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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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Help celebrate P&R's 75th

On Saturday, June 27, Greensboro's Parks and Recreation Department celebrates its 75th anniversary of "Reaching Out, Touching Lives" with an exciting community festival at the city's first park - Country Park, 3902 Nathanael Greene Dr. Admission is free. In case of inclement weather, the festival will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 28. For more information, call the Country Park office at 336-373-3648 or go online at greensboro-nc.gov/leisure.

Funding assists the jobless

The City of Greensboro, on behalf of the Workforce Development Board and in conjunction with the City of High Point and Guilford County, has been allocated nearly \$3 million in federal economic stimulus funding through the Workforce Investment Act.

The money will provide employment and training services for qualified adults, dislocated workers and youth of Guilford County. Services will include on-the-job and classroom-based skill-specific training and workforce readiness training, and information on adult transitional employment opportunities and summer work experience for youth.

To learn more and to find out if you qualify for assistance, visit the Greensboro JobLink Career Center, 303 N. Raleigh St., Greensboro or call 373-5922. Youth seeking work and employers offering them jobs may visit jumpinthejobpool.com/ to learn more about employment opportunities this summer.

June City Council meetings

The Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesdays, June 2 and 16, 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 also aired live on Channel 13 and through videostreaming online at greensboro-nc.gov.

Keep your property within code

Did you know it was against the City's local ordinances to let your grass grow more than 12 inches high or to have too many tree limbs and too much brush in your yard? And did you know you can't keep inoperable or improperly tagged vehicles on your property or have basketball goals too close to curbs?

The City's Local Ordinance Enforcement Office makes sure private property owners adhere to guidelines on issues such as these, which are often called "nuisance cases." If violations occur, the City posts a notice on the property involved and notifies the owner to correct the situation within a certain number of days. If the problem isn't resolved on time, the City handles the situation and then bills the property owner for the work.

Make sure your property stays within City codes by knowing what the codes are. Call 373-2111 to learn more or to report possible ordinance violations. You may also submit a complaint form online at greensboro-nc.gov/complaintform.



Parking ordinance takes effect July 1

Beginning July 1, the City will no longer allow owners of single-family homes and duplexes to park vehicles on their front lawns. In fact, no more than 40 percent of a front yard may be designated for parking.

Under new parking ordinances, adopted by Greensboro City Council last summer, parking spaces and driveways must now be built with a hard, all-weather surface such as asphalt, concrete, brick, gravel or other approved materials. Grass and dirt areas will no longer be acceptable for parking areas. Also, the edge of parking spaces and driveways must be clearly defined with a physical edge that's maintained by the owner.

The new ordinance applies to all existing and future parking areas and driveways. For more information, call the City's Planning Department at 373-2144.

Holiday Trash/Recycling Schedule

No collection on Memorial Day - Monday, May 25

Monday collection takes place Tuesday, May 26

Tuesday collection takes place Wednesday, May 27

Veggie Fest slated for June 20

Mom was right. Vegetables *are* good for you.

Eating your veggies can lower rates of various cancers and delay, decrease or avoid signs of aging.

Still not convinced? Visit the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market on June 20 for its annual Veggie Fest from 6 am to 12 noon. Celebrate the onset of the fresh produce season and watch as a guest chef demonstrates healthy and healing dishes using common vegetables.

Admission and parking at the Yanceyville Street market is free. For more information, call 373-2957.

It's never too late to learn

Silver Surfing is the name of a series of free computer classes designed by the Greensboro Public Library specifically for senior citizens. All classes are held in the Computer Lab of the Central Library, 219 N. Church St. Courses include introduction to computers, the internet, Microsoft Word and Excel, e-mail, eBay and blogging.

Space is limited for these courses and registration is required.

Call Belinda Lam at 373-2169 for a full schedule of offerings and to register for individual classes.



Web site posts economic stimulus news

Want to know what economic stimulus funds the City has received, what applications for funding are under development or what tax relief may come your way? Stay on top of all the City's economic stimulus plans by routinely visiting its Web site at greensboro-nc.gov/economic-stimulus.

City water wins 'safe drinking' award

The City's Water Resources Department recently received a 2008 US Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Act Excellence Award for its region, which includes eight southeastern states.

The award recognizes commitment to compliance with the safe water act through outstanding operations and maintenance. Criteria for the award include compliance with federal and state regulations, passing sanitary survey results, overall administrative management, operations and maintenance, and quality customer service.

"The award is an outstanding recognition of the ongoing efforts taken by the Water Resources Department to provide excellent operations and maintenance of our public water system for our customers," said Allan Williams, director of Water Resources.



Enjoy the spring weather and stay safe

While outside enjoying the springtime weather, remember to still pay attention to your safety and that of your family. Don't give criminals an open invitation to make you a victim.

When working outdoors in your yard, keep your house doors and windows closed and locked. In fact, even when you're inside, you should lock all windows and doors. Also, lock your car doors and roll up windows when you park and never leave exposed valuables or other items such as purses or laptops in your car.

For more safety tips, visit greensboro-nc.gov/Prevention. And for assistance in starting a community watch program in your neighborhood, call the Greensboro Police Department at 373-2636.

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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 28, 1997, in the early morning hours, Greensboro Police were called to 3818 Overland Heights. There they found Robert "Mickey" Ledwell, 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 is 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.