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## GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

### November 2011



### Thanksgiving and Trash/Recycling Schedule

City offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. No garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, and appliance collections take place on Thanksgiving. Thursday's collection will take place on Wednesday, November 23. Friday's collection remains the same.

### Christmas and Trash/Recycling Schedule

City offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Monday, December 26, and Tuesday, December 27, in observance of Christmas. No garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, and appliance collections take place on Christmas. Monday's collection will take place on Tuesday, December 27. Tuesday's collection will take place on Wednesday, December 28.

### December City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesday, December 6, and Tuesday, December 13, 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](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov). Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

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## City Dedicates New Police Headquarters



The City hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 17 at the former IRS building in downtown Greensboro. The building, located at 320 Federal Pl., will soon be the new Greensboro Police Department headquarters.

The General Services Administration awarded the building to the City in July 2011 for \$1. The 94,809-square-foot build-

ing opened in 1955 and is located on 2.14 acres. The six-story facility includes five floors and a basement, and has 187 adjacent parking spaces. Renovations to the structure will take place over a three-year period, with costs each year of approximately \$300,000. In an effort to better serve the community, the Police Department will dedicate the first floor for public functions such as: records, watch operations and telephone response unit, and will house the entire Central Division. Also moving into the building will be logistics, the command staff, resource management, public information, and internal affairs. The building will also house a gym, locker rooms, break rooms and a city command center. Greensboro Mayor William H. Knight, Greensboro police chief Ken Miller, members of Congress, and representatives from the General Services Administration who were instrumental in helping the City with the acquisition of the building, attended the ceremony.

## Volunteers Needed for 26th Annual Shoppers' Day

The Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities hosts its 26th annual Shoppers' Day on December 1. The City is seeking volunteers from the community to accompany shoppers as they purchase holiday gifts at Four Season Town Center. Each year more than 300 shoppers with moderate to severe disabilities are assisted by a volunteer for a half-day shopping experience that includes entertainment by people with disabilities, a visit with Santa and refreshments. Registration is from 8-8:30 am and shopping begins at 8:30 am. For more information about volunteering, contact 336-373-2723.

## Police Initiate "Operation Yuletide"



In partnership with Christ Wesleyan Church, 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. The program provides families with a ham and nonperishable foods for a traditional holiday meal, along with gifts. Donations requested are 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.
- Chief's Administrative Office at 300 West Washington St.
- Eastern Division at 1106 Maple St.
- Western Division at 300 South Swing Rd.
- Public Safety Training Facility at 1510 North Church St.

Send monetary donations to Christ Wesleyan Church, 2400 S. Holden Rd., Greensboro, NC, 27407. Indicate "Operation Yuletide" in the memo section of the check. Cash donations are tax-deductible. Donations are accepted through December 9. For more information, contact Lt. Pam Rogers at 336-433-7328.

## Deck the Halls Day at Farmers' Curb Market



Start off the holiday season with a visit to the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market on Saturday, December 10, from 6 am to 12 noon, for Deck the Halls Day. Shop the unique selection of holiday decorations, gifts, plants, and baked goods.

## Library eBooks Available on Kindle

Book lovers can access Greensboro Public Library's eBooks collection that is now compatible with the Amazon® Kindle. Patrons can download popular and classic eBooks to Kindle devices or any mobile device such as iPhone®, iPad®, Android™, and more. The library also offers eBooks and audiobooks for use on computers, smart phones, MP3 players, and other eBook readers.

Kindle users can browse the library's collection of eBooks from their computer, check out titles using a library card, and select "Get for Kindle" to deliver eBooks to their Kindle or any device running the Kindle application.

## Holiday Safety Reminders

With the holidays around the corner, use caution to ensure a safe and enjoyable time for all. Here are a few tips from the Greensboro Police Department to avoid becoming a crime victim.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with check, credit or debit whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers by carrying purses close to your body and wallets in a front pant pocket or inside coat pocket. Avoid carrying too many packages, and never leave purses unattended.
- Park in an area with good lighting. Close the windows and lock the car. Put shopping bags and valuables in the trunk.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated. Make sure they know your phone numbers.
- Use ATMs in well lighted, populated areas; store and bank ATMs during the day are the best. If you see a person loitering or something strange around an ATM, cancel the transaction and leave.
- Record credit card numbers and contact information on the bank card issuer. Notify the issuer immediately if your card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Make your home look occupied when gone. Turn on lights and TVs. Lock doors and windows at all times.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. If someone suspicious approaches, change directions and go to a populated area.

## City Recognizes Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Efforts

The City's active role in promoting sustainability and energy education within the community is gaining attention in the form of an environmental award and the awarding of an energy efficiency grant to local businesses and school system.

Recently, the Urban Libraries Council presented the Innovations Award to the Kathleen Clay Edwards branch library for its environmental education programs. The branch offers programs modeling environmental stewardship, serves as a hub for environmental outreach in the community, and partners with the City to provide weatherization and energy savings programs for residents.

The City also awarded sub grants to local businesses and Guilford County Schools from the Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant totalling \$105,310. The grant recipients and amounts are Advanced Energy (\$24,307), Elsewhere Collaborative (\$27,203), ESG Energy (\$23,000) and Guilford County Schools (30,000).

## Loose Leaf Collection Program Starts

Picking up leaves can be a chore, but the City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program, which runs from November 14 through January 27, 2012, makes it easy. The City will pick up leaves during two collection periods. Leaves that are curbside by:

- November 14 will be picked up by December 17.
- December 19 will be picked up by January 27.

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