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City Kicks Off "Be: Greensboro" Campaign

Now through August 31, Greensboro residents can call 373-CITY (2489) to commend a City employee for a job well done as part of the "Be: Greensboro" campaign.

The campaign is designed to encourage and recognize City employees for their service to the community.



The campaign encourages employees throughout the organization to be excellent examples of City government by being compassionate, helpful, and committed to serving Greensboro's residents.

Employees who are nominated will be recognized as the "Best of Greensboro" during City Council meetings and through the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BeGreensboro.

Greensboro Police Foundation Formed

A nonprofit organization that champions the needs of the Greensboro Police Department is now in operation. Called the Greensboro Police Foundation, its mission is to enhance the city's economic strength by promoting the safest city possible through support of the Greensboro Police Department.

The foundation envisions five primary areas of support:

- Training and professional development
- Cutting-edge specialized equipment and technology

- Employee recruitment, retention, recognition, health, and well-being
- Crime prevention and crime-solving
- Community partnerships and advocacy.

Learn more at www.greensboropolicefoundation.org.

GTA Rate Change in Effect

Greensboro Transit Authority has implemented its first system-wide rate change since 2009. As of July 2, the base adult fare is \$1.50 per trip. Transfers remain free of charge. Student fares decreased to 75 cents while Senior, Disability, and Medicare/Medicaid fares are also 75 cents. The 11-Ride Pass is \$14, while the 31-day Unlimited Ride Pass is \$58. For more fare information, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Fares.



Also effective July 2, are modifications to several fixed routes. For more information on those changes, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/GTA.

Reduce Your Accident Potential

It's summer and we tend to spend more time outside now. But, busy streets increase the opportunities for accidents. The Greensboro Police Department urges you to

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Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm Tuesdays, July 17, August 6 and 21. In observance of National Night Out, the August 7 meeting was moved to August 6. 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.

MUSEP Concert Series in

Full Swing

Pack a picnic, grab a blanket and bring the family to a local park for a Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park concert.



Generally beginning at 6 pm on Sundays (some at 6:30 pm), the bands range from folk to rock and country to classical. All concerts are free and open to the public. For a full schedule, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/MUSEP. The season's last concert is August 26.

Greensboro's National Night Out is August 7

Registration forms are now available for neighborhoods interested in participating in Greensboro's National Night Out (NNO) celebration, a crime and drug prevention event. Last year, more than 115 neighborhood events took place throughout the city. To register your neighborhood's plans, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/NNO or call the police department's community relations office at 373-2636.

reduce your chances of being involved in an accident by taking some simple precautions.

Pedestrians:

- Use extra caution when crossing multiple-lane, higher-speed streets.
- Stay off freeways and restricted zones. Cross or enter streets where it is legal to do so. Use sidewalks where provided. No sidewalks? Walk facing road traffic.
- Do not enter a signalized crossing unless you have a Walk light.
- Make it easy for drivers to see you; dress in light colors and wear retro-reflective material. Carry a flashlight in very dark areas.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs, which can impair your ability to walk safely.



Drivers:

- You can encounter pedestrians anytime and anywhere.
- Pedestrians can be very hard to see, especially in bad weather or at night, so stay alert and drive at a safe speed.
- When entering a crosswalk area, drive slowly and be prepared to stop.
- Stop for pedestrians who are in a crosswalk, even if it is not marked. And, stop far enough away so drivers in other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- Do not overtake and pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.
- Be especially attentive near schools, parks and in neighborhoods where children are active.

Crime Stoppers Earns Two Regional Awards

The Greensboro/Guilford Crime Stoppers program recently earned two awards from the Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association: the Productivity Award for the most cases solved and property recovered in 2011 for cities with similar populations and the Media of the Year, awarded on behalf of Fairway Outdoor Advertising who in June 2011 partnered with Crime Stoppers and the Greensboro Police Department to raise awareness about the Crime Stoppers program.

GPD Accepting Applications for Next Academy

The Greensboro Police Department is accepting applications for its 96th Police Basic Introductory Course (PBIC) now through October 31. Anyone interested in being a Greensboro police officer should apply for the academy, which is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2013 and lasts 26 weeks.

A full list of qualifications, required applications, and other information is on the Join the GPD Team page at www.gsopd.org. Questions? Call 1-888-GPD-JOBS.



18th Annual Car Show is August 11

Country Park hosts the 18th annual Car Show from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, August 11. Admission for spectators is free. Co-sponsored by the Triad Chevy Club and Goodguys Rod & Custom, the show includes cars and trucks of all ages and models such as classic antiques, street rods, and sopped-up Chevys, Mustangs, Camaros, Corvettes and motorcycles along with original and modified trucks.



This year's event is a benefit fundraiser for Country Park's All-Person's Nature Trail, which will provide wheelchair access to the lakeside and other off-road areas in the park. Questions? Call the Country Park office at 373-3648.

Spirit of America Comes to Greensboro in September

Experience the Spirit of America, a highly visual, live action US Army show September 14 and 15 at the Greensboro Coliseum. Soldiers in historical uniforms re-enact key moments in Army and American history, complete with battle scenes and performances by the Army's elite ceremonial units. The shows are open to the public and admission is free, however, a ticket is needed to attend. Information about ticketing can be found at www.soa.mdw.army.mil or by calling 866-239-9425. This is the first time Spirit of America will be presented in North Carolina.



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