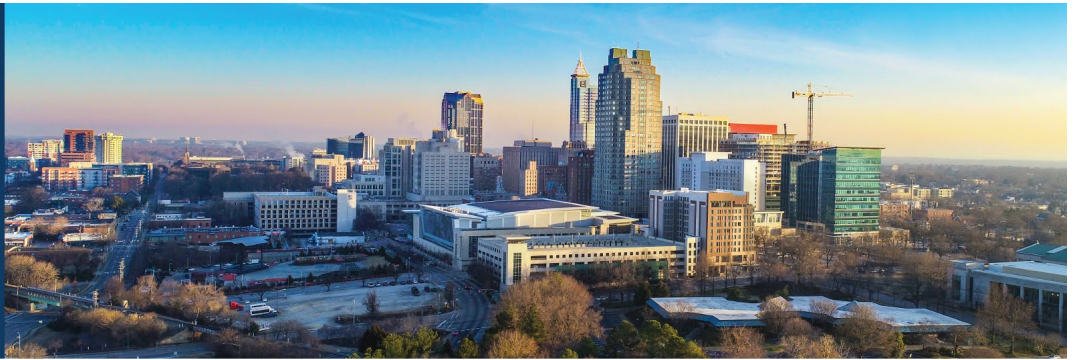


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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, November 4 - Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in regularly scheduled sessions at **1:00 P.M.** and **7:00 P.M.** The agenda for the meeting was published on Thursday:

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

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.

INFORMATION:

Support for Publicly Available Electric Vehicle Charging

Staff Resource: Megan Anderson, Office of Sustainability, 996-4658, megan.anderson@raleighnc.gov
Rick Longobart, Engineering Services, 996-5616, rick.longobart@raleighnc.gov

Expanding access to electric vehicles (EVs) is a high-impact strategy in [Raleigh's Community Climate Action Plan](#) (CCAP). The City has taken several steps to reduce barriers and expand EV charging access, particularly for residents who might otherwise be left out of the transition, and to convert the City fleet to electric and alternative fuels. Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Raleigh. Expanding access to electrified and clean fuel transportation is a key strategy in the CCAP. The City aims to convert its fleet of approximately 5,000 vehicles (2,500 on-road) over the next ten years, guided by the [EV Implementation Strategy Rollout](#).

To support this, the City is exploring both direct current (DC) fast charging and Level 2 (L2) charging, strategically placed. L2 chargers will be installed at locations like parks, where people typically stay 30+ minutes, offering a "top off" (1 hour = about 25 – 35 miles). DC fast chargers require higher investment and siting requirements, and staff are exploring opportunities where those can be sited for both fleet and public use.

The City is adopting vendor-agnostic chargers to ensure compatibility and a streamlined user experience. Raleigh was one of the first U.S. cities to adopt EV chargers, and legacy equipment is being updated as funding allows.

While the private market will drive most publicly available EV charger growth, the City is removing access barriers through code requirements (e.g., affordable housing, multifamily), and by developing best practices such as: EV and Americans with Disabilities Act North Carolina standards via [Raleigh's EV Ready Playbook](#). Public chargers will be installed at City-owned sites where feasible and aligned with broader goals. The City will also explore shared-use and public-private partnerships.

Raleigh continues to lead in EV policy and programming across the Southeast, though much work remains.

(No Attachment)

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Transition from Dix Park

Staff Resource: Kate Pearce, Raleigh Parks, 996-4855, kate.pearce@raleighnc.gov

On October 16, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) completed the relocation of employees from Dix Park to the new headquarters on Blue Ridge Road. The transition marks a milestone for Dix Park and the beginning of the final stage of the DHHS transition off the Dix Park campus. With the exception of two buildings, DHHS has now formally transferred 80 Dix Park structures to the City of Raleigh, figure which represents approximately 1.2 million square feet of floor area. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum which provides details on the transition process moving forward.

(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

No Items This Week

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Stephen C. Bentley, Director – Raleigh Parks
From	Kate Pearce, Executive Director – Dix Park
Department	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
Date	October 31 st , 2025
Subject	DHHS Transition from Dix Park

On October 16th, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) completed the relocation of their employees from Dix Park to their new headquarters on Blue Ridge Road. This marked a milestone for Dix Park and the beginning of the final stage of DHHS' transition off campus.

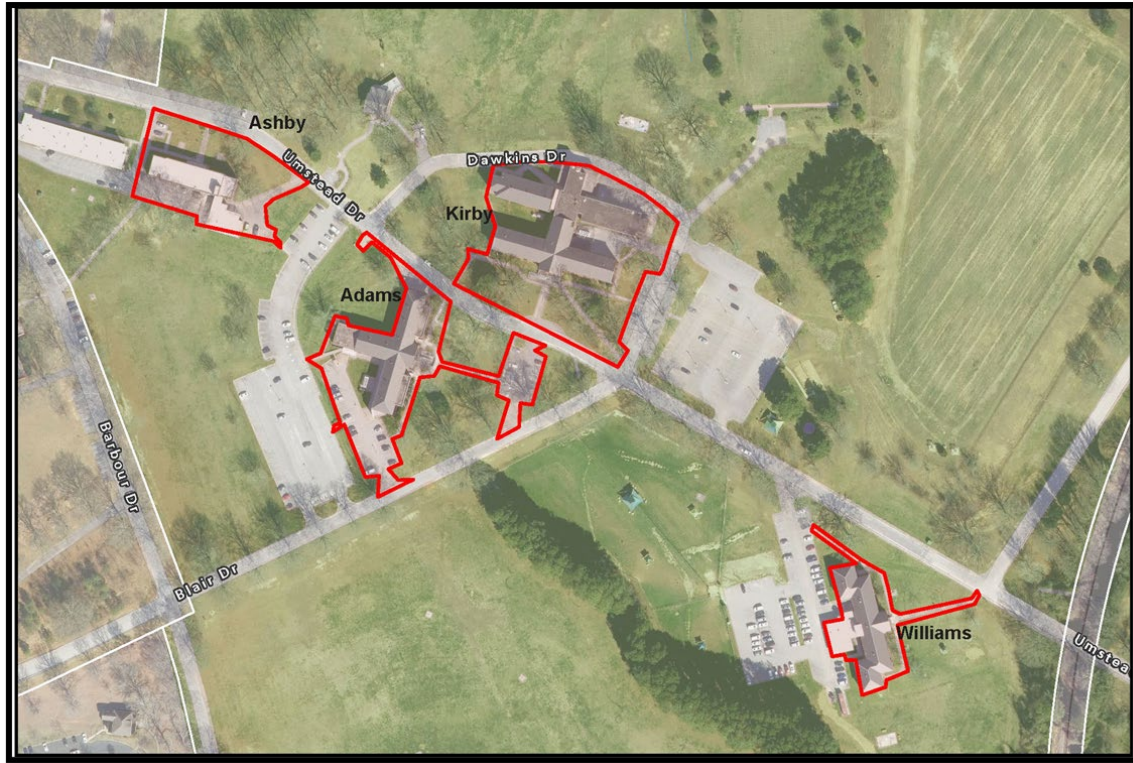
Over the next several months, DHHS will remove all remaining furniture and equipment from their Dix Park buildings, as well as IT infrastructure. During this period, they will continue to occupy the Print Operations Center and the Harvey Building.

With the exception of these two buildings, DHHS has now transferred all 80 Dix Park structures to the City of Raleigh, representing approximately 1.2 million square feet of floor area. Responsibility for utility systems and associated costs have also been transferred.

To prepare for this transitional period, the City has employed the services of Dewberry Consulting to advise on the a) transfer of buildings, b) decommissioning of select utility systems, c) cutting-capping-and-draining of old utility lines, d) stabilization of buildings that are intended for adaptive reuse, and e) demolition of buildings that are to be removed, as determined by the Dix Park Master Plan and Building and Site Analysis.

As part of these efforts, the chiller plant has already been decommissioned by DHHS and the steam plant will maintain function until all buildings are clear of furniture and equipment and DHHS has completely vacated the campus.

Demolition of all buildings on the west side of campus (with the exception of Flower Cottage) is currently out to bid and will begin in early 2026, while the demolition, stabilization, and utility decommissioning of remaining buildings will go out to bid as part of a comprehensive services contract.



Map of West Campus Demolition. Removal of ~140,000 square feet of impervious surface.

The design of a new, modern utility corridor is currently under design by Dewberry Consulting and will go out to bid as funding is available. This new utility corridor will enable and incentivize the adaptive reuse of campus buildings and the overall execution of the Dix Park Master Plan.

In the interim period, buildings slated for demolition or stabilization will be boarded up beginning in mid-November. These window boards will each be primed, painted, and integrated into a public art project managed by Raleigh Arts. This activation will help to drive foot traffic and mitigate anti-social behavior in and around these buildings until they progress to reuse or demolition.

DHHS Transition Schedule

- **9/8/2025:** DHHS begins its move from the Dix Campus to their new headquarters on Blue Ridge Road.
- **10/16/2025**
 - DHHS completes its personnel relocation and vacates all buildings except the Harvey Building (19,068 GSF) and the Print Operations Center (10,080 GSF).

- The City takes over all utility services and costs associated with the Dix Campus.
- **10/31/2025:**
 - Last day of employment for all DHHS Facility Maintenance staff.
 - DHHS completes decommissioning of the chiller plant.
 - DHHS temporarily shuts down the boiler plant and the City takes over operations.
- **November 5, 2025:** DHHS to hold a furniture sale event on the campus to allow the public the opportunity to walk through buildings with sufficient furniture of value and to purchase any furniture of interest.
- **November 2025 – Spring 2026:** DHHS will continue work to remove all furniture from the buildings on campus as contractually required.
 - Moving contractor will prioritize removing the furniture from the Adams, Ashby, Kirby, and Williams buildings, at the request of the City.
 - Moving contractor agrees to continue to work with the City to develop a prioritized furniture removal schedule.
- **11/10/2025:**
 - The City will start to secure all vacated buildings (board-up).
 - The City will operate the boiler plant and provide heating to each vacated building until the cut, cap, and drain work has been completed for each building.
- **January 2026:** DHHS to vacate the Harvey Building and the Print Operations Center.

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, October 31 – Thursday, November 6

City of Raleigh Office of Special Events
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Permitted Special Events

City of Oaks Marathon

Downtown, Hillsborough Street, & Greenways

Sunday, November 2

Event Time: 7:00am - 3:00pm

Associated Road Closures: The following roads will be closed at the designated times:

- Glenwood Avenue between Peace Street and Tucker Street, 3:00am - 7:45am
- Glenwood Avenue between Tucker Street and Jones Street, 3:00am - 1:30pm
- North Street between Boylan Avenue and West Street, 3:00am - 1:30pm
- West Street between North Street and Johnson Street, 3:00am - 3:00pm

Roads across downtown and the Hillsborough Street area will be heavily impacted by the race routes. Roads will be closed from 6:45am until 2:00pm 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

Movies on the Lawn – Halloween Double Feature

Friday, October 31

Flowers Field at Dix Park

Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2 – NC Symphony

Friday, October 31 & Saturday, November 1

Meymandi Concert Hall

Antique Car Show

Saturday, November 1

Five Points Center for Active Adults

Invasive Plant Removal & Poetry Workshop

Saturday, November 1

River Cane Wetland Park

The Seven Deadly Sins – Carolina Ballet

Saturday, November 1 & Sunday, November 2

Fletcher Opera Theater

North Carolina Central vs. NC State

Monday, November 3

Lenovo Center

Kevin Bridges Live

Tuesday, November 4

Meymandi Concert Hall

[Bryan Adams with Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo](#)

Wednesday, November 5
Lenovo Center

[Minnesota Wild vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Thursday, November 6
Lenovo Center

[Taylor Tomlinson](#)

Thursday, November 6 & Friday, November 7
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

[Rick Steves' Europe: A Symphonic Journey – NC Symphony](#)

Thursday, November 6 & Friday, November 7
Meymandi Concert Hall

[Fall & Halloween Programs with Raleigh Parks](#)

Through Saturday, November 15
Various Locations

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.