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## MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS SET FOR JAN. 22

On-street parking reform and building the greenway along the Neuse River will be the focus of the state-of-the-city address Mayor Charles Meeker will deliver at noon on Monday, Jan. 22.

The Mayor will put forth that, while emerging parking concerns in the center city are yet another sign of downtown's renaissance, they must be addressed promptly and properly. His address will state that a friendly, affordable and efficient parking system must be offered.

To address this need, Mayor Meeker will ask the City Council to form a citizens' group to work with the City administration's consultant to take a fresh and comprehensive look at on-street parking. Part of the consultant's duties and the citizen group's objectives will be to determine what policies should be implemented and who should oversee on-street parking. The Mayor wants oversight by an authority to be among the considerations.

Protecting our watershed and the environment while preserving precious open space will be the objectives of Mayor Meeker's second proposal to be put forth in Monday's address. He said that he will request that the Wake County Board of Commissioners and the City Council work together to build the greenway from Falls Lake to Johnston County. He said this task will involve working to secure State and Federal grants to help with the significant funding this project will require.

The Mayor's address also will include the call for a parks bond referendum this autumn to fund the City's share of the Neuse River greenway and to fund projects that voters approved in the 2003 referendum but are unfunded. Mayor Meeker will also cite the need for more active recreational facilities in northeast Raleigh.

Mayor Meeker will deliver the state-of-the-city address in the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts. The public is invited

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to attend. A luncheon will be offered for \$10, payable at the door. For more information on the Mayor's state-of-the-city address, contact the City's Public Affairs Department at 890-3100.

Article V of the Raleigh City Charter directs the Mayor to report from time to time to Raleigh's citizens "concerning the condition of City affairs."

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## RALEIGH HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS ARE DUE FEB. 15

Do you know of a person or group that has contributed greatly to making this place we all love calling home special and unique? If so, it's time to speak up and nominate them for induction into the Raleigh Hall of Fame.

Nomination forms for individuals or organizations to the Raleigh Hall of Fame must be submitted by Feb. 15. For more information, visit [info@raleighhalloffame.org](mailto:info@raleighhalloffame.org), call 787-2488 or write: Raleigh Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 6128, Raleigh, NC 27628-6128. Visit [www.raleighhalloffame.org](http://www.raleighhalloffame.org) for regular updates.

Established in 2005, the Raleigh Hall of Fame's mission is to recognize and induct individuals who, living or deceased, and non profit organizations which are responsible for significant contributions to Raleigh.

In its first year, the organization inducted 13 individuals and organizations into the Hall of Fame, as well as 25 individuals into the Centennial Hall of Fame.

The following noteworthies were recognized this past September at the induction ceremony which was held at Meymandi Hall: Judge George Foust Bason, Miriam Preston Block, William H. (Polly) Dietrick, Dr. William M. (Billy) Dunlap, Dr. Albert G. Edwards, Albert Earle Finley, U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, Vallie Lewis Henderson, Joseph H. Holt Sr. and Elwyna H. Holt, Charles G. Irving Sr. and daughter, Vivian E. Irving, the Junior League of Raleigh and the League of Women Voters.

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## BROOKINGS INSTITUTION VICE-PRESIDENT LECTURE SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 8

Bruce Katz, vice president at the Brookings Institution and founding

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director of the Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program, will deliver a lecture on Feb. 8 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Carolina Room at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts. Mr. Katz's presentation is part of the *Designing A 21<sup>st</sup> Century City Lecture Series* presented by the City of Raleigh Urban Design Center, a division of the City of Raleigh Planning Department.

Mr. Katz's lecture will be entitled "Urban Trends and the Urban Age: How Do We Design A 21<sup>st</sup> Century City?" The lecture is free to the public. To register to attend, visit the City of Raleigh's website at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov).

The Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program that Mr. Katz founded redefines the challenges facing cities and metropolitan areas. Mr. Katz regularly advises leaders and policy makers on the competitiveness of metro areas. His recent publications include *Redefining Urban and Suburban America, Volumes 1-3* with Robert E. Lang. To access Mr. Katz's publications and presentations, visit the following websites:

[www.brookings.edu/views/speeches/katz/20061110\\_berlin.htm](http://www.brookings.edu/views/speeches/katz/20061110_berlin.htm),  
[www.brookings.edu/views/speeches/katz/20050225\\_urbanage.htm](http://www.brookings.edu/views/speeches/katz/20050225_urbanage.htm), or  
[www.brookings.edu/metro](http://www.brookings.edu/metro).

At the Feb. 8 lecture, Paul Farmer, chief executive officer and executive director of the American Planning Association, will deliver the opening remarks.

This lecture will build on the success of the first lecture in the *Designing A 21<sup>st</sup> Century City Lecture Series*. The first lecture was held Nov. 2 and featured Dr. Donald Shoup, who presented "What are the Hidden Costs of Free Parking?"

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#### DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

01-21 3:00 PM	<a href="#">North Carolina Sy...</a>	Meymandi Concert Hall
01-21 8:00 PM	<a href="#">The Fray</a>	Memorial Auditorium
01-25 8:00 PM	<a href="#">Rodney Carrington</a>	Memorial Auditorium
01-27 8:00 PM	<a href="#">North Carolina Sy...</a>	Meymandi Concert Hall