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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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## Celebrate Watermelon Day

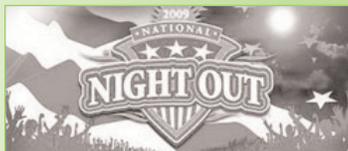
Few things say 'summertime' better than fresh, cold watermelon. Enjoy free tastings of different varieties of watermelons during Watermelon Day on Saturday, August 15, at the Farmers' Curb Market. The refreshing event, which features plenty of the fruit on sale thanks to local farmers, takes place from 6 am to 12 noon. For more information, call 373-2402.

## NNO slated for August 4

National Night Out (NNO), a crime and drug prevention event sponsored locally by the Greensboro Police Department (GPD), takes place on August 4. NNO promotes neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships in the quest for safer communities.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, neighborhoods in Greensboro will celebrate NNO in a variety of ways such as: block parties, cookouts, visits from local police and fire departments, parades, flashlight walks, contests, and youth programs.

For more information about NNO, contact the GPD's Community Affairs office at 373-2636.



## August City Council meetings

The Greensboro City Council on August 3 (changed from August 4 in observance of National Night Out) and August 18 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber, Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. Council meetings are open to the public and are aired live on Channel 13 and through videostreaming online at greensboro-nc.gov.

## \$423 million budget approved

On June 16, City Council adopted the 2009-10 budget, which is balanced and without a tax rate increase.

The \$423 million budget includes about \$3 million in service reductions, which affects 19 City departments and includes the elimination of approximately 17 full-time positions. Another \$2.4 million was saved by eliminating City employee salary increases for one year. Also, the City will delay \$2.1 million in expenses related to the replacement of some capital equipment.

While the budget does include some reductions, there will be minimal impact on the City's daily service delivery, particularly in the area of public safety. The City remains fiscally sound and prepared to meet future service demands that will occur as the economy improves, according to Interim City Manager Bob Morgan.

View the budget in its entirety or by section at [greensboro-nc.gov/2009-10Budget](http://greensboro-nc.gov/2009-10Budget).

## Are you prepared?

It's hurricane season. Are you prepared?

Do you have an emergency supply kit? A proper kit should be filled with necessary supplies to sustain you and your family in your home for at least three days.

Do you have a family plan? Determine the best escape routes from your home and know the emergency plans at places that are part of your everyday life. Know where everyone will meet in case of an evacuation.

Do you have a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather radio? These radios broadcast official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The City's Emergency Management division offers these and other tips on how to be prepared for an emergency at [GreensboroReady.com](http://GreensboroReady.com).



## Back to school safety tips

It's back to the classrooms in August for many Guilford County students and for some, that also means coming home alone after school.



Ensuring the safety of children who are home alone after school is a big concern for many parents.

The Greensboro Police Department offers rules you should teach your

child if she or she will be left home alone after school. For example, ask your child to call to let you know that he or she has arrived home safely.

Read more at [greensboro-nc.gov/BackToSchool](http://greensboro-nc.gov/BackToSchool).

## The 'HEAT' is on

Higher Education Area Transit (HEAT) service to area colleges and universities begins again in August before classes are in session. The service offers express routes between schools and select stops along several routes, and includes access to the entire Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) system. For service information, go to [rideheat.com](http://rideheat.com).

## Greensboro's 'cold cases'

The Greensboro Police Department continues to try to solve old cases, so-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.

On April 12, 2009, Carlton Douglas Smith was shot and killed at 510 Farragut St. during the early morning hours. The suspect stole a 2008 midnight blue Dodge Charger and fled the scene. 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.



## GPD honors city residents

Residents were recognized by the Greensboro Police Department in May for their commitment to serving and protecting the community. Award recipients are below.

### 2009 Chief's Award Recipients

For those who have partnered with GPD through strong support of programs sponsored by the department.

~ Pastor Y Hie Nie for his efforts to establish a relationship between police and the Montangard, Loatian, Cambodian and other Asian refugee communities.

~ Randy Hall for his efforts and support to establish the 200 Club of Guilford County, whose mission is to support and provide for families of law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel killed in the line of duty.

~ Amos Quick for his advocacy for youth and programs that positively impact youth.

### 2009 Citizen Certificates of Merit Recipients

For actions exemplifying excellence in the performance of a civic responsibility, showing unselfish devotion to their fellow man, or bringing honor to themselves and recognition to the city.

~ Jason Schafhauser assisted a GPD officer in the arrest of a combatative suspect.

~ Charles Gelly, Mark Masters, Sandra Leftwich, Tommy Revels and Scott Leftwich assisted an officer in the apprehension of a suspect.

~ Jonas Andrews and William White removed an accident victim from a burning vehicle.

~ Jason Bowman provided the GPD with direction of travel and vehicle description of bank robbery suspects.



Deng Keovorabout, general manager of Doubletree Hotel on High Point Road, accepts the Greensboro Merchants Association's Excellence in Crime Prevention award from GPD Chief Tim Bellamy during May's Police and Citizens Awards banquet.

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Thank you for your input and time.