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City of Greensboro News & Information

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New City Budget Recommended

City Manager Jim Westmoreland presented to City Council last month his recommended budget for FY 2014-15. City Council is expected to adopt a budget before June 30. For more information, or to see the full budget recommendation, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecommendedBudget.

City Launches First Mobile Application

The City of Greensboro has launched its first mobile application. Called Fix It Greensboro, the app allows

residents the opportunity to report issues that need service or repair by the City.

The application is available for free online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/FixIt or via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. While not intended for emergency situations, the app gives Greensboro residents another way to report issues as they see them in the community.

Summer Teen Program Now Underway

The City's second annual Summer Night Lights (SNL) program for teens is underway. SNL provides



Guilford County youth ages 13-18 more than 120 free events in safe environments to help deter juvenile crime during the summer months. Weekly programs such as basketball, pool parties, movies, gaming competitions, and dances will be held through August at locations such as the Greensboro Sportsplex, City recreation centers, City outdoor pools, and the Cultural Center.

For the Summer Night Lights schedule of events, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SNLCalendar or follow on Twitter @GreensboroSNL.

Police Use New Ways to Reach Out to Communities

More Greensboro police officers are now patrolling communities on bicycles instead of cars to further reduce crime and be more approachable to the public. The Greensboro Police Department currently has 70 bike-trained officers.

Greensboro police are also promoting crime prevention by bringing the department's most visible vehicle to businesses throughout the city. The Mobile Command Center (MCC), a 40-foot long, 28,500 pound renovated Thomas bus, is the focal point of efforts to prevent victimization and afford people the opportunity to talk with officers.



Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets on June 3 and 17, July 15, and August 4 and 19. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on GTN and at www.greensboro-nc.gov/WatchMeeting. Free parking for meeting attendance is available at the Greene Street Parking Deck. Stay current on meeting times and schedule changes by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.

Remember Holiday Trash & Recycling Pick-Up Changes

City offices and facilities will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste or appliance collections on that day. Instead, Friday's collections take place Thursday, July 3, and Thursday's collections take place Wednesday, July 2. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).

Downtown Hosts July 4th Events

Downtown Greensboro will be a busy place in celebration of Independence Day.

The annual Fun Fourth Festival events, of which the City is a co-sponsor, begin in downtown with a Freedom Run and Walk at 8 am Saturday, June 28. Other events include a Kickoff Block Park from 7-11 pm on Thursday, July 3, at



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Summer Neighborhood Playgrounds Program Begins June 23



Beginning June 23, Parks and Recreation's free summer neighborhood playground programs start at six sites. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 am to 3 pm on Fridays, weather permitting.

Children ages 5-15 will enjoy a variety of supervised activities such as sports, games, arts, crafts and special events. Free lunches will be provided Mondays through Thursdays at all six sites.

For more information, call the parks and recreation administrative office at 373-3268.

City Academy Taking Applications

Registration for the City's annual Government Works: A City Academy is open now. One of the nation's first government education programs, City Academy demonstrates government through hands-on learning and detailed exercises.

Classes are held weekly from 5:45-9 pm from September 4 through November 13. To apply, complete an online application form at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CityAcademy or

call the City's community relations office at 373-2723.

Flooding: Expect the Unexpected

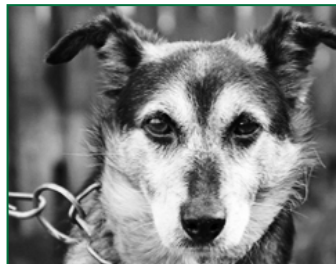
The City has several streams that are subject to flooding during and after heavy rainstorms. Dangerous flood waters can be hazardous and damage caused by flooding is not covered under standard property insurance policies. But, flood insurance can be obtained by simply contacting your local insurance agent or company. Not sure if your property is located in a flood zone? Visit www.ncfloodmaps.com.

Renew Privilege Licenses Online

To reduce costs, the City is no longer mailing out privilege license renewals. Renewal options are now located online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/PayOnline. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).

New Ordinance Prohibits Unattended Chaining of Dogs

A new animal ordinance prohibiting unattended tethering/chaining of dogs in Guilford County is now in effect. Residents have until March 2015 to comply with the ordinance, which was adopted to reduce animal cruelty cases, reported dog bites, and unwanted litters of puppies. Learn more at www.guilfordhealth.org, and click on Animal Ordinances. Public service announcements on Greensboro Television Network and a City YouTube video also explain more.



Festival Park; a parade and street festival from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm Friday, July 4, throughout downtown; and a pops concert and fireworks that night from 7:30-10 pm at the White Oak Amphitheatre at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. For full details, visit www.funfourthfestival.org.

Greensboro's National Night Out is August 5

Registration forms are now available for neighborhoods interested in participating in Greensboro's National Night Out (NNO) celebration August 5, 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.



Women's Equality Day Breakfast is August 23

Celebrate women's equality with the City's Commission on the Status of Women during a breakfast at 7:30 am August 23 at the Greensboro Coliseum's Terrace. Guest speaker is Mayor Nancy Vaughan. Tickets are \$25 each. For more information, call the City's Human Relations Department at 336-373-2038.

City Pools Now Open

When the weather heats up, remember that there are many places to cool off. City pools are now open for public swimming, lap swimming, classes, swim teams, and more. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Pools for a list of locations, phone numbers, fees and hours.



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