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Get Your GEANI Emergency Notifications

You can now receive urgent and important information through cell phones, text messages, home phones, and e-mail.



GEANI, the Guilford Emergency Alert, Notification, and Information System, sends public safety messages to residents and businesses within Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson, and Randolph counties based on where an incident is taking place or will take place and where you live or work.

Learn more at www.readyguilford.org.

City Manager Recruitment Progress Made

Recruitment for a new City Manager has now closed and interviews are expected to take place this month. City Council is expected to select its candidate and negotiate a contract by early June, with a new City Manager in place by June or July. The City worked with the Ralph Andersen and Associates search firm in the national recruiting process.

GTA is "Safe Place" for Youth in Need

For local youth, help is as close as the nearest Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) bus.



The City's new SafePlaces include each of the 101 GTA, HEAT and SCAT buses, as well as the J. Douglas Galyon Depot at 236 E.

Washington St. and the new GTA Administrative Offices at 223 W. Meadowview Rd. Bus operators have been trained to respond to a request for help.

Neighborhood Walks Program Underway

The City's spring Neighborhood Walks program began in April and concludes this month. The walks provide opportunities for City staff to meet personally with community leaders and residents, listen to and see first-hand their concerns, and understand what is working well in their communities.

Lock Your Home, Garage and Valuables

Warmer weather means we spend more time outside, often away from our house. How secure is your home when you are away?

The Greensboro Police suggest you take a good look at your home from a burglar's point of view. Walk around the outside of the house to pinpoint possible vulnerable areas. Fix broken windows, damaged or inadequate locks, pet doors, and other parts of your home that could be easy entry points for criminals.

Always lock your home and close the garage door, even when you are nearby. And, do not leave sporting equipment or toys outside.

Why create an easy opportunity for thieves?



City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm Tuesdays, May 1, May 15, June 5 and June 19. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and at www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

Celebrate City Trails at June 2 Festival

Greensboro's 15th annual National Trails Day event is set for Saturday, June 2, at Bur-Mil Park, 5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd. New this year is a "Green Living Expo," featuring vendors from environmental businesses, health-related organizations and outdoor activity groups. The festival also features a Trail Mix 5K foot race, guided hikes, mountain bike rides, kayak demonstrations, geocaching, live music, food, and a free raffle. Learn more at www.greensborotrails.org.



MUSEP Kicks Off Summer Series on June 3

Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP) kicks off its summer concert series on Sunday, June 3, and continues through Sunday, August 26. The free series features ensembles

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Put Safety First in Honor of Bike Month

May is National Bike Month and in recognition of it, the City reminds riders how to keep themselves and others safe. Since bicycles are defined by state law as vehicles, bicyclists should behave like drivers by:

- Riding with traffic, not against it
- Stopping at all stop signs and red lights
- Signaling their intentions
- Not passing on the right unless in a bike lane or shoulder
- Using lights when riding at night
- Riding as far to the right as possible, while avoiding hazards like potholes and parked cars.



Also, under state law, all bicyclists under age 16 must wear a helmet and it is recommended that all riders wear one.

Motorists should:

- Look for bicyclists before turning and opening car doors
- Not drive or park in bike lines
- Not pass a bicyclist when making a right turn. Instead, they should slow down, merge and then turn.

Learn more about bicycle safety by visiting www.GSOSharesTheRoad.org.

City Offers Yard Waste Tips

With spring now here, many of us are out doing yard work. The City collects yard waste every week on your regular garbage collection day. To ensure collection, can it, bag it or bundle it.

Use your own 32-gallon trash can for yard waste. Your can should have handles and a lid. Irregularly shaped containers may not be serviced. Filled cans should weigh no more than 50 pounds. If you were to place a lid on the can, all materials should be contained inside. Long branches protruding from the container may result in service denial.

Use only heavy duty clear plastic bags for your yard waste. Using black plastic bags, paper bags, and green recycling bags will result in non-collection. Filled bags must weigh less than 50 pounds.

Tie yard waste in bundles not more than five feet long and no heavier than 50 pounds.

GPAC Task Force Continues to Gather Input

The Greensboro Performing Arts Center (GPAC) Task Force has visited the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC) and the Schuster Center in Dayton, Ohio, to help determine which type of facility might best fit Greensboro.

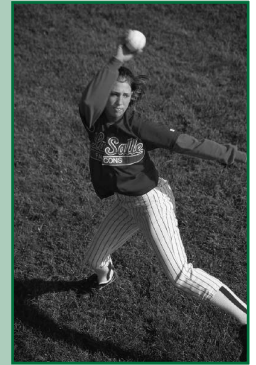
Most of DPAC's performances are for touring Broadway productions. The facility is owned by the city of Durham, but privately operated by a management company. Schuster hosts mostly ballet, opera and philharmonic performances. Public and private donations funded construction of the facility, but it is owned and operated by a nonprofit.

Learn more about GPAC's findings and share your thoughts about a Greensboro performing arts center by visiting www.gpac2012.com and attending an upcoming GPAC meeting.

playing everything from swing, jazz and blues to classical, beach and bluegrass. Pack a picnic and head to a park near you for this time-honored tradition. For more information, call the City Arts Music Center at 373-2549 or visit www.city-arts.org.

Batter Up for Children's Museum on June 9

Greensboro Fire and Police Department members face-off in their second annual Charity Softball game at 11 am Saturday, June 9, at War Memorial Stadium, 501 Yanceyville St. Proceeds from ticket sales go toward remodeling the fire and police sections of the Greensboro Children's Museum. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance or before the game at the box office. For more information, call the Children's Museum at 574-2898.



See How Government Works

Learn more about the City through Government Works: A City Academy, which runs from September 6 to November 13. Open to all City residents, the program is designed to develop future leaders and build a better community through well-informed and civically engaged residents. The application period runs from June 1 through July 15. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CityAcademy.



Water Resources' Report Available for Review

The 2011 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Plant Report is now available for public review at all City Water Resources facilities, libraries, and on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/water.

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