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City of Greensboro News & Information

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GTA Launches Google Transit

Want to know what City bus can pick you up right now and how long it will take to get where you need to go? Thanks to Greensboro Transit Authority's implementation of Google Transit, you can find the City's bus schedules, routes and fares in a few clicks at <http://transit.google.com>. The site allows you to access bus information by entering a starting point and a final destination.

Google shows you the next several bus departures from your location along with an interactive map, route names and numbers, locations of transfers and time spent making the trip. It even offers fare information along with the cost of traveling the same route by personal vehicle, emphasizing the financial benefits of public transportation.



Public Police Services Move to New Headquarters

With an official grand opening ceremony on the books for April 15, several public police functions are now housed in the new Greensboro Police Department Headquarters at 100 Police Plaza (formerly 320 Federal Place or the old IRS building). Two full units of the police department as well as Central Patrol Division occupy the five-story brick building across the street from the Melvin Municipal Office Building (MMOB).

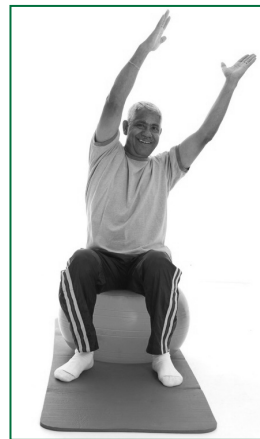
The Records Division has relocated from MMOB, 300 W. Washington St., to the first floor of the new headquarters. And, Police Watch Operations, formerly located at the J. Edward Kitchen Operations Center at 2602 S. Elm-Eugene St., has also moved to 100 Police Plaza.

Public parking is available at the metered lot beside 100 Police Plaza or on surrounding streets. Visitors should enter the building from Federal Street.

City Offers Easy Web Access to Seniors' Information

Seniors and their families interested in finding City of Greensboro events and programs aimed at their specific needs and interests now have an easy way to do so. By going to www.greensboro-nc.gov/Seniors, residents will find links to news, programs, and events, most of which are free.

Whether you are interested in learning more about fitness classes, social clubs or signing up for a free activity-filled newsletter, the Seniors Web page offers links to information significant to your life.



You may also sign up to receive e-mail notifications about new information or activities designed for seniors by clicking on the E-Notify icon on the home page of the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on April 2 and 16, and May 7 and 21. 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 May 27

City offices and facilities close on Monday, May 27, 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 28, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, May 29. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).

Summer Day Camp Registration Begins



Summer day camp registration is underway at 10 local recreation centers for boys and girls ages 5-12. Campers will enjoy a variety of activities such as arts, crafts, sports, games and exciting field trips to area attractions. Summer camp runs from 7:30 am to 6 pm Mondays through Fridays, June 10 to August 9. Fee is \$70 per child, per week.

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City Gearing Up to Launch Economic Challenge

The City is preparing to launch a competition that will reward \$1 million for a proposal to spur economic growth in Greensboro. The economic catalyst challenge is part of the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2) grant the City received in 2012.

Greensboro's competition will be conducted in two phases with the first launching in April with the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP). Economic development organizations and individuals throughout the country are encouraged to offer ideas for boosting Greensboro's economy by November. Three proposals from the first phase will be chosen as the top entries and awarded cash prizes in the \$10,000-\$60,000 range.

To learn more about the challenge, call 373-CITY (2489) and choose the "Business Line," or option 2.

Going Biking? Remember Your Responsibilities

Greensboro police remind cyclists that their bicycle is a vehicle, so they must remember that all traffic laws apply to them as well as people driving vehicles. For example, all bicyclists must stop at red lights and use



the appropriate hand signals when turning. Cyclists must yield the right-of-way to vehicles and pedestrians when entering main roads and must ride on the road in the same direction as traffic. Also, at night a bicycle must have lights visible from 300 feet in the front and 200 feet in the rear. And, cyclists under 16-years-old must wear a helmet.

Wilson Named Director of P&R

Chris Wilson has been named Director of the Parks and Recreation Department after serving as the interim director since May 2012. Wilson has held various positions within the department since 1992.

As manager of the department's park management and operations division, he oversaw the operations of regional parks, gardens, trails and lakes, and cemeteries. He has also played a critical role in the development of several of the department's capital projects.



Water Resources Report Available for Review

The 2012 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Plant Report is available for public review at all City Water Resources facilities, libraries, Melvin Municipal Office Building, and on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/water. The report provides details on how our system operates, how well it performed during the calendar year January-December 2012, what violations occurred, and other relevant information.

Scholarships are available. For more information, contact the recreation center in your area or call 373-3268. For a complete list of Parks and Recreation's summer camps and programs, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SummerCamps.

El Dia de los Ninos/Libros is May 4

The City's annual Day of the Child and Book takes place from 12:30-5 pm May 4 at Center City Park. Bring your family for this free celebration of Latino culture, featuring music, poetry readings, food and craft vendors, art activities, salsa dancing, and more.

GYC Carnival Opens May 7

The Greensboro Youth Council (GYC)'s 51st annual GYC Carnival is May 7-12 at the Greensboro Coliseum, 1921 W. Lee St. The carnival, the largest youth-run event in North Carolina, is designed to provide

affordable and family friendly entertainment. For more details, visit www.gyccarnival.com.



Celebrate City Trails June 1



Greensboro's 16th annual National Trails Day event is set for Saturday, June 1, at Country Park, 7 Jaycee Park Dr. The festival features a Trails Mix 5K foot race, guided hikes, mountain bike rides, kayak demonstrations, geocaching, live music, and food. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/TrailsDay.



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