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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

JUNE 2009



Holiday Trash/Recycling Schedule

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed on Friday and Saturday, July 3-4, in recognition of Independence Day.

Also, there will be no trash or recycling collection that Friday. Instead, Friday's collections will take place on Thursday, July 2, and Thursday's collections will take place on Wednesday, July 1.

Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

Celebrating fruits of the season

The Greensboro Farmers' Market is celebrating local farmers' seasonal fruits with two events in July. First is Berry Day, scheduled for Saturday, July 11, from 6 am to 12 noon at the 501 Yanceyville St. facility. And on Saturday, July 25, enjoy Tomato Day from 6 am to 12 noon. For more information, call 373-2402 or go to greensboro-nc.gov/farmersmarket.

Midnight basketball in full swing

Middle and high school students -- join the best pick-up basketball in the city on Fridays from 8:30-11:30 pm at Barber Park's Simkins Indoor Sports Pavilion, 1500 Dan's Rd. For more information, call Youth First Coordinator Darryl Kosciak at 297-5019. Next Level of the Triad and Hope Project sponsor the weekly games. (No games July 3.)

July City Council meetings

The Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesdays, July 7 and 21, 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.

New fire chief takes the helm

The first day on a new job is always a bit stressful, but Greensboro's new fire chief, Gregory H. Grayson, took the matter in stride. Grayson took the helm of Greensboro's Fire Department on May 26.

Grayson has significant executive experience in fire service, having most recently been Asheville's Fire and Rescue Chief since 2000 and prior to that Fire Chief for Burlington and Fire/Rescue Director for Wake County.

He was the third officer in North Carolina to receive the Chief Fire Officer Designation, and he was the first firefighter to receive the NC Advanced Firefighter Certificate.

Grayson has been recognized as "Executive Manager of the Year" by both the City of Asheville and the Asheville-Buncombe region, and shared honors with the Asheville Fire Department when it earned a Class III rating from the ISO and Internationally Accredited Agency status in 2005, the eighth city in NC to do so.

"I am sincerely honored to have the opportunity to be part of leading Greensboro's distinguished organization," Grayson said.



Economic stimulus funding updates

Are you interested in how federal economic stimulus money benefits Greensboro? Want to know what programs and projects will benefit from stimulus funding?

Prior to every City Council meeting, Greensboro Assistant City Manager Denise Turner updates Council members with information about what stimulus money the City has received, what money is expected and what funding is being applied for.

This information is posted at greensboro-nc.gov/economicstimulus the day after every council meeting. Stay informed by routinely visiting the site.

MUSEP - 30 years of concerts

The City's Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP) concert series runs from June 7 through August 31. This perennial favorite celebrates its 30th year of free concerts featuring local performing ensembles.

MUSEP is a time-honored Greensboro tradition that showcases outstanding musical entertainment at exciting venues throughout the community.

For a full schedule, visit greensboro-nc.gov/MUSEP2009.

(In case of inclement weather, call the MUSEP information line at 373-2373 to see if a scheduled event is canceled.)

Cool off at City pools this summer

For many of us, summer just isn't the same without cooling off and splashing around in a pool. Luckily for Greensboro residents, there are several outdoor swimming pools they can visit.

City outdoor pools will be open from June 13 to August 9. Public swim hours and days vary. Pool fees are \$3 for adults and children 13 and older, and \$1 for children under 12.



For more information, visit greensboro-nc.gov/outdoorpools.

The City outdoor pools include:

- ~ Lindley Pool - 2914 Springwood Dr.; 299-3226
- ~ Peeler Pool - 1300 Sykes Ave.; 373-5811
- ~ Warnersville Pool - 601 Doak St.; 373-5806
- ~ Windsor Pool - 1601 E. Lee St.; 373-5846.

For the summer pool schedule and fees at Bur-Mil Park's Family Aquatic Center, call 373-3800 or visit greensboro-nc.gov/aquaticcenter.

GPD's Crime Stoppers receives honors

The Greensboro Police Department's (GPD) Crime Stoppers program was recently honored with the Productivity Award by the Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association.

GPD won the award for having the most arrests and dollar amount recovered in the southeast (Delaware to Florida) for 2008. Crime Stoppers' tips lead to 720 arrests and more than \$242,000 in drugs and property recovered.



For more information about GPD's Crime Stoppers program, visit greensboro-nc.gov/crimestoppers.

City graduates 19 fire recruits

On June 5, Greensboro's 59th Fire Recruit Class graduated with families, friends and City officials on hand to congratulate them for their hard work and diligence.

Of the 19 recruits, 14 were Greensboro Fire Department personnel and five are employed by Fire District 13. The City now employs 463 firefighters.

Four of the City's recruits are temporarily assigned to fire companies because they already have EMT certifications. The remaining 10 recruits will spend four weeks earning that certification. Then, the entire recruit class will be permanently assigned to a specific company/station and will be on probation for six months. At that point, they will take the Firefighter 1 exam and if they pass, they will be promoted to that rank.

End harassing phone calls

Obscene or harassing phone calls can be one of the most stressful and frightening invasions of privacy a person experiences. And unwanted phone calls, while a minor problem when compared with threatening calls, can still be a major inconvenience.

Fortunately, the Greensboro Police Department has steps you can take to help put an end to these unwelcome intrusions. Read more at greensboro-nc.gov/harassingcall.



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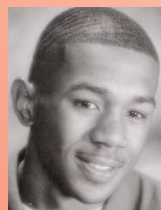
Watch public meetings

Go to http://greensboro.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Get updates on City services on [Twitter.com/greensborocity](https://twitter.com/greensborocity)

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 -- 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 April 26, 2008, police were called to 1718 Kay St. There they found Derek Hodge, the victim of a fatal gunshot wound. 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. In addition, there's also a Governor's reward of \$5,000.

If you have information on this or any other unsolved case, call Crime Stoppers at 373-1000. Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. All calls to Crime Stoppers are confidential. No names are used and no calls are taped or traced.