### **City of Greensboro News & Information**

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#### **City Management Changes** Announced

Greensboro City Council has selected Denise Turner Roth as City Manager, after she served in the interim role since December of 2011. She brings more than 13 years



of legislative and government leadership experience to the post.

"Denise has proven over time that she is highly capable of leading Greensboro's city government," says Greensboro Mayor Robbie Perkins. "She has a great understanding of the City's priorities and what it is going to take to help us accomplish our goals. Her leadership is proving valuable and I'm confident that she will guide this organization to new heights."

Also, Assistant City Manager Michael Speedling will retire effective September 28. According to Roth, the City is working with a consulting firm to aid in selecting Speedling's replacement. Speedling has worked for the City since 2007 and has served as assistant city manager for public safety and human resources since 2010.

And, Interim Assistant City Manager Sandy Neerman and Interim Libraries Director Brigitte Blanton will remain in their current capacities through August 31. Both moved into their interim roles in March when Neerman was named to the interim assistant city manager post to oversee the parks and recreation, public affairs, human relations and library departments.

#### **City's Channel 13 Undergoes** Changes

The City's government cable channel, Channel 13, has changed its name to Greensboro Television Network (GTN) and altered its format. The name change coincides with AT&T picking up the channel on Uverse and offering it on their channel 99. AT&T expects to have GTN added to its system in August. The station's programming will continue to be available on channel 13 to Time Warner Cable's basic cable subscribers within Guilford County.



GTN, which broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week, brings together the Web and print, forming a central source for City information about events and meetings. A daily and monthly program calendar is available at www.greensboro-nc. gov/GTN.

#### City Adds Two CNG Recycling Trucks to Fleet



The City has added two Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) recycling trucks to its fleet courtesy of the

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**Attend a City Council Meeting** Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on August 6 and 21, September 4 and 18, and October 2 and 16. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on Greensboro Television Network and at www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

**City Offices Closed Labor Day** City offices and facilities close on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash and recycling collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, September 4, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, September 5. Ouestions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

#### **City Arts Hosts Creation Celebration September 8**

City Arts hosts its fourth annual Creation Celebration from 12 noon to 4 pm Sunday, September 8, at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. This free festival showcases City Arts performances, dance and fitness classes, pottery and Kindermusik demonstrations, and a community canvas. Proceeds benefit the City Arts scholarship program and community outreach.

#### **Fire Department's Memorial Stair Climb is September 8**

The Greensboro Fire Department's second 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is 9 am Saturday, September 8, at Bellemeade Parking Deck, 220 N. Greene St. Proceeds raised

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Carolina Blue Skies and Green Jobs Initiative, a project led by Triangle J Council of Governments, with \$12 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding from the US Department of Energy. The two vehicles mark the first CNG units in the City's fleet and help the City continue to move forward with its sustainability efforts.

#### City Reminds Residents About Increases in Fines/ Rates

As of July 1, the City increased its parking fines and rates in downtown parking decks, as well as raised water and sewer rates. Rate changes include:

- Parking deck hourly rates increase from 50 cents per hour to 75 cents per hour. The maximum daily rate increases from \$6 to \$7.
- Monthly parking rates for general parking increase from \$50 to \$55, while reserved parking rates remain at \$75 per month.
- Parking tickets for an expired meter change from \$10 to \$15.
- Water and sewer rates are increasing three percent for Greensboro residents and 7.5 percent for those who live outside of Greensboro.

#### Be Safe on & Around School Buses

When school is in session, everyone should pay attention to school bus safety, both on and around the bus. Greensboro police



recommend children abide by school bus rules and instructions from bus drivers. Police also suggest parents also be familiar with safety regulations and contact their school with any school bus safety concerns. Read more tips at www. greensboro-nc.gov/SchoolBus.

### Residents Urged to Be Aware of Flood Zones

Floods cause greater loss to life and property than any other natural disaster. Homeowners' and



renters' insurance do not cover floods and will not reimburse you for damage to your property and belongings. Flood insurance must be purchased separately and is mandatory if

you live in a high-risk area and have a mortgage from a federally regulated lender.

The City's Water Resources
Department urges you to find out if
your property is located in a flood
zone by visiting www.ncfloodmaps.
com. Also, call your insurance agent
to discuss flood insurance options
or contact the National Flood
Insurance Program at 1-888-3799531 or visit www.Floodsmart.gov.

## At Your Service Newsletter Now Bimonthly

Due to fiscal year 2012-13 budget cuts, this newsletter will now be produced every other month, instead of monthly. This issue covers August/September and the next issue will be the October/ November publication. The City thanks you for your readership.



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Warrior Project, which assists veterans wounded in combat. For more information, call 574-4088.

#### Big Sweep is September 15

This year's Big Sweep is slated for 9 am to 12 noon Saturday, September 15. Volunteers clean litter from our community's lakes, creeks and streams as part of the NC Big Sweep Waterway Litter Pickup. Learn more at greensborobeautiful.org/cleanups/bigsweep.php.

# **Kids for Trails Triathlon Slated for September 16**

Parks and Recreation's third annual Kids for Trails Triathlon is Sunday, September



16, at Bur-Mil Park. Open to children ages 7-14, the triathlon includes swimming, running, and biking. Proceeds benefit the Greensboro trails system. Questions? Contact the Trails and Greenways office at 373-3816 or at www.greensborotrails.org.

## Sportsplex FallFest is September 29

The Greensboro Sportsplex, 2400 16th St., hosts its annual FallFest Open House from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, September 29. Free activities include basketball, soccer, volleyball, instructional clinics, fall/winter program showcase, a cornhole competition, dodgeball, music and live entertainment. For more information, call 373-3272 or visit online at www. GreensboroSportsplex.com.