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### **Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, March 19; 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.**

Please note there will be a **Closed Session** immediately following the afternoon session of the Council meeting.

**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:

### **FY25 Budget Work Sessions – Forecast and Recap**

*Staff Resource: Sadia Sattar, Budget & Management Services, 996-4273, [sadia.sattar@raleighnc.gov](mailto:sadia.sattar@raleighnc.gov)*

As a reminder for Council, as part of the annual budget process the Budget and Management Services department holds Budget Work Sessions with City Council from February through April. During these

sessions staff from various departments, in coordination with the City Manager's Office, present contextual and background information on various topics in advance of the formal proposed budget. Work sessions allow Council to become more familiar with the scope and operations of departments, the needs of the community and serve to facilitate discussion between Council and department staff. Topics of Budget Work Sessions and the corresponding dates for the current budget process are shown below.

#### **February Budget Work Session**

- Date: February 19, 2024
- Topics: General Fund Outlook and Compensation and Benefits

#### **March Budget Work Session**

- Date: March 11, 2024
- Topics: City of Raleigh Enterprise Funds

#### **April Budget Work Session**

- Date: April 8, 2024
- Topics: Grants, Fees, and Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

On May 21, the City Manager will present the FY25 Proposed Budget to the City Council. A public presentation will be made before the City Council, staff, members of the press and interested community members. As required by the Budget and Fiscal Control Act, a copy of the Proposed Budget will be filed with the City Clerk and made available for public inspection. City Council Budget Work Sessions are scheduled for June 3, 10, 17, and 24. These sessions will provide the City Council to review and discuss the Proposed Budget. In accordance with the Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the City Council will hold a public hearing on June 4 for the FY25 Proposed Budget prior to the adoption of the budget ordinance. On or prior to July 1, City Council must adopt the five-year Capital Improvement Program, the final budget ordinance with balanced revenues and expenditures, and set the tax rate for the next fiscal year.

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#### **Informational Rezoning Video Series Now Available**

*Staff Resource: Bynum Walter, Planning and Development, 996-2178, [bynum.walter@raleighnc.gov](mailto:bynum.walter@raleighnc.gov)*

Planning and Development staff, in collaboration with Raleigh Television Network, have published an educational video titled "What is Zoning?" This video is the first in a series of short videos that will efficiently describe what zoning is, what rezoning is, and how residents can get involved in the process. The [video](#) is available online via YouTube and has been shared via the City social media pages.

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#### **2023-24 Seasonal Loose-Leaf Collection Complete**

*Staff Resource: Jason Holmes, Transportation, 996-6446, [jason.holmes@raleighnc.gov](mailto:jason.holmes@raleighnc.gov)*

Seasonal loose-leaf collection for the 2023-2024 season has been completed.

Crews completed the second round of loose-leaf collection on Thursday, March 7; the seasonal leaf collection program began Monday, October 30, 2023.



Loose leaf collection is a residential service for residents living inside Raleigh city limits and features two rounds of vacuuming leaf piles placed between the curb and sidewalk. This season, crews collected 3,059 loads of leaves estimated at over 67,000 cubic yards. This amount would fill the entire Raleigh Municipal Building at a height of over 90 feet.

From March 11 to March 29 residents can complete the [Missed Leaf Collection form](#) for any leaf piles that may have been put out late, blocked by vehicles during the collection cycles, or otherwise missed. The form, and other valuable program information, is available on the loose-leaf collection page at [raleighnc.gov/leaf](http://raleighnc.gov/leaf).

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### **Quarterly Raleigh/Knightdale Planning Coordination – Final Update**

*Staff Resource: Matthew Burns, Planning and Development, 919-996-4641, [matthew.burns@raleighnc.gov](mailto:matthew.burns@raleighnc.gov)*

On March 1 staff with the Planning and Development and Transportation departments met with counterparts from the town of Knightdale staff for the quarterly peer-to-peer planning coordination meeting. Goals of these coordination meetings include discussion of relevant issues pertaining to each municipality and to provide a forum for cross-coordination. Items discussed in this session 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. Listed below are examples of various items discussed:

- Wake Bus Rapid Transit and Station Area Planning – New Bern Corridor Update
- Raleigh Site/Development Updates
  - River Towne
  - Beaver Dam
  - Hodge Road Assemblage
- Knightdale Site/Development Updates
  - Brio Multi-Family

### Legacy Oaks

#### Proposed Keiths Road Innovation District

- Buffalo Road Improvements Coordination/River Towne Update
- Buffalo, Hodge, and Poole Road Coordination/Annexation and Rezonings Update
- KnightdaleNext – 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update
- Knightdale Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan

The next coordination meeting is scheduled for July 12; this will be the final report on the item as this regular/ongoing coordination has been operationalized.

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### 2023 Economic Impact of Walnut Creek and Red Hat Amphitheaters

*Staff Resource: Sarah McAlister, Conv. & Performing Arts Ctrs., 996-8500, [sarah.mcalister@raleighnc.gov](mailto:sarah.mcalister@raleighnc.gov)*

Included with the *Update* materials is a media release from earlier today highlighting the economic impact of the amphitheaters during 2023.

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### Weekly Digest of Special Events

*Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 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

No items this week.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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## **Raleigh's Amphitheaters Drive \$40 Million in Economic Impact**

*Red Hat Amphitheater and Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek steer a momentous year for the area's thriving live entertainment scene*

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Raleigh continues to be a cultural hub for live entertainment as home to some of the hottest concert venues in the Southeast, including Red Hat Amphitheater and Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek.

Both amphitheaters are part of The Complex, the City of Raleigh's premier portfolio of convention and entertainment venues, which also includes the Raleigh Convention Center and Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts. Through these venues, The Complex stimulates an innovative, artistic, and cultural presence in the community and continues to highlight Raleigh as a nationally recognized entertainment destination.

"Raleigh's amped up music venues have a reputation of being a favorite for artists and fans alike," said Kerry Painter, Director/General Manager of The Complex. "Each year, we welcome hundreds of thousands to our amphitheaters and we're proud to be the hot spot where so many unforgettable moments are made."

Through a partnership with Live Nation, both amphitheaters host the top touring artists in the world and bring a combined annual \$40 million in economic impact to Raleigh. In 2023 alone, Red Hat Amphitheater and Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek welcomed over 300,000 fans across a combined 60 concerts. In addition to enjoying live music, these fans also spend on hotels and lodging, food and beverage, transportation and retail right in Raleigh.

"We're so proud to be part of Raleigh's incredible growth story and to play a vital role in the city's dynamic entertainment scene," said Jeannine Beson, regional vice president of venue operations for Live Nation. "Significant investments in both amphitheaters over the last few years allowed us to enhance fan experience by expanding entry gates for fast access, adding state-of-the-art LED screens and offering an elevated food and beverage program. We take pride in making these venues better each season and partnering with the City to make Downtown Raleigh a destination for live music fans."



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Located in the heart of Downtown Raleigh, Red Hat Amphitheater offers incredible views of the city skyline with stacked lineups year after year. The amphitheater also offers an elevated fan hospitality experience including a VIP Lounge which was added last season. This year, Red Hat Amphitheater will host Tate McCrae, Lainey Wilson, Queens of the Stone Age, and more to be announced.


Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek has over thirty years of live music history, playing host to major tours and festivals during the summer season and laying a foundation for the local music scene. The 2024 calendar already boasts Foo Fighters, HARDY, Hozier, Alanis Morissette, and more. The venue will also take part in Live Nation's Lawnie Pass program, a popular seasonal pass that allows live music fans to enjoy a lineup of the summer's best concerts across genres like country, rock, pop, hip-hop and more for around \$10 per show.

The Complex is dedicated to promoting sustainable practices within its venues and the community. Coastal Credit Union Music Park is one of the leading venues in Live Nation's Green Nation sustainability program, which has zero waste teams working to reduce single-use plastics and promote recycling, composting and food donations. With a long history of sustainable operations, Coastal Credit Union Music Park also provides artist catering options from their backstage garden and diverted more than 70% of its waste in 2023. Red Hat Amphitheater is also initiating new partnerships with Great Raleigh Clean Up and Compost Now for the 2024 season.

Both venues also provide full time and seasonal employment to residents. The amphitheaters employ more than 600 crew members and are actively hiring for the 2024 season.

Raleigh's mild climate creates a spectacular season for amphitheater concerts, with both venues operating from as early as April through as late as October. Red Hat Amphitheater and Coastal Credit Union Music have consistently been awarded as Best Outdoor Music Venue and Best Live Music Venue from local publications, plus received national recognition from Pollstar and Venues Now.

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# THE COMPLEX

## **About The Complex**

The Raleigh Convention and Performing Arts Complex ("The Complex") encompasses four city-owned and managed facilities that bring together local residents, out-of-town visitors and a host of performing artists from around the country and the world.

In the heart of North Carolina's vibrant capitol city, three of the four venues welcome some 1 million visitors to downtown Raleigh each year. The award-winning, 500,000-square-foot Raleigh Convention Center is a leader in innovation, sustainability and guest experience. Next door sits the city's signature open-air music venue, Red Hat Amphitheater, with 6,000 seats and a buzzworthy schedule of musical performances.

A short walk away, the Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts offers four unique theaters, seating from 150 to 2,369, and is home to resident companies Carolina Ballet, North Carolina Symphony, North Carolina Opera and PineCone. Beyond Downtown Raleigh, Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek boasts a 20,000-person capacity amphitheater on 77 rolling green acres and regularly packs the house with big-name acts.

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# Weekly Events Digest

Friday, March 15 – Thursday, March 21

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## Permitted Special Events

### [Ella's Race](#)

North Ridge Country Club & Route

Saturday, March 16

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

Associated Road Closures: Hunting Ridge Road between Falls of Neuse Road and Buckhead Drive will be closed from 5:00am until 11:00am. The race routes will be closed from 7:50am until 10:00am. Note that all cross-streets one block in each direction will be detoured, and [view the 1-mile, 5K, and 10K routes](#) for more details.

### [Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade](#)

Fayetteville Street District & Capital District

Saturday, March 16

Event Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Associated Road Closures: Hillsborough Street between McDowell Street and S. Salisbury Street, and Morgan Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 8:00am until 11:30am. The parade route will be closed from 9:50am until 11:30am. Note that all cross-streets one block in each direction will be detoured, and see below for turn-by-turn details:

- Start at intersection of Hillsborough Street and S. Salisbury Street and head south
- Left onto E. Morgan Street
- Right onto Fayetteville Street
- Disassemble at Lenoir Street sidewalks

### [Hibernian Pub's St. Paddy's Block Party](#)

Glenwood Avenue & North Street

Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17

Event Time: 11:00am - 10:00pm on 3-16-24 & 12:00pm - 10:00pm on 3-17-24

Associated Road Closures: Glenwood Avenue between North Street and Lane Street will be closed from 6:00am on 3-16-24 until 2:00am on 3-17-24. North Street between Glenwood Avenue and the Blue Ridge Realty parking lot entrance will be closed from 6:00am on 3-16-24 until 11:00pm on 3-17-24.

### [Milk Bar's St. Patrick's Day Block Party](#)

Tucker Street

Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17

Event Time: 12:00pm - 10:00pm on 3-16-24 & 12:00pm - 10:00pm on 3-17-24

Associated Road Closures: Tucker Street between Glenwood Avenue and the 510 Glenwood parking deck will be closed from 8:00am on 3-16-24 until 11:59pm on 3-17-24.

### [JY Joyner 5K](#)

Noble Road & Crabtree Creek Trail

Sunday, March 17

Event Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Noble Road between Lowden Street and Hawes Court will be closed from 1:50pm until 3:00pm, and Crabtree Creek Trail between the Noble Road greenway entrance west to Rothgeb Park will be used from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. Anderson Drive at Oxford Road will be closed intermittently during this time to assist runners crossing the road.



## Other Upcoming Events

### [Dom Flemons Shultz's Dream – Pinecone](#)

Friday, March 15  
Fletcher Opera Theater

### [Totally 80s – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16  
Meymandi Concert Hall

### [Beyond The Book Children's Book & Art Festival](#)

Saturday, March 16  
Fred Fletcher Park

### [Rain Garden and Rain Barrel Workshop](#)

Saturday, March 16  
Walnut Creek Wetland Center

### [Intro to Genealogy](#)

Saturday, March 16  
The Chapel at Dix Park

### [Playthrough Gaming Convention](#)

Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17  
Raleigh Convention Center

### [Sports History Trolley](#)

Sunday, March 17  
Mordecai Historic Park

### [Moore Square Café Open House](#)

Monday, March 18  
Moore Square

### [WWE Monday Night RAW](#)

Monday, March 18  
PNC Arena

### [Fall Out Boy](#)

Tuesday, March 19  
PNC Arena

### [Timely Connections](#)

Thursday, March 21  
City of Raleigh Museum

### [Aaron Lewis: The American Patriot Tour](#)

Thursday, March 21  
Memorial Auditorium

### [Philadelphia Flyers vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Thursday, March 21  
PNC Arena

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## **The Little Mermaid – Carolina Ballet**

Through Sunday, March 24  
Fletcher Opera Theater

## **Public Resources**

**Event Feedback Form**: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of 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.