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New Greenway Explorer Tool Now Available

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Staff with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department and the Office of Strategy and Innovation recently launched the Capital Area Greenway Explorer Map to make the Greenway system easier than ever to use. Developed through the City's Raleigh Impact Lab, the tool allows users to find nearby amenities like trailheads, parking, restrooms, bike repair stations, and more.

Signage with QR codes have been installed along the Greenway provide quick access to this helpful resource. Try it out and learn more: [Greenway Explorer Map](#).

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Impact Partner Grants Awarded

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Recipients of the Fall 2024 [Impact Partner Grant](#), a program dedicated to fostering inclusive innovation in Raleigh, have been announced. The Impact Partner Grant provides up to \$20,000 in grant support as well as programming and networking opportunities to each grant awardee.

Entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and businesses from all over the city submitted proposals showcasing innovative solutions for strengthening Raleigh's economy. Proposals were reviewed by staff and leaders in business and innovation in the community. Winning applicants were selected for innovative ideas to support the local workforce, entrepreneurs, and small businesses.

The following organizations were awarded grants as part of the program:

- [RIoT](#) is a Raleigh-founded technology based economic development (TBED) organization focused on job creation and company growth.
- [National Institute of Minority Economic Development: Women's Business Center of North Carolina](#) is a nonprofit that provides free and low-cost business support to women entrepreneurs within the Raleigh/Durham and eastern NC counties.
- [Hope Renovations](#) is a nonprofit that prepares underemployed women and gender expansive individuals for construction careers and helps older adults age in place through renovation projects.
- [Poe Center for Health Education](#) is a nonprofit that educates and empowers North Carolina children, youth, and their families to make choices that increase positive health behaviors.
- [Enjoy the Baby, LLC](#) is a small business that empowers and supports doulas to provide care to families.
- [The National Black MBA Association – RDU Chapter](#) is a nonprofit that fosters economic equity and career advancement for historically underrepresented professionals, entrepreneurs, and aspiring leaders through education and professional networks.

To learn more about the Impact Partner Grant program, please visit the city website:

<https://raleighnc.gov/grants-funding-and-relief/impact-partner-grant>

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Weekly Digest of Special Events

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Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, January 24 – Thursday, January 30

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

Permitted Special Events

No permitted special events are scheduled during this time.

Other Upcoming Events

[Scheherazade – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, January 24 & Saturday, January 25
Meymandi Concert Hall

[Exhibition Reception](#)

Saturday, January 25
Pullen Arts Center

[SMU vs. NC State](#)

Saturday, January 25
Lenovo Center

[American Dance Competition](#)

Saturday, January 25 & Sunday, January 26
Fletcher Opera Theater

[Self Care Sunday: Breath Work](#)

Sunday, January 26
The Chapel at Dix Park

[CINCH World's Toughest Rodeo](#)

Sunday, January 26
Lenovo Center

[LGBTQIA+ Film Series: Longtime Companion](#)

Tuesday, January 28
Five Points Center for Active Adults

[North Carolina Student Showcase](#)

Thursday, January 30
Fletcher Opera Theater

[Chicago Blackhawks vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Thursday, January 30
Lenovo Center

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.