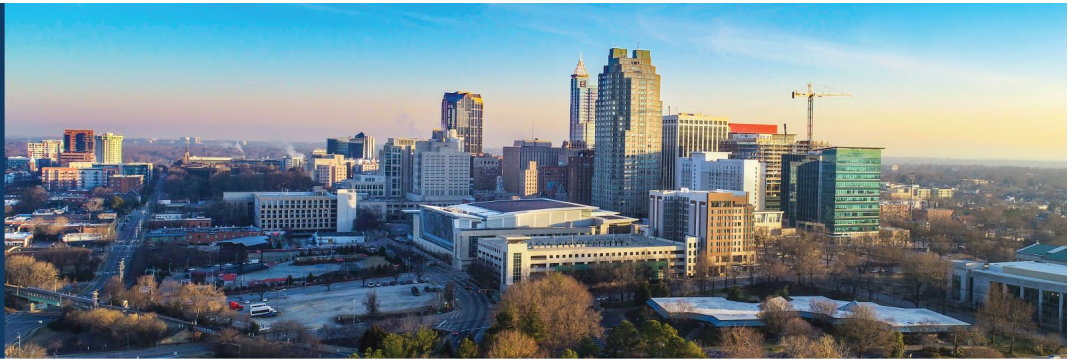


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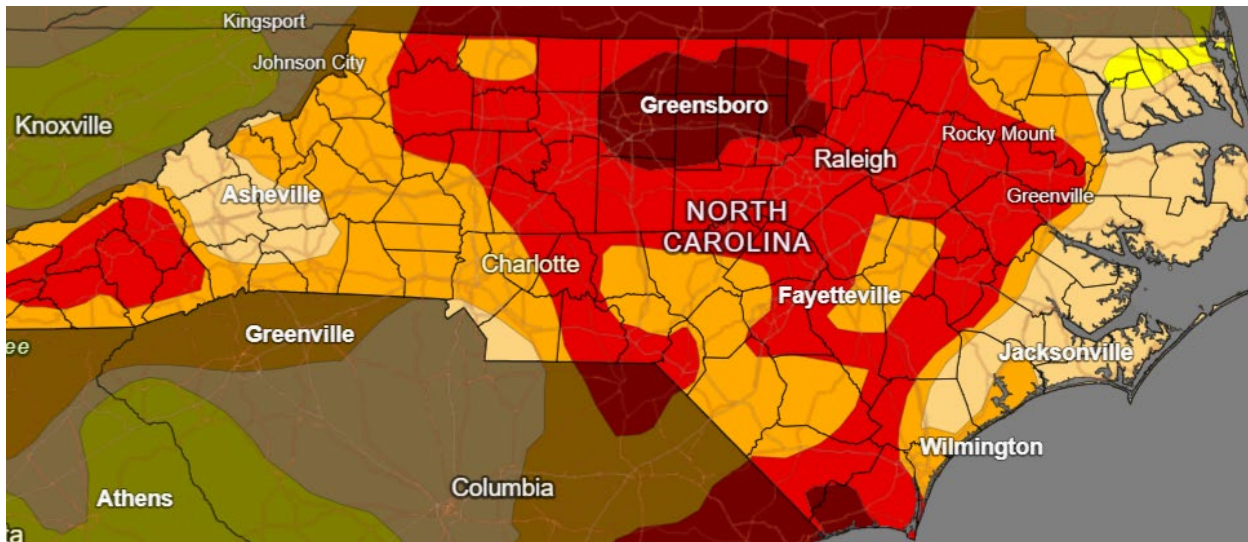
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Drought Status Update

Staff Resource: Ed Buchan, Raleigh Water, 996-3471, edward.buchan@raleighnc.gov

An updated drought map was issued on July 7, and most of the Falls Lake watershed remains in a D4 Exceptional Drought condition, although there was minor improvement in the northern Wake County area due to rainfall earlier in the week. Falls Lake is currently 5.2 feet below full pool, with approximately 64% remaining in the Water Supply Pool according to the US Army Corps of Engineers (as of July 7). The rainfall which occurred this past Sunday through Tuesday increased the lake level by approximately 8", which was first time in several months there was a meaningful increase in storage volume. There remains a good chance of rainfall in the Triangle area Friday and Saturday. Meteorological models continue to suggest central NC could receive average or slightly above average rainfall for the next 2 weeks. The trigger to exit Stage1 is 75% for July; however, it is not expected that average or slightly above average rainfall will raise the level enough to reach this trigger.

Based on daily water pumpage data through May and June, average water demands have increased compared to same months in 2025, which is counter to the intent of the Stage 1 Water Use Restrictions. However, average demand since last Friday has been 61.5 million gallons, which is approximately 6 million gallons less than the average for June. This is likely a result of more regular rainfall and increased enforcement efforts by Raleigh Water. To date, 1,290 warning letters, eight \$50 civil penalties and two \$200 civil penalties have been issued. The increased enforcement activity has largely been a result from irrigation meter data analysis and this information will continue to be monitored.



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Glenwood South Safety Pilot: Phase 1 Update

Staff Resource: Monique Gyant, Transportation, 996-2535, monique.gyant@raleighnc.gov

The Glenwood South Safety Pilot is an initiative being led by Transportation staff with the aim of enhancing pedestrian safety and overall experience along Glenwood Avenue, particularly at key intersections in the Glenwood South area. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum that outlines staff's approach to implementing quick-build intersection enhancements. These improvements are designed to make immediate, noticeable impacts while also helping staff gather valuable data on pedestrian behavior. This data will be instrumental in identifying recommendations for potential long-term streetscape improvements throughout the Glenwood South corridor.

(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)

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Paul Kallam, Transportation Director
From	Monique Gyant, Senior Mobility Designer
Department	Transportation
Date	July 7, 2026
Subject	Glenwood South Safety Pilot: Phase 1 Update

Background

The Glenwood South Safety Pilot, initiated by City Council in response to community concerns about pedestrian safety, aims to enhance pedestrian comfort and safety along the Glenwood South corridor. The Transportation Department is leading the project, which uses phased, quick-build improvements to evaluate pedestrian behavior and identify long-term streetscape opportunities. Phase 1 focuses on the intersections of Glenwood Avenue with W Johnson Street, Tucker Street, and W North Street.

Phase 1 includes installing painted curb extensions at each study intersection, followed by a six-month observation period to assess their effectiveness.

Phase 1 Construction Progress

Painted curb extensions were constructed in a series of stages, allowing staff to closely monitor the preliminary installations. Throughout this period, we observed changes in use patterns and parking compliance, as well as any potential conflicts that might arise with essential services. This included keeping an eye on emergency services, transit operations, and loading access for local businesses. By taking this step-by-step approach, we ensured that the installations could be adjusted to address any concerns and support smooth integration into the community.

White thermoplastic edge lines were installed to reserve curb space at each intersection. The project team collaborated with Parking staff to identify affected loading zones, notify nearby businesses, and ensure adequate replacement loading zone access. Staff monitored installation conditions through site visits, traffic camera review, and community feedback, making necessary adjustments prior to final installation.



Stage 1: Reserve Curb Space

Pictured: Southeast corner of Glenwood Avenue at Tucker Street

Each curb extension received a white methyl methacrylate (MMA) base layer of paint. Crews applied tape to create geometric patterns before adding color to the MMA, resulting in a bold, 'stained-glass' inspired design.



Stage 2: Apply MMA

Pictured: Southwest corner of Glenwood Avenue at North Street

Following the MMA application, vertical delineators ('flexi-posts') were added at each location to reinforce the reserved curb area and restrict vehicle access.



Stage 3: Install Vertical Delineators

Pictured: Southwest corner of Glenwood Avenue at North Street

Corner Extensions

To further support pedestrian safety, corner extensions will be added at all intersections. These treatments slow turning vehicles and shorten pedestrian crossing distances. In November 2025, staff tested flexi-posts at the constrained intersection of Glenwood Avenue and Johnson Street. Of the ten installed, only three remained after one month due to repeated impacts, indicating flexi-posts were not durable enough for long-term maintenance.

As an alternative, staff will pilot turn-calming wedges—low-profile, mountable rubber wedges similar to speed bumps. These offer a more durable solution, slowing passenger vehicles while still accommodating larger trucks. Placement will be guided by observed traffic patterns and turning simulations.



Graphic of vehicle path with turn calming wedge installed



Example of turn calming wedge installation (New York City)

Next Steps

Once all painted curb extensions and turn-calming treatments are installed, the project will enter a six-month observation period. During this time, staff will test new computer-vision software integrated with existing traffic cameras to collect detailed data on pedestrian activity. This information will support data-driven recommendations for future downtown and citywide infrastructure investments.

The public engagement period for Phase 1 will run concurrently. An online survey will be available beginning in July, promoted through on-site signage at study intersections and accessible via the project page on Raleighnc.gov.

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, July 10 – Thursday, July 16

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

Permitted Special Events

Raleigh's All-American Summer Festival

City Plaza

Saturday, July 11

Event Time: 11:00am – 7:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza will be closed from 7:00am until 9:00pm.

Other Upcoming Events

Ne-Yo & Akon

Friday, July 10

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

NCMA Movie Night: Godzilla vs. Mothra

Friday, July 10

Moore Square

BMW Ultimate Driving Experience

Friday, July 10 – Sunday, July 12

Lenovo Center

Sunflower Celebration

Saturday, July 11

Dix Park, Sunflower Field

Car Showcase

Saturday, July 11

Dix Park, Adams Field

Gladys Knight

Saturday, July 11

Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Paul Simon

Saturday, July 11

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Summer Concert Series

Sunday, July 12

Fred Fletcher Park

The Princess Concert

Tuesday, July 14

Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Summer Safety Series: Nightlife Safety

Tuesday, July 14

Millbrook Exchange Park

Train

Thursday, July 16
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Live After 5

Thursday, July 16
Moore Square

Viewing the Revolutionary Age through an LGBTQ+ Lens

Thursday, July 16
City of Raleigh Museum

The Marvelous Miss Gender Starring Bosco

Thursday, July 16
Fletcher Opera Theater

Downtown Raleigh Restaurant Week

Thursday, July 16 – Sunday, July 26
Downtown Raleigh

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.

New Amplified Noise Ordinance Takes Effect January 2026

The City Council approved a [new amplified noise ordinance](#), which went into effect Jan. 1, 2026. Stadiums, arenas, and outdoor sports or entertainment venues, including amphitheaters, are exempt. Parades, outdoor events, races, festivals, and concerts that receive a permit from the Office of Special Events are also not subject to the ordinance.