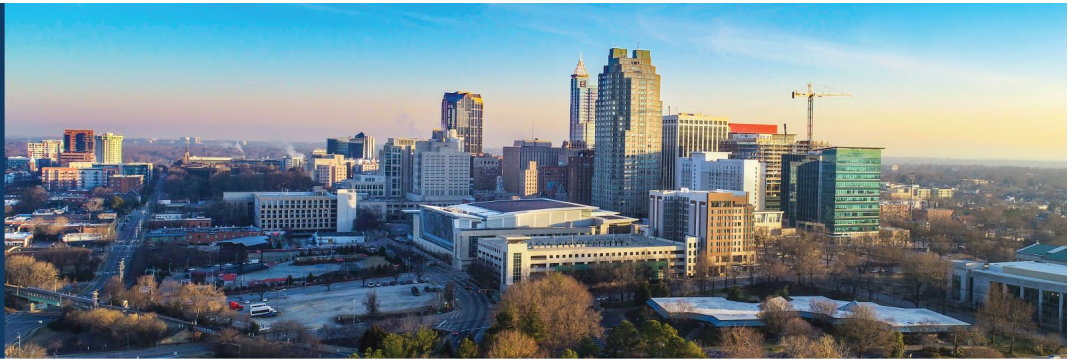


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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, October 21; Lunch Work Session at 11:30 - Lunch Will be Provided

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://pub-raleighnc.escribemeetings.com/>

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.

INFORMATION:

Program Partnership - Raleigh City Farm

Staff Resource: Ken Hisler, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources 996-4823 kenneth.hisler@raleighnc.gov

As Council may recall, included with *Update [Issue 2025-25](#)* Raleigh Parks staff provided an overview on the history of the community garden program and the direction of department initiatives. One of the initiatives staff identified is the introduction of edible landscaping at Marsh Creek Park as a potential partnership for

the creation of an urban farm. Staff has negotiated a partnership with Raleigh City Farm, Inc. to inform development and manage day-to-day operations. In November 2024, Parks advertised a Request for Information (RFI) soliciting proposals for a partner organization. Raleigh City Farm, Inc., a Raleigh non-profit, with an established track-record of success in urban agriculture was selected to serve as the partner.

(Attachment)

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 to the October 7 Council Meeting

Street Safety – Loitering in Medians Ordinance Implementation (Council Member Silver)

Staff Resource: Kenneth Ritchie, Transportation, 996-4112, kenneth.ritchie@raleighnc.gov

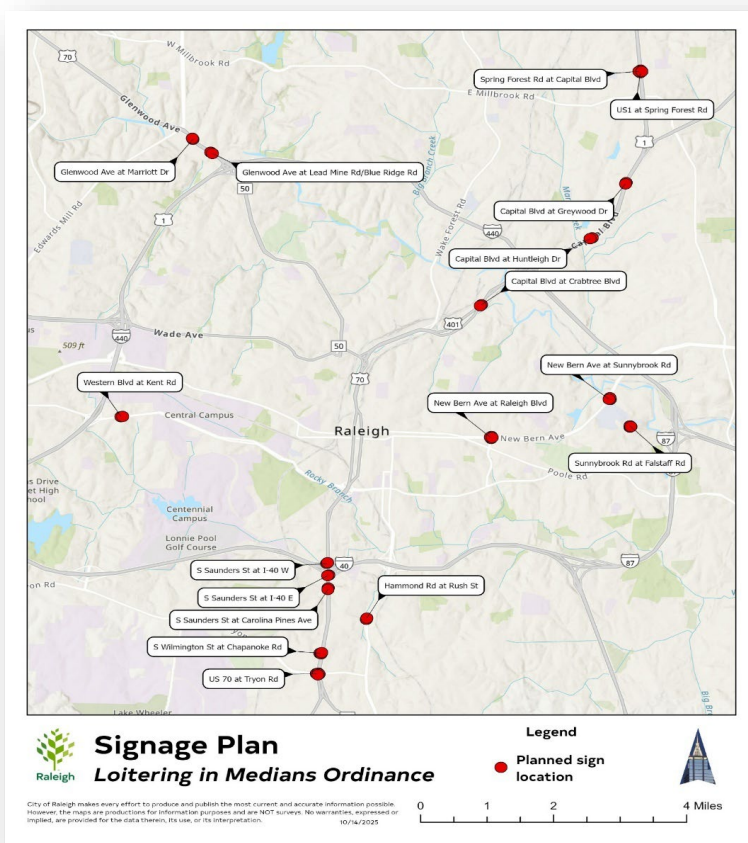
Robin Deacle, Communications, 996-3002, robin.deacle@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting, Council requested an update on implementation efforts over the safety of pedestrians and motorists from activity within the medians of streets and rights-of-way in the city.

Adopted at the July 1st City Council meeting with an effective date of November 1, Ordinance (2025)-768 amended the Raleigh Code of Ordinances to clarify regulation on activity within the medians of street and rights-of-way in the city. Aligned with the City's Vision Zero commitment and aimed at reducing serious injuries and fatalities on the City's transportation network, the adopted changes prevent standing, sitting, lying or loitering in a median, unless actively crossing the street, in locations where medians are six feet wide or less or are at a city-identified High-Incident Risk Intersection.

In advance of the November 1 effective date for the ordinance changes, staff will begin installation of signage starting at the intersection of Capital Boulevard at Spring Forest Road. Installation of the requisite signage ahead of the effective date will allow time for community outreach and education.

The map below shows the location of the signs to be installed in this initial round.



The following signs will be placed at these initial locations to identify them as regulated spaces and to educate the public on the ordinance and corresponding restrictions.



There will be two sign types. The first signs will be placed in locations where there are permitted crossings of the street. The second will be in locations where there are no crossings or infrastructure to support people occupying space in or adjacent to the street.

Finally, over the next few weeks leading up to the effective date of the program and beyond will be efforts relating to public notification and education. This will include public information provided through the City's various media channels as well as on the ground education to ensure there is clarity of what the changes mean and why the changes were adopted.

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To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager Niki Jones, Assistant City Manager
Thru	Stephen C. Bentley, Director
From	Ken Hisler, Assistant Director
Department	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
Date	October 17, 2025
Subject	Raleigh City Farm_Urban Farm Partnership

The prior Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Strategic Plan included two initiatives that directed City of Raleigh staff to address urban agriculture and food security:

- Growth and Natural Resources (GNR), Initiative 1.3: *“Identify opportunities to eliminate barriers and increase education to encourage urban agriculture.”*
- Save, Vibrant and Healthy Communities (SV&HC), Initiative 4.3: *“Work with community partners to implement and support strategies that enhance food security throughout the city.”*

Aligning this opportunity to the Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Strategic Plan, urban agriculture agrees with efforts outlined in **Environmental Resilience** and the Strategic Objective to, *“Expand community and climate resilience programs, with a focus on protecting communities at highest risk from environmental hazards.”* Introducing a private-public partnership we are expanding urban agriculture programs by providing residents the tools, resources, and information to enhance our environment.

Understanding the importance of these initiatives to the Raleigh community, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department (PRCR) sought a community partner to develop and manage the day-day operations of an agricultural space (e.g. urban farm) located at Marsh Creek Community Park.

In November 2024, Raleigh Parks advertised a Request for Information (RFI) soliciting proposals for a partner organization. Raleigh City Farm, Inc., a Raleigh non-profit, with an established track-record of success in urban agriculture was selected to serve as the partner.

At its core, the recently adopted Raleigh Parks System Plan speaks to the benefits of providing community connections that bring people closer through programs that

connect us to nature and the outdoors. Community gardens and urban agriculture increase access to healthy, locally grown food with the goal of making a healthier Raleigh.

The presence of urban farms and agriculture in the urban environment has a positive impact on the natural environment, the local economy, social relations, and household economic behavior, all of which contribute to sustainability and livability in Raleigh.

Raleigh City Farm's mission is to connect and nourish the Raleigh community through regenerative agriculture. They believe in the impact urban farms to create healthier communities and reconnect city dwellers with healthy food production through more frequent encounters with agriculture and growing the next generation of farmers by connecting the Raleigh community to sustainable agriculture.

Raleigh City Farm and Raleigh Parks recognizes the transformative power of cultivating the soil to promote the health and well-being of both the individual and the community and is committed to providing a beautiful space for gathering, sharing.

Aligned in mission, vision and values, working hand in hand, we see incredible opportunities to advance the respective missions and goals by collaborating to develop an agreement to advance the urban farm and related amenities at Marsh Creek Park.

Staff have negotiated a nine-year, revocable at will, non-exclusive license agreement with Raleigh City Farm, Inc. Outlined in the license agreement are the terms and responsibilities of Raleigh Parks and Raleigh City Farm. At the November 4, 2025 meeting, this information will be included on consent agenda for consideration by City Council.

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, October 17 – Thursday, October 23

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Permitted Special Events

[Fly With Me](#)

Flowers Field at Dix Park

Saturday, October 18

Event Time: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Dawkins Drive will be closed, and Flowers Field will be used from 8:30am until 5:15pm.

[Raleigh's International Wine & Beer Festival](#)

City Plaza

Saturday, October 18

Event Time: 12:00pm - 8:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza will be closed from 6:00am until 11:30pm.

[Band Together's Mighty Giveback](#)

Lincoln Theatre & Cabarrus Street

Saturday, October 18

Event Time: 4:30pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Cabarrus Street and Stronachs Alley between Wilmington Street and Blount Street will be closed from 12:00pm on 10-17-25 until 12:00pm on 10-19-25.

[Trick or Treat on Hillsborough Street](#)

Hillsborough Street Sidewalks, Horne Street, & Compiegne Park

Sunday, October 19

Event Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Horne Street between Hillsborough Street and Vanderbilt Avenue will be closed, and sidewalks on Hillsborough Street between Pogue Street and Logan Court will be used from 6:00am until 6:00pm.

[Milonga Under the Autumn Sky](#)

Nash Square

Sunday, October 19

Event Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Associated Impacts: Nash Square will be used from 2:00pm until 6:30pm.

Other Upcoming Events

[Tedeschi Trucks Band With Little Feat](#)

Friday, October 17

Red Hat Amphitheater

[Billie Eilish](#)

Friday, October 17

Lenovo Center

[Copland Symphony No. 3 – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, October 17 & Saturday, October 18

Meymandi Concert Hall

Haunted Trolley Tour

Friday, October 17 & Saturday, October 18
Mordecai Historic Park

Cinderella – NC Opera

Friday, October 17 & Sunday, October 19
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Raleigh Foodie Fare

Saturday, October 18
Moore Square

Seether & Daughtry With P.O.D. & Kami Kehoe

Saturday, October 18
Red Hat Amphitheater

Crystals & Mystics Fest

Sunday, October 19
Moore Square

Worthdale Fall Festival

Tuesday, October 21
Worthdale Park

Mudvayne

Tuesday, October 21
Red Hat Amphitheater

Block Gallery Exhibition & City Council Collection Unveiling

Wednesday, October 22
Block Gallery

Joanne Shaw Taylor

Wednesday, October 22
Fletcher Opera Theater

Artist Talk & Book Signing: Thomas Dambo

Thursday, October 23
The Chapel at Dix Park

NC State Fair

Through Sunday, October 26
NC State Fairgrounds

Curtain Call From Beyond: Theatre Haunts & History

Through Thursday, October 30
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

The Seven Deadly Sins Presented by Carolina Ballet

Through Sunday, November 2
Fletcher Opera Theater

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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 & 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 Dix Park.