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## LOCAL CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SIGN THE DECLARATION OF RALEIGH ARTS ON OCT. 11

In 1776, 13 colonies came together, ultimately leading to the formation of a "more perfect union." On Oct. 11, 45 Raleigh cultural organizations will join together to proclaim the importance of the arts to the future of the Capital City.

"The Declaration of Raleigh Arts has come out of a six-month dialogue local groups have had with the City of Raleigh Arts Commission about what art means to our community, and how we can better position Raleigh as a world-class city of the arts," said Michael Lowder, executive director of Artsposure. "It is an important accomplishment and the declaration is a strong statement that we all can rally around."

Using the American Declaration of Independence as an initial jumping-off point for discourse, the Declaration of Raleigh Arts contains 11 belief statements about the arts that all commence with the following "E" words: entertain, educate, enrich, embolden, elevate, enlighten, enliven, engage, enhance, energize and envision." Forty-five (45) local arts groups -- ranging from Raleigh Little Theatre to the African American Cultural Complex to Carolina Ballet and finally United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County --- will be official "signees" of the declaration.

"It's been an amazing process to work with the various arts organizations in town and create this document," said Lisa Grele Barrie, development director of the North Carolina Theatre. "The purpose of the Raleigh Arts Declaration is not only to bring the cultural organizations together but to broaden the dialogue with area residents about how the arts can help build an exciting vision for the city's future."

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With Mayor Charles Meeker in attendance, representatives from the 45 cultural groups will be on hand to read and sign the Arts Declaration on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. in the lobby of Memorial Auditorium. The lobby will be colorfully decorated with banners emblazoned with the key "E" words. Entertainment before the signing will be provided by North Carolina Theatre, and a reception will follow the ceremony. The event is open and free to the public. It is part of the City of Raleigh Arts Commission's "30 Years Fostering the Arts" events.

"The Arts Commission has done a great job uniting the city's arts groups together around this declaration," Mayor Meeker said. "The declaration is a terrific opportunity to celebrate the importance of all the arts to our city." The mayor will read a proclamation at the ceremony declaring October 11 as "Raleigh Arts Day."

Raleigh-based organizations participating in the declaration signing ceremony include: Actors Comedy Lab, African American Cultural Complex, Arts Access, ARTS NC STATE, Artspace, Artspllosure, Arts Together, Burning Coal Theatre Company, Capital Opera Raleigh, Carolina Ballet, City of Raleigh Arts Commission, Classical Voice of North Carolina, Community Music School,, Contemporary Art Museum, El Pueblo, Even Exchange Dance Theatre, International Focus, Moore Square Art District Alliance, North Carolina Master Chorale, North Carolina Museum of Art, North Carolina Museum of History, North Carolina Symphony, North Carolina Theatre, North Carolina Wind Orchestra, North Raleigh Arts & Creative Theatre, Nuv Yug Cultural Organization, PineCone, Pullen Arts Center, Raleigh Area Flute Association, Raleigh Chamber Music Guild, Raleigh City Museum, Raleigh Civic Symphony Association, Raleigh Ensemble Players, Raleigh Fine Arts Society, Raleigh Little Theatre, Raleigh Symphony Orchestra, Sertoma Arts Center, Shaw Players and Company, The Justice Theatre Project, The Opera Company of North Carolina, The Raleigh Boychoir, The Raleigh Ringers, Theatre In The Park, United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County, and Visual Art Exchange.

For further information, email Arts Program Coordinator Belva Parker at [Belva.parker@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Belva.parker@ci.raleigh.nc.us) or call the City of Raleigh Arts Commission at 890-3610.

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## CAMPBELL LAW SCHOOL MOVING TO RALEIGH

Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker has announced the relocation of Campbell University's law school to Raleigh. The Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law will move to 225 Hillsborough Street by the fall of 2009.

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## COUNCIL APPROVES CLEANUP PROGRAM FOR ABANDONED GROCERY CARTS, RECOMMENDS FUNDS FOR BUS STOP BENCHES

The Raleigh City Council on Oct. 2 unanimously approved establishing a program to remove abandoned grocery carts from the street and return them to their owners.

Under the program, the City's Solid Waste Services Department would be assigned to receive reports of stray carts. The staff member would contact the store or business that owns the cart. Under a City ordinance that took effect on May 1, all grocery carts used in Raleigh are required to have a placard showing the name, address and phone number of a cart's owner. The abandoned cart cleanup program, patterned after one used in Durham, would be voluntary for grocery cart owners. The N.C. Retail Merchants Association will assist the City of Raleigh in identifying key contact personnel for local stores and other businesses that use grocery carts.

Also at its Oct. 2 meeting, the City Council voted to recommend the City administration include funding for benches at Capital Area Transit bus stops in the City's 2008-09 budget.

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## SUPPLY AND DEMAND CONTINUE DECLINE

Raleigh water customers have reduced their usage by a million gallons per day over the past week. Even so, the week saw the water supply pool drop by more than half a foot.

The continued absence of rain has reduced Falls Lake's supply pool storage to 46 percent, which would meet customers' current demand for 113 days or to Jan. 23 on the calendar. (This assumes the worst case scenario of no rain and use sustained at the current 30-day pumping average.)

Current daily pumpage is 54.4 million gallons per day (MGD), a decrease of 1.0 MGD from last week's 30-day average. The current 30-day average shows the Stage 1 mandatory water restrictions have resulted in an 18 percent reduction in daily use. The mandatory restrictions went into effect Aug. 28.

The U.S. Drought Monitor classifies almost all of North Carolina in an extreme drought.

The Triangle's year-to-date rainfall is 7.77 inches below normal. Falls Lake, Raleigh's water source measures 244.38 feet, which is 7.12 feet less than full. The lake reached an all-time low of 242.73 on Nov. 27, 1993.

The National Weather Service (NWS) is forecasting no significant rainfall through the coming week and projects no "drought busters" for the foreseeable future. The NWS indicates an equal chance for normal rainfall for the autumn and below normal chance of rainfall for the winter.

**Citations Given**

A total of 267 citations, which carry a \$200 penalty and six citations that come with a \$1,000 penalty have been issued under the stage 1 water use restrictions. A third citation would result in interruption of the customer's water service.

The restrictions apply to all City of Raleigh water customers, including those in nearby towns that have merged water and sewer systems with Raleigh. Those towns are Garner, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon.

The Stage 1 mandatory water use restrictions also limit use of City of Raleigh supplied water for other uses such as washing vehicles at home, power washing driveways, sidewalks, homes and filling swimming and decorative pools. The entire Stage 1 water use restrictions are listed on the City's web page at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov) or by contacting the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department at 857-4540 or the City of Raleigh Public Affairs Department at 890-3100.

WATER USE	STAGE 1 RULES
Automatic/non-automatic irrigation systems	ODD = Tuesday EVEN=Wednesday 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Hose End Sprinklers	ODD = Tuesday EVEN=Wednesday 6:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Hand held hose	ODD = Tue./Sat EVEN = Wed./Sun. 6:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Vehicle Washing	Saturday and Sunday
Pressure Washing	Saturday and Sunday

## CITY ADOPTS NEW PARKING RATES

Effective Oct. 1, the City of Raleigh will implement the following parking rates:

Special Events - \$5

Parking meter rate - \$0.50

Hourly/daily rates for parking decks:

- First 15 minutes: Complimentary;
- \$1 for each additional half-hour; and,
- Lost Ticket fee: \$10.

Monthly Parking Deck Rates:

- Cabarrus Street parking deck - \$90 and \$110;
- Convention Center Deck - \$60, \$90 & \$120;
- Moore Square Deck - \$50, \$90 & \$110;
- Municipal Building Deck - \$90 & \$110;
- Wilmington Street Station Deck - \$50, \$90 & \$110; and,
- City Market Lot - \$50.

Monthly Surface Lot Rates:

- City Market Lot: \$50;
- Dillon Lot A: \$50; and,
- Dillon Lot B: \$50.

For more information, contact Parking Administrator Gordon Dash at 890-3033.

### DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

10-05 07:00 PM	Man of La Mancha	Memorial Auditorium
10-05 08:00 PM	The Crucible	Fletcher Opera Theater
10-04- 07:30 PM	Comedy of Errors	Fletcher Opera Theater
10-05- 07:00 PM	Man of La Mancha	Memorial Auditorium
10-05- 08:00 PM	The Crucible	Fletcher Opera Theater
10-12- 08:00 PM	North Carolina Symphony -...	Meymandi Concert Hall
10-13- 08:00 PM	North Carolina Symphony -...	Meymandi Concert Hall
10-14- 03:00 PM	North Carolina Symphony -...	Meymandi Concert Hall
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10-14- 03:00 PM	Orion Quartet- Raleigh Ch...	Fletcher Opera Theater
10-20- 08:00 PM	Solid Gold Soul	Memorial Auditorium
10-21- 08:00 PM	REGIS PHILBIN & SUSAN LUC...	Memorial Auditorium
10-30- 08:00 PM	Mamma Mia	Memorial Auditorium
10-31- 08:00 PM	Mamma Mia	Memorial Auditorium
11-01- 08:00 PM	Mamma Mia	Memorial Auditorium
11-02- 08:00 PM	Mamma Mia	Memorial Auditorium