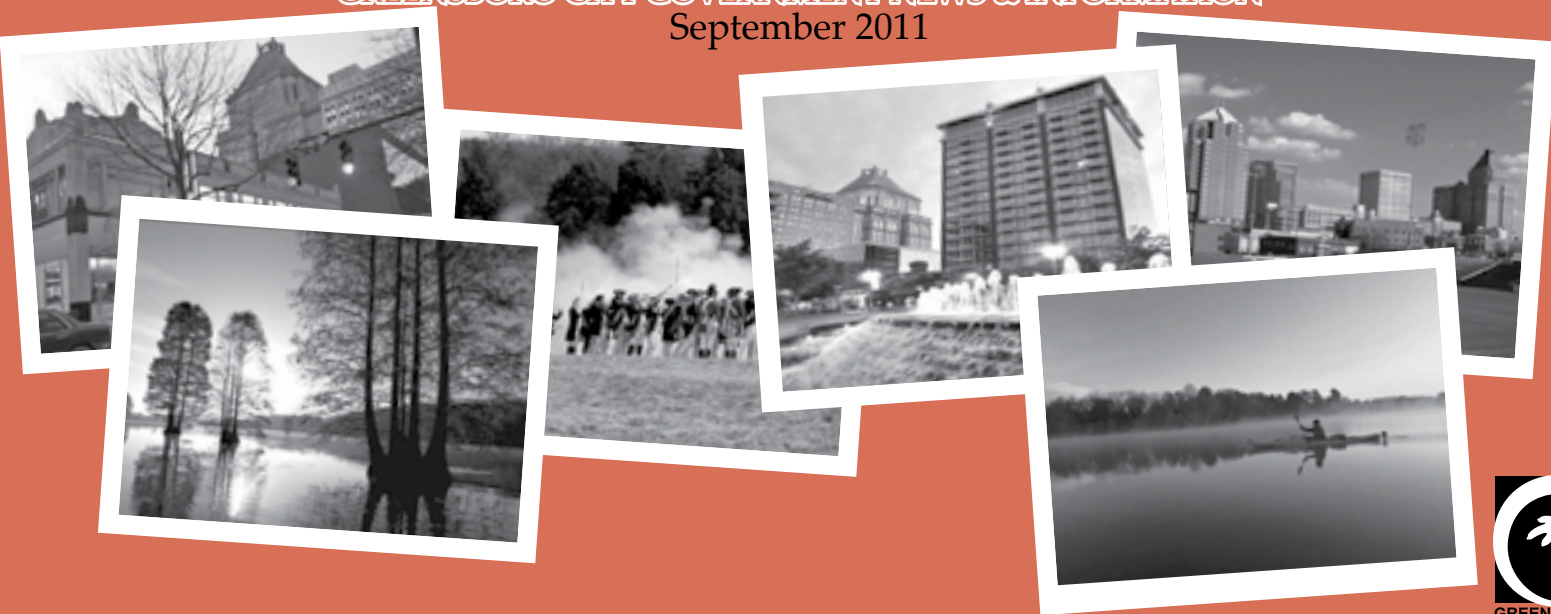


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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

September 2011



Pottery Festival

Experience local handmade earthenware, stoneware and porcelain at the 15th annual Triad Area Fall Pottery Festival. The event is Sunday, October 23, from 11 am to 5 pm at the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville St. More than 80 potters will exhibit their unique styles. Parking and admission is free. For more information, call 336-373-2961.

Super Flea Market

The Greensboro Coliseum hosts its monthly Super Flea Market October 8-9. Buy or sell new and used merchandise, collectibles, antiques and crafts, or visit with family and friends. Admission is free. For more information, call 336-373-8515 or visit www.superflea.com.

City Contact Center Achieves Milestone

On August 11, the Contact Center achieved a milestone by receiving its 1.5 millionth call. By calling 336-373-CITY (2489), residents and visitors have access to City information, the ability to request services, and the option to pass along feedback to the City. The Contact Center is staffed 7 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday.

October City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesday, October 4, and Tuesday, October 18, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. 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.

BetterBuildings Energy-Efficiency Grants Available to Homeowners

Greensboro residents now have the opportunity to make their homes more energy-efficient by taking advantage of the BetterBuildings grant program. The federally funded program offers grant assistance and a rebate and incentive package to homeowners who make qualified upgrades that result in at least a 15 percent improvement in their home's energy usage. Qualified homeowners will receive up to \$2,000 worth of energy upgrades. Higher income households will receive an energy assessment rebate and other incentives.

The grant provides for basic upgrades, such as insulation improvements and heating and air duct sealing. Homeowners can seek low-interest loans through banks and lenders that have partnered with the program to pay for work performed beyond what is covered in the grant. Everyone who participates in the BetterBuildings program will receive a complimentary introduction package that includes CFL light bulbs, a programmable thermostat, and low-flow shower heads. For more information or to download a BetterBuildings application, go to www.greensboro-nc.gov/BetterBuildings.

City Website Goes Live

The City has redesigned and updated its website to be more informative, user-friendly, attractive and intuitive. Winning photos depicting images of Greensboro are the first visuals greeting visitors when they visit the site's home page.



The contest winners were chosen from approximately 600 entries. (Photos are at the top of this page.) The winning photographers are J. Stephen Catlett for landmarks, Patrick Eilers for both recreation and beauty, Don Heermans for downtown, Doug Purnell for history, and Doug Swanson for skyline. In addition to their images being displayed on the City website, the winners were recognized

at the August 1 City Council meeting. Navigate through www.greensboro-nc.gov to learn more about what the City has to offer.

Follow the City of Greensboro on Twitter at www.twitter.com/greensborocity

Pumpkin Day Ushers in Fall



Start the holiday season off right with seasonal cooking ideas and tips at Pumpkin Day on Saturday, October 22, from 6 am to 12 noon at the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville St. The free event showcases the fall vegetable as well as other seasonal produce. Parking is free. For more information, call 336-373-2961.

Ghoulash Halloween Festival



On Saturday, October 22 from 5-9 pm, the Greensboro Cultural District will come alive with the annual Ghoulash! Halloween festival featuring spooktacular fun for the entire family. Free activities include a costume contest for children up to 10 years old, a haunted cemetery walk, storytelling, bingo, face-painting, removable Halloween tattoos, a photo booth, and lots of candy and treats.

In addition to the events at the Greensboro Cultural Center and Festival Park, activities will take place at the Greensboro Historical Museum and the Greensboro Children's Museum. A nominal fee will be charged for some activities. For more information, contact the Greensboro Youth Council office at 336-373-2734.

City's MAP Plan

Learn more about the City's comprehensive plan to provide greater transparency and an increased level of insight into the performance of City government. Called MAP, which stands for management, accountability, and performance, the plan offers detailed reports that track the City's progress and use of resources. For more information, visit the MAP website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/MAP.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence and emotional abuse are behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Abuse is not always physical or of a sexual nature, but can be emotional, economic or psychological. This includes behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure or wound someone. Here are some ways to get help and stay safe:

- If you are experiencing abuse, talk to someone you trust and consider getting help to end your relationship safely.
- If you are abusing someone, take responsibility for ending the abuse by getting help for yourself.
- If you know someone who is experiencing abuse, tell him or her you are concerned and encourage the person to get help.

For more information, call the 24-hour crisis line at Family Service of the Piedmont at 336-273-7273 or the Greensboro Police Department at 336-373-2496.

US Figure Skating Championships Nominated for Two Awards

The 2011 AT&T US Figure Skating Championships held here in January are nominated for two awards in the categories of "Best Multi-Sport or Multi-Discipline Event" and "Sport Event of the Year" by readers of SportsTravel magazine.

The event held at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, featured competition, practice, and FanFest in one venue. The competitive events drew 110,787 fans with an additional attendance of 50,805 at the FanFest, practice rink, and related activities. It was the first time the US Figure Skating Championships were hosted in the Carolinas.

Winners of the magazine's awards will be announced at the TEAMS '11 Conference and Expo in October.

Home Rehabilitation Assistance Available

The Department of Planning and Community Development provides housing



rehabilitation programs to help low income households address housing needs. The City's program is currently accepting applications from homeowners in Guilford County. The City's programs address handicapped accessibility, energy-efficiency and housing upgrades that preserve the housing market, improve the quality of life in neighborhoods, and benefit

the community as a whole. Testing for lead in homes built prior to 1978 is also available. For more information, call 336-373-2349.

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