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### **Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, October 18; Lunch Work Session at 11:30 - Lunch Will be Provided**

Council will meet in regular work session at **11:30 A.M.** in the **Council Chamber**. Please note the agenda for the lunch work session is included with the regular meeting agenda and may be accessed via the BoardDocs electronic agenda system:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/nc/raleigh/Board.nsf/Public>

The **regular** Council meeting begins at **1:00 P.M.**

**Reminder:** If there is an item you would like to pull from the consent agenda for discussion, please e-mail [mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov](mailto:mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov) by 11 A.M. the day of the meeting.

## INFORMATION:

### **Neuse River Recognized as “River of the Year” by National Environmental Organization**

*Staff Resource: Ed Buchan, Raleigh Water, 996-3245, [edward.buchan@raleighnc.gov](mailto:edward.buchan@raleighnc.gov)*

On October 6, the environmental organization American Rivers (<https://www.americanrivers.org/>) named the Neuse River as “River of the Year” due to the water quality improvements documented in the river over the past 15 years. Originally identified as an “endangered river” in 2007 by American Rivers organization,

the river has seen a steady improvement in terms of sediment and nutrient loads (phosphorous and nitrogen) from municipal sources. A significant factor in this improvement is due to the capital investments made to the sewer collection system, system Resource Recovery Facilities, and operational optimization throughout the utilities system.

Through these investments and steady operational refinements, the Resource Recovery Facilities now consistently remove nitrogen to a level of 2.0 milligrams/liter or less, which is considered “below the limits of technology” (usually cited as 3.0 milligrams/liter) and well below the permit limits of the Raleigh utility system. This dedication to protecting water quality is also reflected by our 100% compliance record at the Neuse plant (19 consecutive years), Smith Creek plant (17 consecutive years) and Little Creek plant (7 consecutive years).

The recognition of the Neuse River also coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water Act (CWA), which was landmark legislation passed in 1972 to protect and enhance water quality throughout the United States. Raleigh Water has always strived to be in full compliance with the CWA and is now considered to be a national leader in wastewater treatment performance and technology. To this end, Raleigh Water has partnered with downstream municipal systems through the Lower Neuse Basin Association (LNBA) to collectively reduce our nitrogen loads to the Neuse River. Collectively, LNBA members have invested approximately \$400 million in treatment system improvements, resulting in a ~70% reduction of total nitrogen as compared to 1997 levels.

Through continued investments in treatment systems and operational excellence, Raleigh Water is committed to upholding the standards of the CWA and protecting the Neuse River for generations to come.

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### **Holiday Curbside Pick-Up Zones**

*Staff Resource: Matthew Currier, Transportation, 996-4041, [matthew.currier@raleighnc.gov](mailto:matthew.currier@raleighnc.gov)*

Staff has again partnered with the Downtown Raleigh Association (DRA) to create temporary holiday curbside pick-up zones for the upcoming holiday season.

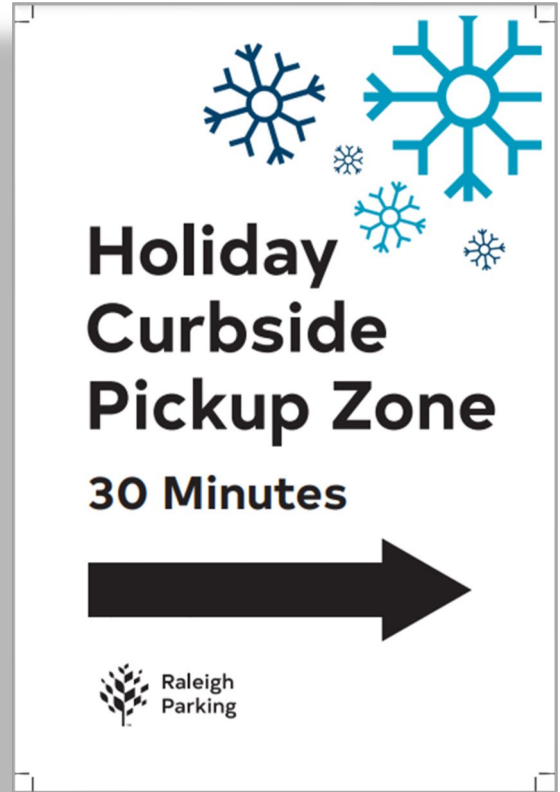
In June 2021, the DRA released the results of the *Public Realm Study 2021*. One of the key focus areas was assessing the need for expanding curbside pick-up zones in downtown. A public outreach process resulted in recommendations to provide a temporary deployment of cones/signs during the holiday season and marking these zones to facilitate easier access for shoppers to pick up items from retail locations.

With DRA leading the way, these holiday pick-up zones will be marketed primarily to retail businesses. An online form has been created again this year for anyone interested in the program. Staff will evaluate applications and work collaboratively with businesses to ensure balanced access at the curb.

The program will be advertised beginning Monday, October 17; staff will be working with the business applicants to install zones in early November. Graphics of the zone signage and pavement marking are represented below:



**Pavement Markings**



**Signage**

*(No attachment)*

**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.

*(Attachment)*

## Council Member Follow Up Items

### Follow Up from the September 20 City Council Meeting

#### **Vision Zero Update (Council Members Stewart, Knight)**

Staff Resource: Jed Niffenegger, Transportation, 996-4039, [jed.niffenegger@raleighnc.gov](mailto:jed.niffenegger@raleighnc.gov)

During the meeting, Council requested an update on the Vision Zero initiative. There have been many developments that are detailed in a chronological list below:

- 3/2021 - VHB (Consultant) was hired to provide a report highlighting Promising Safety Practices and Safety Planning Approaches for the City of Raleigh. This included a review of best practices on a successful Vision Zero programs from peer cities.
- 7/21 - A Transportation Analyst Sr. position was approved with the budget to start up and manage a Vision Zero Program.
- 12/21 - The VHB report was completed.
- 2/22 - Based on input from the VHB report and to leverage the existing transportation safety program, the Transportation Analyst Sr. position was requested to be upgraded to a Transportation Supervisor (Vision Zero Program Manager)
- 4/22 - The upgrade was approved, and position was advertised.
- 5/22 - A diverse interview panel (which included Raleigh Police and the Commissioner of Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, among others) was established to review candidates and participate in the hiring process.
- 6/22 - Sean Driskill, PE was selected for the Vision Zero Program Manager position. Sean was a Senior Engineer working in the Engineering Services - Roadway Design and Construction Department.
- 7/22 - Mr. Driskill immediately began work to ensure the city could capitalize on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal grant, which was due by September 15.
- 8/22 – The City entered into a contract with Kittleson and Associates to help draft a competitive grant application and produce all supporting documentation, including maps, tables, and multiple letters of support from Vision Zero stakeholders across the City. We are seeking the maximum grant award of \$1 million dollars to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- 9/22 - The grant was completed and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The City also received a \$50K pledge from our partners at the North Carolina Department of Transportation to help assist with the required 80/20 local match.

Numerous municipalities and metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) across North Carolina submitted comprehensive safety action plan grant applications. The City application and supporting documentation was very strong in the three selection criteria areas (Safety Impact, Equity, and Additional Safety Considerations) used to competitively score the applicants. In early 2023, awarded grant recipients will be notified. The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will take 18-24 months to complete.

Upon completion, the City anticipates applying for up to \$30 million in Implementation funding through the same United States Department of Transportation FHWA grant application in September 2024. In the interim, Transportation will build an outward facing portal/website to start highlighting the successful safety improvements recently completed or already underway (e.g., the Downtown Pedestrian Safety Project, Phase I & II). Staff also anticipates providing a more robust update on the Vision Zero Program at an upcoming Council meeting.

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## Follow Up from the October 4 City Council Meeting

### **Public Comment - Damselle Heroine (Mayor Baldwin)**

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

During the meeting the resident spoke to Council concerning suspicious activity, gun control, and bullying. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum containing additional details as requested by the City Council.

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# Weekly Events Digest

Friday, October 14 – Thursday, October 20

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

### [8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cupcake Run at Brier Creek](#)

Brier Creek & Arco Corporate Drive

Saturday, October 15

Event Time: 8:00am - 10:00am

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be used from 8:00am until 10:00am. [View route here](#) and see below for turn-by-turn details:

Start on Brier Creek Shopping Center property; Right onto Arco Corporate Drive; Make a U-turn on Arco Corporate Drive at Lumley Road; Return by the same route

### [St. Augustine's University Homecoming Parade](#)

Oakwood Avenue & Route

Saturday, October 15

Event Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Associated Road Closures: N. State Street between Oakwood Avenue and Glascock Street will be closed from 7:00am until 11:00am. Roads along the route will be closed from 9:00am until 10:30am. Note that all cross-streets at least one block in each direction will be detoured during the event, and see below for turn-by-turn details:

Head north on N. State Street; Right onto Glascock Street; Right onto Delaney Drive; Right onto Milburnie Road; Left onto Hill Street; Right onto Oakwood Avenue; Right onto N. State Street to return to Saint Augustine's University property for disassembly

### [Breast Cancer Awareness Rally](#)

Exchange Plaza

Saturday, October 15

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

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Exchange Plaza will be used from 9:00am until 2:00pm.

### [Red Bull Chariot Race](#)

Moore Square

Saturday, October 15

Event Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. All sidewalks directly next to Moore Square will be used from 6:00am until 6:00pm.

### [Falling for Local](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Saturday, October 15

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

Associated Road Closures: Big Field will be used, and the following roads will be closed from 9:00am until 8:00pm:

- Blair Drive between Umstead Drive and Centennial Parkway
- Hunt Drive between Soccer Field entrance and Umstead Drive
- Barbour Drive/Biggs Drive between Dorsett Drive and Goode Street
- Umstead Drive between Ruggles Drive and Barbour Drive



### [Noon Tunes](#)

City Plaza

Wednesday, October 19

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

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The off-street, eastside portion of City Plaza will be used from 11:00am until 1:30pm every Wednesday through 10-26-22.

### [Raleigh Night Market](#)

City Market & Martin Street

Thursday, October 20

Event Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Parham Street between E. Martin Street and Wolfe Street, Wolfe Street between S. Blount Street and Blake Street, and Blake Street between E. Martin Street and E. Davie Street will be closed from 3:00pm until 10:00pm. Martin Street between S. Blount Street and S. Person Street will be closed from 4:00pm until 10:00pm.

## **Other Upcoming Events**

### [Fun at Dix Park: Trivia Night](#)

Friday, October 14

Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel & Event Lawn

### [Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 “Eroica” – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, October 14 & Saturday, October 15

Meymandi Concert Hall

### [RFD at Crabtree Valley Mall](#)

Friday, October 14 & Saturday, October 15

Crabtree Valley Mall

### [Sister Act – North Carolina Theatre](#)

Friday, October 14 – Sunday, October 16

Memorial Auditorium

### [NC State Fair](#)

Friday, October 14 – Sunday, October 23

North Carolina State Fairgrounds

### [Dracula – Carolina Ballet](#)

Friday, October 14 – Sunday, October 30

Fletcher Opera Theater

### [Fall Nature Walk](#)

Saturday, October 15

Annie Louise Wilkerson, MD Nature Preserve Park

### [Moore Square Market](#)

Sunday, October 16

Moore Square

### [Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities Banquet](#)

Wednesday, October 19

McKimmon Center

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### [LGBTQIA+ Historic Places Community Meeting](#)

Wednesday, October 19  
Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

### [Jazz in the Square](#)

Thursday, October 20  
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	October 12, 2022
Subject	Council Response – Damselle Heroine

This memorandum responds to Mayor Baldwin’s request for police department personnel to follow up with a Raleigh resident who addressed Council concerning suspicious activity, gun control, and bullying.

During the public comment portion of the October 4, 2022, City Council evening session, a resident addressed the Council regarding issues she considers crucial. The resident identified herself as Damselle Heroine and added that she is a “Real life superhero and author.” She stated that she went through some problems in 2021, including being targeted by neighbors. This targeting included her neighbors’ introducing fumes into her apartment, resulting in her gender being changed to masculine. Ms. Heroine communicated this information to the police department, adding that officers were taking action. She went on to relate that she has created a policy to stop bullying, which would decrease the chances of a mass shooting, and shared it with the White House and Governor’s Office.

A check of the police department’s records management system revealed that Ms. Heroine, who also uses the name of Ralpa Rosa Perla Eustache, resides at in the Raleigh city limits. Officers have responded to her residence on seven occasions in 2022. Most of the calls for service concern persons requesting officers check on the welfare of Ms. Heroine because of statements or actions on her behalf. Ms. Heroine has called 911 on five occasions in 2022. These calls concern her suspicion of her laptop being hacked and that someone may be illegally entering her apartment to prevent her from using her computer. A police report was filed by Ms. Heroine on March 23, 2022, concerning someone entering her attic to interfere with her laptop and someone forcing fumes into her residence, which has altered her gender. Her claims have been unfounded by police personnel.

Ms. Heroine is familiar with the services available via the police department’s ACORNS Unit. ACORNS Unit personnel have visited her at her residence and will maintain regular contact with her in the future.