City of Greensboro News & Information

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New City Budget Recommended

Interim City Manager Denise Turner Roth presented to City Council last month a \$449 million recommended budget for FY 2012-13. The recommendation does not include a tax rate increase, but does

propose a three percent water rate increase for Greensboro residents and provides \$2.2 million in budget reductions. City Council is expected to



adopt a budget before June 30. For more information, or to see the full budget recommendation, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecommendedBudget.

City Adds Facebook & YouTube to its Social Media Outlets

The City has added a Facebook page and a YouTube channel to its official social media outlets. The City is already active on Twitter.

Facebook offers residents a chance to interact with each other and share photos and experiences about the City. YouTube is an additional location for residents to find videos created by Channel 13 to promote City services, facilities, and events.

The City's social media outlets are listed on the back of this newsletter.

New City Attorney Now in Office

S. Mujeeb Shah-Khan is Greensboro's new City Attorney. He joined Greensboro from the City of Charlotte, where he served as a senior assistant city attorney. Shah-Khan, who has more than 17 years of experience practicing law, oversees Greensboro's legal department and serves as chief legal counsel to



City Council, while also providing legal opinions and reviews of City ordinances, resolutions and amendments, and overseeing the representation of the City in all legal matters.

Wilson Tapped as Interim P&R Director

Chris Wilson, park management and operations division manager, has been selected as interim director while a national search process for a new department director begins. Wilson, who replaces Greg Jackson, has fulfilled various roles within the Parks and Recreation Department since 1992. Over the last several years, he has played a critical role in the development of several of the department's capital projects.

Stay Safe During Summer Travel



Enjoy your summer vacation by traveling safely and making sure your home is protected while you are gone.

City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm Tuesdays, June 5 and 19, and July 17. In observance of Independence Day, the July 3 council meeting has been canceled. 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.

Holiday Trash & Recycling Pick-Ups

Independence Day, July 4, falls on a Wednesday this year, which is the day no City trash or recycling collections take place. That means that City collections will remain on schedule the first week of July. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).

Downtown Hosts July 4th Events

Downtown Greensboro will be a busy place in celebration of Independence Day. The annual Fun Fourth Festival events, of which the City is a co-sponsor, begin in downtown with a Freedom Run and Walk at 8 am Saturday, June 30. Other events include a Kickoff Block Park from 7-11 pm on Tuesday, July 3, at Festival Park; a parade and



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Learn more about safe travel at www.greensboro-nc.gov/
TravelSafety. And, make your home less attractive to thieves while you are gone by following the tips at www.greensboro-nc.gov/
HomeSafety.

These Greensboro Police Web pages and others in its Crime Prevention Tips section - www.greensboro-nc.gov/CrimePreventionTips - offer advise on many aspects of prevention and safety.

City Academy Taking Applications

Registration for the City's ninth annual Government Works: A City Academy is open now until July 16. One of the nation's first government education programs, City Academy demonstrates government through hands-on learning and detailed exercises.

Classes are held weekly from 5:45-9 pm from September 6 through November 8. The free program also offers an extra evening and Saturday elective Greensboro Police session that allows participants to experience hands-on programs.

To apply, complete an online application form at www. greensboro-nc.gov/CityAcademy or call the City's community relations office at 373-2723.

City Pools Now Open

When the weather heats up, remember



that there are many places to cool off. City pools are now open for

public swimming, lap swimming, classes, swim teams, and more. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/ Pools for a list of locations, phone numbers, fees and hours.

Rec Centers & Playgrounds Offer Summer Programs

Greensboro Parks and Recreation offers a variety of affordable

summer
day
camps for
children of
all ages.
From
music,
dance and
drama
to sports



and outdoor adventure, there's something for everyone. For a complete listing, visit online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leisure and click on the Summer Camps link in the left column.

And beginning June 18, Parks and Recreation's free summer neighborhood playground programs

start at seven sites. Hours are 9 am tp 5 pm Mondays through Fridays, weather permitting. Children ages 5-15 will enjoy a variety of supervised activities such as sports, games, arts, crafts and



special events. Free lunches will be provided at all seven sites.

For more information about either program, call the parks and recreation administrative office at 373-2574.



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street festival from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm throughout downtown; and a pops concert and fireworks that night from 7:30-10 pm at the White Oak Amphitheatre at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. For full details, visit www. funfourthfestival.org.

"Run From the Cops" Mountain Bike Race is July 8

Mountain bikers are invited to participate in the second annual "Run From the Cops" mountain bike race July 8 at Bur-Mil Park, sponsored by the Greensboro Police Club. Cyclists can pre-register at http://onthemarksports.com or in person at 7 am. For more information, call 209-5026.

City Arts Presents BIG Musical

The City Arts Drama Center stages its BIG (Broadway in Greensboro) summer musical "Children of Eden" on July 13-15 and July 19-22, featuring the Livestock Players, Greensboro Children's Theatre and the 3rd Stage Theatre Company. Nightly performances are at 7:05 pm and at 2:05 pm on Sundays at the Weaver Academy Theatre, 300 S. Spring St. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased online at www.TheDramaCenter. com. For more information, call City Arts at 373-2026.

Library Offers a Summer of Activities

Looking for free summer fun for your kids? The Greensboro Public Library offers festivals, magic shows, movies, musical



performances, science experiments, nature trips, stories, live animals and more. Visit www. greensborolibrary.org and check out the online calendar of events or visit your nearest branch and pick up a Summer Reading calendar for all the details.