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City of Greensboro News & Information

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Public Record Requests Available Online

Greensboro residents are now able to submit public information requests (PIRTS) and view open and closed record requests on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/PIRT. By opening the City's records' tracking system to the public, residents can view the status of open requests, track completed requests, and obtain records and details from closed requests.

City Increases Fees/Fines

As of July 1, the City increased various fees and fines. They include:

- A \$50 fine will now be assessed for the second false alarm at the same property within a 12-month timeframe and there will be a \$100 fine for the third through fourth false alarms fine, \$250 for the fifth through ninth fine, and \$500 for 10 or more fines.
- Minimum building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permit fees increase to \$75.
- A driveway permit fee increases to \$75.
- Commercial refuse fees increase \$3 per month, per dumpster, and \$10 per month, per vertical compactor.
- The fee for after-school programs hosted by City community recreation centers increases \$5 per week to \$30.

Greensboro Joins Watch for Me NC Campaign

The City, along with University of North Carolina-Greensboro,



and NC A&T State University, has been selected as a partner in the Watch for Me NC program, an NC Department of Transportation campaign to improve enforcement of bicycle and pedestrian safety laws and educate motorists, pedestrians and cyclists on safety awareness. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/WatchForMe.

Police Chief Miller to Retire

Greensboro Police Chief Ken Miller will retire between September 1 and December 31 from the City. He joined the police department in 2010 after serving as deputy chief for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department for four years.

The City will hire a consultant to guide the selection process for a new chief. Depending on the timing of Miller's departure, the City may name an acting chief to serve in the transition between Miller and the newly hired chief.

Know Your Child's SRO

Your child's School Resource Officer (SRO) is a member of the Greensboro Police Department who has been hand-selected and specially trained to work in your child's school. SROs are in every public middle and high school. The

Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets on August 4 and 19, September 2 and 16, and October 7 and 21. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on GTN and at www.greensboro-nc.gov/WatchMeeting. Stay current on meeting schedule changes by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.

Remember Holiday Trash & Recycling Pick-Up Changes

City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash and recycling collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, September 2, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, September 3. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

World Water Week Discussion Set for August 28

The Greensboro Public Library and Water Resources Department are hosting a free event

about the importance of clean, safe water and innovations currently being implemented across the globe to protect this resource. The panel discussion begins at 7 pm August 28 at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Library. Seating is limited so to reserve a space, contact Beth Sheffield at 373-3617.



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SRO is part of a team of teachers, students, and administrators working together to solve problems and keep the school safe so teachers can focus on teaching and students can focus on learning. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/SROs.

GTN Introduces New Programming

The City's Greensboro Television Network (GTN) lineup now includes a new block of programming designed to promote the entire city. To help tell the new stories, Rosemary Plybon has joined the television network as host of the "This is Greensboro" series. The programming focuses on categories that explore current events and things to do in the city, leisure and recreation activities and locations, and economic development efforts.



Adopted FY 2014-15 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 \$472.7 million budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year

at its June 17 meeting. From the Web page, you can download the entire budget or click on individual sections to download those only.

Privilege Licensing Process Changes

Due to recent state legislation that changes business licensing for FY 2014-15 and eliminates the ability of local municipalities to charge privilege license taxes in FY 2015-16, the City has changed its licensing process and schedule. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/PrivLic.

Fix It Mobile App Now Available for BlackBerries

The City's first mobile application, Fix It Greensboro, is now available for BlackBerry devices, as well as Apple and Android devices. The app allows residents the opportunity to report issues that need service or repair by the City. While not intended for emergency situations, the app gives Greensboro residents another way to report issues as they see them in the community. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/FixIt.



Are You in Compliance Yet?

Residents have until March 2015 to comply with a new animal ordinance prohibiting unattended tethering/chaining of dogs in Guilford County. Learn more at www.guilfordhealth.org, and click on Animal Ordinances.

Be Greensboro Campaign Ends August 31

The City's third annual "Be: Greensboro" employee recognition concludes August 31. Residents have until then to commend a City employee for going over and beyond the call of duty in providing excellent customer service. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BeGreensboro.

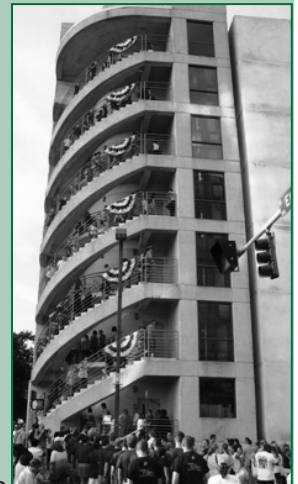
Run 4 the Greenway is September 6



The Run 4 the Greenway, an awareness and fundraising event to support the Downtown Greenway, begins at 3:30 pm September 6 at Center City Park. The event features a one-mile walk/run starting at 5 pm and a four-mile race at 5:30 pm. To participate or volunteer, visit downtowngreenway.org. Funds raised will be used to create a maintenance endowment to supplement the City's maintenance of the greenway.

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is September 13

The Greensboro Fire Department is hosting its fourth annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at 9 am September 13 at the Bellemeade Parking Deck, 220 N. Greene St., to honor the firefighters and police officers who perished at the World Trade Center in 2001. Public registration to participate begins at 7:30 am. For more information, call 574-4088.



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