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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, June 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.

Please note there will be a **Closed Session** immediately following the lunch work session.

INFORMATION:

DMV Site Acquisition and Development Process Update

Staff Resource: Tansy Hayward, City Manager's Office, 996-3070, tansy.hayward@raleighnc.gov

On January 2, 2024, Council authorized next steps for the acquisition and redevelopment of the former Department of Motor Vehicle Headquarters site on New Bern Avenue, including: allocating ARPA funds for site acquisition; allocating interest proceeds for the purpose of site remediation; demolition and interim stabilization and activation; and accepting the community engagement plan. Listed below is a brief update and next steps on each of the items authorized in January:

Purchase Agreement: The relocation of state employees is now complete and the State will remove final equipment by next week. The deed work has been completed and is awaiting signature by the Governor.

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Given estimates by the State, staff anticipates the deed will be executed and recorded, and funds will be transferred from the City to the State, prior to the end of the month. Staff is preparing an action by the City Council to rezone the property to apply Transit Overlay District zoning, as well as to modify the base zoning to OX-5 for the July 2 meeting agenda, in anticipation of the transfer of ownership.

Commitment of Interest Proceeds: Staff with the Engineering Services department have continued preparation for the abatement and demolition of structures located on the site to begin late summer/ early fall. Item L1, the Capital Improvement Wrap Up Budget Ordinance which appears on the June 18 consent agenda will provide appropriations to fully fund the anticipated abatement and demolition project, if adopted by Council.

Community Engagement Plan: The Project Working Group has now held two meetings and anticipates completing its charter and supporting structure at the next meeting of the work group. Once complete, City staff will provide a future update about next steps in the engagement process.

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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 May 28 Growth and Natural Resources Committee

Jaycee Park Recycling Center Closure and Repurposing

Staff Resource: Tansy Hayward, City Manager's Office, 996-3070, tansy.hayward@raleighnc.gov

During the committee meeting, two presentations from members of the public were provided regarding litter in the City. One presentation included information about the previous action to remove the recycling Convenience Center from Jaycee Park. As Council may recall, the Jaycee Park Convenience Center was removed due to continued illegal dumping and numerous complaints received regarding illegal dumping.

A staff presentation, which will provide additional background and context for the committee, was deferred to a future meeting of the Growth and Natural Resources Committee, currently scheduled for June 25. Staff, however, committed to distributing the information previously included with <u>Update 2023-43</u> addressing the Convenience Center site. An excerpt from the <u>Issue 2023-43</u> (pp. 4 - 6 of that edition) is included with the <u>Update</u> materials.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, June 14 - Thursday, June 20

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Permitted Special Events

Capital City Juneteenth Celebration 2024

Harvey Hill at Dorothea Dix Park

Saturday, June 15

Event Time: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Associated Road Closures: The following roads will be closed, and Harvey Hill will be used from 9:00am

until 7:00pm:

- Umstead Drive between Graham Building parking lot and lower Chapel parking lot, and between Middleton Drive and Lake Wheeler Road
- S. Boylan Avenue between Tate Drive and Umstead Drive
- Cranmer Drive and Picot Drive between Umstead Drive and Palmer Drive
- Palmer Drive between Cranmer Drive and Picot Drive

Double Dutch Fest

Fayetteville Street Saturday, June 15

Event Time: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and Martin Street, and Hargett Street between Salisbury Street and Wilmington Street will be closed from 7:00am until 10:00pm.

Raleigh Retro Gamer Summer Expo

Moore Square

Saturday, June 15

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

Associated Impacts: Sidewalks directly next to Moore Square on all sides of the park will be used from

9:00am until 4:30pm.

Raleigh Pride Pop Fitness Dance Class

Exchange Plaza Thursday, June 20

Event Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Associated Impacts: Exchange Plaza will be used from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.

Other Upcoming Events

Juneteenth Trolley with Carmen W. Cauthen

Friday, June 14

John P. "Top" Greene Community Center

Juneteenth Celebration at The Pines

Friday, June 14 Carolina Pines Park

25th Annual Raleigh Small Business Expo

Friday, June 14

NCSU McKimmon Center

City of Raleigh Operations Job Fair

Friday, June 14 John Chavis Memorial Park

Dave Matthews Band

Friday, June 14 Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Kumar Sanu & Sadhana Sargam - Unforgettable 90's

Friday, June 14 Meymandi Concert Hall

Dwight Yoakam

Friday, June 14 Red Hat Amphitheater

3rd Annual Raleigh Tattoo Arts Festival

Friday, June 14 – Sunday, June 16 Raleigh Convention Center

Juneteenth at Mordecai

Saturday, June 15 Mordecai Historic Park

Summer Paddle Day Saturday, June 15 Lake Wheeler Park

North Carolina Bridal Expo

Saturday, June 15 Raleigh Convention Center

What's the Word - Reclaim Tour

Saturday, June 15 Fletcher Opera Theater

HARDY

Saturday, June 15 Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Dream Moore Market

Sunday, June 16 Moore Square

Cary Dance Productions Recital

Sunday, June 16 Memorial Auditorium

Goose

Tuesday, June 18 Red Hat Amphitheater

African Cultured Expressions of the Arts

Wednesday, June 19 John P. "Top" Greene Community Center

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Maggie Rogers

Wednesday, June 19 Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Summer Solstice Sunrise Yoga 2024

Thursday, June 20 Flowers Field at Dix Park

Artist Talk: DeWitt Godfrey

Thursday, June 20 The Chapel at Dix Park

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.

Council Member Follow Up

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Jaycee Park Recycling Center Closure

Staff Resource: Stan Joseph, Solid Waste Services, 996-6941, stan.joseph@raleighnc.gov

In response to recent community inquiries regarding the closure of the unmanned Jaycee Park Recycling Center earlier this summer, Solid Waste Services (SWS), in collaboration with Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources (PRCR), prepared the following materials documenting the history of efforts made to mitigate

illegal dumping, proposed solutions, and steps taken to communicate closure plans to residents. The materials highlighted alternative locations for bulk recycling, including the SWS Bulky and Special load curbside service, regular SWS curbside recycling service, and recycling opportunities at other Wake County Convenience Centers operated by Wake County government.

History

The Jaycee Park Recycling Center opened to the public in 1982 as a partnership between the City of Raleigh and managing partner, Wake Community Recycling (WCR). The effort was launched to help combat the rapid expansion of the Wilkes Grove landfill and provide residents with a communal location to take recyclable materials. The proceeds from collected raw materials were allocated to programs that benefited low-income residents. The location predated the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services curbside recycling collection program, as well as implementation of the Wake County Convenience Centers. At right is an example of an informational flyer from that time period.



Illegal Dumping Concerns

The unstaffed Jaycee Park Recycling Center experienced frequent incidents of illegal dumping as early as 1986. These occurrences continued when the City assumed onsite management responsibilities in 1990 and have continued to occur until ultimate closing of the site this summer.

SWS staff and community members reported an increase in the frequency and volume of illegal dumping incidents at Jaycee Park since 2019. In addition to recyclables, waste debris from residential dwellings and local businesses was often found onsite. Frequently, the volume of debris required SWS staff to remove bulk loads before they could even access the recycling containers. Residents have voiced their concerns about illegal dumping to many city departments over the years. In addition to email and phone call complaints, SWS processed 50 work orders in 2021 and 76 work orders in 2022 for illegal dumping at Jaycee Park Recycling Center. These collection efforts were in addition to the department's regular collection efforts. Complaints persisted into 2023.

In response to these illegal dumping incidents, SWS increased the collection service of recyclable containers from two to four times a week. On occasion, SWS collected debris from this site multiple times a day as circumstances required it. Cleanup and maintenance efforts are not just limited to SWS efforts. As part of weekly park maintenance, PRCR staff routinely performed grounds clean-up and cleared debris from the disposal site driveway.

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IIS CENTER IS FOR RECYCLING ONLY OTHER DISPOSAL SITES IN RALEIGH:

FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, GARBAGE, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS & FOOD SCRAPS WAKE COUNTY CONVENIENCE CENTER # 7^t 9024 DEPONIE DR. 919-856-7400

YARD WASTE & ELECTRONICS CITY OF RALEIGH YARD WASTE CENTER 900 N. NEW HOPE RD, 919-250-2758

TIRES & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WAKE COUNTY NORTH WAKE MULTI-MATERIAL FACILITY

9029 DEPONIE DR, 919-845-4540

In 2019 staff from SWS, PRCR, and the Raleigh Police Department (RPD) began working together to implement the following measures to combat illegal dumping:

- **February 2021** PRCR staff installed wildlife cameras to monitor activity.
- RPD increased patrol and issued several warnings for illegal dumping.
- New signage was installed that was significant, clear, and stated the violation.
- Apr. 2021 July 2021 SWS installed temporary, portable cameras.

Despite these collaborative and comprehensive efforts, instances of illegal dumping persisted.

Jaycee Park Recycling Center Closure and Communication Efforts

The Jaycee Park Recycling Center has served Raleigh residents for over forty years. One of the first efforts to initiate community-wide recycling, the disposal site predates the biweekly curbside collection of recyclables by the City as well as and the 11 Wake County Convenience Centers that serve the community.

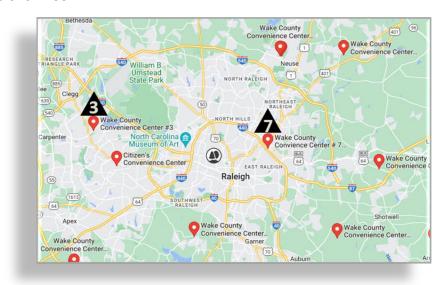
The frequent nature of the illegal dumping incidents at Jaycee Park requires partnering departments to allocate unplanned resources to address immediate, unsafe, and unhealthy conditions. With the availability of curbside SWS services and other community convenience centers, this location is not serving its intended

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purpose. It has been detrimental to the city's efforts to maintain a safe, vibrant, and healthy community and park environment.

Due to these persistent issues, SWS closed the Jaycee Park Recycling Center effective June 30, 2023. Staff posted placards at the site for over 60 days to inform the community and redirect recycling efforts to established curbside collection services. A handout was available for visitors to Jaycee Park which contained pertinent closure information. The city website was updated with educational information to provide residents with alternatives for disposal of their recyclables including links to the eleven available Wake County Convenience Centers designed to assist in the disposal of unwanted debris and recyclables. Wake County Convenience Centers #3 (266 Aviation Parkway) and #7 (9024 Deponie Drive) are less than 12 miles from Jaycee Park. In addition to cardboard and mixed recycling items, these Centers also accept clothing, scrap metals, mattresses, and household construction debris.

A full description of Wake County Convenience Center locations and accepted items are available at the following link: https://www.wake.gov/departments-government/waste-recycling/facilities/convenience-centers. In addition to the Wake County Convenience Centers, recycling drop-off remains available at the SWS Yard Waste Center (900 N. New Hope Rd) for Raleigh residents and small businesses to drop off recyclable materials for free.



Wake County Convenience Centers, (3 & 7), proximity to Jaycee Park

With the recycling center secured and signage in place to keep residents informed, PRCR continues to evaluate the space resulting from the closure and will repurpose it to meet the recreational, environmental, and leisure needs of the area.

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