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SWING IS HEADLINER FOR 'RALEIGH WIDE OPEN' JULY 29

Planning for "Raleigh Wide Open" - the party to celebrate the opening of Fayetteville Street - is gelling.

We now know that the headline band will be kings of Swing - Royal Crown Review. A parade will christen the street and kick off the four-block party that will feature food, a beer garden, wine tasting and street performers. A military flyover and a bodacious fireworks display will officially conclude the party and begin the new life for North Carolina's main street.

For those hankering for more, the City will be offering "Saturday Movies in Moore Square" immediately following the celebration. The starting time is estimated around 10 p.m. and the film will be "The Pink Panther" with Beyonce. Admission is free. Attendees should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. "Saturday Movies in Moore Square" is held every other Saturday throughout the summer.

The City of Raleigh, the Downtown Raleigh Alliance and the staff of Artsposure are busy pulling together the party that will mark the opening of the four blocks of "North Carolina's Main Street" from the State Capitol to the Sheraton Hotel.

Mid-Summer's Night Party!

The Fayetteville Street party will mark the end of 16 months of construction that returns the street's 100 to 400 blocks to vehicular traffic. The conversion from a pedestrian mall began March 14, 2005 and came with a price tag of \$9.33 million. T.A. Loving Company of Goldsboro is the project contractor.

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The four blocks are being converted to a 40-foot-wide thoroughfare with parallel parking on both sides of the street. Traffic signals at Davie, Martin, Hargett and Morgan streets are being modified. Hargett and Martin streets are being converted to two-way traffic.

The new street will offer a wide streetscape for art, open space and outdoor dining. But the energy, excitement and potential of the new "old main street" are the "thing." The new Fayetteville Street will be Raleigh's parade route, its festival site, its party central - starting July 29!

CREWS TO CONTINUE TWO-WAY CONVERSION OF HARGETT AND MARTIN STREETS THIS WEEKEND

Sections of Hargett Street and Martin Street in downtown Raleigh will be closed beginning Friday, June 16 at 9 p.m. so they can be converted from one-way to two-way traffic. The streets will be reopened at 6 a.m. Monday, June 19 and operate as two-way roads.

Set to be closed are Hargett Street from Salisbury Street to McDowell Street and Martin Street between Person and East streets. As part of the conversion, the traffic signal at the Martin and East streets intersection will be removed. Furthermore, there will be temporary lane closures on Martin Street from Wilmington Street to Person Street on Saturday, June 17 to convert the street to two-way traffic. This section of Martin Street was scheduled to be complete last weekend but the work was postponed due to rain.

Also this weekend, Salisbury Street between Morgan and Davie streets will be reduced to two through-lanes to create additional parking on the west side of Salisbury Street. Similar work will be done later this month on Wilmington Street between Morgan and Davie streets.

Through July 3, work on the Hargett and Martin streets conversion project will take place on weekends utilizing a series of rolling two-block street closures on the weekends. The Hargett and Martin streets two-way conversions and the additional parking on Wilmington and Salisbury streets are part of the first phase of the City's Fayetteville Street Renaissance Project. The first-phase also includes reopening four blocks of the Fayetteville Street pedestrian mall to vehicular traffic. A public celebration of the completion of the first phase is scheduled for July 29.

The Fayetteville Street Renaissance Project is an economic development and revitalization effort for the downtown street.

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DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

| Date | Event Name | Location |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| 06-16 8:00 PM | The Glass Menagerie | Kennedy Theater |
| 06-16 8:00 PM | Rhonda Vincent and the Rage | Meymandi Concert Hall |
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