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## Did You Know?

### Lake Townsend Hosts Fall Foliage Pontoon Boat Rides

Watershed Parks is offering scenic fall foliage pontoon boat rides at Lake Townsend on the weekends of October 22-23, 29-30 and November 5-6. Boat rides begin on the hour from 11 am to 2 pm. The pontoon boat accommodates a maximum of eight passengers per ride. The fee is \$5 per person on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations will not be accepted. Lake Townsend is located at 6332 Lake Townsend Rd., adjacent to Bryan Park. For more information, call 373-3694 or visit [online](#).

### OPUS Concert Series Features Tarheel Chorus

The Tarheel Chorus will perform for the first time in the OPUS Concert Series at 7:30 pm Saturday, October 15, at Christ United Methodist Church, 410 N. Holden Rd. Admission is free. The popular barbershop ensemble is well-known throughout the Triad for its serious and lighthearted songs. For more information, contact the City Arts Music Center at 373-2549 or visit online at [www.city-](#)

# City Connections

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## City Council Recap

[Council ordinance restores funding to Natural Science Center](#)

At its meeting on October 4, Greensboro City Council adopted an ordinance in the amount of \$97,650 in restored funding for the Greensboro Natural Science Center. The funding is in addition to an annual contribution the City provides to the Natural Science Center and will assist with increased operational costs related to the construction of the center's new SciQuarium. In 2009, a \$20 million bond referendum was approved by Greensboro voters to fund the construction of the SciQuarium, Natural Science Center museum renovations and the completion of the center's Animal Discovery.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, October 18, 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](#).

## City Officials and Community Residents Take Neighborhood Walks

[City officials and residents hit the streets to talk](#)



The City of Greensboro kicked off its fall Neighborhood Walks program

[arts.org](#).

### **Children's Theatre Holds Auditions for Short Tales 9**

The Greensboro Children's Theatre holds auditions for Short Tales 9 from 1-4 pm Saturday, October 15, at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. Auditions are open to children in grades 4-9 and will include cold readings from the script. No preparation is necessary. Short Tales 9 is a series of short children's plays directed by area high school and college drama students in collaboration with local schools and the City's Drama Center. The show will be presented November 19-20 at the Greensboro Historical Museum, 130 Summit Ave. For more information, call 373-2728 or visit online at [www.TheDramaCenter.com](http://www.TheDramaCenter.com)

### **Playwrights' Forum Seeks Scripts**

The Greensboro Playwrights' Forum is seeking scripts written by Guilford County high school students for its 2011 Pegasus Project. Ten plays will be selected and presented as part of the Greensboro Fringe Festival. All plays must be 10 pages or less in standard format. Deadline for submission is Tuesday, November 1. Send scripts to Stephen Hyers, City Arts Drama Center director, at [Stephen@PlaywrightsForum.org](mailto:Stephen@PlaywrightsForum.org). For more information, contact the City Arts office at 373-2026, or visit [www.TheDramaCenter.com](http://www.TheDramaCenter.com).

### **Library eBooks Now Available on Kindle**

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with a visit to the Friendly Neighborhood Association in Council 1 District on September 26. City Manager Rashad Young and members of the City's executive team walked with residents the following week in Lamrocton/Farmington neighborhood in District 5. The walks provide opportunities for City staff to meet personally with community leaders and residents, listen to and see their concerns first-hand, and to understand what is working well in their communities.

Each tour includes breaks for refreshments and discussion. Walks are planned for the remaining districts as follows:

District 2: Ole Asheboro	10/10
District 3: Kirkwood	10/11
District 4: Starmount Forest	10/17

Neighborhood walks will resume in late spring. For more information, call 373-2723.

### **Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market Hosts Fall Pottery Festival**

*Local potters exhibit wares at annual fall festival*

Discover the richness of local pottery as more than 80 potters exhibit their unique styles of handmade glazed earthenware, stoneware and porcelain at the 15 annual Triad Area Fall Pottery Festival. Hosted by the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market, the popular event is Sunday, October 23, from 11 am to 5 pm. Parking and admission are free.

The Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market is located at 501 Yanceyville St. For more information, call Michael Rawls at 373-2961.

### **Save-A-Lot Grocery Store Coming to Greensboro**

*New grocery store to open in east Greensboro*

The City of Greensboro announced last week that it is in discussions with Save-A-Lot Food Stores to bring the national grocer to east Greensboro. According to City officials, Save-A-Lot, one of the nation's leading hard discount, limited assortment grocery chains, is firmly committed to coming to east Greensboro. The store would be the first for the east Greensboro community in more than a decade and is expected to occupy vacant space in Bessemer Shopping Center, located behind the McGirt-Horton branch library on Phillips Avenue.

Additional information will be released in the near future.

### **Greensboro Promotes Energy Education and Sustainability Practices**

*City awards funding to local businesses*

The City of Greensboro's active role in



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promoting sustainability and energy education within the community is gaining attention with a recent environmental award, and energy efficiency grants to local businesses and Guilford County Schools.

The Urban Libraries Council, and its Director Susan Benton, recently presented the Greensboro public library with an Innovations Award to the Kathleen Clay Edwards branch library for its environmental education programs. The branch which offers programs designed to model environmental stewardship, serves as a hub for environmental outreach campaigns for non-profits in the community, and partners with the City's Planning and Community Development department to provide weatherization and energy savings programs for residents.

The City also awarded sub grants to local businesses and Guilford County Schools from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants totalling \$105,310. The grants allow the City to promote energy efficiency education activities, as well as provide tangible, lasting benefits to Greensboro and its residents.

The grant recipients and amounts are as follows:

- Advanced Energy (\$24,307)
- Elsewhere Collaborative (\$27,203)
- ESG Energy (\$23,800)
- Guilford County Schools (\$30,000)

