

# Manager's Update

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## INFORMATION:

### **Peace Street Utility Construction Update**

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Raleigh Water is continuing construction of an important project along W. Peace Street to replace portions of aging and deteriorated infrastructure. The goal of this project is to complete various point repairs, service replacements and connectivity improvements along Peace Street ahead of the full street resurfacing scheduled for later this summer. Originally designed to be completed at night, the work is now being completed during the day to address concerns related to construction noise in the overnight hours.

The final phase of construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 12 and is expected to last through the end of July. During this phase, W. Peace Street will be closed 7am-7pm weekdays, between St. Mary's Street and Smallwood Drive/W. Johnson Street. Driveway access will be maintained.

Staff continues to be in contact with residents, businesses, and schools in the area to provide information and address questions and concerns.

Weather permitting, the project is scheduled to be complete at the end of July, which will allow Raleigh Transportation to complete their scheduled resurfacing of W. Peace Street later this summer.

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**Raleigh Fire Department Set to Launch Newsletter**

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This summer, the Raleigh Fire Department will launch a quarterly newsletter, *Raleigh Fire News*. It will feature news, safety tips, fire statistics, and a behind-the-scenes peek at how RFD trains, prepares, puts out fires and responds to emergencies.

The inaugural issue of the newsletter includes information on a variety of topics, including:

- How one of RFD's teams went above and beyond the call of duty to help a local resident;
- What is Fire Chief Herbert Griffin's number one priority;
- What is the second most common cause of house fires in Raleigh and how the public can help prevent them; and
- How the fire department uses statistics to guide its work.

The public can [subscribe to get each edition](#). They can also submit questions to Chief Griffin or give suggestions for a future newsletter topics by filling out [an online form](#).

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**Temporary Mini Soccer Court Installation at City Plaza**

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Futsal - a scaled version of soccer played on a smaller area with a heavier ball and team size of five or fewer players – is coming to downtown Raleigh this summer. Through a partnership with the Bucy Foundation and in coordination with the Downtown Raleigh Alliance, staff will install a temporary mini soccer (futsal) court on the east side of City Plaza along Fayetteville Street. Installation will begin on July 15 and remain in place until August 16. Over the course of the month the space will be used for informal "drop-in" play beginning at 9:00 am. Aside from the drop-in use, the weekly schedule will include youth clinics supported by local partners in the late afternoons, league play on evenings, and small-scale, tournament-like events on weekends. Activities will end daily by 10:00 pm.

Staff is planning a Media Day on Friday, July 16, where members of the media can participate in a soccer clinic coached by professional players, including North Carolina FC's Nazmi Albadawi and North Carolina Courage players Kaleigh Kurtz, Cari Roccaro and Schuyler Debree. After the clinic, the media will face off in a scrimmage against each other.

As the city continues to emerge from the pandemic, this is a low impact opportunity to introduce a fun, healthy activity in downtown Raleigh. With the anticipated schedule and turnout for players and spectators, the temporary court will not impact vehicular activity on Fayetteville Street or pedestrian access to the buildings. To maintain the atmosphere of the plaza, staff will provide additional waste receptacles and temporary restrooms to support weekend use.

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**Raleigh Little Theatre and Pullen Park Armory Theatre Building– Lease Update*****Staff Resources:***

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Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources manages two (2) city-owned properties for the provision of community theatre through lease arrangements: the Raleigh Little Theatre Campus and the Armory Theatre Building located in Pullen Park. In order to lease publicly owned property, North Carolina state law requires the City provide a 30-day notice of intent to lease of real property in excess of a one-year term. Staff will advertise notice that the City Council will consider authorizing leases to be executed for both the Raleigh Little Theatre Campus and the Armory Theatre Building in Pullen Park at an upcoming meeting.

The recommended lease of the Raleigh Little Theatre Campus will include the 27,930 square foot theatre building as well as the amphitheater, concessions building, parking lots, grounds and rose garden. (Note: the rose garden and parking lot - when not in use to support a rental or non-profit community theatre event - shall be generally open to the public.) The proposed tenant is Raleigh Little Theatre, Inc. (RLT) a non-profit corporation. RLT originally partnered with the City and the federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression to build the Theatre Building and amphitheater. This non-profit organization has provided community theatre opportunities to the residents of Raleigh on the Raleigh Little Theatre campus through a lease agreement with the City since 1939.

The recommended lease of the Armory Theatre Building located in Pullen Park will include 17,165 square foot Armory Theatre Building and a revokable at-will license agreement for use of Pullen Park grounds immediately adjacent to the front of the Armory Theatre Building. The proposed tenant is Theatre in the Park (TIP), a non-profit corporation. TIP has been providing community theatre to Raleigh residents since 1947 and from the Armory Theatre Building located in Pullen Park since the 1970s.

Both lease agreements (RLT and TIP) are proposed for an initial term of five (5) years with three (3) additional one (1)-year extension terms for a total of eight (8) years. The lease terms include \$1 per year lease payments with requirements to be operated as an educational non-profit community theater, with a set minimum number of shows produced per fiscal year, a set minimum number of education programs delivered per fiscal year, and participation opportunities with all facets of community theatre to be open to the general public. Revenues generated by rentals of the building premises identified in the lease agreements will be shared between the City and the tenants. A detailed listing of terms for each lease agreement will be provided when the leases are brought forward to Council for consideration.

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**Weekly Digest of Special Events**

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

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## Weekly Events Digest

Friday, July 9 – Thursday, July 15

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### Permitted Special Events

#### [Movies on the Lawn: Family Pirate Night](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

Saturday, July 10

Event Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Dawkins Drive will be closed and Flowers Field will be used from 7:00pm until 11:00pm.

#### [Black Flea Market](#)

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, July 11

Event Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 11:00am until 6:00pm.

#### **Raleigh Union Station Community Yoga Programs**

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, July 11 through Thursday, July 15

Event Times: 5:00pm - 8:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesdays; and 9:30am - 11:00am on Sundays

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the events. Raleigh Union Station Plaza will be used during the above dates and times through 11-24-21. Details regarding class registration can be found through [Yoga Soul·lect·tive](#) for Mondays, [Oak City Yoga](#) for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and [Current Wellness](#) for Thursdays and Sundays.

#### [Noon Tunes @ City Plaza: Into the Fog](#)

City Plaza

Wednesday, July 14

Event Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The off-street portion of City Plaza will be used from 10:30am until 2:00pm.

### Other Upcoming Events

#### [Molly Tuttle](#)

Friday, July 9

Memorial Auditorium

#### [Moore Square Market](#)

Sunday, July 11

Moore Square

#### [After Brunch Kickback with DJ Luxe Posh](#)

Sunday, July 11

Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

#### [Beatles vs. Elvis](#)

Sunday, July 11

Fletcher Opera Theater

### **Guided Walking Tour**

Sunday, July 11

Dorothea Dix Park, meet at the Chapel

### **Acorn Live Music Series – Faith Bardill**

Sunday, July 11

Chapel Event Center at Dorothea Dix Park

### **Dix Park Plaza & Play Public Meeting #3**

Tuesday, July 13

Chapel Event Center at Dorothea Dix Park

## **Public Resources**

**Pilot Text Alert Program**: Sometimes spontaneous events happen downtown and in other areas that could affect local businesses. If you'd like to receive notifications when those events happen, including unpermitted ones, sign up for text alerts.

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

**Road Closure and 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 Dorothea Dix Park.