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City of Greensboro News & Information

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Loose Leaf Collection Program Starts November 10

Picking up leaves can be a chore, but the City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program, which runs from November 10 through January 23, 2015, makes it easy. The City will pick up leaves during two collection periods. Leaves that are curbside by:

~ November 10 will be picked up by December 20.

~ December 22 will be picked up by January 23, 2015.

Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves.

Be Safe Trick or Treating

The fun of Halloween can cause children to forget to be careful while out trick or treating. To prevent accidents, review the safety tips at www.greensboro-nc.gov/HalloweenSafety.



(The City does not regulate the day or times residents may go trick or treating.)

Looking for an alternative to trick or treating? Check out the City's Ghoulish! spooktacular 2-6 pm October 25 in downtown Greensboro. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Ghoulish.

Know the Facts About Flooding

Hurricanes, clogged drainage systems, and rapid accumulation of rainfall can cause flooding in our area, which can result in significant damage to property and threaten personal safety. Preparing before a flood occurs can make all

the difference. The City's Water Resources Department urges you to visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Flooding to learn how.

Join the City & County Guilford Cup Challenge

What do the City of Greensboro and Guilford County have in common besides locality? According to representatives from both organizations, they want to increase their fellowship to build stronger working ties between them -- all to benefit the community.



To help achieve this, City Councilman Jamal Fox and Guilford County Commissioner Ray Trapp developed the idea of bringing elected officials and employees from the two organizations together on the athletic field for some friendly competition. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/GuilfordCup.

Three New City Facilities Now Open



After years of planning, the City now has a new recreation center and park, fire

station, and library to better serve the community.

Open for business are the:

- Marylene F. Griffin Park and Community Recreation Center at 5301 Hilltop Rd., which features a 15,000-square-foot facility and

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Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18, and December 2 and 16. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on Greensboro Television Network. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

NeighborWoods Tree Planting Seeks Volunteers

The Glenwood and Westerwood communities have been selected as recipients of Greensboro Beautiful Inc.'s 2014 fall NeighborWoods Tree Planting Grant. This year's planting is set for 10 am November 1, and volunteers are needed to help. Interested? Call Greensboro Beautiful at 373-2199.



2014-15 OPUS Concert Series Kicks Off November 2



From classical to jazz to bluegrass, the City's free OPUS Concert Series offers something for everyone. Check out the talented musical ensembles at these events. Get a full schedule by calling the Music Center at 373-2549 or visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS.

48-acre park

- Fire Station 59 at 3803 Reedy Fork Parkway, which combines a fire and Guilford County EMS station to serve the northeast portion of the City
- 15,000-square-foot Glenn McNairy Branch Library at 4860 Lake Jeanette Rd.

City Announces Department Director Appointments

Due to three recent City department director retirements, the following appointments have been made to fill those roles:

- Anita Holder as Interim Chief of Police
- Kenny McDowell as Director of the Engineering and Inspections Department
- Jane Nickles as Director of the Information Technology Department.

Holder has been a member of the Greensboro Police Department since 1987 and a deputy chief since 2011. She has served in patrol operations, vice/narcotics, personnel and training, information and technology, the office of chief of police and as the commander of the support bureau.



McDowell has worked for the City since 1999 and served as Water Resources Department deputy director since 2008. He has worked in several capacities in water resources, serving as utility planning and operations engineer and stormwater manager.



Nickles, who retired from the City in 2012 as network services division manager, began with the City in 1983 as a programmer analyst, became a GIS application developer in 1995, and database administrator in 2000 before being appointed a division manager in 2005.



Community Partnership Creates Produce Market Pilot Program

Every Wednesday now through November 26, fresh fruits and vegetables are being sold at affordable prices in under-served areas of the city. Called Mobile Oasis, the pilot project is coordinated by the City and Guilford County, along with many community organizations.



Mobile Oasis is open Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon at the Guilford County Department of Social Services Building, 1203 Maple St., and from 2:30-4:30 pm at Warnersville Recreation Center, 601 Doak St. For more information, call 373-3275 or 641-3361.

Donations Accepted for Santa's Workshop Starting in November

Donations for Greensboro Youth Council's annual Santa's Workshop will be accepted November 10 to December 5. New and gently used toys for children ages newborn to 13 are needed for distribution to families in need within Guilford County during the holiday season. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/SantaWorkshop.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 2

On November 2, turn your clocks back one hour to return to standard time. Also, change your smoke alarm batteries. Don't have working smoke alarms? Contact the Greensboro Fire Department at 574-4088 for free equipment and installation.



City Offices Closed Three Days in November

City offices and facilities close on Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 27-28, in observance of Thanksgiving.

There are no trash and recycling collections on November 11 and 28. Instead, November 11's collections take place Wednesday, November 12. Also, November 27's collections take place on Wednesday, November 26. Collections on Friday, November 28, remain the same. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).

Volunteers Needed for Annual Shoppers' Day



The Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities hosts its 29th annual Shoppers' Day on December 4 (inclement weather day is December 11). The City is seeking volunteers to accompany shoppers as they purchase holiday gifts at Four Season Town Center. Each year, more than 300 shoppers with moderate to severe disabilities participate in the half-day shopping experience. To volunteer or donate money for the shoppers and/or food and drinks for the Santa Room, call 373-2723.



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