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**MEDIA ADVISORY: CITY OF OAKS PIRATE FEST TOMORROW**

**WHAT:** [City of Oaks Pirate Fest](#)

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** North Carolina Museum of History and adjoining Bicentennial Plaza  
5 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

**DETAILS:** The year 2018 marks 300 years since the notorious pirate Blackbeard roamed the Carolina coast and lost his life—and his head—in a fight with British sailors. Learn about the history of pirates in North Carolina with a pirate-costume contest, sea chanteys, sword-fighting demonstrations, living-history programs, and more! Parking and admission are FREE!

Presented, in part, with BlueCross and BlueShield of North Carolina and KIX 102.9 FM, Carolina's Greatest Hits.

**FLORENCE RELIEF:**

Many of our mates are still struggling from Hurricane Florence. If you can, share your booty with those in need. The North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund is currently accepting monetary contributions.

**3 WAYS TO DONATE:**

1. **Text "Florence" to 20222** to make an automatic contribution of \$10 that will be charged to your cell phone bill.
2. **Donate online** through the governor's web portal.
3. **Mail your contribution** to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund, 20312 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699.

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For information about the NC Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

### **About the N.C. Museum of History**

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **About the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit [ncdcr.gov](http://ncdcr.gov).

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