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INFORMATION:

Urban Heat Island Mapping Project – Community Volunteer Event

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As previously reported in the *Manager's Update* ([Issue 2021-15](#)), Raleigh has joined the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), the County of Durham, the NC Climate Office, NC Museum of Life and Science, NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Activate Good, and others to map the hottest parts of the city as part of the [Urban Heat Island Mapping project](#). This project supports climate action in the [Community Climate Action Plan](#) as well as two initiatives in the City's [Strategic Plan](#): one focused on mitigating urban heat islands (GNR 3.4), and another on environmental justice mapping (GNR 3.1). Participation in this project will help Raleigh identify areas where heat is experienced most strongly by our community members.

Two project partners - the National Weather Service and the State Climate Office of NC - have been monitoring the weather forecast trends this summer to project hot, dry days without rain, which are requirements for the volunteer mapping project event. This summer, the weather has been wetter than anticipated and the forecasting has been challenging. Just this week staff finally received word that Friday, July 23 satisfied the weather requirements. With support from Activate Good, staff quickly assembled volunteers to participate. Volunteers either placed heat sensors on their vehicles (cars or bikes) or walked while carrying the sensor on their phone. Volunteers were sent along set routes in the morning, afternoon, and the evening along set routes to record temperature, humidity, time, and the sensor locations. The collected data will be used to create a map of Raleigh's heat islands. The volunteers started

from Chavis Park and Kiwanis Park at 6 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. The routes were spread across the city and take into account different land uses, tree cover, community landmarks, and vulnerable community locations.



NOAA's National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS) and partners are launching new campaigns that will map the hottest parts of cities in 11 states across the country this summer, including Albuquerque, Atlanta, New York City, Charleston, Kansas City, Missouri, San Diego, San Francisco, as well as parts of New Jersey, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Virginia. This project will raise awareness about heat risk, incorporate local perspectives to produce heat maps, and engage communities in pursuing solutions.

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Wakefield Small Area Study – Draft Recommendations

Staff Resource: Hannah Reckhow, Planning and Development, 996-2622, hannah.reckhow@raleighnc.gov

The Wakefield Small Area Study is approaching its third phase of engagement with the community. Using the existing conditions analysis and community engagement collected in May and June, the consultant team has produced draft recommendations for the study area. The draft recommendations will be presented at a virtual public meeting on Thursday, July 29 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be recorded and made available for viewing. Information on how to attend the virtual meeting may be found on the [project webpage](#).

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Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Special Events Office, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov

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

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Council Member Follow Up Items

General Follow Up

Resident Concerns – 4813 Mimetree Court (Council Member Cox)

Staff Resource: Interim Chief Todd Jordan, Police, 996-3155, todd.jordan@raleighnc.gov

A resident contact Council regarding various issues at this location. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum prepared in response to the request.

(Attachment)

Follow Up from the July 6 City Council Meeting

Public Comment – Hill Street Pedestrian Crashes

Staff Resource: Interim Chief Todd Jordan, Police, 996-3155, todd.jordan@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council received comments from Ms. Octavia Rainey regarding historical pedestrian accidents on Hill Street. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum prepared in response to the request.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, July 23 – Thursday, July 29

City of Raleigh Office of Emergency Management and Special Events
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Permitted Special Events

Fayetteville Plaza – Micro Soccer

City Plaza

Friday, July 23 through Sunday, August 15

Event Times: 9:00am - 10:00pm daily (times for special programs vary)

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The off-street, east-side portion of City Plaza will be used through 8-16-21.

Movies on the Lawn: Scary Movie Night

Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

Saturday, July 24

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 25

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 25 through Wednesday, November 24

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: Dewey & Leslie Brown and the Carolina Gentlemen

City Plaza

Wednesday, July 28

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

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

GalaxyCon

Cabarrus Street

Thursday, July 29 through Sunday, August 1

Event Times: 9:30am - 8:00pm on 7-29-21, 7-30-21, 7-31-21, and 8-1-21

Associated Road Closures: W. Cabarrus Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. McDowell Street will be closed from 7:00am on 7-28-21 until 11:59pm on 8-1-21.

Other Upcoming Events

[American Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

Friday, July 23
PNC Arena

[Dave Matthews Band](#)

Friday, July 23
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

[Clue](#)

Friday, July 23 – Sunday, July 25
Fletcher Opera Theater

[Luke Bryan](#)

Saturday, July 24
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

[Acorn Live Music Series – Adam Pitts](#)

Sunday, July 25
Chapel at Dix Park

[Moore Square Market](#)

Sunday, July 25
Moore Square

[PineCone Bluegrass Jam Camp Summer 2021](#)

Monday, July 26 – Friday, July 30
Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts

[Songs for a New World – North Carolina Theatre](#)

Tuesday, July 27 – Sunday, August 1
Memorial Auditorium

[Lindsey Stirling](#)

Thursday, July 29
Red Hat Amphitheater

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.

Council Member Follow Up

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Scott Oosterhoudt, Deputy Chief of Police
From	Todd Jordan, Interim Chief of Police
Department	Police
Date	July 19, 2021
Subject	Council Response – Concerns Stemming from 4813 Mimetree Court

This memo responds to an inquiry by Council Member Cox concerning allegations of trespassing and dangerous canines at 4813 Mimetree Court.

Ms. Lisa Spears, the resident at 4808 Mimetree Court, reported to Council Member Cox that her neighbor residing at 4813 Mimetree Court allows her children to trespass on the complainant's property and has repeatedly allowed three canines to run at-large in the community.

A review of police department calls for service for Mimetree Court, between July 1, 2020 and July 15, 2021 revealed three calls from Ms. Spears and three calls from another resident concerning stray dogs in the area. Additionally, three calls were received from Ms. Spears concerning the ongoing problems with her neighbor at 4813 Mimetree Court.

Raleigh Animal Control Officers have responded to 4813 Mimetree Court on previous occasions and found no violations during those visits. Reports of the animals running at-large in the community were addressed, however, during each visit to the residence Animal Control Officers observed the canines on the property and not running at-large. The canines have been found to be friendly and well cared for during past visits.

Animal Control Officers again visited the residence at 4813 Mimetree Court on July 6, 2021. During this visit, the three canines were found to be friendly, in good condition, and having food and water available. Vaccination records for two of the canines could not be located and a citation was issued for Amanda Nicole Niemic for two counts of failing to provide proof of rabies vaccine for these canines.

Animal Control Officers conducted an examination of the fence around the rear of the residence and found that work is ongoing to mitigate the potential for the canines to breach the top and escape into the community.

Northeast District Community Officers have contacted Ms. Spears and are reviewing video footage of past encounters with her neighbor and the canines. Any footage depicting Ms. Niemic's children trespassing on her property or criminal activity will be identified and a follow-up investigation will take place. Raleigh Animal Control Officers will continue to monitor this situation for potential violations involving the canines residing within the residence. Community Officers from the Northeast District will continue to be the point of contact for Ms. Spears regarding any additional concerns about her neighbor.

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Todd Jordan, Interim Chief of Police
From	Scott Oosterhoudt, Deputy Chief of Police
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Date	July 19, 2021
Subject	Council Response – Hill Street Pedestrian Crashes

This memo responds to a request for information on motor vehicle versus pedestrian crashes in the 000-500 blocks of Hill Street.

During the public comment portion of the July 6, 2021 Council Meeting, Ms. Octavia Rainey remarked on the 25 MPH signs recently posted on Hill Street and on surrounding streets. Furthermore, she reported 15 motor vehicle versus pedestrian crashes involving young African American male and female pedestrians on Hill Street, between 1978 and 2010. This accounting was based on data from records maintained by Ms. Rainey.

Hill Street begins in the 000-block at New Bern Avenue and extends north past Boyer Street, E. Jones Street, Pender Street, E. Lane Street, Oakwood Avenue and Booker Drive. The street terminates in its 500-block where it merges with Milburnie Road. Raleigh's Traffic Schedule No. 5 *Speed Limits* shows that the speed limit on Hill Street between New Bern Avenue and Oakwood Avenue was reduced to 25 MPH on January 26, 2021. Previously, the posted speed limit on Hill Street was 35 MPH.

A review of motor vehicle versus pedestrian crashes in the 000-500 blocks of Hill Street was undertaken. An examination of police department records between 1999 and 2021 revealed three crash reports involving pedestrians occurring on Hill Street. One of these reports was obtained from the police department's records management system (P17009656) and, because of the years of the reports, two were requested from the NC Division of Motor Vehicles (P03089508 and P07133444). P03089508 took place on Hill Street between Jones Street and Boyer Street, P07133444 took place on Hill Street between Oakwood Avenue and Booker Drive, and P17009656 took place on Hill Street between New Bern Avenue and Boyer Street.

The three crash reports involved pedestrians between the ages of 32 and 69 being struck by vehicles. All reports document the vehicles traveling between 5 and 15 MPH at the time of the crash and no significant injuries to the pedestrians are recorded in the reports. Two of the reports indicate that the drivers directly contributed to the collisions and the third report has contributing factors for both the motorist and pedestrian. One of the drivers was cited for a safe movement violation as a result of the crash.