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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, May 2 - 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.

INFORMATION:

Required Ethics Training for Council Members – Live Webinar Available May 25

Staff Resource: Louis Buonpane, City Manager's Office, 996-4275, louis.buonpane@raleighnc.gov

As Council Members may recall, under North Carolina law members of governing boards of cities, counties, local boards of education, unified governments, sanitary districts, and consolidated city-counties are required to receive at least two (2) clock hours of ethics training within twelve months after each election or

appointment to office. The ethics training requirement is an ongoing obligation, triggered by each subsequent re-election or reappointment to office.

The School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill will be hosting a live, **online training session** via **Zoom** on **May 25, 2023** from **10:00 am - Noon**. If you would like to attend this live session, please contact your assigned Policy Analyst. Staff understands that an on-demand version of the training will be made available at a later date.

Please see your assigned Policy Analyst with any questions.

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May is Building Safety Month –“Safety for All–Building Safety Starts with You”

Staff Resource: Katie Dombrowski, Planning & Development, 996-2683, katie.dombrowski@raleighnc.gov

Safety in the built environment is an essential component of maintaining public health, making Building Safety Month more relevant now than ever. Building codes are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores, and entertainment venues. Code officials work daily to keep the public safe. Building Safety Month celebrates advances in constructing safe, sustainable, affordable, and resilient buildings and homes around the world.

For the month of May, the following weekly themes will highlight this work:

Week One	Building Safety Starts at Home
Week Two	Building Safety Professionals and You
Week Three	Prepare Your Community
Week Four	Advocate for Your Community
Week Five	Solving Challenges Together

Raleigh Permits staff will be on site at the Moore Square Market on May 21 from 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. to share this important information with community. Other engaging and educational content will be shared by Raleigh Permits on social media throughout the month. For more information, please visit:

<https://raleighnc.gov/building-safety-month>

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Quarterly Raleigh and Knightdale Planning Coordination Meetings

Staff Resource: Christopher Golden, Planning & Development, 996-6368, christopher.golden@raleighnc.gov

On March 26, staff from Raleigh Department of Planning and Development as well as Raleigh Transportation Department, met for the quarterly peer to peer planning coordination meeting between Raleigh and Knightdale's Planning and Transportation staff.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss relevant issues that pertain to each municipality and provide a forum for cross-coordination. Items discussed in this meeting pertained to current and future land use, development, and transportation issues at the Raleigh/Knightdale border, that require coordination from each municipality to ensure better outcomes. The items discussed were the following:

- Southeast Special Area Study process
- Knightdale River District
- East Raleigh Annexation and Development/Fire Service
- Pedestrians and Transit along GoRaleigh Route 33
- Knightdale draft street plan discussion/updates
- Raleigh Beach Road Development- Phasing
- TOD/BRT Rezoning

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14. Staff will continue to provide periodic updates to Council regarding this ongoing collaboration.

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Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 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 April 4 City Council Meeting

Religious, National, and International Observances (Council Member Jones)

Staff Resource: Susan Steed, Human Resources, 996-4698, susan.steed@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested that staff compile a comprehensive list of religious holidays as a resource for Council in considering the scheduling of public hearings.

Included with the *Update* materials is the list of religious, national, and international observances prepared in response to the request.

(Attachment)

Follow Up from the April 10 Budget Work Session

Bike Lane Violations (Council Member Harrison)

Staff Resource: Matthew Currier, Transportation, 996-4041, matthew.currier@raleighnc.gov

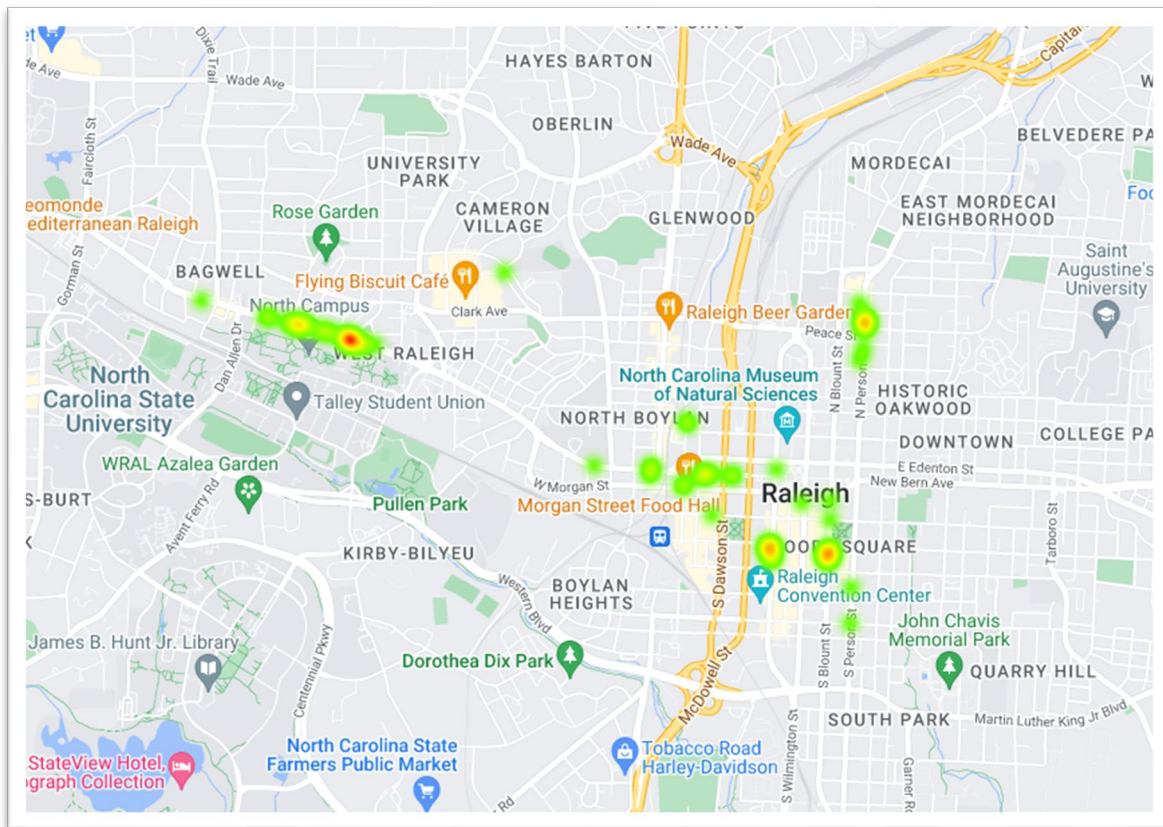
During the work session Council requested data on bike lane violations including both paid and outstanding citations.

Below is a table showing bike lane citations by fiscal year for FY2021, 2022 and year to date 2023. This includes a column for total citations written and unpaid citations.

Staff have also included a heat map for fiscal year 2023 showing the areas in the City where bike lane violations have been written. The areas with the highest concentration on citations are along Hillsborough Street near NC State Campus, Salisbury Street in front of the Wake County Justice Center, Blount Street just south of Moore Square Park and the North Person Street Business district.

Bike Lane Violations by Fiscal Year		
Fiscal Year	Total Citations	Unpaid Citations
2021	92	16
2022	299	63
YTD 2023*	286	53

*Citations through April 25, 2023



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Follow Up from the April 18 City Council Meeting

Harps Mill Road Traffic Calming Project (Council Member Black)

Staff Resource: Will Shumaker, Transportation, 996-4175, william.shumaker@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested an update on traffic calming projects to ensure project goals of safety and slowing vehicular speeds are being met and specifically as it relates to the Harps Mill Road traffic calming project.

Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum prepared in response to the requests.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, April 28 – Thursday, May 4

City of Raleigh Office of Emergency Management and Special Events
specialevents@raleighnc.gov | 919-996-2200 | raleighnc.gov/special-events-office

Permitted Special Events

[Beyond the Book Festival](#)

Moore Square

Saturday, April 29

Event Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Sidewalks directly next to Moore Square on all sides of the park will be used from 7:00am until 5:00pm.

[MaiBikefest Block Party](#)

Davie Street

Saturday, April 29

Event Time: 12:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Davie Street between S. Dawson Street and Commerce Place will be closed from 8:00am until 11:00pm.

[NC Department of Public Safety Memorial Ceremony](#)

Morgan Street

Wednesday, May 3

Event Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Morgan Street between Tryon Hill Drive and Mayo Street will be closed from 9:00am until 12:00pm.

[Raleigh Night Market](#)

City Market

Wednesday, May 3

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

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

Other Upcoming Events

[Fair Housing Community Conference](#)

Friday, April 28

Raleigh Convention Center

[Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No. 1 – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29

Meymandi Concert Hall

[The Color Purple – North Carolina Theatre](#)

Friday, April 28 – Sunday, April 30

Fletcher Opera Theater

[Orpheus & Eurydice – Carolina Ballet](#)

Friday, April 28 – Sunday, April 30

Memorial Auditorium

[Artist Reception: Community Book & Printmaking Exhibition](#)

Saturday, April 29
Pullen Arts Center

[Bruce E. Lightner Plaque Dedication](#)

Saturday, April 29
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Gardens

[Health Fair](#)

Saturday, April 29
Roberts Park

[Guided Walking Tour](#)

Saturday, April 29
Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

["Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back" In Concert – NC Symphony](#)

Thursday, May 4 – Saturday, May 6
Meymandi Concert Hall

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



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To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Through	Nyki Hill, Assistant City Manager
From	Susan Steed, Interim Director
Department	Human Resources
Date	April 21, 2023
Subject	List of Religious Observations

This memorandum provides a list of religious observations in the United States for calendar year 2023 (April 14 through December 31, 2023) and January 1 through April 30, 2024. The list serves as a guide in planning events. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list and may unintentionally miss some observations.

Calendar of Observances 2023

Religious Observations

The calendar includes significant religious observances of the major faiths represented in the United States. Note that Baha'i, Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown the previous day and end at sundown on the date listed.

National and International Holidays

The calendar notes U.S. holidays that are either legal holidays or observed in various states and communities throughout the country. Important national and international observances that may be commemorated in the U.S. are also included.

Calendar System

The dates of secular holidays are based on the Gregorian calendar, which is commonly used for civil dating purposes. Many religions and cultures follow various traditional calendar systems that are often based on the phases of the moon with occasional adjustments for the solar cycle. Therefore, specific Gregorian calendar dates for these observances will differ from year to year. In addition, calculation of specific dates may vary by geographical location and according to different sects within a religion.

April 2023

April 14, DAY OF SILENCE

Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) students and their straight allies due to bias and harassment.

April 14,

HOLY FRIDAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian
Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the Friday before Pascha. Known as Good Friday in Western Christianity.

April 14,

VAISAKHI {also spelled Baisakhi} • Sikh
The festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras {Sikh house of worship} by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa.

April 16,

PASCHA • Eastern Orthodox Christian
Known as Easter in Western Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

April 18,

LAILAT AL-QADR • Islamic
Commemorates the night that the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is known as the "Night of Power." Often set on the 27th day of Ramadan, Sunnis may observe it on the 21st, 23rd, 25th or 29th and ShT' ite {Shiite} observe it on the 19th, 21st or 23rd day of Ramadan.

April 18,

YOM HASHOAH • Jewish
"Holocaust Remembrance Day" memorializes the heroic martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

April 21,

EID AL-FITR • Islamic
The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.

April 20- May 2,

FESTIVAL OF RIDVAN • Baha'i
Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Baha'u'llah, the prophet-founder of the Baha'i Faith, resided in a garden called Ridwan {Paradise} and publicly proclaimed his mission as God's messenger for this age. The first (April 21), ninth (April 29), and twelfth {May 2} days are celebrated as holy days when Baha'is suspend work.

April 24,

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY
Memorializes the genocide of approximately 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1923 in Turkey.

May 2023

May 1,
INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY

Also known as May Day, it celebrates the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide. The day commemorates the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, in which police and protesters clashed following a workers' strike for an eight-hour workday.

May 3,
WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.

May 5,
CINCO DE MAYO

In 1862 Mexican forces defeated French occupational forces in the Battle of Puebla.

May 5,
VISAKHA PUJA • Buddhist

Also known as Vesak or Buddha Day, it marks the birth, spiritual awakening and death (nirvana) of the historical Buddha. (This date may vary based on region or sect.)

May 9,
LAG B'OMER • Jewish

Celebrates the end of a divine-sent plague and/or Roman occupation during Rabbi Akiva's lifetime (died c. 135 CE).

May 12,
MOTHER'S DAY

Children of all ages show appreciation for their mothers and mother figures.

May 21,
WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.

May 24,
DECLARATION OF THE BAB • Baha'i

Commemoration of May 23, 1844, when the Bab, the prophet-herald of the Baha'i Faith, announced in Shiraz, Persia, that he was the herald of a new messenger of God.

May 25,
ASCENSION DAY • Western Christian

Also known as Holy Thursday, celebrated 40 days after Easter, it commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

May 25,
ASCENSION DAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian

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Also known as Holy Ascension, celebrated 40 days after Pascha, it commemorates the ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven.

May 26- 27,
SHAVUOT • Jewish

The "Feast of Weeks" celebrates the covenant established at Sinai between God and Israel, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments.

May 28,
PENTECOST • Western Christian

Also known as Whitsunday, the seventh Sunday after Easter commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and women followers of Jesus Christ. Marks the birth of the Christian Church.

May 29,
ASCENSION OF BAHU'ULLAH • Baha'i

Observance of the anniversary of the death in exile of Baha'u'llah, the prophet-founder of the Baha'i Faith.

May 29,
MEMORIAL DAY

A federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

June 2023

June 4,
PENTECOST • Eastern Orthodox Christian

The seventh Sunday after Pascha commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and women followers of Jesus Christ.

June 5,
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

June 11,
ALL SAINTS' DAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian

In Orthodox churches observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost, it commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints.

June 11,
RACE UNITY DAY • Baha'i

Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.

June 12,
ANNE FRANK DAY

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Birthday of young Jewish girl whose diary describes her family's experiences hiding from the Nazis through assistance of Gentile friends.

June 12,
LOVING DAY

Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision Loving v. Virginia which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

June 14,
FLAG DAY

Anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag by Congress in 1777.

June 18,
FATHER'S DAY

Children of all ages show appreciation for their fathers and father figures.

June 19,
JUNETEENTH

Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African American freedom and achievement.

June 20,
WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

June 21,
SUMMER SOLSTICE

Marks the first day of the season of summer. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the longest of the year with the sun shining the farthest from the Southern Hemisphere and the closest to the Northern Hemisphere.

June 26,
ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE U.S.
On June 26, 2015, in the case of Obergefell/1 v. Hodges, the Supreme Court ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples.

June 28,
EID AL-ADHA • Islamic
Commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience of a command from God. Marks the end of the annual Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca).

July 2023

July 3,
DHARMA DAY • Buddhist

Also known as Asa/ha Puja, it commemorates the historical Buddha's first discourse following his spiritual awakening.

July 4,
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776.

July 10,
MARTYRDOM OF THE BAB • Baha'i
Observance of the anniversary of the execution by a firing squad in Tabriz, Persia, of the 30-year-old Siyyid 'Alif-Muhammad, the Bab, the prophet-herald of the Baha'i Faith.

July 19- August 16,
MUHARRAM • Islamic
The month of Muharram marks the beginning of the Islamic liturgical year. This first day, al-Hijra, remembers the migration of Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE. It also marks the beginning of the ten-day ShT'ite Remembrance of Muharram, a period of intense grief and martyrdom of Hussein, the son of Ali and grandson of Muhammad.

July 26,
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DAY
Commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

July 27,
TISH'A B'AV • Jewish
Mourning of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70CE.

July 28,
ASHURA • Islamic
A day of fasting observed on the 10th day of the month of Muharram to celebrate Moses' exodus from Egypt. For Shi'a Muslims, it also marks the climax of the ten-day remembrance of Muharram, which mourns the martyrdom of Hussein at the Battle of Kerbala.

August 2023

August 9,
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
Celebrates the richness of indigenous cultures and recognizes the challenges indigenous peoples face today, ranging from poverty and disease to dispossession, discrimination, and denial of basic human rights.

August 12,

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Celebrates young people and the integral role they play in helping to create a world fit for children.

August 13- 15,

ULLAMBANA (also known as Obon) • Buddhist
Ullambana, a Sanskrit term that means "hanging upside down and suffering," honors the spirits of past ancestors and strives to relieve aching souls from suffering. It lasts about half of the month of August. Obon, the Japanese transliteration of Ullambana, is only three days and varies from region to region-July in the eastern region and August in the western region.

August 21,

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

Recognizes the many contributions older adults make in communities across the United States.

August 23,

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION

Memorializes the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade, coinciding with the anniversary of the uprising in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that initiated its abolition.

August 26,

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

Commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

August 30,

RAKSHA BANDHAN • Hindu

Also called Rakhi, this festival celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and their sisters.

September 2023

September 4,

LABOR DAY

Celebrated the first Monday in September in recognition of U.S. workers.

September 5,

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY

Recognizes the role of charity in alleviating human suffering, as well as of the efforts of charitable organizations and individuals, including the work of Mother Teresa.

September 6,

KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI (Also known as JAYANTI) • Hindu

Celebrates Krishna's birthday, Vishnu's eighth incarnation on earth.

September 8,

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Call to action for universal literacy.

September 15- October 15 Full Month,

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrates the contributions, heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

September 16- 17,

ROSH HASHANAH • Jewish

Beginning of the Jewish New Year and first of the High Holy Days, which marks the beginning of a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal.

September 17,

CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY

Commemorates the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787. Also honors all who have become U.S. citizens.

September 19,

GANESH CHATURTHI • Hindu

Celebrates the birthday of Ganesha, the elephant-deity.

September 23,

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX

Marks the first day of the season of fall. The sun shines nearly equally on both hemispheres when it's fall in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously spring in the Southern Hemisphere.

September 23,

BI VISIBILITY DAY

Seeks to draw attention to public policy concerns and foster respect for bi+ individuals and communities.

September 25,

YOM KIPPUR • Jewish

The "Day of Atonement" marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.

September 27,

MAWLID AL-NABI (Also known as MILAD AL-NABI) • Islamic (Sunni)

The observance of the birthday of Islam founder Prophet Muhammad, which is celebrated in Rabi' al-awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar. Shi'a Muslims celebrate it five days later than Sunni Muslims.

**September 30- Oct 6,
SUKKOT • Jewish**

The week-long "Feast of Booths" commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land.

October 2023

**October 2,
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE**

Marked on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence, a U.N commemoration promoting the principle of non-violence and the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance and understanding.

**October 5,
WORLD TEACHER'S DAY**

Held annually to commemorate teacher organizations worldwide.

**October 7,
MAWLID AL-NABI (Also known as MILAD AL-NABI) • Islamic (Shi'a)**

The observance of the birthday of Islam founder Prophet Muhammad, which is celebrated in Rabi' al-awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar. Sunni Muslims celebrates it five days earlier than Shi'a Muslims.

**October 7,
SHEMINI ATZERET • Jewish**

"The Eighth [Day] of Assembly" observed on the day immediately following Sukkot.

**October 8,
SIMCHAT TORAH • Jewish**

"Rejoicing in the Torah" celebrates the conclusion of the public reading of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Hebrew Bible) and it's beginning anew.

**October 9,
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY (Native American Day)**

Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture.
[The second Monday of October is also marked as a U.S. federal holiday, Columbus Day. Many people are opposed to the celebration of a man who led and committed atrocities against Indigenous people. Some states and cities in the U.S. have officially changed the day to Indigenous People's Day. Similarly, it is celebrated as Dia de la Raza, "Day of the Race," in Spanish-speaking countries and communities.]

**October 11,
COMING OUT DAY**

Encourages honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. Commemorates October 11, 1987, when 500,000 people marched on Washington, DC, for gay and lesbian equality.

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**October 15- 24,
NAVARATRI • Hindu**

Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil. It worships God in the form of the universal mother commonly referred to as Durga, Devi or Shakti, and marks the start of fall.

**October 16,
BIRTH OF THE BAB • Baha'f**

Baha'i observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1819 of Siyyid, "the Bab," the prophet herald of the Baha'i Faith, in Shiraz, Persia.

**October 17,
BIRTH OF BAHU'LLAH • Baha'i**

Observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Baha'u'llah, prophet-founder of the Baha'i Faith, in Nur, Persia.

**October 17,
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY**
Call to action for the eradication of poverty and destitution worldwide.

**October 20,
GUR-GADDI GURU GRANTH SAHIB • Sikh**

Since 1708, Sikhs have accepted Sri Guru Granth Sahib as their eternal Guru that holds the spirit of all Ten Gurus of the Sikhs. They consider Guru Granth Sahib to be a spiritual guide not only for Sikhs but for all of mankind; it plays a central role in guiding the Sikhs' way of life.

**October 24,
DUSSEHRA/DASSERA • Hindu**

Anniversary of the day when Rama killed the evil demon, Ravana. Also known as Durga Puja, which celebrates the goddess, Durga.

**October 24,
UNITED NATIONS DAY**
Commemorates the founding of the world organization in 1945.

**October 31,
HALLOWEEN**
The eve of All Saints' Day.

**October 31,
REFORMATION DAY • Christian**
Commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517.

November 2023

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November 1,
ALL SAINTS' DAY • Western Christian
Commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints. Eastern Orthodox Christianity observes it on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

November 2,
ALL SOULS' DAY • Christian
Commemoration of all faithful Christians who are now dead. In Mexican tradition it is celebrated as *Día de los Muertos* between October 31 and November 2 and is an occasion to remember dead ancestors and celebrate the continuity of life.

November 7,
ELECTION DAY
A day set by U.S. law for the election of public officials.

November 9-10,
KRISTALLNACHT
Also known as the Night of the Broken Glass, commemorates the 1938 program against Jews throughout Germany and Vienna.

November 11,
VETERANS' DAY
Honors military veterans and the U.S. Armed Services.

November 12,
BANDI-CHHOR DIWAS • Sikh
A commemorative occasion having no fixed date which occurs in October or November and celebrates the release of the Sixth Guru Har Gobind Sahib from imprisonment and coincides with Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

November 12,
DIWALI • Hindu
Also called Deepavali, "Festival of Lights", it celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.

November 13- 17,
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
Celebrates public education and honors individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child in the U. S. receives a quality education.

November 16,
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE
Emphasizes the dangers of intolerance and is a call to action for the advancement of human welfare, freedom, and progress everywhere, as well as a day to encourage tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures and peoples.

November 20,

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TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
Memorializes those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

November 23,
THANKSGIVING DAY
Following a 19th century tradition, it commemorates the Pilgrims' harvest feast in the autumn of 1621. It is considered by some to be a "National Day of Mourning," in recognition of the conquest of Native Americans by colonists.

November 26,
DAY OF THE COVENANT • Baha'f
Day of the Covenant is a festival observed to commemorate Baha'u'llah's appointment of His son, Abdu'l-Baha, as His successor.

November 27,
GURU NANAK DEV JI'S BIRTHDAY • Sikh
A very important holiday in the Sikh faith as Guru Nanak Dev's was the First Guru of the Sikhs and the Founder of Sikhism. He was born in mid-November; the holiday is celebrated according to the lunar date

December 2023

December 1,
WORLD AIDS DAY
International Day of Action on HIV and AIDS.

December 3,
ADVENT • Western Christian
Advent is a season of spiritual preparation in observance of the birth of Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, it starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, the season is longer and begins in the middle of November.

December 3,
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Raises awareness about persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.

December 8,
BODHI DAY • Buddhist
Also known as Rohatsu, commemorates the day that the Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, experienced enlightenment or spiritual awakening (bodhi). Celebrated on the eighth day either of December or the 12th month of the lunar calendar.

December 8- 15,
CHANUKAH • Jewish
Eight-day "Festival of Lights", also known as Hanukkah. celebrating the rededication of the Temple to the service of God in 164 BCE. Commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greek King, Antioch us, who sought to suppress freedom of worship.

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December 10,

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

On this day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

December 12,

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE • Christian

Celebrates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (by her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of Mexico, and the Americas) before Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to Roman Catholicism, on the Mexican hill of Tepeyac in 1531.

December 15,

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

Commemorates the signing into law of the ten original amendments of the United States Constitution in 1791.

December 21,

WINTER SOLSTICE

Marks the first day of the season of winter. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the shortest of the year with the sun shining closest to the Southern Hemisphere and the farthest from the Northern Hemisphere.

December 24,

CHRISTMAS EVE • Christian

Celebration of the arrival of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

December 25,

CHRISTMAS • Western Christian Commemorates the birth of Jesus.

December 26, 2023- January 1, 2024

KWANZAA

A seven-day celebration honoring African American heritage and its continued vitality. "Kwanzaa" means "first fruits (of the harvest)" in Swahili.

December 29,

WOUNDED KNEE DAY

On December 29, 1890, more than 200 Lakota Sioux were massacred by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee in South Dakota.

December 31,

NEW YEAR'S EVE

In the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Eve, the last day of the year, is on December 31. In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated at evening social gatherings, where many people dance, eat, drink, etc.

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January 2024

January 1,

NEW YEAR'S DAY

The first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar, commonly used for civil dating purposes.

January 5,

GURU GOBIND SINGH JI'S BIRTHDAY • Sikh

Guru Gobind Singh was the 10th Sikh guru of Nanak and founder of the Khalsa.

January 6,

CHRISTMAS • Armenian Orthodox Christian

The day Armenian Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. Before the Roman empire adopted Christianity, this was the original day all Christians observed the birth of Jesus.

January 6,

EPIPHANY | THEOPHANY • Christian

Celebrates the manifestation of Jesus as Christ. The Western Church associates Epiphany with the journey of the Magi to the infant Jesus Christ, and the Eastern Orthodox Church associates Theophany with the baptism of Jesus Christ by John.

January 7,

CHRISTMAS • Eastern Christian

Commemorating the birth of Jesus, most Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas 13 days later than other Christian churches based on their use of the Julian rather than the Gregorian version of the Western calendar.

January 14,

MAKAR SANKRANTI • Hindu

Seasonal celebration marking turning of the sun toward the north.

January 15,

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

The birthday of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is on January 15th but it is observed on the third Monday in January.

January 15-19,

NO NAME-CALLING WEEK

Annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling and bullying of all kinds.

January 21,

WORLD RELIGION DAY • Bahá'í

Observance to proclaim the oneness of religion and the belief that world religion will unify the peoples of the earth.

January 25,

TU B'SHVAT • Jewish
New Year's Day for Trees, and traditionally the first of the year for tithing fruit of trees.
Now a day for environmental awareness and action, such as tree planting.

January 25,
MAHAYANA NEW YEAR • Buddhist
In Mahayana countries, the New Year starts on the first full moon day in January.

January 27,
UN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY
Annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust coinciding with the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in 1945.

February 2024

February 10,
LUNAR NEW YEAR • Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist
Also known as the Spring Festival, an important festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.

February 13,
SHROVE TUESDAY • Western Christian
A day of penitence as well as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Also known as Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday and Carnival Day as this day is observed in many ways worldwide.

February 14,
ASH WEDNESDAY • Western Christian
The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.

February 14,
VALENTINE'S DAY
Celebrates the idea of romantic love.

February 15,
NIRVANA DAY • Buddhist
Celebrates the day when the historical Buddha achieved Parinirvana, or complete Nirvana, upon the death of his physical body. Sometimes celebrated on February 8.

February 15,
SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY
A commemorative holiday to celebrate the birth of Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906) and women's suffrage in the United States.

February 20,
PRESIDENTS' DAY
Honors all past presidents of the United States of America.

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February 20,
WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
U.N. day to recognize efforts to achieve fair outcomes for all through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work.

February 24,
MAGHA PUJA • Buddhist
Also known as Sangha Day, it commemorates the spontaneous assembly of 1,250 disciples, completely enlightened monks, in the historical Buddha's presence.

February 26 – February 29,
AYYÁM-I-HA OR INTERCALARY DAYS • Bahá'í
The Ayyám-i-ha, or "Days of Ha" are devoted to spiritual preparation for the fast, celebrating, hospitality, charity and gift giving. They are celebrated the four days, five in leap year, before the last month of the Bahá'í year by inserting days into the calendar in order to maintain their solar calendar.

February 29 – March 19,
NINETEEN-DAY FAST • Bahá'í
Baha'is between 15 and 70 years of age do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset and set aside time for prayer and meditation.

March 2024

March 8,
MAHA SHIVARATRI • Hindu
Also called Shiva Ratri, the Great Night of Shiva, is a festival in reverence of the god Shiva. The festival is celebrated at the 13th night or 14th day of the waning moon in the Hindu calendar (month of February or March of the English calendar).

March 8,
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide.

March 17,
ST. PATRICK'S DAY • Christian
Feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. In the U.S., a secular version is celebrated by people of all faiths through appreciation of all things Irish.

March 10-April 8,
RAMADAN • Islamic
Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.

March 18,

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CLEAN MONDAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian
The beginning of Great Lent for Eastern Orthodox Christian churches, which starts 40 days before Pascha, counting Sundays.

March 19,
VERNAL EQUINOX
Marks the first day of the season of spring. The sun shines nearly equally on both hemispheres when it's spring in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously fall in the Southern Hemisphere.

March 21,
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

March 21,
NOWRÚZ • Zoroastrian
A traditional ancient Iranian festival celebrating the first day of Spring and the Iranian New Year. Also celebrated as New Year's Day in Baha'i tradition (Naw-Ruz). (This date may vary based on region or sect.)

March 24,
PURIM • Jewish
The "Feast of Lots" marks the saving of the Jewish people of ancient Persia from extermination.

March 24,
PALM SUNDAY • Western Christian
Observed the Sunday before Easter to commemorate the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

March 25,
HOLI • Hindu
A spring festival in India and Nepal dedicated to the god of pleasure, also known as the festival of colors or the festival of sharing love.

March 26,
KHORDAD SAL • Zoroastrian
The Zoroastrian celebration of the birth of Zoroaster, the founder of the Zoroastrianism religion. The holiday is specifically celebrated in India and Iran, immediately following the Persian new year, Nowruz.

March 27,
HOLA MOHALLA • Sikh
An annual event which is a martial arts parade historically coinciding with Holi, the Hindu festival of colors. Celebrations related to Holla Mohalla may be held in various locations over several weekends preceding the actual date of the holiday.

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March 29,
GOOD FRIDAY • Western Christian
Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the Friday before Easter. Known as Holy Friday in Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

March 31,
CESAR CHAVEZ DAY
Honors Mexican American farm worker, labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez (1927–1993), who was a nationally respected voice for social justice.

March 31,
EASTER • Western Christian
Known as Pascha in Eastern Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

April 2024

April 5,
LAILAT AL-QADR • Islamic
Commemorates the night that the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is known as the "Night of Power." Often set on the 27th day of Ramadan, Sunnis may observe it on the 21st, 23rd, 25th or 29th and Shi'ite (Shiite) observe it on the 19th, 21st or 23rd day of Ramadan.

April 9,
EID AL-FITR • Islamic
The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.

April 13,
VAISAKHI (also spelled Baisakhi) • Sikh
The festival celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa.

April 21-May 2,
FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN • Bahá'í
Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, resided in a garden called Ridván (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed his mission as God's messenger for this age. The first (April 21), ninth (April 29), and twelfth (May 2) days are celebrated as holy days when Baha'is suspend work.

April 22,
PASSOVER/PESACH • Jewish
The eight-day "Feast of Unleavened Bread" celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

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April 24,

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY

Memorializes the genocide of approximately 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1923 in Turkey.

April 24-26,

THERAVADA NEW YEAR • Buddhist

In Theravada countries, the New Year is celebrated on the first full moon day in April.

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
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Date	April 28, 2023
Subject	Traffic Calming Projects Intended Goals – Specifically Harps Mill Road

Traffic calming projects are a product of evaluations of existing conditions along a street as it relates to speed, crashes, vehicular volumes, street classification, best practice design principals, and input from the neighborhood during the engagement and design process.

Harps Mill Road is designated as a collector street that is nearly 2 miles in length. It's intended purpose is to collect all the surrounding residential vehicular traffic and move that traffic out to thoroughfares such as Falls of Neuse Road and Litchford Road. This traffic calming effort sought to engage all residents in the over 600 properties that live along the street and in the approximate two-block radius surrounding Harps Mill Road.

All traffic calming projects begin when a concerned resident reaches out to the city and asks us to evaluate their street to determine if a speed compliance issue exists. Project lengths are capped at approximately 1 mile in length and due to the total length of Harps Mill Road, it was split into two separate evaluations and project scopes. Evaluations were performed in December of 2019 and January of 2020. Both evaluations resulted in the streets meeting the minimum qualifying thresholds to receive a future project offering. Along the approximate 2 mile stretch of roadway, typical traffic speeds were recorded at approximately 38 mph in the 30-mph zone, with 15% of drivers going faster than 38 mph. There were also 5 reported speed related crashes in the three years leading up to the evaluation. These conditions, plus other unique characteristics such as the North Ridge Elementary School resulted in the two projects along Harps Mill Road being in the top 20 ranked streets throughout Raleigh based on the severity of issues identified.

Council approved the top 20 ranked streets that included the two sections of Harps Mill Road to begin public engagement and design in late 2020 and staff began public engagement touchpoints in 2021. Those touchpoints included:

- Introduction Meeting where staff notified residents along the street they were eligible for a project, talked about traffic calming as a concept, and answered questions and

comments from the residents. This period lasted from January 11, 2021 – February 5, 2021.

- First Ballot where staff asked the question “Do you want to further explore traffic calming for your street?”. This ballot was held in February – March 2021.
- Preliminary Design Meeting where staff presented initial designs based on feedback from the Introduction Meeting and gathered resident feedback based on how well the neighborhood liked the first design proposal. These meetings were held between May and July 2021 with the two Harps Mill Road projects in active engagement from June 14, 2021 – July 9, 2021.
- Final Design Meeting where staff brought back updated designs based on the feedback received from residents from the Preliminary Design Meeting. These meetings were held between September and October 2021 with the two Harps Mill Road projects in active engagement from September 27, 2021 – October 24, 2021.
- Final Ballot where staff asked the question “Do you want this project constructed?”. This ballot was held in October – November 2021.

As part of the approval process, staff reports to Council the status of all the eligible traffic calming projects and where they are in the process. At the January 18, 2022 Council Work Session, staff presented the status of the 19 projects and received comments and recommendations from Council. This update was reported out of the Work Session at the February 1, 2022 Council meeting where Council motioned to approve the 19 eligible traffic calming projects, that included the 2 projects along Harps Mill Road, and approved them to move to construction.

After Council’s approval, staff worked to move the projects to construction by doing the required survey and construction document preparation. Qualifying bids were received and accepted in November 2022 and Council approved the construction contract at the December 6, 2022 Council meeting.

The Notice to Proceed with construction activities for all 19 projects was issued on February 10, 2023. Construction started on the two Harps Mill Road traffic calming projects the week of March 27, 2023, with the contractor focusing on the horizontal traffic calming treatments that include split/pinch intersection treatments, neighborhood traffic circles, and chicanes. As of the week of April 24th, all 10 horizontal treatments were constructed. Permanent street marking updates have been completed through the chicane section and the intersection markings for the neighborhood traffic circles are in process of being installed. The 8 speed humps proposed with this project have not been installed but are scheduled for construction starting the week of May 1st.

Traffic calming projects work by consistently placing treatments at approximately equal intervals along the entirety of a street. With all the treatments not yet complete along Harps Mill Road, it creates gaps where drivers can exceed the speed limit and design speed for the project. It can also lead to more aggressive driving behavior. Drivers have been found to attempt to make up for the perceived lost time of navigating the completed traffic calming devices before reaching the next completed traffic calming treatment. With the Harps Mill Road projects missing 8 treatments in key locations

along the street, this creates opportunity for higher speeds along a street with a history of speed compliance and crash issues, along with the situation of drivers adjusting to the new traffic patterns. Until all the proposed traffic calming treatments have been constructed, the traffic calming project will not have the full intended calming effect and an evaluation of the project is unable to be performed.

Since the project began at the end of March, there has been one reported crash that took place near the intersection of Harps Mill Road and Bridgewater Court while still under construction. There has been a recent neighborhood traffic circle installed along with 2 sets of chicanes at this intersection and there are 3 proposed speed humps that will be installed between Litchford Road and Bridgewater Court. Since that time, staff has worked with the contractors to increase signage and work zone safety for all the remaining traffic calming projects that are under construction.

With every traffic calming project, staff inspects, observes, and evaluates the project. Currently, each treatment is being inspected to ensure it meets the layout and standards in the construction documents. As projects progress, we observe to ensure no tweaks or adjustments need to be made to the project. More in-depth evaluations will be performed at the approximate 6-month mark to ensure the project is effective in slowing drivers down to the posted speed limit and to also ensure other traffic calming measures are being met. Staff is optimistic the two Harps Mill Road traffic calming projects, as well as the other 17 projects being constructed this year will meet the goals of the project by reducing driver speeds and increasing safety for all users. Past projects have resulted in an average decrease of driver speeds of 8.29 mph with typical traffic speed within 1 mph of the posted speed limit on average. The same best practice designs, spacing, and layout were used with this round of projects, so similar results are expected based on historical trends.

Neighborhood engagement and buy in is key in achieving a successful project offering and a project that is accepted by the neighborhood. Working through the robust engagement process allows residents to express their concerns and provide their feedback so that we can try to implement projects that meet the values and needs of each unique neighborhood. With every treatment type and project style, there are pros and cons to the choices made, but through consensus building and installing treatments in the appropriate context, the benefits greatly outweigh the downsides.

To review the project layout for the Harps Mill Road traffic calming projects and the other 17 projects that are currently under construction, please use the following link below:

<https://raleighnc.gov/transit-streets-and-sidewalks/final-traffic-calming-designs>