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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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Run 4 the Greenway

Sign up now for the Downtown Greenway's Run 4 the Greenway taking place Saturday, September 11, starting at 5 pm. You have a choice of participating in an 8k run or one-mile fun run/walk. There will also be entertainment and food at Center City Park. Proceeds from the event will go to the Maintenance Endowment for the Downtown Greenway. Get more information at downtowngreenway.org

Holiday Trash/Recycling Schedule

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no trash or recycling collection on that day. Instead, Monday's collection will take place Tuesday, September 7, and Tuesday's collection will take place Wednesday, September 8. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).

Central Carolina Fair

The 112th annual Central Carolina Fair returns to the Greensboro Coliseum on September 10-19. The fair will feature rides, carnival food, games, exhibits, and wholesome family entertainment and attractions for everyone. Get more details by visiting greensborocoliseum.com.

September Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council will meet on Tuesday, September 7 and 21, 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 at greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

View more City of Greensboro events at greensboro-nc.gov/calendar.

New Trash Collection Schedule Starts this Month

Starting Monday, August 9, the City's residential trash collection day and recycling collection week will change for some customers to increase efficiency and balance service routes. Residents can visit greensboro-nc.gov/ServiceChanges to see their collection day.

In addition to trash collection day and recycling week changes taking place August 9, the schedule for bulk collection (items too large to fit in a trash container) will change from weekly pickups to every other week pickups for all residents. Bulk items will be picked up the same weeks that recycling items are collected.

Yard waste and appliance collection services will not change. This means that yard waste will be collected on your regular service day—no appointment is needed—and appliances are collected by appointments by calling 373-CITY (2489).



City Increases Fees for Some Services and Activities

The City recently increased fees for some services and activities. These fees were approved by Greensboro City Council as part of the FY 2010-11 Budget. Fee increases include:

Water Rate: Water rates for City of Greensboro water customers will increase 6 percent.

Parking: Fee increases for parking violations are as follows:

- \$10 per violation (up from \$5): expired meter, over allowed time, parked more than eight feet into street, non-parking space, facing opposite traffic, between roadway and property line, and double parked
- \$25 per violation (up from \$10): obstruction of sidewalk
- \$50 per violation (up from \$25): parking within five feet of a hydrant.

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McGirt-Horton Branch Library Opens August 26

Construction delays have caused the Greensboro Public Library to reschedule the grand opening of its new facility for the McGirt-Horton Branch. The library, which is located at 2509 Phillips Ave., will now open in a new building at 5 pm Thursday, August 26. The previous opening was set for July 29.

New City Appointments

City Manager Rashad Young recently appointed the following employees to key positions:

- Dwight Crofts, assistant police chief, has been appointed interim police chief.
- Dan Curry, who previously served as acting director of Housing & Community Development (HCD), is now the manager of the City's community sustainability efforts.
- Sue Schwartz, manager of HCD's Neighborhood Planning Division, has been named interim director of HCD.
- Barbara Harris, planner for HCD, will now serve as interim manager of HCD's Development Division.

City's Mid-Year Crime Stats Show Reductions

The City's mid-year crime statistics for January-June of this year show a 25 percent drop in homicides, a 24 percent reduction in violent crime and a 10 percent decrease in property crime. Overall, Part 1 Offenses, which include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft, are down by 11 percent compared to the first half of 2009.

FY 2010-11 Adopted Budget Now Online

The City's entire adopted FY 2010-11 budget is now posted online at greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Budget. Review or download the budget document as a whole or as individual sections from this page.

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 -- previously unsolved cases like the one below are randomly highlighted. The police ask for information and assistance in apprehending those responsible for these crimes.



During the early morning hours of October 7, 2006, police officers were sent to 1518 McConnell Rd. where they found David Ruffin suffering from a gunshot wound. Anyone with information that may help solve this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers

at 373-1000. Crime Stoppers has offered a cash reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. Calls are not traced or taped.

City Increases Fees (cont...)

Activated Security

Alarms: Fee increases for activated security alarms are as follows:

- First two activations: no charge
- Activations 3-6: \$50
- Activations 7-9: \$100
- 10+ Activations: \$250

Parks and

Recreation: Fees for athletic programs, shelter

rentals, watershed parks, fishing permits, the Greensboro Sportsplex, and the Gillespie Park Golf Course will increase. Get a complete list of Parks and Recreation fee increases at greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Parks.

Recycling and trash pickup: The cost of extra trash or recycling rolling containers will be \$20 less, at \$50 per can.

Field Operations: Field Operations will begin offering dumpster customers trash collection four times a week for \$227 and five times a week for \$257.

For more information about these fee increases, call 373-CITY (2489).



Protect Your Property, Family with Flood Insurance

The City's Water Resources Department would like to remind you that even though flooding is the number one natural disaster, flood damage is not covered by most homeowners insurance.

Anyone can buy flood insurance, regardless of their level of risk. Since flood damage is not covered by standard property or renters insurance, it must be purchased separately. Here are a few reasons to purchase flood insurance:

- 25 percent of flood claims are filed by people living in low-to-moderate risk areas. To find out if your property is located in a flood zone, call Water Resources at 373-2055 or visit greensboro-nc.gov/onlineservices and click on "Flood Zone Determination."
- In high-risk area, 1 in 4 homes will experience a flood over the course of a 30-year mortgage.
- Disaster assistance, if it's available, is typically a loan you must repay, with interest.
- Flood insurance is mandatory if you live in a high-risk area and have a mortgage from a federally regulated lender. It takes 30 days after purchase for the policy to take effect, so it's important to buy insurance before flood warnings are issued.

For more information, call 1-888-379-9531 or visit Floodsmart.gov.

Revision to Public Notice Concerning Water

A notice was sent to residents in July concerning the water supply the City of Greensboro receives from the City of Reidsville. The revision is as follows: The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) is 0.0600 milligrams per liter (mg/L). For the periods ending March 2010 and June 2010, the annual running average level of HAAs for the Reidsville coverage area were marginally over this limit at a concentration of 0.0786 mg/L and 0.0795 mg/L.

For more information, call Kevin Eason, City of Reidsville, at 342-4002 or Steve Drew, City of Greensboro, 373-5855.