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WSTA prepares for Nov. 11

Date of Business 40 closing announced Tuesday

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The Winston-Salem Transit Authority is offering alternatives to driving through the traffic created when Downtown Business 40 closes down 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11. The N.C. Department of Transportation (N.C. DOT) announced the date and time on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Business 40 will be shut down from Peters



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Creek Parkway to Highway 52 starting next month. A portion of the highway between Main Street and U.S. 52 is expected to reopen by summer 2019 and the whole project is scheduled for completion in late 2020. This is expected to create



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traffic congestion as drivers take detours through city streets.

The City of Winston-Salem received a \$7.3 million NC DOT grant to help enhance its bus services during the closure. These enhancements will begin on Oct. 29.

"Unfortunately we will certainly have some routes that will be affected by the closure of Business 40, so this is our answer to that issue and that problem," said WSTA's Tina Carson-Wilkins during a presentation on the enhanced services at Carver School Road Library on Friday.

The enhancements include routes 80, 85, 95, 103, 104 and 107 having two buses each that will provide service every 30 minutes.

There's a new Park & Ride service, where commuters can park their car in a designated lot with bus service. Park & Ride participants can register online for the Guaranteed Ride



Photos by Todd Luck

Winston-Salem is preparing for the closure of Business 40 from Peters Creek Parkway to Highway 52 that will start Sunday, Nov. 11.

Program, which will give them a free ride home using a local taxi service if a personal emergency happens, such as illness at work or a sick child.

Park & Ride service.

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

Members of the Big 4 Alumni Association catch up during the Family Fun Night celebration on Friday, Oct. 12.

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Hurricane puts dent in Big 4 Alumni reunion

When most people across the state hear anything about the "Big 4," most people think about college basketball and the four North Carolina schools that compete in the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference): NC State, UNC Chapel Hill, Duke, and Wake Forest. But here in Winston-Salem, the term takes on a different meaning.

The Big 4 - Atkins, Anderson, Carver, and Paisley high schools - represent the four African-American high schools in Winston-Salem as the result of past segregation. Although they were all rivals then, since the early '80s the four schools have come together to celebrate the rich history of the four schools' past and uplift the

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Change on development upsets residents

BY TODD LUCK
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The City Council heard from residents who were upset with a zoning amendment that allows for residen-



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tial development in Highway Business (HB) and General Office (GO) districts.

This change to HB districts passed Monday night in a 5-3 vote, with Council Members D.D. Adams, James Taylor and Derwin Montgomery voting against it, while the GO change passed 5-2 with only Adams and Taylor in opposition. The measure, which had been discussed in city and planning board meetings for about a year, was debated and voted on in the Oct. 1 council meeting, but needed a second vote because it didn't reach a six-vote threshold needed for zoning changes.

This change allows multifamily and town home construction in HB and GO districts, and would eliminate the need for such projects to go through the zoning process, which includes a public hearing and approval by the City Council. This is already allowed in major cities in the state like Greensboro, Raleigh, Charlotte, Durham and Chapel Hill. Local HB districts already had 73 land uses

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Board approves plans for Reynolds sports facility

Public comment splits between those for and against the move

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Reynolds High School took a step closer to opening its very own sports stadium last week

when the school board approved construction plans for a 2,040-seat stadium.

In 2012 athletic boosters and other supporters of the school and athletic programs joined forces to create Home Field Advantage, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit with the mission to raise the funds needed to build an athletic facility near the school.

At that time the total estimated cost for the stadium was said to be \$4.5 million.

After discussing the possibility of the stadium a few times in recent weeks, the Board of Education voted unanimously on Tuesday, Oct. 9 to approve plans which show the stadium being placed near Wiley Middle School and the Reynolds auxiliary gym, but not before residents, students and others shared their thoughts with the board either for or against the sports facility during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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