# **City of Greensboro**News & Information

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### Westmoreland Appointed City Manager

Greensboro
City Council has
appointed Jim
Westmoreland
as the new
city manager.
Westmoreland
has served as



deputy city manager since October 2012 and will replace outgoing City Manager Denise Turner Roth starting February 1.

Roth has been appointed by President Obama to serve as the deputy administrator of the US General Services Administration (GSA). She starts her new role on February 3. Roth, who hails from Washington, DC, has worked for the City since 2008 and has served as city manager since 2011.

Westmoreland has been deputy city manager since October 2012 and previously served the City as assistant city manager for economic development from 2008-2009 and as transportation director from 1999-2008.

# Residents Asked to Take Recycling Survey

The City invites residents and businesses to complete a survey about recycling to help improve its recycling program. This 25-question survey seeks to learn why people do or don't recycle, if they know

Don't waste another day...



what items are recyclable in the City's program, and identify ways to encourage everyone to recycle more. All residents who complete the survey are eligible to win one of five \$50 Visa gift cards. Read more at www.greensboronc.gov/Recycling. Also, are you 'blue' or 'red'? Get a copy of your own weekly recycling schedule at www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecyclingCalendar.

#### Battleground Avenue Traffic Enforcement Campaign Underway

Through the end of February, Greensboro police officers are patrolling a nearly five-mile stretch of Battleground Avenue between Horse Pen Creek Road and West Cornwallis Drive looking for motorists who drive in an unsafe manner.



Similar to last year's Wendover Avenue traffic campaign, the goal of this initiative is to reduce the number of traffic crashes and make the Battleground corridor safer. After the campaign, police and crime analysts will review the traffic and crime data to determine what effects the initiative had on traffic safety and crime in the area.

# Ratings Agencies Affirm City's AAA Rating

The "Big Three" credit rating agencies have affirmed the City of Greensboro's AAA rating. The rating is the highest possible and is

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Attend a City Council Meeting
Greensboro City Council meets
at 5:30 pm on February 4 and 18
and March 4 and 18. Meetings
are open to the public, and air
live on Greensboro Television
Network and www.greensboronc gov. Parking is available in

nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck. Review the Council's full meeting schedule at www.greensboro-nc. gov/CouncilMeetings.

#### Curtains Open on Pinocchio March 7

The Greensboro
Children's Theatre
presents the classic
tale of Pinocchio March
7-9. This comedic
version is presented
by children for children
and their families at
Dudley High School
Auditorium. Show
times are 7:30 pm
Friday, March 7, 11:05

am and 2:05 pm Saturday, March 8, and 2:05 pm Sunday, March 9. Tickets are \$5-10.

#### Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9

On Sunday, March 9, turn your clocks forward one hour to begin Daylight



Savings Time. Also, change your smoke alarm batteries if they are more than one year old. Don't have working smoke alarms? Contact the Greensboro Fire Department at 574-4088 for free equipment and installation.

based on the City's \$162 million in outstanding general obligation debt and \$31 million in proposed January 2014 general obligation debt issuance. Standard and Poor's, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch Ratings each assigned its triple-A long-term rating to Greensboro.

#### What Does Your Community Rec Center Offer?



What community recreation center is closest to your home? What sports programs and art classes does it offer? Is there an afterschool program there? Does it have a room to rent for a meeting or a party? Answers to these questions and many more can be found on the City's revamped recreation center website pages. Visit www. greensboro-nc.gov/RecCenters to learn more.



**Library Offers Wide Range of Business Services** Greensboro Public Library offers

computer classes, premium business databases, planning consultation, small business classes and career development. The business collection includes new books, reference tools, professional databases and magazines on the second floor of the Central Library. For assistance, contact Lauren Poteat at 373-4559.

### Lake Higgins Hatchery Pond is Restocked

The Taylor Turner Hatchery Pond at Lake Higgins has been restocked with trout for public fishing. Anglers 16 years and older must have a valid North Carolina fishing license, but a trout stamp is not required. The fee is \$1 to fish and \$4 per

pound of fish caught. All fish caught must be weighed and kept.



This is not a catch and release fishing opportunity. Lake Higgins Watershed Park is located at 4235 Hamburg Mill Rd., off Highway 220 North. For more information, call the marina office at 373-3739.

# **GYC Program Motivates Youth** to Stay Active

The City's Greensboro Youth Council is hosting its second annual Operation Move event March 31 to encourage elementary and middle school students to live a healthy and active lifestyle. Activities include sporting games, inflatable activities and interactive demonstrations. The fee is \$3 per student. Learn more at www. greensboro-nc.gov/OperationMove.



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#### City Comedy Improv Stages 2 Shows

Soylent Greensboro, the comedy troupe of the City's Improv Club, presents two shows on March 21. The first, which begins at 7:05 pm, is a family friendly "Whose Line is it Anyway" style show. Then at 8:30 pm, the troupe returns for a more adult version of the show. Both performances take place at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. Patrons are asked to pay whatever they can for an admission fee.

# Spring Sports League Registrations Now Open



Registration for the City's Parks and Recreation Department youth baseball and adult softball (men's and women's leagues) and co-ed kickball is now underway until the first week in March. For more information on fees and game days, visit either www. greensboro-nc.gov/YouthSports or www.greensboro-nc.gov/ AdultSports.

# Pontoon Boat Rides Offered for Bird Watching

Through the end of March, Lake Townsend offers pontoon boat



rides at 3 pm on Sundays for people to spot migrating and wintering waterfowl. Fee is \$7 per person. The pontoon boat can accommodate up to 10 passengers per tour. Life jackets are provided and binoculars are available upon request. To reserve a seat, call 373-3741.