

happenings

August

12 Ride for Pride, 8 a.m., 404 Armour St. Davidson Three bicycling routes — 62, 31 and 10 miles — to raise money for Trips for Kids-Charlotte and the MS Society. All routes will be marked and volunteers will guide and support riders. Registration is \$15 before Aug. 3 and \$20 after ANSI or SNELL-approved helmets are required. Register online at cannonballs-cycling.org.

"A Sign Of Judgment," Central Piedmont Community College, 3 p.m. Comedic play. Tickets \$25, \$20 before Aug. 1. Available by calling the CPCC box office at (704) 380-6534; Dorothy's Music Network at (704) 333-7729.

EclectFest, RealEyes Bookstore, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nikki Giovanni and Crystal Andrus will be featured presenters. Continues Aug. 13. Karaoke contest for teens with free voice lessons and studio time for the winner. Games and moon bounce among the events for children. Giovanni will appear Aug. 13 at Neighborhood Theatre, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance. Andrus will lead seminars on publishing at Green Rice Gallery, Aug. 13. Workshop is \$10.

Charlotte Literary Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Real Eyes Book Store, 3306 North Davidson St. Festival features Nikki Giovanni and 80 authors. Includes book signings, workshops, seminars, live bands and kids' corner. Concludes Aug. 13.



Giovanni

Gospel Fest, 1-7 p.m., Smithfield Park, Cornelius. Featuring Singing Angels, Men Over 60, Union Bethel Combined Choir and Tears of Joy Free. Emcee is Tonya Rivers of WP2S-FM. For information, call (704) 892-6031 extension 160 or log on to www.corneliuspr.org.

15 Children's Theatre of Andrus Charlotte hosts auditions for "The Magician's Nephew," 6 p.m. at ImaginOn, 300 East 7th St. Roles available for five adults and 26 young people from fifth grade and up. Dance experience a plus; adult roles pay \$400 a week. Call (704) 973-2800 for an appointment. Auditions conclude Aug. 16.

19 Par Busters Golf Group amateur tournament, Crystal Creek Golf Club, Pineville. For information, call John Love at (980) 253-1176.

24 Pre-Labor Day golf tournament sponsored by Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church, Old Sycamore Golf Club. Entry fee \$65 per player and \$260 per foursome. Proceeds benefit Christian Education department and scholarship fund. Registration should be completed by Aug. 7 and mailed with entry fee to 531 Campus St., Charlotte, NC 28216. For information, call (704) 375-3900, extension 10.

26 Great Gatsby Party sponsored by National Multiple Sclerosis Society Mid-Atlantic Chapter, Wachovia Atrium. Food and beverages from Charlotte's top restaurants, silent auction and swing dance and costume contest. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Call Catherine Turner at (704) 525-2955 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/mcp.

28 Back to School Evangelistic Block Party, 12-6 p.m., Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, 2722 Bancroft St. Food vendors, dunking booth and 3-on-3 basketball.

September

1 Earth Wind & Fire, Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre. Special guest Chris Botti. Tickets are \$24 and \$54.

Charlotte Shout, a month of dance, music and culinary delights through Sept. 29.

Pride Sunset Jazz Festival kicks off at Halton Theater at Central Piedmont Community College, 7:30 p.m. and continues through Sept. 10. Indoor concert with Fred Wesley, Maceo Parker and Carla Cook. Admission \$35 orchestra, \$30 balcony. Free Sept. 9 concert on the green at 435 S. Tryon St., 1 p.m. Featuring Dave Goldberg and the Duane Allen Quintet, Ziad featuring Mandyl Evans and Puchó Brown & the Latin Soul Brothers. Tyrone Jefferson, Saltman & Knowles and Celia Smith highlight the Sept. 10 show at 1 p.m. on the green. Free. For information, call Torrey Feimster at (704) 375-9553.

16 Acoustic Music Showcase, Dale F. Halton Theater, Central Piedmont Community College, 1206 Elizabeth Ave., 7 p.m. Tickets \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for children under 16. For ticket information, call the box office at (704) 380-6534. For a list of performers, go to www.tosmusicparty.org.

24 Nancy Wilson, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Southern Area of The Links. Tickets \$100 and available by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.salinks.org. Proceeds benefit the HBCU Scholarship Endowment Initiative.



CAMPING

Paramount Carowinds



Scooby Doo chills at Paramount Carowinds' Camp Wilderness Resort, a 25-acre campground. The camp includes 15 all-new Redwood cabins.

PARAMOUNT'S CAROWINDS

Good to go

WATCH

Kinetic Works SummerDance



PHOTO:JEFF CRAVOTTA

Dance comes out of the theater into a public arena with concert performances by Kinetic Works Dance Company at the Dowd YMCA, 400 East Morehead St. New works and revivals by choreographer Martha Connerton featuring SPANCE, a sports dance. Performances Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 5 and Aug. 12 at 4 p.m. Admission is \$12 in advance for the general public, \$15 at the door and \$10 for YMCA members. For information, call Martha Connerton at (704) 338-1533.

A BITE OF THE APPLE



PHOTO:STEPHANIE HARRIS

Students from the Love of Learning summer program went to New York City to see "The Color Purple" on Broadway and tour the city's cultural and historic sites. Love of Learning is a college preparation program sponsored by Davidson College.

JACK AND JILL TEENS



JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA CHARLOTTE CHAPTER

The Charlotte Chapter of Jack and Jill of America senior teens attended the Regional Teen Conference in Columbia, S.C., in June. Arthur Hairston, a junior at Harding University High School, was elected Mid-Atlantic teen vice president and Phifer Turner of Vance High designed a video scrapbook that won first place in a regional competition.

Notes etc.

Torrence Lytle High School Alumni Association will honor former educators Aug. 12 at Zion Renaissance. For information, call Jackie Torrence at (704) 399-8588.

Indoor/outdoor yard sale Aug. 12 at 2613 Hutchinson McDonald Road. Sponsored by Ivy Hall Foundation. Household goods, clothing, and jewelry. Tables for rent at \$15 by calling (704) 509-4811. For information, call Johnnie Collins at (704) 393-1200.

Northwest Corridor CDC sponsors "Investment to Revitalization to Gentrification" Aug. 14 at 6:15 p.m., Philip O. Berry Recreation Center, 501 S. Bruns Ave. Panelists include Steve Crump of WBTV, Charles Woodyard of the Charlotte Housing Authority, Stanley Watkins, Charlotte Key Business executive, community activist Mattie Marshall and Chris Ogunrinde of Neighboring Concepts. For information, call Gwenarda Isley at (704) 378-1272.

Information seminar on veterans benefits, Aug. 14, 7 p.m., at Mount Olive Presbyterian Church, 1525 Mount Olive Church Road. For information, call the church at (704) 394-8814 or Rev. Marvin Cuffee at (704) 372-8817.

Charlotte Trolley seeks public comment on its public space plan for a South End rail transit stop. Aug. 14 at 3:30 p.m., 2151 Hawkins St., Suite 400 Free.

Meet Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Superintendent Peter Gorman Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Barringer Academic Center, 1546 Walton Road. For information, call Dorothy Waddy at (704) 525-8646 or (704) 675-3154.

Memorial bricks available for Children's Memorial Walkway in Frazier Park. Orders from the adopt a brick program taken by Aug. 15 will be installed before the next service on National Children's Memorial Day weekend Dec. 9. The Memorial Walkway is a nonprofit organization. For information, call Jerry Mudge at (704) 509-6603 or log on to www.ocmw.org.

N.C. Central University alumni are sponsoring a bus trip to the NCCU/Southern football game Sept. 23. Cost is \$188, which includes a game ticket. Payment due by Aug. 15. Bus will depart Sept. 22 at 12 a.m. and returns Sept. 24 at 11 p.m. Hotel is the Hilton Gardens. For information, call Judy Jordan at (704) 651-5682 or (704) 566-6061.

Weeping Willow AME Zion will host a back to school rally Aug. 19, 2220 Milton Road. Workshops for all ages -entertainment, food and school tools available while supplies last.

Step back in history Saturdays through Nov. 25 at Historic Brattonsville in McConnells, S.C. Costumed interpreters will bring to life aspects of 18th and 19th century living with themes changing weekly. Admission is free for Culture & Heritage Museum members, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children.

Food Addicts Anonymous hosts meetings daily for people recovering from addictive eating and anorexia. Free. For information, call (704) 348-1569.

Charlotte Neighborhoods Family Day, Aug. 26, 12 a.m.-12 p.m., Charlotte Museum, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Tour the Charlotte Museum's interactive exhibit of Plaza-Midwood through maps and photos. Free for museum members; \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and \$3 for children.

NAACP golf tournament and Ashanti Awards scholarship celebration Aug. 15. Honorees include U.S. Rep. Mel Watt and N.C. Reps. Beverly Earle and Becky Carney. For details, Yvonne Pettis at (704) 361-8109 or Kenneth White, (704) 517-1877.

Exhibits

381 Days: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Story, Sept. 11 McColl Family Theatre at ImaginOn, 300 E. 7th St. Only Carolinas exhibit includes author Taylor Branch at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at Children's Theatre of Charlotte box office at (704) 973-2828. Preceded by Let Freedom Ring, Commemorating the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Sept. 5 at the Mann Library, 12 p.m. Civil rights activist Charles Jones of Charlotte will share his experiences from the 1960s. Free. He'll also speak at the Freedom Regional Library Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. and Independence Regional Library, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Exhibits Alive: Colonial Charlotte, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. The 18th Century Gallery features hands-on activities and demonstrations. No reservations required. Free for museum members, \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, \$3 for children.

Spanish Colonial Art from the Lilly and Francis Robicsek Collection, Mint Museum of Art, 2370 Randolph Road. Exhibit on display through September 10. Paintings, sculptures, silver and furniture from the late 17th through 19th century.

Woven Worlds: American Indian Baskets as Works of Art, through Dec. 31, Mint Museum of Craft + Design, 220 N. Tryon St. Baskets from the Clark Field Collection honors tribal groups from the U.S., Canada and northern Mexico dating from the late 19th to mid-20th century. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or www.mintmuseum.org.