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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

December 2011



Christmas Trash/Recycling Schedule

City offices, buildings and facilities are 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 takes place on Tuesday, December 27. Tuesday's collection takes place on Wednesday, December 28.

New Year's Trash/Recycling Schedule

City offices, buildings and facilities are closed Monday, January 2, 2012, in observance of New Year's. No garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, and appliance collections take place on New Year's. Monday's collection takes place on Tuesday, January 3. Tuesday's collection takes place on Wednesday, January 4.

January City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council's meeting schedule for 2012 will be posted on www.greensboro-nc.gov in mid-December. 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.

Greensboro Elects New City Council

Greensboro voters elected a new City Council on November 8. Robbie Perkins was elected mayor, while Nancy Hoffmann (District 4) and Marikay Abuzuaiter (At-Large) were elected for the first time. Meanwhile, incumbent Council members T. Dianne Bellamy-Small (District 1), Jim Kee (District 2), Zack Matheny (District 3), Trudy Wade (District 5) and Nancy Vaughan (At-Large) were re-elected. Former Mayor Yvonne Johnson was elected as an At-Large member and will serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Townsend Dam Renovation



Townsend Dam, Greensboro's major water supplier, is getting a much needed facelift. The 1,635-acre water source has supplied 70 percent of the City's water since the 1960s. The dam is also used for recreational boating and fishing. Signs of structural distress became evident in 1980 due to Alkali-Silicia Reactivity (ASR), which made renovations a necessity. If left

unaddressed, the chemical reaction of ASR would eventually threaten the stability of the dam.

In 2007, temporary repairs were not successful, making replacement and expansion of the spillway necessary for public safety and for compliance with new regulations. The new material used in the dam is an equal mixture of cement and "fly ash," which prevents cracking and other problems that occurred in the old dam. If properly maintained, the structure is expected to last 100 years.

The new zig-zag design brings added benefits that include lower maintenance costs and fewer labor requirements for plant operators. Additionally, the new dam will have one operational gate instead of 10 gates used previously. The \$35 million dollar project cost is nearly 30 percent less than the original estimated cost. The anticipated completion date is early 2012.

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Greensboro Sportsplex Offers All Sports Teacher Workday Camps



In 2012, the Greensboro Sportsplex continues its series of All Sports Teacher Workday Camps for boys and girls ages 6-12 years. The camps are 7:30 am to 4 pm on designated teacher workdays for Guilford County Schools as follows:

- Tuesday, January 3
- Friday, January 20
- Monday, March 26

Camp activities include a variety of sports such as basketball, volleyball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, flag football, and inline roller hockey. Campers also receive age-appropriate agility training.

The cost is \$25 per child per day, if registration is received at least two weeks prior to the start of each camp, or \$35 per child per day, if registration is received less than two weeks in advance. Advanced registration is required. The Greensboro Sportsplex is located at 2400 16th St., off Highway 29 North. For more information, call 373-373-3272 or visit www.GreensboroSportsplex.com.

Loose Leaf Collection Program Underway

The City's annual Loose Leaf Collection program is underway. Leaves curbside by December 19 will be picked up by January 27, 2012. Leaves that were curbside by November 14 will be picked up by December 17. To view an interactive map showing leaf collection status go to www.greensboro-nc.gov/leafcollection.com.

CAPRA Re-accredits City's Parks and Recreation Department

The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) has officially re-accredited the City's Parks and Recreation Department, making it one of only 104 departments in the country to be accredited. As part of the accreditation process, the department submitted evidence of compliance for all of CAPRA's 140 standards of best practices for park and recreation management and operations. To be re-accredited, the Parks and Recreation Department had to comply with 36 fundamental standards and meet 85 percent of the remaining standards. The department undergoes a full review of the standards every five years to remain accredited.

Piedmont Winterfest Returns to Festival Park for Second Season



WFMY News 2's Piedmont Winterfest event returns to Festival Park in downtown Greensboro for its second season of outdoor ice skating. The rink opened on November 18, and is open through Sunday, January 29, 2012. The City is a sponsor of the event.

Hours are 4-9 pm Mondays through Thursdays, 4-10 pm Fridays, 10 am to 10 pm Saturdays and school holidays, and 12 noon to 6 pm Sundays. Holiday hours for December 20 through January 3, 2012 are 10 am to 10 pm daily. Regular admission is \$8 per person, which includes skate rentals. Groups of 20 or more and special discount days are \$6 per person. Winterfest concessions beside the ice rink will keep all guests warm and well fed with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, hot dogs and more. For more information, contact Elijah Lovejoy at 336-207-5216 or go to www.piedmontwinterfest.com.

Know the Facts About Flooding

Every year, flooding can cause a significant amount of property damage. Protect your property and family by knowing the facts about flooding.

- Ninety percent of natural disasters in the US involve flooding.
- In high-risk areas, there is at least a one in four chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage.
- To find out if your property is located in a flood zone, call the City's Water Resources Department at 336-373-2055 or visit greensboro-nc.gov/stormwater and click on "Flood Zone Determination."
- Flood damage is not covered by standard property or renters insurance, and must be purchased separately. It usually takes 30 days after purchase of the policy to become effective.
- Floodplains are nature's own disaster control. They act like sponges, storing excess rainfall. Floodplains also provide natural habitat for many types of plants, birds, insects, and other creatures.
- Think safety first. Never drive through flowing water. You cannot accurately gauge the depth of the water.

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