

## *CITY PLAZA UPDATE*

### *July 2009*

*The latest birds-eye photo of the plaza is attached to the email by which you are receiving this update so you can see the current state of construction.*

*As we move closer to the opening of the plaza in late October, the big news is that the City of Oaks light towers, designed by local sculpture Jim Gallucci, have arrived on site. Erection will begin after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. A large crane will arrive on Monday to set the tower sections in place. The main structures of the towers should be up in about a week and electrical and detail work will continue for the rest of the month. If you're lucky, you may catch a glimpse of the LED light panels being tested in a couple weeks.*

*On the rest of the plaza, granite is being placed on the planters and fountain, as well as on the street. The main structures and roofs have been constructed on all four pavilions, and installation of the window framing for these predominantly glass buildings is underway. Most of the pavers have been set on the plaza, except those closest to the adjoining buildings.*

*Placement of the pavers outside the Bank of America Building is scheduled to begin the week of July 20, which will require changes to the pedestrian walkway outside the building. Unfortunately, this work involves demolition of the existing pavers, so it will get noisy for a brief period. Since the pavers outside the BB&T Building are not going to be replaced, those in that building will not be affected by walkway changes for a while.*

*The Wilmington Street pedestrian corridor was opened last month. The dead end sidewalk in front of the Progress Energy Building should re-open next week, eliminating that bit of inconvenience. There will continue to be other changes in pedestrian movement around the plaza. Thanks in advance for your patience.*

*On other nearby projects, the Charter Square parking deck is scheduled to open at the end of July, but there are challenges which may delay this opening. Also around that time, pedestrian access on the west side of Wilmington Street and the north side of Lenoir should be restored, albeit in a temporary condition.*

*As always, please do not hesitate to let the project team know of any issues that need to be addressed.*

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