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INFORMATION:

Seasonal Leaf Collection Begins This Monday

Staff Resource: Chris McGee, Transportation, 996-6446, christopher.mcgee@raleighnc.gov

Preparations for the 2021-2022 Loose Leaf Collection program have been underway as this program is scheduled to begin this Monday, November 8. Over the past week, preparations have shifted to field training staff and testing equipment to ensure readiness for the long collection season. Program managers in Transportation have spent considerable time working with partners in Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources, Raleigh Water, Engineering Services, Communications, and Solid Waste Services to coordinate to this complimentary service for the community.

This service is provided to Raleigh neighborhoods two times annually during the cold weather months. The first pass is scheduled for completion on January 8, 2022. The second pass schedule will be published on December 4, 2021 as staff assesses collection progress and weather impacts. Staff currently expect to complete the two citywide collection efforts by February 26, 2022.

Some key reminders about this program:

- Loose leaf collection is provided separately from routine yard waste collection and does not impact the recurring schedule for curbside collection service.
- The loose leaf collection program is weather-dependent. Cold wet weather, especially snow and ice, can tremendously slow or even suspend the program for several days with each

occurrence. City staff continually monitor the weather and assess our ability to safely provide services. If collections are suspended or staff is diverted to address snow and ice events or substantial rain events, the collection schedule will be adversely affected.

- As the leaf collection schedule is subject to change, the latest updates are posted on the city website. To follow collection progress on an interactive map, please visit: raleighnc.gov/leaf

As with last year, health checks and social distancing protocols remain in place to help protect staff and the public from the threat of COVID. Staff are prepared to limit the impact of a potential exposure, but those protocols can impact efficiency and extend collection times. It has also proven difficult to hire additional temporary staff for the program this season.

Several innovations have been included in this program to help better manage and hopefully accelerate the collection process. Using data collected over years of loose-leaf collection, staff have applied asset and data management techniques to develop a new collection strategy to focus our efforts into smaller areas at one time. This approach allows collections to clear full route increments quickly before moving into the next route. Staff have also secured several smaller temporary leaf storage sites to minimize travel time between a collection site and a storage site.

Some changes in our customer service practices will improve this year's service delivery and will also help refine the program in the future. Residents who believe their leaves were missed can now submit a request to have them collected on the city website. Staff have created internal tools to collect data from all information requests, complaints, and compliments across a variety of media; this data will be used internally to help further improve the program.

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GoRaleigh Response to Form Letter

Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation, 996-4040, david.eatman@raleighnc.gov

During the week of October 25, a form letter titled "Fairer Management for GoRaleigh Services" began circulating to City Council members and Raleigh Transit Authority members. The letter includes several inaccurate statements regarding hazard pay and sick leave for GoRaleigh transit workers; the following information addresses those inaccuracies.

GoRaleigh staff members accrue eight hours of sick leave each month and may accrue up to 1,400 total hours of sick leave. If a staff member has accrued 40 hours of sick leave, he or she can take up to two days of sick leave without providing a doctor's note. On the third day of sick leave, a doctor's note is required. If the employee has less than 40 hours accrued, a doctor's note is required on the first day of absence. GoRaleigh also offers four 'part-sick' days that can be taken without a doctor's note. No changes have been made to this policy.

GoRaleigh's essential staff received five percent hazard pay that began after the pandemic shutdown in March 2020 and continued through January 2021. (COVID-19 premium pay for eligible City of Raleigh employees ended in July 2020.) Many efforts have been taken to protect the health and safety of the bus operators. Fares were suspended and the boarding and exiting of the bus was moved to the rear door. A

chain was also installed across the front wheel wells to keep riders from coming within six feet of the operators. GoRaleigh completed installation of protective driver barriers in December 2020. It was only after the installation of the driver barriers that the hazard pay was stopped.

The letter also suggested that GoTriangle can assume management of GoRaleigh in lieu of hiring a transit management company. GoTriangle is an entity of the state, therefore they could not assume management of GoRaleigh operations for the same reason the City of Raleigh cannot. The City cannot directly manage this program due to a state statute (cited below) prohibiting the City from contracting with labor unions. Bus operators and maintenance personnel are represented by the local ATU #1328 (Amalgamated Transit Union). GoTriangle would similarly be unable to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with a union and therefore would have to procure and hire a transit management company in the same manner as the City of Raleigh. Currently, GoTriangle bus operators and maintenance personnel are not unionized.

**North Carolina State Statute § 95-98 Contracts between units of government and labor unions, trade unions or labor organizations concerning public employees declared to be illegal. Any agreement, or contract, between the governing authority of any city, town, county, or other municipality, or between any agency, unit, or instrumentality thereof, or between any agency, instrumentality, or institution of the State of North Carolina, and any labor union, trade union, or labor organization, as bargaining agent for any public employees of such city, town, county or other municipality, or agency or instrumentality of government, is hereby declared to be against the public policy of the State, illegal, unlawful, void and of no effect. (1959, c. 742.)*

The health and safety of GoRaleigh employees remains the organization's top priority. The management of GoRaleigh was last bid in 2016 with a contract award of five years under a management fee structure. The new RFP will be released this calendar year.

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Wake Bus Rapid Transit: Artist in Residence Update & Final Report

Staff Resources:

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Staff continues to advance various aspects of the Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project including planning, design, and public engagement. One component of the Wake BRT project is the Artist in Residence (AIR) program, which began in fall 2020 and is now complete. As previously reported to Council, the AIR program placed an artist as a creative strategist to assist with art integration into the BRT design. Local artist Dare Coulter was selected in fall 2020 for the inaugural residency. Dare's responsibilities as the Artist in Residence included community engagement and developing recommendations for the BRT system and the New Bern Avenue corridor including:

- 1) Identifying "blank canvases" and optimal mediums for art integration on a system level, and;
- 2) Working with the community to create conceptual ideas and inspiration for the New Bern Avenue corridor.

For the past year Dare has worked closely with the BRT design team and the community to identify public art opportunities for the BRT program and along the New Bern Avenue corridor. To capture the shared history and experiences of the community for future artwork, public engagement was a large component of the residency. Public engagement opportunities included:

- Eight listening sessions;
- Three surveys (virtual and via polling boards);
- Two pop-up events;
- Two virtual open house narrated videos;
- One live Q&A; and
- One virtual art class with Poe Elementary.

[The Wake BRT Art Integration Report & Recommendations](#) was developed as a result of the AIR program and now serves as a guide for art integration within the BRT system. On a system level, the report identifies eight “blank canvases” which are specific locations within the BRT system where art can be integrated. The artist weighed design considerations, costs, durability, impact and community preferences when determining these locations. Additionally, the report identifies nine different types of art integration, taking several criteria into consideration. These recommendations do not preclude other locations and types of art from being considered in the future.

On a corridor level, the report includes recommendations for concrete integration, artistic railings and glass art integration at stations along the New Bern Avenue corridor. Based on feedback from community engagement and research, possible themes and types of art for each station area are included in the report. The report will serve as a guide for future call of artists who will create and install art along the corridor.

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City Initiated Rezoning Z-69-21 Moore Square

Staff Resource: Matthew Klem, Planning and Development, 996-4637, Matthew.Klem@raleighnc.gov

In July 2021, the City Council authorized staff to submit a city-initiated zoning for city-owned properties east and south of Moore Square Park. The purpose of the rezoning is to prepare the properties for sale and redevelopment of affordable housing. Following the rezoning process, the city will initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit interest for a public-private partnership to develop affordable housing.

On August 24, staff hosted the first rezoning neighborhood meeting at the Urban Design Center at One Exchange Plaza; there were 12 attendees. On September 21, 2021, the Raleigh Historic Development Commission reviewed the rezoning request and made a recommendation of support in a vote of 10-0. On November 10, staff will host the second rezoning neighborhood meeting via Zoom. The rezoning request will be placed on the November 23, 2021 Planning Commission agenda for their review.

(Attachment)

Special Events Funding Through the American Rescue Plan Act

Staff Resource: Whitney Schoenfeld, Emergency Management & Special Events, 996-2204, whitney.schoenfeld@raleighnc.gov

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Phase One rollout, the City Council authorized \$160,000 in special event funds to be made available through the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events to assist agencies in producing high-quality, equitable events that will strengthen the local economy and cultural environment. Funds are to be used to help event organizers offset the costs associated with hosting special events held on City streets, in public plazas, and at Dorothea Dix Park, that take place between August 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was issued on September 3, 2021. Those requesting funds could request an amount no less than \$5,000 and no greater than \$10,000. Twenty-eight proposals, requesting a total of \$280,000, were received by the deadline of 5:00 PM on September 24, 2021. Twenty-three proposals fully met the expectations outlined in the NOFA.

A team of external partners, community members, and internal City staff reviewed the proposals, as well as proposers' financial statements, and scored the submissions. A total of \$140,000 in ARPA special events funding was allocated to the 23 events based on final scores. The list of events and amounts allocated are included in this update. Additional rounds of funding will be offered on future dates until funding is no longer available.

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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.

(Attachment)

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Patrick O. Young, AICP, Director
From	Matthew Klem, Senior Planner
Department	Planning and Development
Date	November 4, 2021
Subject	City Initiated Rezoning Z-69-21 Moore Square

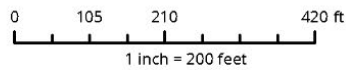
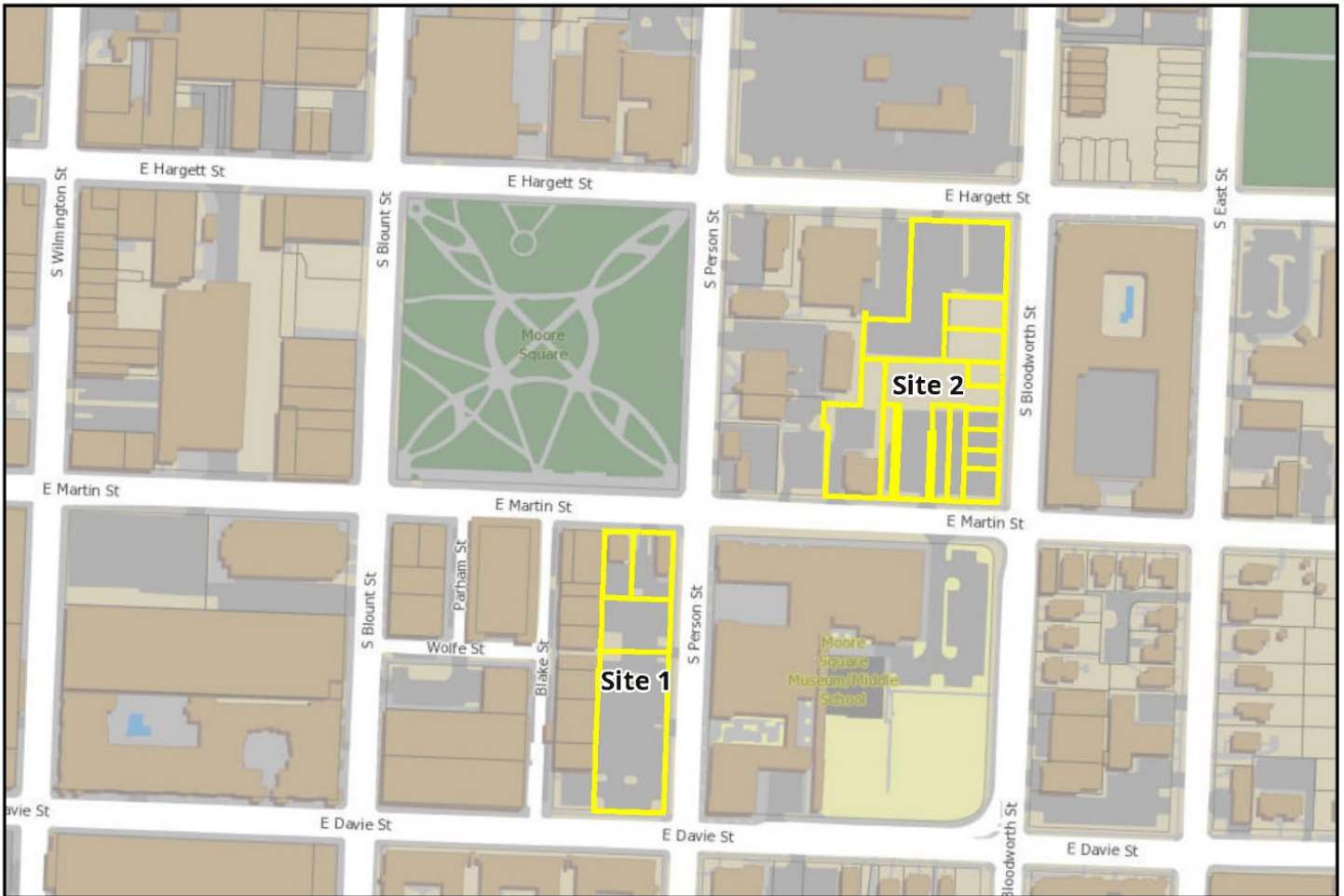
In July 2021, City Council authorized staff to submit a city-initiated zoning for city-owned properties east and south of Moore Square Park. The purpose of the rezoning is to prepare the properties for sale and redevelopment of affordable housing. The city-owned property south of Moore Square Park (Site 1) will be sold and the money from that sale will be deposited into the city's affordable housing fund. Proceeds from the affordable housing fund will be used to subsidize an affordable housing development on the properties to the east of Moore Square Park (Site 2). Following the rezoning process, the city will initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit interest for a public-private partnership to develop affordable housing.

Process

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Timeline

Item	Date Range
Council Authorization	July 2021
1 st Neighborhood Meeting	August 2021
RHDC Review	September 2021
File rezoning and staff review	October 2021
PC review	November 2021
Council public hearing	January 2021
Release of RFP	January 2021
Selection process	February 2021
Negotiation and award	February-March 2021



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NOFA Proposals Final Scores

Name	Final Score	Percentage	Funding
Artspllosure	92.6	80%	\$8,000
First Night	91.4	80%	\$8,000
Capital City Juneteenth	87	80%	\$8,000
Dreamville	85.2	80%	\$8,000
Hopscotch	84.94	80%	\$8,000
Triangle Walk to Defeat ALS	84.2	60%	\$6,000
Krispy Kreme Challenge	82.1	60%	\$6,000
Arbor Day Festival	82	60%	\$6,000
Moving Day	80.2	60%	\$6,000
Cuegrass	80	60%	\$6,000
Run for the Roses	79.6	60%	\$6,000
Shopper's Block	76.6	60%	\$6,000
Brewgaloo 2021	76.4	60%	\$6,000
Brewgaloo 2022	76.4	60%	\$6,000
Glenwood Faire	76.25	60%	\$6,000
Oaks and Spokes	74.3	Minimum	\$5,000
Capstone Event Group	74.1	Minimum	\$5,000
Black Flea Market	73.4	Minimum	\$5,000
Festa Italiana	72.4	Minimum	\$5,000
NC Sugar Rush	72.1	Minimum	\$5,000
Comeback Fest	70.3	Minimum	\$5,000
Lincoln Theatre Concert	69.9	Minimum	\$5,000
Raleigh Holiday Half Marathon	65.9	Minimum	\$5,000
Total			\$140,000

Funding Allocation	
Ratings	Funding
95-100	100%
85-94	80%
75-84	60%
74-65	Minimum
64 & Lower	No funding

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, November 5 – Thursday, November 11

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Permitted Special Events

Dine Out @ First Friday

Warehouse District

Friday, November 5

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

Associated Road Closures: S. West Street between W. Morgan Street and W. Hargett Street will be closed and Union Station Plaza will be used from 6:00pm until 11:59pm.

Morning Times First Friday Market Series

Hargett Street

Friday, November 5

Event Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 6:00pm until 11:59pm.

NC Veterans Parade

Fayetteville Street District

Saturday, November 6

Event Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: S. Salisbury Street between Davie Street and South Street, Cabarrus Street between Salisbury Street and McDowell Street, and Lenoir Street between Salisbury Street and McDowell Street will be closed from 8:00am until 10:30am. Edenton Street between N. Salisbury Street and N. Wilmington Street will be closed from 9:30am until 12:00pm.

The parade route will be closed from 8:30am until 10:30am. Note that all cross-streets one block in each direction will be detoured and see below for turn-by-turn details:

Start within the staging area on S. Salisbury Street heading south; Left onto Lenoir Street; Left onto Fayetteville Street; Left onto Morgan Street; Right onto Salisbury Street; Right onto Edenton Street; Left onto Wilmington Street; Right into the State parking lot for disassembly

Moving Day NC Triangle

Dorothea Dix Park

Saturday, November 6

Event Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be closed from 10:50am until 12:30pm to facilitate the following route:

Start in Kirby parking lot; Right onto Umstead Drive; Right onto Dawkins Drive; Continue to the Kirby parking lot to finish

Skywatching

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Saturday, November 6

Event Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Big Field will be used from 5:00pm until 11:00pm.

Pendo City of Oaks Marathon

Downtown, Hillsborough Street, & Greenways

Sunday, November 7

Event Time: 7:00am - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Roads across downtown and the Hillsborough Street area will be heavily impacted by the race routes. West Street between North Street and Johnson Street will be closed from 4:00am until 3:00pm, and Glenwood Avenue between Peace Street and Jones Street will be closed from 4:00am until 7:30am to facilitate the Start/Finish.

Roads will be closed from 6:45am until 1:00pm to facilitate the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K race routes, and will open on a rolling basis as runners clear. House Creek Trail, Reedy Creek Trail, and Mine Creek Trail will also be used during this time. Note that all cross-streets at least one block in each direction will be detoured. For more detailed information, view [route maps](#) and a [list of road closures and estimated close and open times](#).

GoTriangle Infrastructure Bill News Conference

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Monday, November 8

Event Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 9:00am until 12:30pm.

Noon Tunes – Noah Moses

City Plaza

Wednesday, November 10

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 1:30pm.

Other Events This Weekend

Cinema in the Square – The Greatest Showman

Friday, November 5

Moore Square

5th Annual Day of the Dead (Día De Los Muertos) Altar

Friday, November 5

City of Raleigh Museum

First Friday Raleigh

Friday, November 5

Downtown Raleigh

The Firebird – North Carolina Symphony

Friday, November 5 & Saturday, November 6

Meymandi Concert Hall

Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill – North Carolina Theatre

Friday, November 5 – Sunday, November 14

Fletcher Opera Theater

Downtown Raleigh Restaurant Week 2021

Friday, November 5 – Sunday, November 14

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Art to Heart – Bike and Bus Practice Commute

Saturday, November 6
NC Museum of Art

Diwali Mandala Street Painting

Saturday, November 6
Dorothea Dix Park

Magic and Mischief: A Wizard's Market

Saturday, November 6
Fred Fletcher Park

Ben Folds

Saturday, November 6
Memorial Auditorium

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.