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WNC COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER SHUTS DOWN STUDIO BUT CONTINUES CHANNEL OPERATIONS...

To reorganize and adjust community services in lieu of cuts of PEG funding and loss of services to the citizens of Asheville Buncombe County



On Friday the 13th the board of directors for the WNC Community Media Center (a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation) voted to suspend indefinitely Media Center Studio operations - at 31 College Place, Suite 20A in Asheville North Carolina - due to severely abridged PEG funds from Buncombe County.

The public access cable TV channel will continue to broadcast existing programs and will continue to receive local prerecorded productions from the citizens of Asheville Buncombe County while the board finalizes plans to reorganize, reduce and readjust the service offerings in lieu of existing financial realities. It is the board's intent to continue to provide a platform for the citizens of Asheville Buncombe County to partake in their 1st amendment rights to their freedom of expression - to address issues and topics of possible interest to their community.

With the loss of the community's studio and classroom capability – citizens will need to pursue other creative methods to produce their shows off-site using their own means of video production in order to have their shows seen on the community's public access cable TV channels - which are simulcast on both Charter and AT&T cable systems.

We as a board also appreciate and recognize the pervasive technological means available today to maintain and continue this vital platform and resource for the citizens of Asheville Buncombe Community. We also realize in these times of budget constraints there are relatively inexpensive and pervasive technologies available to counter these contractions in services to maintain a citizen's open access cable TV channel platform. To preserve a citizen's 1st amendment rights to freedom of expression to practice and foster vigorous and engaged community dialogue and debate - to realize new ideas and opportunities among citizens to not only think outside of the box – but to remove ourselves from the box.

For further timely information and insight please go to following website links:

<http://www.educateyou.com/urtv>

<http://www.urtv.org>

<http://www.wnccmc.com>

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