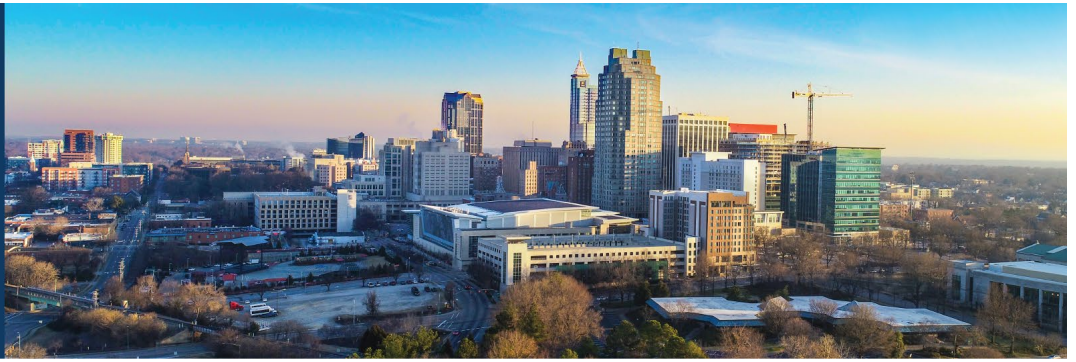


# Manager's Update

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### Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, [sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov](mailto:sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov)

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

## Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from September 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting

### Spring Forest Road Pedestrian Crossings Assessment (Council Member Patton)

Staff Resource: Kenneth Ritchie, Transportation Department, 996-4112, [kenneth.ritchie@raleighnc.gov](mailto:kenneth.ritchie@raleighnc.gov)

During the meeting, following the conclusion of the Z-51-25 rezoning case for 4804 & 4808 Spring Forest Road (see map below), Council requested that staff evaluate a potential mid-block pedestrian crossing along Spring Forest Road between Louisburg Road and Fox Road.

This section of Spring Forest Road serves as a primarily residential area north of the roadway, while the area to the south transitions toward retail and commercial development as you approach Louisburg Road. Staff evaluated the feasibility of providing a mid-block crossing in this area, including existing pedestrian infrastructure, crash history, and potential future improvements.

### **Sidewalk Connectivity and NCDOT Coordination**

Although this section of Spring Forest Road is within Raleigh's corporate limits, it is also part of the NCDOT State Highway System and must follow NCDOT standards. To meet ADA requirements, NCDOT requires a continuous sidewalk connection before a pedestrian crossing can be considered. There is currently no sidewalk along the north side of Spring Forest Road between Fox Road and Goodstone Drive, so this gap would need to be addressed before a crossing could be evaluated further. The 2025 Active Mobility Plan identified this section of Spring Forest Road as a Medium priority for sidewalk prioritization, but this project is not currently programmed within the next 5 years.



### **Crossing Treatment Options**

Additionally, the multi-lane roadway presents safety concerns for a standard marked crosswalk, as a vehicle stopped in one lane can block a pedestrian from the view of drivers in adjacent lanes. A hybrid beacon (HAWK) is one potential treatment for this type of crossing. If the sidewalk gap is addressed, staff would evaluate the location to determine whether it meets NCDOT warrants for a hybrid beacon or other crossing treatment, including intersection signalization.

The nearest signalized intersections are at Fox Road and Louisburg Road, approximately 3,400 feet apart. Signalization at the intersection of Paul Road/White Bark Road could provide the most logical

opportunity for a future controlled crossing; however, the intersection would need to meet NCDOT signal warrants.

**Projects and Next Steps**

In June 2026, NCDOT funded a \$400,000 safety improvement project at the Spring Forest Road/Louisburg Road/Kyle Drive intersection. The project will provide signalized pedestrian crossings, ADA ramps, accessible pedestrian signals (APS), and a leading pedestrian interval (LPI). Construction is anticipated within the next two to three years.

Staff will continue to consider pedestrian connectivity, traffic control devices (e.g. signals), and future infrastructure needs as development and transportation improvements occur along this section of Spring Forest Road.

*(No attachments)*

# Weekly Events Digest

Friday, September 18 – Thursday, September 24

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## Permitted Special Events

### [North Hills 5K](#)

Trinity Baptist Church & Route

Saturday, September 19

Event Time: 8:45am – 11:00am

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be closed from 8:30am until 11:00am for the 5K. Note that all cross-streets one block in each direction will be detoured during the event, and [view the 5K route map](#) for more details.

### [BugFest](#)

NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Jones Street, & Salisbury Street

Saturday, September 19

Event Time: 10:00am – 7:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Jones Street between Salisbury and Wilmington streets will be closed from 6:00pm on 9-18-26 until 11:45pm on 9-19-26. Jones Street between Salisbury and McDowell streets, and Salisbury Street between Edenton and Lane streets will be closed from 4:00am until 11:45pm on 9-19-26.

### [La Fiesta del Pueblo](#)

Fayetteville Street District

Sunday, September 20

Event Time: 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and the south end of City Plaza, and Hargett, Martin, and Davie streets between Salisbury and Wilmington streets will be closed from 4:00am until 11:00pm.

## Other Upcoming Events

### [Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3](#)

Friday, September 18 & Saturday, September 19

Meymandi Concert Hall

### [Hobbit Fest](#)

Saturday, September 19

Moore Square

### [Stream Monitoring Workshop](#)

Saturday, September 19

Walnut Creek Wetland Park

### [TLC & Salt-N-Pepa with En Vogue](#)

Saturday, September 19

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

### [Young Thug with Special Guest NAV](#)

Saturday, September 19

Red Hat Amphitheater

### [Side Stories](#)

Saturday, September 19  
Fletcher Opera Theater

### [Hairspray](#)

Through Sunday, September 20  
Raleigh Little Theatre

### [Shaboozey](#)

Tuesday, September 22  
Red Hat Amphitheater

### [Florida Panthers vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Tuesday, September 22  
Lenovo Center

### [Biodegradable Yard Waste Bag Giveaway](#)

Wednesday, September 23  
Millbrook Exchange Park

### [City of Raleigh Career Opportunities Information Session](#)

Wednesday, September 23  
Virtual

### [Public Sculpture Dedication](#)

Thursday, September 24  
Annie Louise Wilkerson, MD Nature Preserve Park

### [Jazz in the Square](#)

Thursday, September 24  
Moore Square

### [Wake County Save a Life Day](#)

Thursday, September 24  
The Chapel at Dix Park

## **Public Resources**

[Event Feedback Form](#): Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

[Road Closure & Road Race Map](#): A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

[Online Events Calendar](#): View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dix Park.

## **New Amplified Noise Ordinance Took Effect January 2026**

The City Council approved a [new amplified noise ordinance](#), which went into effect Jan. 1, 2026. Stadiums, arenas, and outdoor sports or entertainment venues, including amphitheaters, are exempt.

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Parades, outdoor events, races, festivals, and concerts that receive a permit from the Office of Special Events are also not subject to the ordinance.