City of Greensboro News & Information

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Flooding: Expect the Unexpected

The City has several streams that are subject to flooding during and after heavy rainstorms. Dangerous



flood waters can be hazardous and damage caused by flooding is not covered under standard property insurance policies. But, flood insurance can be obtained by simply contacting your local insurance agent or company.

Not sure if your property is located in a flood zone? Call 373-2055 or visit www.ncfloodmaps.com.

Water Bill Payment/Account Info Available by Phone



The City's payby-phone service for water bills is almost a year old and its popularity is increasing. By calling

373-IPAY (4729), you can pay the full or past due balance on your bill using a valid debit or credit card, get a confirmation of the payment, check your account balance and payment due date, and review your payment history.

All that is needed to start the process is your water bill account number, found at the top of your bill or on your bill stub. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/IPAY.

City Increases Fines/Rates

As of July 1, the City increased its overdue parking fines and water/ sewer rates, and charging a fee

for organized group use of park spraygrounds, among others. Rate changes include:

- Penalty for parking violations that have not been paid within 90 days increase from \$25 to \$35.
- Water and sewer rate increase of 3.5 percent for Greensboro residents and 7.5 percent for those who live outside of Greensboro.
- Moderate increases in the cost of lots and to select weekend and holiday service fees at City cemeteries.
- A variety of permit and plan review fee increases to improve cost recovery in Planning and Community Development and new fees for Certificates of Appropriateness projects in local historic districts.
- New fee of \$20 for an organized group to use spraygrounds at Barber and Keeley parks.

For a full listing of new user fees, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/UserFees.

City Rec Centers Host Afterschool Programs



This fall, Greensboro Parks and Recreation's Afterschool Program will be held at 10 local recreation centers for boys and girls ages 5-12. Activities include supervised day-care after school hours along

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Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on August 5 and 20, September 3 and 17, and October 1 and 15. 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 2, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash and recycling collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, September 3, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, September 4. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

Memorial Stair Climb is September 7

The Greensboro Fire Department is hosting its third annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at 9 am, Saturday, September 7 to honor the 343 firefighters and 72 police officers who perished at the World Trade Center. Residents are invited to participate in the event at Bellemeade Parking Deck, 220 N. Greene St. While the event is free, donations will be accepted for Toys for Tots foundation. For more information, call 574-4088.

Kids for Trails Triathlon Slated for September 8

Parks and Recreation's fourth annual Kids for Trails Triathlon is Sunday, September 8, at Bur-Mil Park. Open to children ages 7-14, the triathlon includes swimming,

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with time for homework, tutoring, recreation, and socializing with friends. The program coincides with Guilford County School system's calendar year. Program hours are 2:30-6 pm Mondays through Fridays for \$35 per student. Questions? Call your neighborhood recreation center or 373-3268.

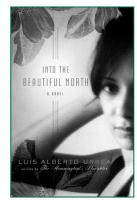
Share the Road with School Buses

With the school year around the corner, the Greensboro Police remind you that school buses make frequent stops, generally travel less than the posted speed limit on major highways, and when turning right might need extra space and may swing wide into an intersection.

Also remember it is illegal and very dangerous to pass a stopped school bus when it's displaying a mechanical stop signal or flashing red lights and loading or unloading children. Drive safely for your sake and the children's sake.

One City, One Book 2013 Begins October 4

This year's One City, One Book program runs from October 4 to November 15 and features Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea. The City Public Library, along



with community partners, leads this city-wide reading and hosts lively discussions, film showings, theatrical productions, and more to engage the entire community in the themes of the book.

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/ OneCityOneBook to learn how you can get involved.

City Regulations Outline Campaign Signs



As candidates prepare for the Greensboro Municipal Election on November 5, residents will soon see campaign signs sprouting throughout the city. The legal placement of temporary campaign signs is outlined at www. greensboro-nc.gov/2013Elections.

If you suspect a sign violates the City regulations, call the Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

Adopted FY 2013-14 City Budget Now Online

The City's adopted budget for FY 2013-14 is now posted online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/ AdoptedBudget. City Council approved the \$459.1 million budget at its June 19 meeting. From the Web page, you can download the entire budget or click on individual sections to download those only.

And, at www.greensboro-nc.gov/ CIP, you can review the City's recently adopted FY 2014-23 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) document. running, and biking. Proceeds benefit the Greensboro trails system. Questions? Contact the Trails and Greenways office at 373-3816 or at www. greensborotrails.org.

Big Sweep is September 21
This year's Big Sweep is slated for 9 am to 12 noon Saturday, September 21. Volunteers clean litter from the community's lakes, creeks and streams as part of the NC Big Sweep Waterway Litter Pickup. Learn more at greensborobeautiful.org/cleanups/bigsweep.php.

City Prepares for Fire Prevention Week



National Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12 and to raise awareness, the City's Fire Department has several free events planned. First, is an open house at 11 am October 5, at fire headquarters, 1510 N. Church St. Then, at 3 pm on October 6, there is a memorial service at the S. Elm Street Baptist Church, 4212 S. Elm-Eugene St., honoring firefighters who died in 2012. And, from October 8-11, daily interactive presentations for children take place at 9:30 am and 10:30 am at fire headquarters. Groups must preregister by calling 373-2177.

OPUS Concert Series Starts in Fall

This fall, the City Arts Music Center kicks off its free 2013-14 OPUS Concert Series. The series continues through May 2014 at various venues throughout the city featuring City groups and community ensembles. For more information, call the center at 373-2549.



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