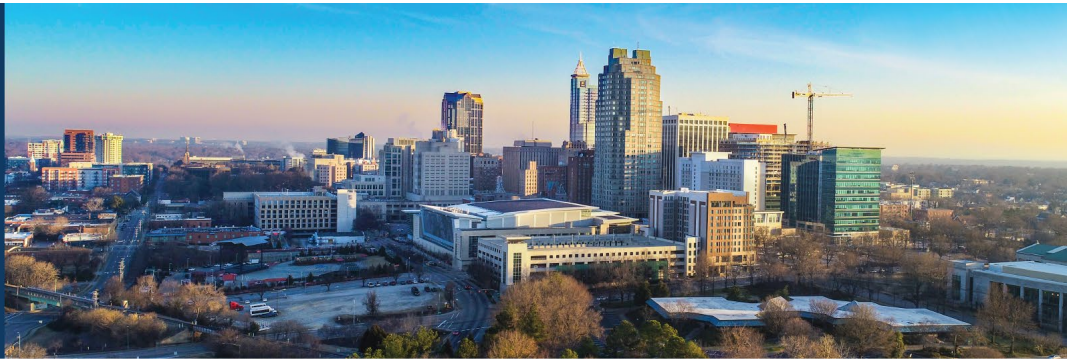


# Manager's Update

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### **Vote Local Raleigh Initiative**

*Staff Resource: Tiesha Hinton, Office of Community Engagement, 996-2707, [tiesha.hinton@raleighnc.gov](mailto:tiesha.hinton@raleighnc.gov)*

In response to the recommendations received from the Study Group on City Council Terms and Compensation, the following updates have been made to the City website:

- Access to voter registration information and polling places
- Raleigh City Council candidates
- Early voting information
- Option to add Election Day to an electronic calendar

The Office of Community Engagement also invited local community leaders and non-partisan groups to discuss voter education strategies and will continue to promote helpful voter information on social media. More information about the Vote Local Raleigh Initiative can be found via this [link](#).

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**Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Training for Non-Profits**

*Staff Resource: Leone Lettsome, Budget & Mgt. Services, 996-4272, [leone.lettsome@raleighnc.gov](mailto:leone.lettsome@raleighnc.gov)*

During the November 2 City Council meeting, the City Manager recommended allocating a portion of the City ARPA funding to creating a program for technical assistance and education to local non-profit organizations to improve a participant's ability to successfully navigate future grant application processes. Staff conducted a process to identify a technical assistance partner; on June 15 the City named the Executive Service Corps (ESC) of the Greater Triangle recipient of the ARPA grant. ESC was selected by the City based on many factors including the well-established Board Leadership Series. ESC has tailored its training to cover the requirements needed of nonprofits to apply for federal, state, and local grants. ESC is known for its commitment to valuing diversity and equity and reflecting on the communities in which they serve.



ESC will select Raleigh-area nonprofits to be the recipients of both:

- Leadership course via the highly-rated ESC board leadership series
- Guided organizational assessment via ESC esteemed advisers

There are 50 spaces available for this opportunity, this will be conducted in two sessions with 25 participant organizations total; one in the fall of 2022 and the other in the spring of 2023. From these nonprofit organization participants, those who successfully complete both the leadership course and the guided organizational assessment for continued capacity building will receive a \$15,000 capacity building grant.

In July the ESC portal was open for organizational inquiries and to collect the names of potential program participants. Over 189 organizations submitted an interest inquiry form. All interested organizations were contacted and provided an overview of the program and received notification of when the applications would be available.

The online Non-Profit Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Training application is now available; the application went live August 10. The link to the application can be found at <https://arpa.esctriangle.org/>.

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**Weekly Digest of Special Events**

*Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Special Events Office, 996-2200, [sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov](mailto: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

### Follow Up to the June 21 City Council Meeting

#### **GoRaleigh Bus Stop Online Inventory (Council Member Melton)**

*Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation-Transit, 996-4040 [david.eatman@raleighnc.gov](mailto:david.eatman@raleighnc.gov)*

During the meeting Council asked that staff review and refresh the GoRaleigh [bus stop webpage](#). Transit staff reviewed the bus stop webpage and found that a recent update had removed all unimproved bus stops. Staff worked with the IT Department to get this corrected. All bus stops should now be displaying appropriately. This webpage provides a glance of the full GoRaleigh bus stop inventory. Black icons indicate an unimproved stop. Yellow icons indicate a stop in one of three stages (design, ROW/easement acquisition, construction). Red icons have either an individual bench or a bench/shelter.

Individual stop information will be updated once the awarded bus stop inventory project is completed in the next 60 to 90 days.

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#### **GoRaleigh Transit - Bus Stops Currently Accessed by Sidewalk (Council Member Knight)**

*Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation-Transit, 996-4040, [david.eatman@raleighnc.gov](mailto:david.eatman@raleighnc.gov)*

During the meeting Council requested that staff provide the percentage of bus stops that are currently accessed by a sidewalk. 79 percent of GoRaleigh bus stops are currently accessible by sidewalk using our existing GIS database as a source. The Transit Division has a current bus stop inventory project in progress that will create attributes associated with each bus stop. This project will deliver a 100 percent inventory of all 1400 bus stops throughout the GoRaleigh system. The existence of a shelter, bench, ADA ramp and sidewalk access are examples of the collected attributes of the project. Final project completion is expected within 60-90 days.

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#### **Adopt-A-Shelter Update Sidewalk (Council Member Knight)**

*Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation-Transit, 996-4040, [david.eatman@raleighnc.gov](mailto:david.eatman@raleighnc.gov)*

During the meeting Council asked that staff review new methods to publicize the Adopt-A-Shelter program. The Transit Division is working with IT staff to make the adoption process and program more user friendly. The Esri platform for adoption and reporting is in the process of being updated. The platform is a geographic information system that helps map all GoRaleigh right of way and bus shelter assets. Currently, this platform contains all existing GoRaleigh Bus Shelters and other Right of Way assets.

The platform will be updated to reflect the availability of existing shelters for adoption and the platform will show the adopting agency of currently adopted shelters. When this is completed, Transit will promote the interactive web tool via social media, newsletters and the GoRaleigh website. The goal is to have the new platform in place this Fall.

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## Follow Up to the July 5 City Council Meeting

### **Public Comment – Lisa Hughet – Sahara Hookah Café (Mayor Baldwin; Council Member Cox)**

*Staff Resource: S. Oosterhoudt, Police, 996-1515, [scott.oosterhoudt@raleighnc.gov](mailto:scott.oosterhoudt@raleighnc.gov)*

During the meeting the resident spoke regarding various issues with businesses along the Glenwood South district, in particular the nearby Sahara Hookah Café on Peace Street. Council also requested an update on City Code changes related to enforcement of the noise ordinance.

Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum containing additional details.

*(Attachment)*

### **Appearance Commission Quasi-Judicial Functions (Mayor Baldwin)**

*Staff Resource: Kasey Evans, Planning and Development, 996-2689, [kasey.evans@raleighnc.gov](mailto:kasey.evans@raleighnc.gov)*

During the meeting Council requested staff to evaluate the quasi-judicial and non-quasi-judicial functions of the Appearance Commission to determine if the Appearance Commission could provide design feedback in compliance with ex parte communication requirements of the quasi-judicial process. Staff intends to explore the possibilities around moving all quasi-judicial functions to the Board of Adjustment, and updating Appearance Commission functions to generally include the following: Annual Sir Walter Raleigh Awards; Legacy Program; Design Consultations; and advising (text changes, public projects, etc.). This arrangement of functions will better align with areas of expertise and interest.

The following list identifies next steps:

- 1) Evaluate types and volume of design alternates heard by the Appearance Commission
  - Report out to the Appearance Commission on findings and receive input on potential changes to their function
- 2) Examine where text changes can be made to reduce the number/type of design alternates
  - Codifying common design alternates to make them by-right (i.e., reduced driveway spacing in DX- ). Consult Appearance Commission report on this topic and include staff generated insights; and
  - Adding objective criteria/options to the Unified Development Ordinance (i.e., if this, then that)
  - Consult with Transportation team
- 3) If desirable per above findings, pursue text changes to update Unified Development Ordinance regulations and move remaining Design Alternates/quasi-judicial functions to Board of Adjustment and update Appearance Commission functions, pending City Council input and approval.

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## Weekly Events Digest

Friday, August 19 – Thursday, August 25

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### Permitted Special Events

#### Moonlight Howl & Run

Pullen Road & NCSU Campus

Friday, August 19 - Saturday, August 20

Event Time: 9:00pm on 8-19-22 until 2:00am on 8-20-22

Associated Road Closures: Pullen Road between Hillsborough Street and Stinson Drive will be closed from 11:40pm on 8-19-22 until 12:30am on 8-20-22. Note that additional roads on NC State Campus will be closed for the event, and all roads one block in each direction will be detoured.

#### Futsal

City Plaza

Friday, August 19 - 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.

#### CaribMask Parade & Festival

Fayetteville Street District

Saturday, August 20

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

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza, and Davie Street between Salisbury Street and Wilmington Street will be closed from 6:00am until 11:59pm. Note that local traffic will have access to the 500 block of Fayetteville Street.

The following roads will be closed from 10:00am until 2:00pm for parade staging:

- Salisbury Street between W. Edenton Street and Hillsborough Street
- Hillsborough Street between McDowell Street and Salisbury Street
- Morgan Street between McDowell Street and Salisbury Street

The following roads will be closed from 12:00pm until 2:00pm for the parade route. Note that all roads one block in each direction will be detoured and see below for turn-by-turn details:

- Start at intersection of Hillsborough Street and Salisbury Street and head south
- Left onto E. Morgan Street
- Right onto Fayetteville Street
- Right onto W. Davie Street
- Left onto S. Salisbury Street to conclude the parade

#### Mud Day

Walnut Creek Wetland Park & Peterson Street

Saturday, August 20

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

Associated Road Closures: Peterson Street between S. State Street and the entrance to Carnage Middle School will be closed from 8:00am until 3:00pm.

#### Kirby Derby

Dorothea Dix Park, Harvey Hill

Saturday, August 20

Event Time: 3:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Harvey Hill will be used from 3:00pm until 9:00pm, and the following roads will be closed from 9:00am until 10:00pm:

- Umstead Drive between Cranmer Drive and Middleton Drive
- Cranmer Drive between Umstead Drive and Palmer Drive
- Palmer Drive between Cranmer Drive and Picot Drive
- Picot Drive between Palmer Drive and Umstead Drive

#### **UNC Health Sprint Triathlon at Wakefield**

Wakefield

Sunday, August 21

Event Time: 7:00am - 10:30am

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be used along the following route from 7:00am until 10:30am. See below for turn-by-turn details, and note that additional roads will be impacted by the bike route but will remain accessible to traffic:

Start on Rex Healthcare of Wakefield property and head north on Tidewater Lane; Left onto Popes Creek Drive; Right onto Common Oaks Drive; Left onto Green Elm Lane; Right onto Forest Pines Drive; Enter roundabout and exit onto Wakefield Plantation Drive; Right onto Canes Way and turn around at Wakefield Plantation Golf Club; Return by the same route to finish at Rex Wellness Center

#### **Summer Lunch Music Series**

City Plaza

Wednesday, August 24

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.

### **Other Upcoming Events**

#### **Greensky Bluegrass**

Saturday, August 20

Red Hat Amphitheater

#### **Gun Buyback Event**

Saturday, August 20

Mount Peace Baptist Church

#### **Human Relations Commission School Supply Giveaway**

Saturday, August 20

Tarboro Road Park

#### **Explore Dix Park: Guided Walking Tour**

Saturday, August 20

Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

#### **Kevin Hart**

Saturday, August 20

PNC Arena

#### **Moore Square Market**

Sunday, August 21

Moore Square

#### **Jack Johnson**

Sunday, August 21

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

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### [Goo Goo Dolls](#)

Tuesday, August 23  
Red Hat Amphitheater

### [Jon Pardi](#)

Thursday, August 25  
Red Hat Amphitheater

### [NCHUB and NCDBE Certification Session](#)

Thursday, August 25  
Virtual

### [Cinema in the Square - Shrek](#)

Thursday, August 25  
Moore Square

## 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	Estella Patterson, Chief of Police
From	Scott Oosterhoudt, Deputy Chief of Police
Department	Police
Date	July 12, 2022
Subject	Council Response –Sahara Hookah Café and Ordinance Update

This memorandum is an update to Mayor Baldwin’s and Councilmember Cox’s requests stemming from the Glenwood South businesses, including the Sahara Hookah Café. Additionally, Councilmember Cox requested an explanation of the criminalization of City Code noise ordinance violations.

Southwest District police personnel have worked to develop positive relationships with the residents of the Brooklyn Hill community, commonly referred to as Brooklyn Heights. Brooklyn Heights is a small part of the more extensive Glenwood-Brooklyn Historic District. Concerns expressed by community residents regard the zoning and permitting of businesses in and near the Glenwood South Hospitality District. These concerns include late-night parking on the streets within the community by persons frequenting the businesses in or near the hospitality district, including the Sahara Hookah Café.

Police department personnel continue to staff the Glenwood South initiative on Friday and Saturday nights. Officers assigned to the initiative focus on crime and disorder within the hospitality district, frequently focusing on the 100-600 blocks of Glenwood Avenue. Numerous patrons of hospitality district businesses visit the Sahara Hookah Café after the bars and nightclubs close. The café remains open until 5:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays. It is considered by the residents of the Brooklyn Heights community to be the driving force behind the problems they're encountering.

In-person and virtual community meetings were held on two occasions in May 2022 and included residents of the Brooklyn Heights community. Because of the expressed concerns about litter in the area, COR Emergency Management and Special Events personnel worked to have the community added to the COR Transportation Department’s “street sweeper” route. Emergency Management and Special Events personnel partnered with the COR’s department of Housing and Neighborhoods to have the Sahara Hookah Café investigated for failing to maintain their property correctly. After receiving a citation for the neglect, the business remedied the issues and complied with the respective regulations.

North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents were requested to investigate the Sahara Hookah Café for potentially selling alcohol without possessing the proper State and local permits. To date, their investigation has not revealed alcohol sales within the business and the agents have not identified violations of applicable laws.

Two additional RPD extra-duty positions for off duty officers were added to the Glenwood South Initiative roster for Friday and Saturday nights. After egress of the Glenwood South crowd has completed, the additional officers focus their efforts on complaints within the Brooklyn Heights community. Officers assigned to this area utilize parking ticket issuing equipment provided to the police department by COR

Transportation Department personnel. This equipment allows officers to determine if a parked vehicle is registered in the Brooklyn Height's Residential Parking Permit Program. As a result of this partnership, 552 parking citations have been issued by Transportation and Police personnel in Brooklyn Heights during 2022.

Police personnel consulted with the City Attorney about the criminalization of noise ordinance violations. Effective February 15, 2022, the City Council enacted Ordinance 2022-339 that incorporated specific criminal penalties for noise ordinance violations, among others. The affected Code sections concerning noise were RCC 12-5002 (interfering with noise measurements), RCC 12-5003 (exceeding decibel limits), RCC 12-5004 (unlawful noises), RCC 12-5007 (making certain prohibited noises). Code changes were enacted in response to amendments in the law enacted by the General Assembly in September 2021 (Senate Bill 300).

Police Department and other COR personnel have fostered strong relationships with the residents of the Brooklyn Heights community. Input has been received from residents reporting that the city's efforts are working. Ongoing and future efforts within the area will focus on nurturing these relationships, identifying the proper COR department or governmental organization best suited to solve identified problems, and establishing permanent remedies to the identified concerns.