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Swearing-In Ceremony Monday, December 5

Please plan to arrive at Raleigh Union Station on Monday at 5:00 P.M. for the swearing-in ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a reception to follow.

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, December 6 - Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in regularly scheduled sessions at **1:00 P.M.** and **7:00 P.M.** The agenda for the meeting was published on Thursday:

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

Reminder: If there is an item you would like to have pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, please send an e-mail mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov by 11 A.M. on the day of the meeting and in.

INFORMATION:

Ready to Launch: Accessory Dwelling Unit Fast Track Program

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North Carolina's first ADU Fast Track program will launch December 14 to make constructing an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) a more accessible process for Raleigh homeowners. Fast Track plans have been pre-

reviewed for Building Code compliance before becoming part of an online ADU gallery. Homeowners can view the gallery and purchase plans (from the designer) at a fee far below the typical design cost. Anyone interested in purchasing plans from the ADU gallery can contact the designer directly.

A Fast Track ADU project must still apply for and receive all applicable permits, including Building Code permits. Projects will also undergo plan review by all trades and applicable work groups (zoning, stormwater, etc.) for compliance with development regulations. More information on ADUs is available [on the City of Raleigh website](#).

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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.

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from the October 18 City Council Meeting

Police Department Community Meetings (Council Member Cox)

Staff Resource: E. Patterson, Police, 996-3155, estella.patterson@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested that the Police Department personnel consider resuming regular meetings with community members.

Prior to the onset of the COVID pandemic, Raleigh Police personnel attended community meetings to collaboratively problem solve, foster transparency, and build relationships with residents and business owners. Residents, business owners, and department personnel were interested in maintaining contact with persons and groups they had formed positive relationships with before the onset of COVID. Many of these partnerships continued via virtual platforms during the pandemic.

During 2022, police department personnel have attended approximately 135 organized community or group meetings. These meetings are arranged by one or more of the 24 active community groups that frequently communicate with police department personnel. Groups meet monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or randomly on an as-needed basis. In the post-pandemic period, some regularly scheduled community meetings continue via virtual platforms; however, many groups have resumed in-person meetings.

Some community groups holding monthly meetings include the Downtown Raleigh Alliance, Boylan Heights Community, Five Points Community, Oakwood Community, the Southwest Community, and Young Men for Christ (YM4C) Barbershop Talks.

Police department personnel are committed to fostering positive community relationships and will continue attending these and other meetings as scheduled or invited.

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Follow Up from the November 15 City Council Meeting

Public Comment - Octavia Rainey - Raleigh Housing Authority Meeting (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resource: Larry Jarvis, Housing & Neighborhoods, 996-6947, larry.jarvis@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Ms. Octavia Rainey provided comment relative to the public's ability to be present at a particular Raleigh Housing Authority (RHA) meeting. At the request of Council, staff contacted the RHA; response from the Authority's Interim Executive Director is as follows:

"I asked Laura McCann, Special Assistant to the Executive Director, to reach out to Ms. Rainey. She called and spoke at length with her on Friday, November 18 to hear her questions and concerns related to the Raleigh Housing Authority. Ms. Rainey said she was "barred" from being admitted to the RHA's last public meeting. Laura assured her that she was not intentionally kept from attending the meeting and that we did have public members on our October 27th call. This could have been an issue with connectivity or other technological issue. She could have also called during the Executive part of the meeting which is not open to the public.

Our Admin Assistant, Gwen Wall runs the hybrid zoom meetings and did not see Ms. Rainey trying to connect and assures me that everyone was allowed into the meeting. Ms. Rainey indicated she is planning to attend the next RHA Board meeting. She was provided with the date, time, and location as she indicated she is planning to attend in person."

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, December 2 – Thursday, December 8

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Permitted Special Events

[Illuminate Art Walk](#)

Locations throughout Downtown

Friday, December 2 through Saturday, January 14

Event Time: 5:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Off-street plazas and sidewalks will be used from 8:00am on 11-26-22 until 4:00pm on 1-15-23. For more details and a full list of participating locations, [view the event website](#).

[Morning Times First Friday Market](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, December 2

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.

[WRAL Nights of Lights](#)

Dorothea Dix Park

Friday, December 2 through Saturday, December 24

Event Time: 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Associated Road Closures: During all Nights of Lights events, Dix Park will be closed to the public. To ensure everyone's safety, all park entrances will be closed by 5:00pm and will remain closed through the duration of the event. The Dix Park Dog Park will also be closed during this time. Park visitors, please be mindful to exit the park before this time. As a reminder, the park is open from dawn until dusk daily.

[Raleigh Holiday Half Marathon](#)

Raleigh Boulevard, Anderson Point Park, & Greenway

Saturday, December 3

Event Time: 8:00am - 11:30am

Associated Road Closures: Crabtree Boulevard between Capital Boulevard and N. Raleigh Boulevard will be closed from 7:30am until 8:10am, and N. Raleigh Boulevard between Yonkers Road and Barksdale Drive will be closed from 7:50am until 8:10am for the start of the race. Crabtree Creek Trail will be used from 8:00am until 11:30am. [View route here](#) for more details.

[The Rink Featuring the Raleigh Night Market](#)

Lenoir Street & Red Hat Amphitheater

Saturday, December 3 and every Saturday through January 14

Event Time: 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Lenoir Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Dawson Street will be closed from 3:00pm until 11:00pm.

[Holiday Sip and Shop with Santa](#)

City Market

Sunday, December 4

Event Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Blake Street between Martin Street and Wolfe Street will be closed from 8:00am until 6:00pm.

Other Upcoming Events

[First Friday Raleigh](#)

Friday, December 2
Downtown

[Dave Koz and Friends 25th Anniversary Christmas Tour](#)

Friday, December 2
Memorial Auditorium

[Pittsburgh vs. NC State](#)

Friday, December 2
PNC Arena

[Handel's Messiah – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, December 2 & Saturday, December 3
Meymandi Concert Hall

[The Dessertery](#)

Friday, December 2 – Friday, December 23
Kennedy Theater

[The Rink presented by UNC Health](#)

Friday, December 2 – Monday, January 16
Red Hat Amphitheater

[Reba](#)

Saturday, December 3
PNC Arena

[Cary Ballet's Nutcracker](#)

Saturday, December 3
Fletcher Opera Theater

[NCHSAA Invitational Cheerleading Championships](#)

Saturday, December 3
Raleigh Convention Center

[Boylan Heights ArtWalk](#)

Sunday, December 4
Boylan Heights Neighborhood

[Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox – A Very Postmodern Christmas](#)

Sunday, December 4
Meymandi Concert Hall

[DanceArt – Nutcracker with a Twist](#)

Sunday, December 4
Memorial Auditorium

[Cheersport Raleigh Classic](#)

Sunday, December 4
Raleigh Convention Center

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[New Council Swearing-in Ceremony](#)

Monday, December 5
Raleigh Union Station

[Finding Purpose presents Finding Christmas Featuring Jon McLaughlin](#)

Wednesday, December 7
Fletcher Opera Theater

[Disney On Ice presents Frozen & Encanto](#)

Wednesday, December 7 – Sunday, December 11
PNC Arena

[New Bern Station Area Planning Ask-A-Planner](#)

Thursday, December 8
Roberts Park Community Center

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.