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City of Greensboro News & Information

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Greensboro Receives Free Neighborhood Design Consultation

The City is one of eight communities nationwide to receive a free neighborhood design consultation from Global Green USA. Over the next several months, sustainability experts will visit Greensboro and provide comprehensive recommendations for infrastructure and policy changes to ensure a more resource-efficient, livable, healthy, and environmentally responsible neighborhood.

Greensboro applied for this grant for the Cottage Grove area that encompasses the S. English Street corridor and includes a section of the Willow Oaks redevelopment area and Hampton Elementary University Partnership Magnet.

City's EDBS Office Opens

The City's new Economic Development and Business Support (EDBS) office is now open and ready for business, and conveniently located inside the 300 W. Washington St. entrance to the Melvin Municipal Office Building.

EDBS' goal is to create economic development opportunities with an emphasis on helping businesses create jobs, grow, and succeed, while offering great customer service. The focus is on small business creation and retention by coordinating activities and

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initiatives with local and regional organizations.

To assist, the City has hired Reggie Delahanty as its Small Business Coordinator to work with the small and emerging business community. For more information, call 373-2489 (CITY) and select business services option #2.

Stay Safe this Winter



Severe winter weather can strike quickly, so always be prepared. The City's Emergency Management Office suggests you have a disaster supply kit ready, prepare your home and family for the possibility of losing heat or water during a winter storm, make sure your car is ready to roll by keeping it well maintained, and dress appropriately for the cold. Read more about these tips, as well as what to do after a winter storm, at greensboro-nc.gov/WinterWeather.

Emergency Management officials also warn that electric space heaters can be hazardous and should be used with extreme caution to prevent shock, fire and burns. Follow the usage instructions carefully. And, never use gas ovens and burners to heat your home. If your heat does not work or you have no heat, contact your building's owner.

February City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm Tuesdays, February 7 and 21. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and at greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

Greensboro Earns Award for National Night Out

The National Association of Town Watch has selected Greensboro as a National Award Winner for its "outstanding participation" in the 2011 National Night Out crime, drug and violence prevention program. This marks the eighteenth year that the police department and city residents have been recognized for their participation in National Night Out.

Hagan-Stone Park Accepting 2012 Wedding Reservations



Hagan-Stone Park is now accepting reservations for weddings and receptions in 2012. The scenic 409-acre park offers a variety of affordable venues for special events. To set up an appointment for a facility tour, call the Hagan-Stone Park office at 674-0472. Dates book quickly, so call well in advance of any activity.

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The General Greene statue at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park after a heavy Greensboro snow last winter.

For winter weather-related closings of City buildings, offices and facilities, visit greensboro-nc.gov.

City Employees Earn American Red Cross Award

Eight City of Greensboro employees will receive this year's American Red Cross Salute to Heroes award (one posthumously) and will be honored along with other local notables during a ceremony at 7 pm Monday, February 27, at the Carolina Theatre.

City 'heroes' include: Police Officers A.L. Dellinger, D.M. Harmon and E.J. Nichols; Fire Department Officers Capt. Will Caviness (posthumously), Capt. Perry Hall, Dustin Jones and Austin Zimmerman; and Guilford Metro 9-1-1's Emergency Communications Supervisor Ricky Draper.

The Red Cross award honors heroes, outstanding humanitarians, and individuals from the armed forces, law enforcement, emergency

services and fire services who live, work or attend school in Guilford County and have performed a heroic or humanitarian deed. For tickets to the awards ceremony, call the theatre's box office at 333-2605.

City Appoints Drew as Water Resources Director

Steven Drew is the City's new Director of Water Resources Department. An employee of the City since 1979, Drew has served as a plant mechanic and electronics technician, plant superintendent of maintenance and operations, water supply division manager, and most recently operations division manager.

In the latter post, he provided leadership to all compliance, operational, maintenance, and repair activities for more 160 full-time employees tasked with the distribution of potable drinking water, metering services, and sewer pumping station collections.

Library Offers Free Fitness Classes Through March

If your New Year's resolution includes exercise, the Greensboro Public Library can help. The Central Library is offering Fitness by the Fiction, a free exercise class that meets from 6-7 pm Wednesdays through March at the library. The classes offer a variety of exercise options. For more information, call Jim Young at 373-4103.



Pontoon Boat Rides Offered for Bird Watching

Through the end of March, Lake Townsend offers pontoon boat rides at 2:30 pm on Sundays for people to spot migrating and wintering waterfowl. Fee is \$4 per person. The pontoon boat can accommodate up to eight passengers per tour. Life jackets are provided and binoculars are available upon request. To reserve a seat, call 373-3816 on weekdays.

Lake Higgins Hatchery Pond is Restocked

The Taylor Turner Hatchery Pond at Lake Higgins has been restocked with trout for public fishing. Anglers 16 years and older must have a valid North Carolina fishing license, but a trout stamp is not required. The fee is \$1 to fish and \$3.75 per pound of fish caught. All fish caught must be weighed and kept. This is not a catch and release fishing opportunity. Lake Higgins Watershed Park is located at 4235 Hamburg Mill Rd., off Highway 220 North. For more information, call the marina office at 373-3739.

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