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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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Celebrating Black History Month

The City will hold several events throughout February to honor the achievements and contributions of African-Americans. A few of the events are as follows:

- Learn how African-American inventors continue to impact our daily lives and create your own scrapbook of favorite inventions by attending "African-American Inventors and You." The free event will be held Wednesday, February 24, from 4-5 pm at the McGirt-Horton Library, 2509 Phillips Ave. Call 336-373-5810 for more details.
- Join the Greensboro Historical Museum, 130 Summit Ave., for "La Revue Negra: The Josephine Baker Story," Thursday, February 25, through Sunday, February 28. Admission is \$5. Get showtimes and more information by calling 336-373-2043.

For more events, visit greensboro-nc.gov/calendar.

Living the Wildlife

Learn how to prevent insects and animals from damaging your yard at Living the Wildlife: Wildlife Control in Your Backyard. The class, which is free and open to all ages, will be held Monday, March 15, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Frank Sharpe Jr. Wildlife Education Center, 5835 Bur-Mil Club Rd. For more information about this class or other Living the Wildlife classes, call 336-373-3802

March Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesdays, March 2 and 16, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. Council meetings are open to the public and are aired live on Channel 13 and online at greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

Assistant City Manager Selected

Andy Scott was recently appointed assistant city manager for Economic Development for the City of Greensboro. The selection of Scott concludes an extensive recruiting and interviewing process.

Scott, who served as interim assistant city manager for Economic Development since March of 2009, will oversee the City's economic development activities, provide support services to Greensboro businesses and serve as a liaison between City government and the business community.

"Andy has an extensive career and proven track record with community and economic development," said Greensboro City Manager Rashad Young. "The city will be well-served to have him in this role overseeing the important effort to strengthen the economic growth of our community."

Before being named assistant city manager, Scott served as the City's director of Housing and Community Development for more than a decade. Scott's salary will be \$121,000.

The vacancy created by Scott's promotion will not be filled at this time. Dan Curry will continue to serve as acting director of Housing and Community Development, a role he's held since March 2009.



Greensboro Public Library News

A lot of exciting things are happening at the Greensboro Public Library!

The newly renovated Benjamin Branch Library, 1530 Benjamin Parkway, is now open. It features an expanded collection of books, periodicals and videos, as well as additional computer stations. It also features separate areas dedicated to teens and children and a redesigned meeting room. Stop by the library today to check out the enhancements.



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Census 2010



Our population is rapidly changing, and accurate census data is needed to help make positive improvements in our community. Every 10 years, the US

Census Bureau counts everyone residing in the United States. The next Census will occur in April and the City is taking steps to ensure everyone in Greensboro is counted. By participating in the Census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you. Can Greensboro count on you? Learn more at 2010.census.gov.

Guilford Metro 9-1-1 Recognized for Excellence

Guilford Metro 9-1-1 (GM 9-1-1) was recently awarded accreditation as an Emergency Fire Dispatch Center of Excellence from the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED). IAED is an international non-profit standard-setting organization that promotes safe and effective emergency dispatch services world-wide.

GM 9-1-1 is the 11th 9-1-1 center in the nation, out of 6,500, and the 12th in the world to be awarded this distinction for its comprehensive implementation and compliance with the Fire Priority Dispatch System (FPDS). The FPDS is a comprehensive emergency fire dispatch system designed to provide responder and caller safety, maximize utilization of resources, prioritize responses, provide efficient delivery of pre-arrival instructions, and improve overall customer service.

Police Release Preliminary Crime Stats

The Greensboro Police Department's preliminary crime statistics for 2009 show violent crime decreased by 4 percent and property crime declined by 3 percent compared to 2008. Homicides also declined by 28 percent for the year.

A final version of the annual statistics for 2009 will be released within the next two months.

Need a Transportation Alternative?



Although the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) provides service to a large portion of the Greensboro area, there are some locations that it doesn't serve. This is where the

Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) can help. Join a PART carpool or vanpool today and share a ride with people who share your work and commute schedule. You'll save money and help the environment. Learn more at partnc.org.

The International Civil Rights Center & Museum is now open! The museum celebrates the non-violent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins and is devoted to protecting civil and human rights worldwide. It's located at 132 S. Elm St. Visit it today!

Greensboro Public Library News (cont...)

Also, construction of the new McGirt-Horton Library is well underway. The 10,000 square foot facility will be located at the corner of Phillips and Woodbriar avenues.



The building is expected to qualify for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold status due to the energy-saving features being incorporated into its design.

The new facility will feature an expanded collection of books, periodicals and videos, as well as additional computer stations, an area dedicated to teens that includes a video lounge and multimedia lab, the Home Improvement Center and much more.

Construction is expected to be complete by Spring 2010. Learn more by visiting greensborolibrary.org.

New State Laws Aim to Keep Families Safe

A new state law is now in effect that requires contractors working on housing built prior to 1978 or any child-occupied facility to be certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a certified renovator and follow lead-safe work practices.

Under the new law, contractors performing work that disturbs any painted surface, over six square feet on the interior or 20 square feet on the exterior, must take precautions to prevent lead contamination, such as properly disposing of lead debris.

For more information about the new law or becoming an EPA-certified renovator, call the Health Hazards Control Unit at 919-707-5950.

Also, carbon monoxide detectors are now required in rental properties that use fossil fuel appliances or fossil fuel fired heating systems. And, they will be required in new homes beginning January 1, 2011.

Learn more by calling the City's Engineering & Inspections Department at 336-373-2155.

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.



On October 16, 2004, Idrissa Salifou was found shot to death in a parking lot located at 356 Burlingate Dr. If you have information on this or any other unsolved cases, call Crime Stoppers at 336-373-1000. 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. All calls are confidential and are not traced or taped.

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