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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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## *Loose Leaf Collection*

Picking up leaves can be a chore, but the City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program, which runs from November 1 through January 22, 2011, makes it easy. All you have to do is rake your leaves to the curb and the City will do the rest.

The program offers two collection periods:

- Leaves that are curbside by November 1 will be picked up by December 11.
- Leaves that are curbside by December 13 will be picked up by January 22.

Changes to the schedule, caused by inclement weather, will be posted at [greensboro-nc.gov](http://greensboro-nc.gov) and on Channel 13. For more information, call 336-373-CITY(2489).

## *Thanksgiving trash/recycling*

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26, in observation of Thanksgiving. No garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, and appliance collections take place on Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 25. Thursday's collections take place Wednesday, November 24. Friday's collections remain the same.

## *November Council Meetings*

To avoid a conflict with election day on November 2, Greensboro City Council has changed its meeting schedule. November's Council meetings are on Tuesday, November 9 and 16, 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](http://greensboro-nc.gov). Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

**View more City of Greensboro events at [Greensboro-nc.gov/calendar](http://Greensboro-nc.gov/calendar).**

## OPUS Concert Series

The OPUS Concert Series' 2010-2011 season is now underway. The free concerts feature some of the area's most talented musical ensembles performing at exciting venues throughout the city. This year, ensembles include the Philharmonia of Greensboro, the Greensboro Youth Chorus, the Greensboro Concert Band and the Choral Society of Greensboro. For more information, contact Greensboro Parks and Recreation's Music Center at 336-373-2549.

## Volunteers Needed for 25th Annual Shoppers' Day

The Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities hosts its 25th annual Special Shoppers' Day on Thursday, December 2. The City is seeking volunteers from the community to accompany shoppers as they purchase holiday gifts.

Each year, more than 200 individuals with different abilities from throughout Guilford County participate in a shopping field trip to Four Seasons Town Centre. Volunteers of all ages are needed to assist the shoppers as they make their purchases, visit Santa, and enjoy the live entertainment at the mall's amphitheatre. All entertainment is focused on people with disabilities.

The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities is a coalition of businesses, human service agencies and individuals of all levels of ability. The committee works to create a barrier-free community and advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities. To volunteer or request more information, call Donna Gray at 336-373-2723.



### Fraser Fir Wreath and Greenery Sale

Greensboro Beautiful is selling Fraser fir wreaths and white pine roping from the mountains of North Carolina. Proceeds benefit Greensboro Beautiful and its citywide landscape projects, litter cleanups, public gardens, and community tree plantings. Visit [greensborobeautiful.org](http://greensborobeautiful.org) to learn more and to download a mail-in order form, or order by phone at 336-373-2199. All pre-ordered wreaths must be picked up Wednesday, December 1, between 8 am and 6 pm at the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market at 501 Yanceyville Street.

### A Day with Santa

Enjoy a fun, festive afternoon with Santa on Sunday, December 5, from 2-6 pm at Bur-Mil Park's Clubhouse, 5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd. Sip on hot cocoa, munch on cookies and listen to holiday music while the kids spend time with jolly Saint Nick. Bring your camera for a holiday photo opportunity or have your picture taken by Bur-Mil Park's staff photographer. The event is free and open to the public. Donations of new and gently used toys will be accepted for the Greensboro Youth Council's annual Santa's Workshop, while canned food will be collected for local food banks.



### Greensboro's 'cold cases'

The Greensboro Police Department continues to try to solve old cases, called "cold cases." Each month on its Web page -- [greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Police/coldcases](http://greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Police/coldcases) -- previously unsolved cases like the one below are randomly highlighted. The police ask for information and assistance in apprehending those responsible for these crimes.

**William Ransom Hobbs Jr**, 56, was killed September 13, 2008 at 519 Summit Ave. in an apparent intentionally set fire. The house at 519 Summit was also known as "The Castle." Hobbs was a local musician well known for Americana and blues music. Anyone with information on this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 336-373-1000. There is a reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for William's death. The Governor's office has also extended an additional reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the offender's arrest and conviction.



## Holiday Safety Reminders

With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays on the horizon, the Greensboro Police Department reminds you to be diligent to protect your home and yourself during travel and shopping excursions.

If you plan to travel during the holidays, here are some reminders for what to do to ensure

your home is protected while you're away:

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped.
- Mark your home valuables with your NC driver's license number.
- Keep the house locked and blinds in their normal position.

Don't forget to put these safety tips into practice while doing your holiday shopping:

- Try not to shop alone, especially at night.
- Don't carry large sums of money and don't display it.
- Be sure your car is in good working condition and keep plenty of gas in the tank.
- Be sure to alert a friend or family member to where you're going and when you'll be back.
- Park in well-lit areas that are as close entrances as possible.
- Put all packages in the trunk, not on the floor or seats.
- Keep purses and bags closed, securely under your arm and off counters, out of shopping carts, and away from children.



## Police Department Awarded \$4.6 Million Grant

The Greensboro Police Department has been awarded a \$4.6 million grant to pay salaries for 30 officers for three years. This grant allows the City to begin to recruit classes of new officers well in advance of vacancies being realized, so it can keep its rosters as full as possible without raising the City's sworn allocations. With the grant, the City will be able to deploy officers more proactively and concentrate on key crime problems.

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