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INFORMATION:

GoRaleigh Transit Temporary Service Reductions

Staff Resource: David Walker, Transportation-Transit, 996-3942, david.walker@raleighnc.gov

The GoRaleigh public transit system has been the only transit system in the region not to reduce service levels and availability due to bus operator shortage. Unfortunately, due to the continuing shortage, GoRaleigh has been missing several trips per day. Missed trips create confusion and a loss of confidence among riders. To restore rider confidence and reliability, GoRaleigh will temporarily reduce frequencies on some routes beginning Sunday, September 11, 2022. This temporary frequency reduction will allow GoRaleigh to provide a higher quality of service and reliability. Though bus service will be less frequent, the tradeoff is a much higher level of dependability for the rider.

As part of the temporary frequency reduction, eleven (11) routes with low ridership will be reduced to hourly service and one route will be reduced to 30-minute frequency. There will be no reductions in the span of service to ensure all riders still have an option to use GoRaleigh service during this temporary service reduction.

Routes reduced to Hourly Service:

- 7L, 23L, 24L, 26, 27, 36 (all connector services)
- 40X Wake Tech (contracted service)
- 3, 10, 12, 18/18S (radial routes from downtown)

Route reduced to 30-minute Service:

- 19

GoRaleigh is currently running a large recruiting campaign and hosting job fairs to attract new operators, and has recently increased the starting wages for bus operators by over \$2 per hour. It is anticipated that full service can be restored by January 2023.

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Solarize the Triangle - Community Kick-off Event August 10

Staff Resource: Megan Anderson, Sustainability, 996-4658, megan.anderson@raleighnc.gov

As previously reported in *Update Issue 2022-25* (June 24), Council is invited to attend the [Solarize the Triangle Community Kick-off event](#). Communications are being released through various channels, and a media release will be issued Monday. The prior update included an overview of the Triangle Sustainability Partnership and Solarize the Triangle project, as well as release of a *Request for Proposals* to select a solar vendor for the partnership.



Yes Solar Solutions, a local North Carolina solar installer, has been selected as the solar vendor following the competitive procurement process. The City, along with Solarize the Triangle local governments and partners Triangle J Council of Governments; Yes Solar Solutions; and other stakeholders are pleased to kick off the project with a community event scheduled for August 10 at the North Carolina Museum of Art. The event will run from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Anyone interested in participating can register to attend the event [here](#).



**OFFICIAL LAUNCH AND
CELEBRATION EVENT
AUGUST 10, 2022 @ 6:00PM EST**

Are you interested in solar but not sure where to start? JOIN US AUGUST 10TH!

**@ NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART
2110 BLUE RIDGE ROAD**



[Click to Register for Event](#)

Solarize the Triangle, a coalition of 11 Triangle communities advocating for safe and more affordable solar, invite you to an in-person and live streamed event to learn more about the campaign to bring more solar power to Triangle area. Special guest speakers and community coalition members will discuss the benefits of solar, how the solarize program works, introduce the selected solar installer, review group discounted pricing, reveal featured state-of-the-art clean energy equipment, and answer your questions. Then, we celebrate with live music and painting with special guests Little Red Birds!

www.SolarizetheTriangle.com



Solarize the Triangle is a community-based, group-purchasing program for solar energy, battery storage and other clean-energy technologies. The initiative is designed to serve residents and assist Triangle homeowners, businesses, and nonprofits within 11 Triangle locales to become more resilient; reduce energy expenses; and realize savings on the cost of renewable-energy systems by obtaining volume discounts on materials and installation services. Creation of this partnership and campaign are high impact climate actions that support the implementation of the [Community Climate Action Plan](#) as well as efforts to promote clean and renewable energy in Raleigh and throughout the region.

Objectives of the Solarize the Triangle program include:

- Making solar energy more affordable
- Making solar energy more accessible
- Education and community engagement
- Promoting solar-positive policies
- Giving back

Solarize the Triangle and the Solarize Raleigh Campaigns are built around supporting residents; in particular to create an inclusive program that creates opportunities to address equity and resilience.

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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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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, August 5 – Thursday, August 11

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Permitted Special Events

First Friday Fayetteville Street

Fayetteville Street District

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

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and Martin Street, and Hargett Street between Salisbury Street and Fayetteville Street will be closed from 6:00pm until 11:59pm. Market Plaza and Exchange Plaza will be used from 5:00pm until 11:59pm.

Morning Times First Friday Market

Hargett Street

Friday, August 5

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

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

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City Plaza

Friday, August 5 - Monday, September 5

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, eastside portion of City Plaza will be used through 9-6-22.

RaleighWrld Summer Fest

Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

Saturday, August 6

Event Time: 2:00pm - 8:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Flowers Field will be used and Dawkins Drive will be closed from 8:00am until 9:00pm.

Raleigh RunDown Downhill Mile

Centennial Parkway

Saturday, August 6

Event Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Associated Road Closures: Centennial Parkway southbound lanes between Oval Drive and Agriculture Street will be closed from 6:20pm until 7:30pm. Note that Oval Drive will remain open to traffic, and [view route here](#) for additional details.

Customer Appreciation Day at Tobacco Road Harley-Davidson

South Saunders Street

Sunday, August 7

Event Time: 11:00am - 6:00pm

Associated Road Closures: S. Saunders Street between Hammell Drive and Grissom Street will be closed from 8:00am until 7:00pm.

Summer Lunch Music Series

City Plaza

Wednesday, August 10

Event Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The off-street, westside portion of City Plaza will be used from 11:00am until 1:30pm every Wednesday through 8-24-22.

South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo

Cabarrus Street

Friday, August 12 & Saturday, August 13 (road closures begin on 8-10-22)

Event Times: 10:00am - 5:00pm on 8-12-22 & 9:00am - 2:00pm on 8-13-22

Associated Road Closures: Lenoir Street between S. Dawson Street and S. McDowell Street will be closed from 8:00am until 6:00pm on 8-10-22 and 8-11-22, and Cabarrus Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Salisbury Street will be closed from 8:00am on 8-11-22 until 5:00pm on 8-13-22.

Other Upcoming Events

First Friday Feature: The Notebook and Pop-Up Carolinas

Friday, August 5

Moore Square

First Friday Raleigh

Friday, August 5

Downtown Raleigh

Five for Fighting

Friday, August 5

Fletcher Opera Theater

Affordable Housing Open House

Saturday, August 6

John Chavis Memorial Park

Impact NC Tent Revival

Saturday, August 6

Moore Square

Carolina Music Awards

Saturday, August 6

Fletcher Opera Theater

Rise Against

Saturday, August 6

Red Hat Amphitheater

Explore Dix Park: Guided Walking Tour

Saturday, August 6

Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

Rick Springfield

Sunday, August 7

Red Hat Amphitheater

Moore Square Market

Sunday, August 7

Moore Square

On Your Feet - North Carolina Theatre

Tuesday, August 9 - Sunday, August 14

Memorial Auditorium

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REO Speedwagon

Wednesday, August 10

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

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.