# **City of Greensboro**News & Information

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# City Stresses Importance of House Street Numbers

The City of Greensboro, Greensboro Police and Fire departments, and Guilford Metro 9-1-1 encourage you to be sure your home address street numbers are clearly visible on the front of your home.

When first responders are called to the scene of an emergency, it's important that they are able to quickly locate the correct home or apartment building where someone in need of care resides.

For all dwellings, whether a home or apartment, street numbers should be at least three inches tall and no more than three feet away from the front door; and should be visible from the street and away from obstructions.

For multifamily townhouses or apartments, the building number should be six inches tall and located in an area where it can be seen from the parking lot and street.

For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

# **City Introduces After-Hours Fees for Downtown Parking**

Beginning in April, the City is implementing a new after-hours parking meter payment system for the four City-owned, downtown parking decks: Bellemeade Street Deck, Church Street Deck, Davie Street Deck, and Greene Street Deck.

The new policy requires you to pay a \$2 flat rate when entering any of the four decks after 9 pm.

The fees will be used to improve



cleanliness levels at the decks to include additional trash and litter removal, regular pressure washings and recycling service. The new fees will also pay for security and customer service patrols until 3 am and enhanced lighting to make the decks even safer.

The new policy will not affect anyone with monthly parking permits, as their access card will still grant them access in and out of the decks.

# **Call Pickup Service for E-Waste**

Did you know you can call 373-CITY (2489) to have your old electronics, such as televisions and computer equipment, picked up and taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Center for you?

Or, you can take electronic items yourself to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center at 2750 Patterson St., Guilford County Scrap Tire and White Goods Recycling Center at 2138 Bishop Rd., or Guilford County Prison Farm at 7315 Howerton Rd. in Gibsonville for proper disposal.

For more information, visit www. greensboro-nc.gov/HHW.

# **City Council Meetings**

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm Tuesday, April 3, Monday, April 16, Tuesday, May 1, and Tuesday, May 15. 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.

### No Trash/Recycling on May 28

City offices and facilities are closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day. There are no trash, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, or appliance collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, May 29, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, May 30. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

### **Carnival Celebrates Big 5-0**



May 8-13 is the Greensboro Youth Council (GYC) Carnival at the Greensboro Coliseum and this year marks the 50th anniversary of the event. Known across the state as one of the largest youthrun events, the GYC Carnival includes rides, community game ...continued



# Neerman Tapped as Interim Assistant City Manager

Greensboro Public Library Director Sandy Neerman has been assigned to the post of interim assistant city manager.



According to Interim City Manager Denise Turner Roth, the move leverages Neerman's existing leadership to provide additional support to departments within the City's culture, recreation and community character result area.

Assistant Library Director Brigitte Blanton is serving in Neerman's absence as acting library director.

# **Keep Our School Buses Safe**

If you have a concern about your child's safety on the school bus, Greensboro Police recommend you contact your school and never try to board the bus at anytime. There are five regional school offices you can call for assistance. Find out which region your child's school is in by going to www.gcsnc.com

and clicking on the "Schools" tab or call 370-8100.



If school bus bullying is

a problem, police say to report it online at www.gcsnc.com/bullying.

#### **GPAC Task Force Seeks Input**

The Greensboro Performing Arts Center (GPAC) Task Force has several community forums scheduled to update City residents on its work and to hear comments and feedback.

From 12 noon to 1:30 pm and from 3:30-5 pm on Saturday, April 21, find out what the Task Force learned during site visits to existing performing arts centers.

From 7:30-9 am, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, and 6-7:30 pm on Thursday, May 24, the Task Force will report on the findings of the economic impact study.

Locations of all forums have not yet been announced. Learn more at www.gpac2012.com.

### Water Meter Readings Getting More Efficient

Starting in April, the City's Water Resources Department will begin upgrading its Utility Billing System. As part of this upgrade, Water Resources will consolidate some of its billing cycles and routes in an effort to make reading water meters with its mobile system more efficient. With the change in routing, the department plans to save more than \$5,000 in annual gas and vehicle maintenance costs.

Most water customers should not notice an impact on their billing. In the first several weeks of the consolidation, some customers will notice their meter reading shifts by about a week (earlier or later) from the current reading. These same

customers may also see a slight shift in the date the bill is mailed out. These changes will become the new normal cycle for those customers.



booths and entertainment for all ages. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for seniors and youth ages 6-17. Children age 5 and under are admitted free. For carnival hours, ride prices and daily discounts, visit www.GYCCarnival. com or call the GYC office at 373-2734.

# **Greenway Park Opens**

You are invited to the grand opening and dedication of Downtown Greenway's Morehead Park from 2-5 pm Sunday, May 6. The park



is a quarter mile section of the Greenway. This short stretch will celebrate the history and vibrancy of the area's neighborhoods through four major public art installations.

#### **See How Government Works**



Learn more about the City through Government Works: A City Academy, which runs from September 6 to November 13. Open to all City residents, the program is designed to develop future leaders and build a better community through well-informed and civically engaged residents. The application period runs from June 1 through July 15. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CityAcademy.

# Water Resources' Report Available for Review

The 2011 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Plant Report is now available for public review at all City Water Resources facilities, libraries, and on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/water.

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