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App Gives Another Way to Pay for Parking

The City is offering a new, convenient way to pay for parking at four public lots through an app called "Parkmobile."



Available for free at any app store, Parkmobile allows you to use your smart phone to pay for parking by inputting the lot's zone number and either the parking space number or license plate number (depending on the lot) into the app. Signage in the lots and in-app instructions will explain how to start the parking session.

Learn more about this app and other City apps at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Download.

Loose Leaf Collection Program Starts November 9

The City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program kicks off November 9 and as in the past, there will be two collection periods. Leaves that are curbside by:

- ~ November 9 will be picked up by December 23.
- ~ December 28 will be picked up by January 22.

Learn more at www.greensboro-nc. gov/Leaves.



Local Team Awarded \$500,000 for 1st Place in SC2 Challenge

A strategic economic development plan developed by a local team of educators and business professionals has been awarded \$500,000 for first place in the City of Greensboro's Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2) Challenge prize competition. Their proposal for a Global Opportunities Center was one of six to make the final round of consideration.

The team's Global Opportunities Center, proposed for downtown Greensboro, would leverage the resources of local colleges and universities, corporations, and community partners by connecting and educating students and businesses in innovative ways that result in new global business and career opportunities.

Read more at www.greensboro-nc. gov/SC2.

Fire Department Receives \$1.1 Million Grant

The Greensboro Fire Department has been awarded \$1,119,648 through the Department of Homeland Security's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. The SAFER grant assists departments in maintaining 'front-line' firefighters.

The funding will be used to hire 12 firefighters, which will allow the department to assign a minimum of four personnel to all emergency response engine and ladder companies.

Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm October 7 and 20, November 10 and 17, and December 1 and 15. 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 full council and committee meeting schedules at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.



Be Safe Trick or Treating
Keep children safe this Halloween.
Poviow tips at www.greensberg.

Review tips at www.greensboro-nc.gov/HalloweenSafety.
Looking for a trick or treating alternative? Check out the City's Ghoulash! spooktackular 2-6 pm October 24. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Ghoulash. (The City does not regulate the day or times residents may go trick or treating.)

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1

On Sunday, November 1, turn your clocks back one hour to return to standard time. Also, change your smoke alarm batteries. Don't have working smoke alarms? Contact the

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Applying for City Jobs Now Takes Place Online

The City recently launched iApplyGreensboro, a new software system to replace its paper application and improve the overall job application process. Job seekers are now able to quickly apply online to numerous positions at www.greensboro-nc.gov/jobs. Interested candidates may apply for current vacancies or sign-up for notifications to be alerted when job openings become available.

GPD Website Now Features Cold Cases Homicide Page

Think you might have the one piece of information that can help solve a cold case homicide? Or, maybe you just don't know which cases are unsolved and in need of the public's help in finding who was responsible for the crime.

The
Greensboro
Police
Department
(GPD) now has
a Cold Cases
page that



describes unsolved homicides from as early as 1969. More than 80 cases are awaiting the tip that could solve them.

Look at the cases at www. greensboro-nc.gov/ColdCases.

Are You a Struggling Homeowner?

The NC Foreclosure Prevention Fund helps responsible homeowners keep their homes while they get back on their feet after job loss or other temporary financial hardship. The program makes mortgage payments

while the homeowner looks or retrains for a new job. There is no cost for assistance, which is offered as a zero-interest deferred loan, and payments may be made for up to 36 months.

Learn more at www.NCForeclosure Prevention.gov or call 888-623-8631.

New Department Directors Take Office

Melanie Neal is now director of Guilford Metro 9-1-1. Neal, who has 27 years of combined experience working in the 9-1-1 and public safety fields,



has served as the interim director of Guilford Metro 9-1-1 since 2014.

She has served as the Guilford Metro 9-1-1 emergency communications operation manager from 2010-14, as well as communications supervisor and telecommunicator.

Donnie Turlington is now director of the new Communications and Marketing Department. He has worked for the City since 2010,



most recently serving as the communications division manager.

Turlington, who has 17 years of public relations and communications experience, has led the centralization of communications, creating more efficiencies in services to departments and better streamlining storyline development and distribution to the public.



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Greensboro Fire Department at 574-4088 for free equipment and installation.

City Offices Closed 3 Days in November

City offices and facilities close Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

There are no trash/recycling collections on Thursday, November 26. That day's collections take place on Wednesday, November 25. Friday, November 27, collections remain the same. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

Purple Relay Highlights Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Greensboro Police
Department and other community
partners throughout the city are
hosting a 3.2 mile relay race at
Country Park, 3905 Nathanael
Green Dr., on October 18 to
raise awareness about domestic
violence. All proceeds go to
domestic violence programs
offered by the Family Service
of the Piedmont. For more
information or to participate, call
336-373-2636.

2015-16 OPUS Concert Series Underway



From classical to jazz to bluegrass, the City's free OPUS Concert Series offers something for everyone. Check out the talented musical ensembles at these events. Get a full schedule by calling the Music Center at 373-2026 or visiting www.city-arts.org and clicking on "The Music Center" link.