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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

May 2011



No Trash/Recycling on May 30

City offices and facilities are closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. There are no trash, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, or appliance collections. Instead Monday's collections take place Tuesday, May 31, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, June 1. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

National Trails Day is June 4 at Bur-Mil

Parks and Recreation's Trails and Greenways section needs volunteers, vendors, and sponsors for the 14th annual National Trails Day Festival on Saturday, June 4, at Bur-Mil Park, 5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd.

Activities include hiking, kayak demonstrations, geo-caching, bike clinics and rides, a vendors' fair, live music, food, and the second annual Trail Mix 5K fund-raiser race. For more information, visit www.greensborotrails.org.



Parisian Promenade

Visit the sights, scenes, and smells of an afternoon in Paris against the backdrop of spring blooms from 1-5 pm Sunday, June 5, at the Tanger Family Bicentennial Garden, 1105 Hobbs Rd.

The free event features sidewalk artists, live music, a sidewalk cafe, children's activities, a poodle parade, and more. For more information, call Greensboro Beautiful Inc. at 373-2199.

June Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesdays, June 7 and 21, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and online at www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

City Plans Future with MAP

Greensboro City Manager Rashad Young has announced a comprehensive plan to provide greater transparency and an increased level of insight into the performance of City government. Called MAP, which stands for management, accountability, and performance, the plan offers residents detailed reports that track the City's progress and use of resources, and provides City employees with a strategic course of action. MAP



was forged after review of the City's Connections 2025 comprehensive plan, the Greensboro and Guilford County consolidated plan, and the community indicator project, as well as the leadership goals established by the current City Council. By evaluating each of those plans' goals, which were developed through community influence, MAP's goals and strategies were created.

The goals defined within the MAP plan touch on five major areas of emphasis for the City and its residents. The goals relate to economic development and job creation, enhanced public safety and crime reduction, infrastructure maintenance and sustainable growth, customer service, and fiscal stewardship, transparency, and accountability. The City's performance and efforts toward accomplishing those goals will be marked by "high level indicators" that serve as reports on the City's progress.

Residents can learn more about MAP and see detailed high level indicator reports – including statistics, financial information, and graphics – on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/MAP. Starting in October, the City's progress will be updated on a quarterly basis and the information will be maintained through a MAP portal on the City's website.

Youth Summer Day Camps

Parks and Recreation offers a variety of affordable summer day camp opportunities for children of all ages. From cultural arts, music, and drama to sports and environmental education, there's something for everyone. Football, golf, karate, swimming, and tennis give active youth a chance to burn energy and improve their game. Other day campers will have outdoor fun fishing, backpacking, kayaking, and more. Weekly themes give arts and crafts, games, outdoor education, and field trips a new twist for some camps.



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Smith Senior Center Offers Water Fitness Aerobics Classes

Parks and Recreation Department's Smith Senior Center hosts Water Fitness Aerobics classes for anyone age 18 and older Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 10 to June 30, from 5:45 to 6:30 pm, at Smith Senior Center, 2401 Fairview St.

The class focuses on aerobic exercise using water as resistance to improve and increase participants' endurance, muscle tone, and body composition. The fee is \$72. To register, call 375-2234.

NeighborWoods Grant Application Deadline is May 31

Greensboro neighborhoods may apply for the 2011 NeighborWoods Grant program, which provides trees to neighborhoods to help replace those that have been damaged or lost. The grant provides up to 150 trees and mulch for one neighborhood each year and helps educate residents in planting and maintaining the trees.

The grant is a partnership between the City of Greensboro, Greensboro Beautiful Inc., and the NC Cooperative Extension Service.

Applications are available at www.greensboro-nc.gov/neighborwoods. Deadline for applications is May 31. For more information, call Mike Cusimano, Urban Forester, at 373-2150.



Summer Reading Begins June 1

Visit a Greensboro Public Library starting June 1 to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories."

Children keep a log of the books they read or that are read to them. The program offers something for toddlers to teens, along with incentives and entertainment designed to keep them reading all summer.



Sewer and Water Report Now Available

The 2010 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Plant Report is available at all City Water Resources facilities, Libraries, the Melvin Municipal Office Building, and on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/water.

Camps (cont...)

This summer, the Youth First Teen Camp is specially designed for participants ages 13-15. The camp runs June 20 through August 12, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm at Folk Teen Center, 3910 Clifton Rd. Teens will enjoy a variety of sports, swimming, field trips, life-skills development activities, and more. To register, call the Youth First office at 373-2934.

For a complete list of summer camps, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/leisure and click on the "Summer Camps" feature article in the center of the homepage. Summer day camp scholarships are available. For additional information, call the Parks and Recreation administrative office at 373-2574.

Outdoor Amphitheatre has Summer Debut

The Greensboro Coliseum Complex's new outdoor amphitheatre debuts this summer. The White Oak Amphitheatre, located on the southern end of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex property, features a seating capacity of 7,666, including more than 2,000 reserved seats.

White Oak Amphitheatre will host a diverse selection of community events, music, arts and crafts, and festivals. The venue will also support entertainment at the annual Central Carolina Fair. The first announced event for the venue is the 37th annual Fun Fourth Festival finale on Monday, July 4, which includes a pops concert and fireworks spectacular.

"The White Oak Amphitheatre will be a wonderful addition to the City of Greensboro and the Greensboro Coliseum Complex," said Coliseum Managing Director Matt Brown. "Our city does not currently have an outdoor amphitheatre with this seating capacity and this will allow us to serve the community with an even greater variety of concerts and other events. The interest from promoters and event organizers in booking the facility is extremely high."

Concession carts and other amenities will be provided to support guests' needs and parking will be available in the adjacent lots that also service the Coliseum Complex. The amphitheatre season is May through October.

The name White Oak was selected in honor of the City's official tree. Landscaping surrounding the venue's seating area includes white oaks.



Yard Waste Collection Rules

With spring yard work at its peak, the Field Operations Department reminds residents of City yard waste collection rules.



Yard waste is collected weekly on your regular garbage collection day.

Use your own 32-gallon trash cans for yard waste disposal. Cans should have handles and a lid. Irregularly shaped containers may not be serviced. Filled cans should weigh no more than 50 pounds. If you were to place a lid on the can, all materials should fit inside. Long branches protruding from the container may result in service denial.

Dispose of yard waste in heavy-duty, clear plastic bags. Using black plastic bags, paper bags, and green recycling bags will result in non-collection. Filled bags must weigh less than 50 pounds.

And lastly, tie yard waste in bundles not more than five feet long and no heavier than 50 pounds. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).