNA) will host the Downtown Appetite for Art at Exploris Museum from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The event includes an art auction, a silent auction, wine and food and a focus on downtown Raleigh. Proceeds from the event support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County. This will be the second year for the Downtown Appetite for Art. At last year's event, more than 80 sponsors donated a variety of items for the silent auction including artwork, jewelry, business services, sporting event tickets, trips, gift baskets and gift certificates. Additionally, more than 30 artist sponsors donated more than \$20,000 in art for the silent and live auctions. The event raised more than \$25,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Wake County.

The HGBNA is a non-profit group committed to advancing the vitality and diversity of its historic urban neighborhood located near downtown Raleigh. The fundraiser is aimed at benefiting a deserving charity as well as bringing together people from all walks in Downtown Raleigh to celebrate things in downtown.

Advance tickets for the event are \$40 and can be purchased through August 16. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$45. Tickets will also be good for admission into HGBNA Historic Home Tour in December. Tickets can be purchased by calling 834-6282. A ticket request form can also be downloaded at: <http://da4a.net/Docs/Da4aTicketRequestForm.doc> and mail payment to the address on the form.

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COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Raleigh City Council on August 8 approved the allocation of \$33,000 for the second phase of the African-American Cultural Consortium feasibility study. The allocation is contingent on Wake County providing an additional \$33,000 in matching funds with another \$66,000 being provided by private funding.

The consortium is made up of three groups, the Martin Luther King Resource Center, The Pope House 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. The consortium is intended to be a major destination for cultural tourism in North Carolina, offering visitors and residents a cultural and educational experience through the programs of the three member institutions. The proposed location for the consortium is the southwest corner of the block bounded by S. Wilmington Street, E. Cabarrus Street, S. Blount Street and E. Lenoir Street in the convention and hotel district.

CITY SELLS LOTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES

The City of Raleigh is selling 12 lots that will be developed into new single-family homeownership houses primarily for citizens with low and moderate incomes.

The City Council voted unanimously at its evening session on Aug. 8 to sell six of the lots to St. Augustine College's Community Development Corp. for \$108,000 and the remaining six lots to Habitat for Humanity and Evergreen Construction Co. also for \$108,000. The City is financing the land sale at no interest. The three developers, however, must pay back the funds as the new homes are sold. The lots are located at 111 and 113 Seawell Avenue and the property bounded by Cooke and East Jones streets and Seawell Avenue.

Under terms of the sale, at least 70 percent of the new houses must be sold to homebuyers with low and moderate incomes.

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MORDECAI HISTORIC PARK TO HOST GARDEN CRAFT WORKSHOP

Come out to Mordecai Historic Park for an afternoon of free garden crafts on Saturday, Aug. 19 from noon to 3 p.m.

In the park's 19th century style kitchen garden, participants can tie (Continued on page 3)

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their own bouquet garni and learn how to use home grown herbs to prepare flavored butter and basil vinegar. Afterward, you are invited inside the Mordecai House to see pressed flower demonstrations. Participants can even make a bookmark and learn how to press flowers at home. Adults and children will be welcome.

The garden program will begin at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Mordecai Historic Park is located at 1 Mimosa Street. For more information, call 857-4364.

TRIANGLE HOPE FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE PRAYER DAY SET FOR SUNDAY

The City of Raleigh Human Relations Commission is joining other area non-profit and faith organizations in sponsoring the Triangle Hope for Middle East Peace Prayer Day on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. at Meymandi Hall in the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts. The service is free and open to the public.

The public day of prayer and expressions of hope are in response to the escalating military conflict in the Middle East, namely Israel, the Gaza Strip and Lebanon. Triangle area Jewish, Muslim and Christian faith leaders will lead the service.

"We are people of many faiths, coming together in humility and solidarity, to pray for peace in the Middle East. We are united in our concern for the victims of the current violence and we mourn the loss of life on all sides," according to a statement issued by the organizing arm of the coalition of organizations sponsoring the Triangle Hope for Middle East Peace Prayer Day.

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In addition to the City's Human Relations Commission, other sponsors of the event are the Raleigh Martin Luther King Committee, North Carolina Martin Luther King Resource Center, Triangle Interfaith Alliance, North Carolina Council of Churches, Catholic Diocese of Raleigh; Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, Islamic Center of Raleigh, North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Raleigh-Cary Jewish Federation, Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, International Affairs Council, Muslim American Policy Council, Triangle Bahi'a Center, Triangle Tikkum, and the Triangle Lebanese Association.

Following the prayer service, there will be a fellowship reception to provide opportunities for citizens of different faiths and cultures to mingle and interact. The formal service agenda can be found by visiting

http://www.ncneighbors.com/news.wsi?group_id=3279&news_id=1.

CITIZENS CAN SUBMIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED DOWNTOWN ART PLAZA PROJECT

Citizens who want to express their opinions about the proposed downtown art plaza project can email the City of Raleigh at publicart@ci.raleigh.nc.us. The email address also can be used to obtain more information about the project.

DESIGN CONTRACTOR SELECTED FOR SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE

The Raleigh City Council voted unanimously August 8 to select HNTB to design an upgrade to the City's traffic signal system. The design contract with HNTB will not exceed \$4.4 million.

In a bond referendum held in 2005, Raleigh voters approved \$4 million for the signal system upgrade. The City and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) are jointly funding the estimated \$28 million project, with NCDOT paying 75 percent of the cost and the City paying the remaining 25 percent. Both the City and NCDOT reviewed design proposals for the project and recommended that HNTB be selected for the contract.

The upgrade to Raleigh's traffic signal system will allow for citywide signal coordination and improve air quality.

CONSULTANT CHOSEN FOR FIRST PHASE OF HILLSBOROUGH STREET ROUNDABOUTS

The Raleigh City Council on August 8 approved the selection of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the design of the first phase of the Hillsborough Street roundabouts. The contract approved by the Council is for more than \$265,000.

The scope of the project will involve the planning and design of the street construction, streetscape and pedestrian facilities for two
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areas along Hillsborough Street from Gardner Street to Oberlin Road. The first area will be along Hillsborough Street from Gardner Street to Logan Court. The second area will be from Enterprise Street to Woodburn Road, Pullen Road from Watauga Club Drive to Oberlin Road, Oberlin Road from just north of Groveland Avenue to Hillsborough Street.

Preliminary designs for the project will be presented to the City Council in fall of 2006.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

08-12 08:00 PM	Oleanna	Kennedy Theater
08-13 03:00 PM	Oleanna	Kennedy Theater
08-16 07:00 PM	Meet Me On The Co...	Kennedy Theater
08-17 11:00 AM	Meet Me On The Co...	Kennedy Theater
08-18 7:00 PM	Meet Me On The Co...	Kennedy Theater
08-19 11:00 AM	Meet Me On The Co...	Kennedy Theater

Movies at Moore Square

Showings at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. No alcohol is allowed. The scheduled movies are:

- August 12 - Batman Begins, rated PG-13
- August 26 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, rated PG
- September 9 - Mission Impossible III, rated PG-13.