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INFORMATION:

Regular Council Meeting Wednesday, November 6 - Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Reminder that Council will meet next **Wednesday** 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>

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 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.

Moore Square Improvements and Updates

Staff Resource: Doug Porter, Parks, 278-6967, douglas.porter@raleighnc.gov

As Moore Square continues to evolve and improve, staff is pleased to provide updates on several key initiatives. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum which includes information regarding the café vendor selection, the park security contract, the launch of a new "Friends of Moore Square" group, and details on a recently awarded Rotary grant that will support new enhancements to the park.

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Seasonal Loose Leaf Collection Program

Staff Resource: Jason Holmes, Transportation, 996-6446, jason.holmes@raleighnc.gov

Final preparations for the 2024-2025 Loose Leaf Collection program have been occurring and the collection schedule for the upcoming season was released on October 16. Leaf collection service is provided to residents during the fall and winter months and includes two passes of the city; the first pass is scheduled to commence Tuesday, November 12 with completion of the season targeted for Monday, February 11, 2025. The second pass schedule will be published in January, as staff assesses the collection progress and any potential weather impacts. Staff anticipates completion of the two citywide collection passes by the end of March 2025.



The recruitment of temporary staff is essential to the success of this program and there have been tremendous challenges in that effort over the last few years. To aid in this recruitment effort, Transportation staff held a Job Fair on September 20-21, with a strong focus on recruiting seasonal employees for this program. This effort has shown great promise as there have been 17 applicants hired thus far. Recruitment for these positions is ongoing with a goal of hiring 20 temporary employees for this program. In addition to focusing on recruitment, Transportation staff members have spent considerable time working with our partners in Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources, Engineering Services, Communications, Real Estate, and Solid Waste Services to coordinate this service for the community. Currently, all leaf collection equipment is being tested, and training for new employees will commence on Monday, November 4.

Key reminders about this program:

- Loose leaf collection is provided separately from routine yard waste collection and does not impact the recurring schedule for curbside collection service. As a reminder, residents can utilize their yard waste carts and up to 15 biodegradable bags for leaves as part of the regular yard waste collection.
- The loose-leaf collection program is weather-dependent. Cold wet weather, especially snow and ice, can tremendously slow or even suspend the program for several days with each occurrence. City staff continually monitors the weather and assess our ability to safely provide services. If collections are suspended or staff is diverted to address snow and ice events or substantial rain events, the collection schedule will be adversely affected.

A few tips to help you prepare your leaf piles for a safe and efficient pickup.

- Yard waste, including loose leaves, generated by the work of a contractor is NOT eligible for curbside collection. Contractors must remove and properly dispose of the yard waste from your property after their work is completed.
- Do not mix sticks or trash in with your leaf piles – they break our equipment.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. Leaf piles in the street are dangerous to motorists and cyclists.
- Leaf piles in the street block storm drains, which could result in flooding.
- Leaf piles should be placed in your yard, typically in the area between the curb and sidewalk but close enough to the street for the vacuum equipment to reach them, generally no more than six feet from the edge of pavement.

To view the latest updates or follow collection progress throughout the season using the interactive map please visit: raleighnc.gov/leaf

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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.

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Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow up from the October 15 Council Work Session

King's Ridge Ops Funding (Council Member Harrison)

Staff Resource: Emila Sutton, Housing & Neighborhoods, 996-6947, emila.sutton@raleighnc.gov

During the work session, Council asked whether the Wake County Housing Authority (WCHA) will be participating in Raleigh Housing Authority (RHA)'s upcoming Project Based Voucher (PBV) Request for Proposals (RFP).

In November 2021, Council approved funding for the construction of King's Ridge, a 100-unit affordable rental development that will provide permanent supportive housing to households experiencing homelessness. To maintain affordable rents, King's Ridge will need Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) from the Raleigh Housing Authority (RHA) and the Wake County Housing Authority (WCHA). RHA has confirmed their plans to issue the request for proposals (RFP) on 11/1/2024.

RHA has confirmed that WCHA can leverage their RFP process in awarding their own PBVs, however Housing & Neighborhoods has not yet confirmed that this will occur. When Housing & Neighborhoods confirms this with WCHA, an update will be provided.

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To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Stephen C. Bentley, Director – Raleigh Parks
From	Douglas Porter, Historic Sites Program Director
Department	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
Date	November 1, 2024
Subject	Moore Square Improvements and Updates

Background and Context

As Moore Square continues to evolve and improve, staff is pleased to provide updates on several key initiatives. This memo includes information regarding the café vendor selection, the security contract, launch of a new "Friends of Moore Square" group, and details on a recently awarded Rotary grant that will support new enhancements to the park.

Moore Square Café Vendor

In April 2024, the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department (PRCR) issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to find a new operator for the café space at Moore Square. Nine interested vendors submitted proposals by the May 10 deadline. A review team, including PRCR and Planning staff and an external member from the Downtown Raleigh Alliance (DRA), evaluated the proposals and interviewed three finalists.

On June 28, the review team identified Lucky Tree as the recommended operator based on their creative vision for the space, commitment to supporting local artists, and health-conscious menu offerings. City staff have since worked with Lucky Tree to negotiate terms and finalize a Concessionaire License Agreement (CLA). Next steps include presenting the recommendation to City Council for approval, followed by an upfit period of approximately one month. Lucky Tree plans to move into the space and begin operations by early winter.

Moore Square Security

During the FY25 budget process, PRCR secured funding to extend private security at Moore Square. PRCR opted to exercise an addendum option within the Transit Department's security services contract at GoRaleigh Station and contract with Capitol Special Police (CSP) for a term of one year, with the possibility of two additional one-year renewals.

CSP service at Moore Square began in September 2024. The scope of service includes two uniformed CSP security guards onsite daily from 10am to 8pm and during special events. The contract also includes two patrols of Nash Square each day. The goal is to ensure safety for park visitors and provide an immediate and consistent security presence in Moore Square. CSP will work closely with RPD and other authorities, particularly during emergencies.

"Friends of Moore Square"

Under the leadership of David Meeker and Kate Charland of Carpenter Development, a dedicated group of businesses and individuals have launched "Friends of Moore Square." The group will support improvements at Moore Square, aiming to provide a quarterly contribution to fund park enhancements, in coordination with City staff

Current projects under consideration include:

- Shade structures.
- A public address (PA) system for ambiance and efficient communication during programs or emergencies.
- A permanent dog park.
- Music and play structures.

Eight stakeholders have already pledged quarterly support. More information and a donation link can be found on the City of Oaks Foundation website.

Rotary Grant

The Crabtree Rotary Club, in collaboration with other area Rotary clubs, has secured a \$23,200 Rotary International donation to install interactive musical play elements in Moore Square. PRCR staff and Rotary leadership are currently exploring equipment options and locations, with a focus on activating the "Grove Room" along Hargett Street. This site would create a seamless connection between Moore Square and the Marbles Kids Museum, further establishing the area as a vibrant, family-friendly downtown destination.

Scheduled for completion by Spring 2025, the Music Garden will enhance Moore Square and contribute to the vitality of Downtown Raleigh. In addition to financial support, Rotary Club members are volunteering throughout the project's development and installation, embodying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, November 1 – Thursday, November 7

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Permitted Special Events

[Commerce Place\(making\)](#)

Commerce Place

Friday, November 1

Event Time: 3:00pm - 8:00pm

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

[First Friday @ The Times](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, November 1

Event Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 5:30pm until 11:59pm.

[Moving Day NC Triangle](#)

Dorothea Dix Park

Saturday, November 2

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

Associated Road Closures: The Kirby parking lot will be used from 5:30pm until 8:30pm on 11-1-24, and from 5:30am until 3:00pm on 11-2-24. Umstead Drive between the Adams and Kirby parking lots, and Dawkins Drive will be closed from 11:45am until 12:30pm on 11-2-24.

[City of Oaks Marathon](#)

Downtown, Hillsborough Street, & Greenways

Sunday, November 3

Event Time: 7:00am - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: West Street between North Street and Johnson Street will be closed from 3:00am until 3:00pm, and Glenwood Avenue between Peace Street and Jones Street will be closed from 3:00am until 7:45am.

Roads across downtown and the Hillsborough Street area will be heavily impacted by the race routes. Roads will be closed from 6:45am until 1:30pm for the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K, and will open on a rolling basis as runners clear. House Creek Trail, Reedy Creek Trail, and Mine Creek Trail will also be used during this time. Note that all cross-streets at least one block in each direction will be detoured. For more detailed information, view [route maps](#) and a [list of road closures and estimated close and open times](#).

Other Upcoming Events

[Day of the Dead](#)

Friday, November 1

City of Raleigh Museum

[Midsummer Night Scream Costume Party](#)

Friday, November 1

Walnut Creek Wetland Center

[First Friday Raleigh](#)

Friday, November 1
Downtown Raleigh

[First Friday Market & Movie – Freaky Friday](#)

Friday, November 1
Moore Square

[Holt: The Planets – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, November 1 & Saturday, November 2
Meymandi Concert Hall

[Raleigh Youth Summit](#)

Saturday, November 2
Marsh Creek Community Center

[Let's Skate](#)

Saturday, November 2
Sanderford Road Park

[Floravita Exhibition Opening – SEEK Raleigh](#)

Saturday, November 2
Birdland, Mountford Avenue

[David Sedaris](#)

Saturday, November 2
Memorial Auditorium

[Jekyll & Hyde – Carolina Ballet](#)

Saturday, November 2 & Sunday, November 3
Fletcher Opera Theater

[Washington Capitals vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Sunday, November 3
Lenovo Center

[Doubt, A Parable](#)

Through Sunday, November 3
Raleigh Little Theatre

[USC Upstate vs. NC State](#)

Monday, November 4
Lenovo Center

[Philadelphia Flyers vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Tuesday, November 5
Lenovo Center

[Block Gallery Artist Talk](#)

Wednesday, November 6
Block Gallery, Raleigh Municipal Building

[Whose Live Anyway?](#)

Wednesday, November 6
Memorial Auditorium

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[Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Thursday, November 7
Lenovo Center

[Tedeschi Trucks Band](#)

Thursday, November 7 & Friday, November 8
Memorial Auditorium

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.