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INFORMATION:

Wake Bus Rapid Transit: Artist Integration Update - New Bern Avenue Corridor

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As Council may recall from previous updates, the City is the designated sponsor for the Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) program. Staff continues to advance various aspects of the project including planning, design, and public engagement. The following information is focused on art integration.

In October 2021, three separate Calls for Artists were published for the purpose of hiring North Carolina artists to create artwork along the BRT: New Bern Avenue corridor. Following review of all application submittals and interviews, a total of 11 local artists were chosen.

Johnny Lee Chapman, III was selected as the concrete integration artist. Chapman will design and create wayfinding and concrete integrated artwork. David Wilson was selected as the railing artist, responsible for railing artwork at the BRT stations. Nine other artists were selected to design artwork for glass windscreens at BRT stations. Biographic information of each artist may be accessed online <a href="https://example.com/herealth/new-chap-le-cha

Building upon the community engagement and work done by *Artist in Residence* Dare Coulter, the New Bern artists have worked to develop conceptual designs to express the vibrancy and history of the community. The conceptual designs are now available for public review and can be found here.

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There are three separate surveys in which the community is being asked to participate:

- Glass Windscreen Artwork Concept Designs
- Railing Artwork Concept Designs
- Concrete Artwork Concept Designs

Each artist has pre-recorded a video narrating the designs and describing the inspiration and process behind the artwork. Residents and stakeholders can view the pre-recorded videos, conceptual designs and submit feedback via the survey page. Public feedback will help inform the final art designs, which are expected to be complete in Fall 2022.

(No attachment)

Solid Waste Updates - Multi-Family Fees; Yard Waste Collection; Downtown Recycling Issues

Staff Resource: Stan Joseph, Solid Waste Services, 996-6941, staff Resource: Stan Joseph, Solid Waste Services, 996-6941, stan.joseph@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials are several items of information from the Solid Waste Services department, as follows:

1. Fee Increases Fees for Dumpster Collection and Roll-off Containers

The current contract with GFL to provide dumpster service to City departments and Multi-Family dwellings requires an extension. Included with the *Update* is a staff memorandum documenting GFL's request for increase in pricing due to fuel, service and tipping fee increases.

2. Yard Waste Enhancement Project Update

A staff memorandum is included with current information on yard waste cart delivery to citizens. The memorandum also addresses ongoing communication efforts related to commencing the new yard waste cart service for residential curbside pickup.

3. Downtown Recycling Concerns

Staff has been outlining and promoting an education and outreach campaign to address recent increases in contamination of recycling and garbage carts in the Central Business District. A staff memorandum is included which documents the issue and concerns and also highlights efforts to begin to address the issue of cross-contamination of recycling and garbage in this commercial district.

(Attachments)

Annual Grants Report

Staff Resource: Kirsten Larson, Budget & Management Services, 996-4276, <u>kirsten.larson@raleighnc.gov</u>

Staff prepares an annual grants report that illustrates program and project accomplishments made possible with grant funding assistance. The FY21 Annual Grant Report is included with the *Update* materials; the first page of the report provides achievements made possible with annual grant funding the City receives;

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pages two and three focus on projects completed with one-time grant funding; the last page highlights COVID stimulus funding awarded to the City between June 2020 and July 2021.

(Attachment)

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. (Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

No Items this Week

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memo

То	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
From	Stan Joseph, Director
Department	Solid Waste Services
Date	May 13, 2022
Subject	Increases in Fees for Dumpsters/Roll-Offs

The City currently contracts with GFL to provide dumpster collection service to City Departments and Multi-Family residences within the city. This current contract with GFL requires a one-year extension before an RFP is issued for FY2024 for Dumpster Collection in the City. During the discussion of the extension, GFL requested a price increase in the existing contract to cover fuel, service, and increased tipping fee costs beginning July 1, 2022. GFL also included the increase for containers, that multi-family dwellings take advantage of for material handling of trash, recycling, and cardboard. The increase for the containers is almost double the original cost in the existing contract, but below the market rate for similar service. GFL has not finalized the cost or signed an extension to date. The city is awaiting a final cost for containers that the multi-family dwellings currently use. GFL and the City would communicate the increase with the multi-family dwelling owners. The outline of cost for service with the new fees are listed below.

Dump Master Service

Standard Service

2 per week	\$18.81
periodic additional service	\$18.81
Optional Service	
2 per week	\$24.40
periodic additional service	\$24.40

Roll Off Service

Standard Service

1 per week	\$331.11
periodic additional service	\$331.11
Optional Service	
1 every other week	\$343.77
1 per month	\$343.77
periodic additional service	\$343.

City Container Rental

Dump Master

8 yard	\$30.00 / month
6 yard	\$30.00 / month
6 yard	\$30.00 / month
2 yard	\$30.00 / month

City Cardboard Collection

Dump Master

1 service per week	\$30.00 / month
1 service every other week	\$30.00 / month
2 services per week	\$60.00 / month

Current Level of Service Provided to the City of Raleigh

Number of Service	Service and/or Rental Level
and/or Rentals	
10	1 per week Service
44	2 per week Service
2	3 per week Service
2	5 per week Service
41	8 Yard City Container Rentals
10	City Cardboard Collection 1 per week
3	City Cardboard Collection 2 per week
112	Total Services and Rentals



memo

То	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
From	Stan Joseph, Director
Department	Solid Waste Services
Date	May 19, 2022
Subject	Containers/Yard Waste Improvements

As of May 18, 2022, 47,167-yard waste carts have been delivered to City of Raleigh residents. The delivery is 42.8% complete with an expected completion deadline of June 6, 2022. Currently, our contract vendor Schaefer is delivering an average of 3,679 carts per day. Solid Waste Services is receiving carts from the vendor for a total of 110,500 carts. Assuming there are no delays in production or delivery, Solid Waste expects to receive carts at regular intervals through June 6, 2022. The largest risk factor impacting the delivery schedule of yard waste carts are the HOAs requesting collection of the carts after delivery. As of May 18, 2022, 16 HOAs have requested cart collection after delivery. From a total of 2,230 units, only 365 carts have been collected from HOAs. Based on the data, it appears that many HOA residents are electing to keep their carts. With SWS staffing shortages, the expected date to collect all HOA carts is June 10, 2022.

Beginning July 5, 2022, yard waste collection will continue a bi-weekly collection schedule on the opposite week of recycling (ex. Week 1 – garbage and recycling; Week 2 – garbage and yard waste). Residents can prepare their yard waste for collection in three different ways:

- City-issued, 95-gallon yard waste cart and/or;
- Biodegradable paper bags (limit of 15); and/or
- Tied bundles (limit of 5).

Residents will not be allowed to use plastic bags or their own containers for yard waste preparation. There are ongoing education and outreach communication efforts using the city website and social media. A series of information videos were recorded to address some of the most frequently asked questions. Residents will receive a copy of their collection schedule in the mail in June. SWS staff are working in conjunction with City Communications to provide media updates to inform and educate our residents. These efforts will continue throughout delivery and implementation of the yard waste service changes.



memo

То	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
From	Stan Joseph, Director
Department	Solid Waste Services
Date	May 19, 2022
Subject	Downtown Recycling Concerns

Solid Waste Services (SWS) is outlining and promoting an education and outreach campaign to address recent increases in contamination in the Central Businesses District (CBD) related to trash and recycling carts. Solid Waste met with the Empire Group to gather their input on the education and outreach campaign language.

The Downtown Raleigh Alliance has also contacted Solid Waste to provide their guidance and support to reduce contamination of the trash and recycling carts. Recycling carts downtown (especially on Glenwood Ave) are 70 percent contaminated with plastic bags, food, liquids, and other trash. Businesses are not following proper preparation guidelines and are placing carts at the curb that contain cardboard boxes that have not been broken down, carts with lids that do not securely close, and recycling carts containing plastic bags. SWS is also seeing clean recycling being placed in the green garbage cart (see photos on page 2). As a result, recycling is being transported to the landfill due to the high level of contamination.

With many businesses opening, rehiring, and preparing for increased business, SWS is working with downtown businesses to increase awareness with the business owners. After formulating an effective outreach campaign with Downtown groups, SWS will focus heavily on communication with businesses for 4 weeks to reach compliance. After this period, SWS will coordinate with Code Compliance to begin enforcement of proper recycling and trash preparation in the central business district.



Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21)

Annual Grant Report



OVERVIEW

In FY21, City staff managed over \$71 million in federal and state awards.

Annual grant funding the City received supported Strategic Plan objectives in the Safe, Vibrant, Healthy Community and the Transportation & Transit Key Focus Areas. Data points for annual grant funding are found on page 1. One-time grant-funded projects completed in FY21 are highlighted on pages 2-3.

From June 2020 through June 2021, the City was awarded \$52.4 million in COVID stimulus funding. Page 4 of this report provides awarded amounts and the impact of these funds through June 2021.

Annual grant funding supported objectives in the following Strategic Plan Key Focus Areas:

SAFE, VIBRANT AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY KFA



209
New or preserved affordable rental units.



34 motorcycle safety classes conducted.



197 Home-buying counseling sessions.



64 overtime hours worked by detectives investigating drug trafficking and money laundering cases.



People assisted at emergency shelter.



153 local missions by Hazmat Units within Raleigh and Wake County.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT KFA



Commute miles reduced: 3,620,484.

2,944,260
Pounds of CO² release prevented.



316,200 GoRaleigh Access trips.

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Grantor: Duke Energy

Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

GoRaleigh and the City obtained a \$200,000 grant from Duke Energy toward the purchase and installation of high-capacity charging units for use on the initial five Proterra electric buses. The chargers were tested and commissioned, and initial rollout started in June 2021. New software will allow GoRaleigh to take maximum advantage of off-peak and sequential charging of the electric buses. Currently, there are a total of six dispensers, but the project built in capacity for additional chargers and dispensers. The additional chargers, dispensers, and management software means GoRaleigh is well positioned for electric bus fleet growth.





Grantor: Verizon Wireless and Bank of America Partnership Raleigh – Community Climate Intern Program

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

The Partnership Raleigh Community Climate Intern Program, supported by grant funding, provided an opportunity for college students to engage with City departments in support of the Raleigh Community Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address climate equity, and build community resilience. Starting with the FY21 inaugural cohort, interns received technical training in fields such as engineering, civic engagement, data analysis, green and sustainable infrastructure, and equity evaluations; and they increased their knowledge of climate equity, sustainability and climate issues specifically affecting the Raleigh community. The program provides local North Carolina youth with practical professional work experience in a municipal government department while focusing on climate and sustainability related issues and resulted in the Cleantech Talent Development Award.

Grantor: The Kaleidoscope Project

Durant Accessible Nature Play

SAFE, VIBRANT AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The City of Raleigh PRCR and Timmons Group, in conjunction with invited experts from the Nature Learning Initiative at NCSU, engaged with the local community to develop a Concept Plan for the future All Children's Nature Playspace located at Durant Nature Preserve in Raleigh. Grant funding was used to hire a consultant to create the final report and concept plan.



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Grantor: National Recreation & Parks Association 10-Minute Walk Planning Grant & Technical Assistance

GROWTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Raleigh received \$40,000 through the 10-Minute Walk planning grant, which was used to supplement the Community Engagement budget for Raleigh's Capital Area Greenway Master Plan (CAG Plan). This grant enabled Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources staff to go above and beyond traditional outreach methods to ensure equitable engagement with all communities throughout Raleigh and it allowed for the dedicated resources necessary to encourage participation and amplify the voices of historically underrepresented groups and neighborhoods.

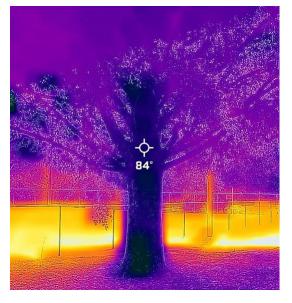
Grantor: Department of the Interior, National Parks Service

John Chavis Memorial Park

SAFE, VIBRANT AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The City received an Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant for \$747,600 to support specific outdoor amenities in the John Chavis Memorial Park project.





Grantor: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Urban Heat Island Mapping

GROWTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

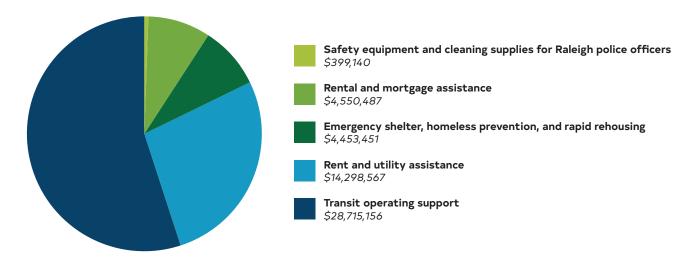
In July of 2021, the City of Raleigh partnered with NOAA, the National Weather Service, the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, the Museum of Life and Science, Durham County and Activate Good on a citizen science project to collect data needed to create maps of Raleigh's urban heat islands. Community volunteers used heat sensors mounted on cars and bicycles or carried in their pockets and traveled throughout Raleigh to collect data, which was then compiled into a map by NOAA and CAPA Strategies to show where our heat islands are. The data from this project will help the City and community members prepare for and respond to extreme heat. The maps and additional information are available on the city of Raleigh webpages for urban heat.

COVID Stimulus Grant Funding

The City received direct federal grant funding allocations through Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act in FY21. The funding is provided to help the community deal with the fallout from covid. Many people experienced financial struggles due to the economic impacts of the pandemic. In FY21, the grants funded:

- · Safety equipment and cleaning supplies for police officers
- · Rent and utility assistance
- · Emergency shelter, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing
- · Transit operating support

The amount and type of funding received is noted in the pie chart below.



As of June 30, 2021, COVID Stimulus funding provided support in the following ways:

households were provided emergency rental assistance

> individuals prevented from homelessness

individuals were provided emergency shelter

households received mortgage/utility assistance

individuals were provided Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

households received Emergency rental/utility assistance

COVID stimulus money paid bus driver salaries for fixed route operations which allowed the City to suspend bus fares.

Provided PPE, cleaning supplies and other means of keeping Public Safety employees safe.

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, May 20 - Thursday, May 26

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Permitted Special Events

Bike to Work Pitstop

Market Plaza Friday, May 20

Event Time: 7:00am - 9:00am

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Market Plaza will be used from 6:30am until 10:00am.

Catching Fireflies 5K

Wakefield High School & Route

Friday, May 20

Event Time: 8:15pm - 9:30pm

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be used along the route from 8:15pm until 9:30pm. <u>View route</u> here and see below for turn-by-turn details:

Start at Wakefield High School and head straight over Wakefield Pines Drive onto Schoolhouse Road; Right onto Narrawood Street; Left onto Kelway Drive; Left onto Wakefield Plantation Drive; Stay straight over Falls of Neuse Road to continue onto Wakefalls Drive; Left onto Rolling Rock Road; Right onto Wakefalls Drive; Stay straight over Falls of Neuse Road to continue onto Wakefield Plantation Drive; Right onto Kelway Drive; Right onto Narrawood Street; Left onto Schoolhouse Road; Continue straight across Wakefield Pines Drive into Wakefield High School parking lot to finish

Minuteman Muster

Reedy Creek Road Saturday, May 21

Event Time: 7:00am - 8:00am

Associated Road Closures: The following route will be closed from 6:50am until 8:00am:

Start on District Drive; Right onto Gold Star Drive; Left onto Reedy Creek Road; Cross Edwards Mill Road to stay on Reedy Creek Road; U-turn past Observatory Drive; Cross Edwards Mill Road to return on Reedy Creek Road; Right onto Goldstar Drive; Left to finish on NC National Guard property

NAMIWalks Your Way North Carolina

Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

Saturday, May 21

Event Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Flowers Field will be used from 6:00am until 5:00pm. Dawkins Drive will be closed from 10:00am until 1:00pm. The following route will be closed from 10:20am until 1:00pm:

Start on Dawkins Drive heading clockwise; Left onto Umstead Drive; Right onto Ruggles Drive; Left onto Biggs Drive; Left onto Umstead Drive; Right onto Dawkins Drive to finish

Artsplosure

Fayetteville Street District

Saturday, May 21 & Sunday, May 22

Event Times: 11:00am - 7:30pm on 5-21-22; 10:00am - 7:00pm on 5-22-22

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza will be closed from 10:00am on 5-20-22 until 11:00pm on 5-22-22. Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and Davie Street, and Hargett Street, Martin Street, and Davie Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 5:00am on 5-21-22 until 11:00pm on 5-22-22.

Ramblin' Rose Women's Triathlon

AE Finley YMCA, Baileywick Road, & Route

Sunday, May 22

Event Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: The following sidewalks will be used from 8:00am until 11:00am for the run portion of the triathlon: Lead Mine Road northern sidewalks between Harvest Oaks Drive and Six Forks Road, and Harvest Oaks Drive eastern sidewalks between Lead Mine Road and Baileywick Road. Note that the majority of the bike route takes place outside of city limits; traffic could be impacted on additional streets.

Carolina Hurricanes/Carolina Ale House Playoff Watch Parties

Tucker Street

Sunday, May 22 & Tuesday, May 24

Event Times: 3:00pm - 6:30pm on 5-22-22; 6:30pm - 10:00pm on 5-24-22

Associated Road Closures: Tucker Street between Glenwood Avenue and the 510 Glenwood parking deck will be closed from 8:00am until 8:00pm on 5-22-22, and from 12:00pm until 11:00pm on 5-24-22.

Midweek Mini Market

City Plaza

Wednesday, May 25

Event Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The east-side, off-street portion of City Plaza will be used from 9:00am until 3:00pm.

DRA Fitness on the Plaza

City Plaza

Thursday, May 26

Event Time: 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The off-street, east-side portion of City Plaza will be used from 4:15pm until 6:45pm.

Other Upcoming Events

Game 2: Hurricanes vs. Rangers

Friday, May 20 PNC Arena

Brahms Violin Concerto – NC Symphony

Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21

Meymandi Concert Hall

Triangle Academy of Dance Recitals

Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21 Fletcher Opera Theater

Giselle - Carolina Ballet

Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22 Memorial Auditorium

ShowStopper 2022 Dance Event

Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22 Raleigh Convention Center

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Greenway Ride

Saturday, May 21 Honeycutt Park

Smart Cycling 101

Saturday, May 21 Roberts Park

Vintage Market

Saturday, May 21 Moore Square

VITAL Health: 'Crisis Materials'

Saturday, May 21 Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

Tim McGraw

Saturday, May 21 Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Moore Square Market

Sunday, May 22 Moore Square

John Mulaney: From Scratch

Sunday, May 22 PNC Arena

Connect + Create: Foraged Ink Drawing

Tuesday, May 24 Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

The Lumineers

Tuesday, May 24 Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Dix Park Social Ride

Thursday, May 26 Dorothea Dix Park

An Intimate Evening with Robert Glasper

Thursday, May 26 Fletcher Opera Theater

Public Resources

<u>Pilot Text Alert Program</u>: 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.