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## Did You Know?

### Glenwood Center Hosts Basketball Camp and Soccer Clinics

Glenwood Center, 2010 Coliseum Blvd., hosts two sporting events for children designed to teach sports fundamentals. The first is a "Skillz Through Drillz" basketball camp for boys and girls ages 5-8 and 9-12, held from 6-7:30 pm on November 14-17. Participants will learn ball handling, rebounding, speed, agility, post moves, defensive keys and build self-confidence. Camp registration fee is \$20 per child, if received prior to November 14, and \$25 per child for late registration. Glenwood Center also hosts "Little Kicks" soccer clinics for boys and girls ages 3-6. Six clinics will be held from 6-7 pm on November 17, 22, December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Registration fee is \$25 per child. Both camp and clinic registration includes a t-shirt and prizes. For more information, contact Michelle Blume at 373-2929.

**Registration Open for**

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## City Council Recap

[Council approves the sale of Bessemer Shopping Center](#)

During its meeting on November 1, City Council approved the sale of Bessemer Shopping Center to New Bessemer Associates with a 40-year, no-interest loan for \$685,000 to cover renovations and the cost of the property. The loan will go into effect when 75 percent of the plaza space has been filled. New Bessemer Associates is also seeking a \$1 million private loan to revitalize the plaza. The company is targeting a national grocery store chain for the plaza, which has been without a grocery store since 1998.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, November 15, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. To view past meetings, visit City Council's [video archive page](#).

## Greensboro Watershed Parks Fall-Winter Hours of Operation

[City Parks announce winter season hours](#)

Now through February 29, 2012, the Greensboro Watershed Parks, which include Lake Higgins, Lake Brandt and Lake Townsend, will operate on the following schedule:

- Lakes are open daily from 8 am to 5:30 pm through November 30 and from 8 am to 5 pm December 1 through February 29
- Lake Higgins - closed on Monday and Tuesday
- Lake Brandt - closed on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Lake Townsend - closed on Wednesday and Thursday

For more information, please contact Jennifer Phelps at 373-3739.

## Police Department Initiates "Operation Yuletide"

[City police and local church work together to spread Christmas cheer](#)

### **Women's Basketball League**

Registration for the City's Women's Basketball League is now underway for players ages 18 and older. Registration fee is \$40 per person. Submit team registrations to Parks and Recreation's Athletics Office, 501 Yanceyville St., on or before Thursday, December 1. Practices begin in December. League play includes 10 regular season games on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday nights. A single elimination tournament will be held at the end of the regular season. A mandatory league organizational meeting for team managers will be held after registration closes. For more information, call 373-2946.

### **GYC Holds Auditions for Artistry Awards**

The Greensboro Youth Council (GYC) is holding auditions for the Artistry Awards talent competition on Sunday, November 12, at the Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. Auditions are open to all Guilford County students ages 13-18. Individuals or groups may compete in the categories of creative writing, visual arts, print art, vocal, instrumental, and dance. Registration begins at 10 am. Audition times vary, based on the category. Students must bring proof of age to register at the auditions. Audition materials must be suitable for all ages. Groups are welcome to compete as long as members fit the age range. Students can audition in as many categories as they wish, but are limited to two



The Greensboro Police Department is launching "Operation Yuletide," an initiative to bring holiday cheer to 50 or more under-served youth and senior citizens in the city. In partnership with Christ Wesleyan Church, the vision of this inaugural program is to provide each family with a ham and nonperishable foods for a traditional holiday meal, along with gifts consisting of new toys and clothing.

Police officers and department employees have unique insight into the circumstances of some of the city's residents, and are nominating families based on their personal knowledge of the families' needs. Greensboro Police and Christ Wesleyan Church are asking for the public's support with donations of new toys, non-perishable food items, new clothing, gift wrap, and money. Donations are accepted at these locations:

- Kitchen Operations Center at 2602 South Elm-Eugene St.
- Police Department administrative office at 300 West Washington St.
- Eastern Police Division at 1106 Maple St.
- Western Police Division at 300 South Swing Road
- Public Safety Training Facility at 1510 North Church St.

Monetary donations must be sent directly to Christ Wesleyan Church, 2400 S. Holden Rd., Greensboro, NC, 27407. Please indicate in the memo section of the check "Operation Yuletide." The church will provide receipts for cash donations, which are tax-deductible, and 100 percent of the donations go toward Operation Yuletide. Police Department staff and volunteers will organize the donations and deliver food and gifts to the families. For more information, contact Lt. Pam

entries in the fine art categories and one entry in the performing arts categories. Cash prizes will be awarded in each category: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. Finalists selected in the performing arts categories will compete at the Artistry Awards show at 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 15, 2012 at the Greensboro Coliseum's Odeon Theatre. For more information, call Tiffany Jones at 373-4351.

Rogers at 433-7328.

## **Greensboro/Guilford County Crime Stoppers Program Earns Award**

*City crime prevention program recognized for educating the public*

The Greensboro/Guilford County Crime Stoppers program is the recipient of the North Carolina Crime Stoppers Association's award for "Most Creative Advertising" for its Crime Stoppers Night at NewBridge Bank Park in May 2010.

At this function, the program worked in conjunction with Clear Channel Radio and the Greensboro Grasshoppers to educate attendees at the ball park on how the program works and how it assists law enforcement in the community. Clear Channel Radio provided public service announcements promoting the program before and during the event, which raised approximately \$1,200 for the Rewards Fund.

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