City of Greensboro News & Information

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New Police Chief is Wayne Scott

Wayne Scott, Greensboro Police Department's former deputy chief, is now the City's new police chief. Scott, with the department since 1991, has a background in patrol and community resources.

Scott was one of two finalists for chief's post, which was previously held by Ken Miller who left Greensboro to take a similar position in Greenville,



SC. Deputy Chief Anita Holder was the interim department chief since last September. Read more at www. greensboro-nc.gov/NewChief.

Lock Your Home, Garage and Valuables

Residential burglaries traditionally peak during May and June, rising 18 percent above the yearly average. Greensboro police note a couple of factors that contribute to the increase are the tendency to leave doors, windows and garages open more when the weather is nice and how often people are away from their homes this time of year. Both situations make homes prime targets for burglars. To avoid this:

- Lock doors and windows when you are home and away.
- Trim trees and bushes to improve visibility of your home.
- Install a monitored alarm system.
- Leave one or two lights on while you are away or use plug-in timers that will turn lights and radios on and off.

• Never advertise that your home will be unoccupied by posting the info on social media sites or leaving notes on your doors.



- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home while you are away, tend to your lawn, and park in your driveway from time to time.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries.

Also, keep a detailed list of your valuables to help with criminal investigations and insurance claims if items are stolen. ReportIt, offered by Leads Online, provides a secure Web-based program to help record items.

Greensboro police also offer free home security assessments. To schedule one, contact your Community Resource Officer through the "Our Communities" link at www.gospd.org.

City Offers Future CEO Program for High Schoolers

The City is offering a Future CEO program to educate high school students what it means to be an entrepreneur. Selected students will learn about leadership skills, budgeting, marketing, and business strategies. This is a partnership program between the Nussbaum Center for Entrepreneurship and the City's Human Relations and Parks and Recreation departments. Applications, which are available at www.greensboro-nc.gov/FutureCEO, are due by May 1. For more information, contact Zac Engle, program director, at 303-0455.

Attend a City Council Meeting
Greensboro City Council meets
at 5:30 pm on April 7 and 21,
May 5 and 19, and June 2 and
16. Meetings are open to the
public and air live on Greensboro
Television Network and www.
greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is
available in the Greene Street
Parking Deck. Review the
Council's full meeting schedule
at www.greensboro-nc.gov/
CouncilMeetings.

No Trash/Reycling on May 25
City offices and facilities are
closed Monday, May 25, in
observance of Memorial Day.
There are no trash/recycling
collections that day. Instead,
Monday's collections take place
Tuesday, May 26 and Tuesday's
collections take place Wednesday,
May 27.

Museum Exhibit Features Original Emancipation Proclamation



Get a rare look at an original 1864 printed Emancipation Proclamation signed by Abraham Lincoln, as well as related objects during a free exhibition at the Greensboro Historical Museum now through April 26. The exhibit, called Voices to Freedom, also feature stories of African Americans' continued efforts for freedom and equality. Learn more about the collection coming to at www.lincolncollection.org.

City Seeking Input on Hazard Mitigation Plan Development

The City along with other local jurisdictions and partners is currently working to prepare a multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan will identify and assess the community's hazard risks and determine how to best minimize or manage them. To help with plan development, take an online survey at www.greensboronc.gov/water by April 30.

Greensboro Welcomes National Folk Festival in September

The 75th National Folk Festival is coming to downtown Greensboro September 11-13. This free event celebrates America's rich diverse culture with music, dance, Southern



foods, handmade Carolina crafts, and up to seven stages throughout downtown featuring continuous blues.

rockabilly, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, Cajun, polka, mariachi, western swing, and funk music. Visit www.nationalfolkfestival.com for volunteer opportunities.

Annual Water Report Card Available to the Public

The annual Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Report is now available to the public. The report details how the City's wastewater collection system operates, how well it performed during the year,

what violations occurred, spills and overflows, and other information.

This report, which covers calendar year January to December 2014, is located for review at the following: the Vance H. Chavis Branch Library, McGirt-Horton Branch Library, Central Library, Melvin Municipal Office Building (MMOB), all Water Resources facilities, and online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/water.

City Accepts White House Challenge to Help Youth

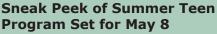
The City has accepted the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Community Challenge launched by President Obama in 2014. The MBK initiative aims to improve life outcomes for all young people, including boys and young men of color, and ensure that all youth can achieve their full potential, regardless of the circumstances into which they are born.

The City is partnering with United Way of Greater Greensboro to build and execute a plan to implement coherent cradle-to-college-and-career



strategies aimed at improving life outcomes for all young people.

Want to help? Mentoring opportunities are available through United Way's Mentoring Matters Initiative. Call 378-6616.



Greensboro teens ages 13-18 are invited to Summer Sneak Peek, part of the Summer Night Lights (SNL)



program, from 7-11 pm Friday, May 8 at the Greensboro Sportsplex, 2400 16th St. The event is for teens find out about volunteer opportunities, summer programs and activities presented by community partners, and ways to engage in the community during the summer. There will also be basketball, soccer, and a DJ. For more information on SNL, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SNL.

Celebrate City Trails at June 6 Festival



Greensboro's 18th annual National Trails Day event is set for Saturday, June 6, at Country Park, 3905 Nathanael Greene Dr. The event features vendors from environmental businesses, health-related organizations and outdoor activity groups, and chances to participate in races, guided hikes, kayaking, and geocaching. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/TrailsDay.

MUSEP Kicks Off Summer Series on June 7

Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP) kicks off its concert series Sunday, June 7, and continues through August. The free series features ensembles playing everything from swing, jazz and blues to classical and bluegrass. Questions? Call City Arts Music Center at 373-2549.



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