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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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Happy New Year from the City

Happy New Year from the City of Greensboro! The City offers a variety of services to make Greensboro a great place for you to live, work and play. Learn more by visiting greensboro-nc.gov or by calling 373-CITY (2489) if you have any questions, concerns, or are in need of service.

Holiday trash/recycling schedule

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will also be no trash/recycling collection on that day. Monday's collection will take place Tuesday, January 18, and Tuesday's collection will take place Wednesday, January 19. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

January Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesday's, January 4 and 18, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. Council meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and online at greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

New Deputy Fire Chief Named

Veteran firefighter Clarence M. Hunter has been selected as Greensboro's newest deputy fire chief. He is responsible for the support services branch of the fire department.

A member of the department for more than 25 years, Hunter has served in every division and worked as firefighter, captain, battalion chief and assistant chief.



Development Services Opens for Business

Greensboro residents and contractors have a new business ally with the formation of the City's Development Services Center, at 300 W. Washington St.

Formed out of the City's inspections division, Development Services offers an all-in-one location for permits and plan reviews and houses representatives from planning, engineering and inspections, transportation, water resources, soil erosion, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire prevention. The new office allows the City's technical review committee to meet on a daily basis, rather than weekly, and new technology allows for the electronic submittal and review of building sites and plans.

The office space for Development Services was created as part of a just-completed initial renovation of the upper ground (UG) level of the Melvin Municipal Office Building and can be accessed via the redefined main entrance to the building, which faces Washington Street. Designated parking is available in the City/County lot adjacent to the entrance.

For more information about Development Services, call 373-2155.



Be Safe with Your Construction Work

In order to be sure any construction work done on your property or home meets all safety standards, contact the City's Development Services Center at 373-2155 to get proper permits before work begins. Whether you do the job yourself or hire a fully licensed contractor to perform construction work, protect yourself and your property.



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City Arts Classes

The City Arts Music Center of Greensboro's Parks and Recreation Department is kicking off its 2011 spring semester of classes in dance, drama, music and visual arts. For the complete listing, visit online at greensboro-nc.gov/leisure and click on the "City Arts" classes link.

Water & Sewer After Hours Emergency Number

Have you ever had a water or sewer emergency occur after normal business hours? Emergency services are available for water and sewer needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Customers are encouraged to call 373-CITY(2489) to report problems. After you make the call, please follow the prompts to connect to the Water Resources Dispatcher.

GTA Route Changes

Beginning January 31, Greensboro Transit Authority will combine Route 1 Wendover Avenue and Route 1A Wendover Connector into a single bus route. The new Route 1 Wendover Avenue will connect the Depot downtown with the Wendover Avenue Shopping Area serving many convenient stops along the way. The new single route will eliminate the need to change buses on your trip. For a schedule and map of the new Route 1, visit ridegta.com.

Greensboro Library Career Counseling

The Greensboro Public Library offers one-on-one career counseling and classes to help you find a job. Explore career options, develop a career plan and learn job search strategies. To make an appointment for one-on-one counseling, please contact the Information Services desk at the Central Library at 335-5430. For more information on job search classes and workshops, visit the Library's online calendar at greensborolibrary.org.

Greensboro's "Cold Cases"

The Greensboro Police Department continues to try to solve old cases, called "cold cases." Previously unsolved cases like the one below are randomly highlighted. The police ask for information and assistance in apprehending those responsible for these crimes.



On January 25, 2009, the Greensboro Police Department responded to Campus Courtyard Apartments, 805 Homeland Ave., and found Dennis Hayle shot to death. Anyone with information on this murder is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 336-373-1000. Crime Stoppers offers a cash reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. In addition to the Crime Stoppers reward, the family is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 and Pickering & Company is offering a reward of up to \$1,000. All calls are confidential and are not traced or taped.

Be Safe with Construction (cont...)

Contact the City's Inspections Division when the job is complete to have the work inspected. This ensures that all regulations were followed and the work meets all safety standards.

Building permits are needed for all construction that involves the building, reconstruction, alteration, repair, movement to another site, removal, or demolition of any structure. All electrical, plumbing and mechanical work needs separate permits. For a complete list of permits and fees, call Development Services at 373-2155.

Heating Safety Reminders

The Greensboro Fire Department is encouraging residents using electric and fuel-burning space heaters this winter to follow this advice:

Portable electric space heaters

- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Use and purchase portable space heaters with an auto shut off so if they're tipped over they will shut off.
- Place space heaters on solid, flat surface at least three feet in all directions from anything that can burn including curtains and draperies.
- Plug power cords directly into outlets and never into an extension cord.
- Inspect for cracked or damaged, broken plugs or loose connections; replace before using.

Fuel-burning space heaters

- Always use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer.
- When refueling, allow the appliance to cool and refuel outside or in a well-ventilated area.
- If the pilot light of your gas heater goes out, allow five minutes or more for the gas to go away before trying again, do not allow gas to accumulate, and light the match before you turn on the gas to the pilot to avoid risk of flashback.

2011 Trash/Recycling Schedule

No collection on MLK Birthday—Monday, Jan. 17

Monday collection is on Tuesday, January 18

Tuesday collection is on Wednesday, January 19

No collection on Good Friday—Friday, April 22

Thursday collection is on Wednesday, April 20

Friday collection is on Thursday, April 21

No collection on Memorial Day—Monday, May 30

Monday collection is on Tuesday, May 31

Tuesday collection is on Wednesday, June 1

No collection on Independence Day—Monday, July 4

Monday collection is on Tuesday, July 5

Tuesday collection is on Wednesday, July 6

No collection on Labor Day—Monday, September 5

Monday collection is on Tuesday, September 6

Tuesday collection is on Wednesday, September 7

No collection on Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, Nov. 24

Thursday collection is on Wednesday, November 23

Friday collection remains the same

No collection on the day after Christmas—Monday, Dec. 26

Monday collection is on Tuesday, December 27

Tuesday collection is on Wednesday, December 28

No collection on New Year's Day—Monday, Jan. 2, 2012

Monday collection is on Tuesday, January 3

Tuesday collection is on Wednesday, January 4

