

American Red Cross Prepares For Hurricane Season Disaster Relief in Carolinas

CHARLOTTE — With June upon us, while North Carolina residents are into barbecuing season, they are also preparing for hurricane season. This year's predictions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration indicate we can expect a normal hurricane season, with between eight and eleven tropical storms, of which five to seven could become hurricanes. Of those, two to three will be classified as major hurricanes. With these predictions, the American Red Cross is preparing for a busy season of relief efforts to U.S. east coast and Gulf coast states (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas).

Hurricane Floyd in 1999 cost the American Red Cross \$33 million to provide relief to victims. The Red Cross has already spent more than \$38 million on national disaster

relief this year, outpacing funds collected to support disaster relief efforts. To meet the shortfall - between now and June 30 - the Red Cross and Coistar are urging area grocery shoppers to donate their change at the Coistar machine to support the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. If only half of the 130 million people who live within two miles of a Coistar machine donate one handful of change, the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund will receive \$65 million toward vital life saving aid.

Year-round donations made to the Red Cross at Coistar machines will support local Red Cross chapter efforts. During a multi-state disaster, the funds will support the combined efforts of local Red Cross chapters and national disaster services through the Disaster Relief Fund.

"When Hurricane Floyd hit the

North Carolina coast in 1999, we saw firsthand the incredible need for funds to support the feeding, sheltering and care the Red Cross provided to flood victims on a massive scale," said Joe Becker, executive director of the Greater Carolinas Chapter. "We also saw the public's desire to give generously to help their brothers and sisters in Eastern North Carolina. This initiative with Coistar is an ideal way to translate such caring individuals' extra change into food, clothing or a safe place to sleep for families who have lost everything."

Contributions may also be made by calling 1-800-HELPNOW. Internet users can make a secure online credit card contribution by visiting www.RedCross.org. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 36507, Charlotte, NC 28236 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.

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'Faith-Based Approaches to Youth Crisis' is Theme for Mekye Funds Awards Event

Dr. Sherry Davis Molock of Washington, D.C. will bring a special message on "Faith Based Approaches to Youth Crisis" to the Triangle as guest speaker for the June 24 program of The Mekye Fund. Dr. Molock and an outstanding cast of speakers and performers are highlights for the 2001 grant awards ceremony of The Mekye Fund. The program, which is free to the public, is being presented in collaboration with St. Mark AME Zion Church and will be held in the church sanctuary, 531 S. Roxboro Road, from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

Dr. Molock is a clinical psychologist and licensed AME minister, and serves on the faculty of George Washington University. Her ongoing research on self-destructive behaviors among African American youth recently won her a career development grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to study risk and protective factors impacting adolescents in African American communities. A goal of the research is the development of prevention programs for African American churches. Molock is also a board member of the National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide.

Joining Molock will be Minister Donna Spearman of Atlanta, Georgia, elder sister to Mekye Malcolm in whose memory the fund was established, and an evangelist minister who conducts drug rehabilitation workshops and counseling with women in prison and through the transition house she runs for formerly incarcerated women. She will bring her message both in word and in spiritual dance.

Other delightful features of the program include a performance by Lois and Sandra DeLoach, sister vocalists who are well known in the Triangle for their stirring offerings of spiritual song. Thirteen-year old Miracle Malcolm will give a violin presentation.

Recipients of the 2001 Mekye Fund grant awards are The Augustine Project, a tutor training

and free tutorial program; Success Academy, a charter school program for high school students with learning and behavioral disabilities; and Carter Community School, a K through 9 public charter school focusing on at-risk youth. A special recognition award is also being given to Attorney Andrew Foster for outstanding volunteerism.

The Mekye Fund of Triangle Community Foundation was established three years ago to serve learning difference children and to raise awareness about learning differences in society. Recognition of

the relationship between learning difference and youth crisis is the impetus for the program. Untreated learning disabilities are factors in substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, other social disorders. Learning difference students drop out of school are more than twice as many of their peers. Learning difference are fifth in factors attributed to teen suicide. The program is the third in The Mekye Fund "lemonade" series — appreciating turning the bitter lemons of lives into sweet lemonade.

NNPA Executive Director Receives 'Emerging Leader' Award

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The National Coalition for Black Civic Participation recently awarded its "Emerging Leadership" award to NNPA Executive Director Benjamin Todd Jealous at its fourth annual "Spring Democracy" awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Jealous, a 28-year-old journalist-activist who cut short his Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University to join the NNPA, was honored for his commitment to civil rights activism through the Black Press. He has served as NNPA Executive Director since the fall of 1999. He and Stephen H. Davis, president and CEO of the Fannie Mae Foundation, received "Emerging Leadership" awards.

Other awards went to the following: NAACP President and CEO Kwame Mfume; Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich, executive director of the Black Leadership Forum; Milton Bins, chairman of the Douglas Film Network; Ingrid Saunders Jones, senior vice president of corporate external affairs for the Coca-Cola Co.; William Lucy, president of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; and the on-air staff of "The Joyner Morning Show," the nationally syndicated radio program.

The event, called "25 Years of Making Democracy Work," marked the 25th anniversary of the activist group formerly called the National Coalition for Black Voting Participation.



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Durham Board of County Commissioners solicits applicants to fill three positions on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (three-year staggered terms).

Property tax listing must be current. County and City taxes must not reflect any delinquencies before an application is submitted.

Appointments will be considered by the County Commissioners on Monday, June 25, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street.

For applications or additional information, contact Garry E. Umstead, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners (560-0025).

Deadline for receipt of applications—5:00 p.m., June 21, 2001

Garry E. Umstead, CMC
 Clerk to the Board

City of Durham Weekly Calendar

WEEKLY CALENDAR: JUNE 18, 2001 - JUNE 22, 2001

DURHAM CITY COUNCIL meets regularly on the first and third Monday of the month in the Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and aired live on cable channel 8.

City Government meetings scheduled during the next week include the following:

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2001
 3:30 p.m. **CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD** (City Clerk's Conference Room/2nd Floor/City Hall)
 7:00 p.m. **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** (Council Chambers/1st Floor/City Hall)

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2001
 4:30 p.m. **GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** (Briefing Room/1st Floor/City Hall)

5:00 p.m. **DURHAM CITY-COUNTY APPEARANCE COMMISSION** (Committee Room/2nd Floor/City Hall)

5:30 p.m. **POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** (JFK Towers/4900 N. Roxboro Road)

6:30 p.m. **COMMUNITY CONCERNS COMMITTEE OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** (JFK Towers/4900 N. Roxboro Road)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2001
 8:00 a.m. **DURHAM HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FORUM — "BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY — SUPPORTING ALL CITIZENS"**

SPEAKER: FORMER NEW YORK MAYOR DAVID DINKINS

5:30 p.m. **HOUSING APPEALS BOARD** (Housing & Community Development Conference Room/401 E. Lakewood Avenue)

7:00 p.m. **DURHAM OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMISSION** (Committee Room/2nd Floor/City Hall)

7:00 p.m. **DATA COMMITTEES' MEETING** (DATA Administrative Building/DATA Board Room/224 N. Hoover Road)

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2001
 1:00 p.m. **HALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY** (RDU Administrative Building/Room 100 A/B)

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2001

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

All meetings are held in City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled after this list is submitted for publication. Free parking is available during the Council Meeting in the Chapel Hill Street Parking Garage, located across Mangum Street from City Hall.

Any citizen wishing to be heard on agenda matters, please call the City Clerk's Office at 560-4166 to place your name on the Speakers' List. Interpreters for the Deaf and the Hearing Impaired are available by giving a 48-hour notice. If needed, please telephone 560-4180 or T.D. No. 560-4649.

To learn about issues affecting the City of Durham watch CityLife the first Thursday of every month on cable channel 23 at 7:30 p.m. The show is rebroadcast every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. until the next show airs. We want your input — citizens are invited to call in and ask questions about the topics being discussed.



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