

# **At Your Service**

#### **News & Information**

#### City Proposes Bond Issue for November Election

When you visit the voting polls November 8, you will have a chance to vote on four City bonds worth a total of \$126 million. Projects on the ballot include:

- \$25 million for low-income housing
- \$28 million for transportation
- \$34.5 million for parks and recreation
- \$38.5 million for redevelopment.

Learn more at www.greensboro-nc. gov/2016Bonds.

#### City Solar Energy Info Portal Now Online

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to make use of solar energy's environmental and economic benefits, it has launched an online information hub called Solar RoadMap. Available at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Solar, the portal offers online tools and resources to help make solar energy easier, faster and more cost-effective for Greensboro businesses and residents.

Greensboro is one of more than 200 city and county governments who participated in the Solar RoadMap program, funded by the US Department of Energy. The goal of Solar RoadMap is to improve competitiveness in local solar energy markets.

#### Rec Centers Host Afterschool Program

This fall, Greensboro Parks and Recreation's Afterschool Program takes place from 2-6 pm Mondays through Fridays at eight local recreation centers for boys and girls ages 5-12. The program schedule follows Guilford County Schools' traditional school calendar.

Activities include time for homework, socializing and play. Contact your school's transportation office to see if it offers drop-off service at your recreation center of choice. For registration and cost information, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Afterschool.

#### City's First Pump Track Now Open



The City's first pump track is now open at Keeley Park. A pump track is a continuous dirt loop of rollers and berms designed for bicycling without the use of pedals. There is one track for adults and another for children. The sport is a way to build skills and fitness in a safe, fun and low-risk environment.

Learn more about the track, its hours, rules of use and opportunity to reserve a track for special events by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/PumpTrack.

# GPD 'Hires' New Bloodhound

A purebred bloodhound puppy named Sully has joined the Greensboro Police Department (GPD). She is being

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#### **Attend a City Council Meeting**

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on September 6 and 20 and October 4 and 18. Meetings are open to the public and air live on Greensboro Television Network. Review council's full meeting schedule at www.greensboro-nc. gov/CouncilMeetings.

### Art in the Arboretum is October 2

The Art in the Arboretum juried art and fine craft event is from 12 noon to 5 pm at the Greensboro Arboretum, 401 Ashland Dr. Admission is free. The event features artists from throughout the region exhibiting their

hand-crafted offerings, live entertainment, interactive art activities, and food courts. Learn more at www.greensborobeautiful.org.

### Hydrant Testing Set for October 1 to November 15

Fall hydrant testing takes place October 1 to November 15. Opening hydrants can sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by running the water for a few minutes. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

### City Services on Display at October 7 Government Expo

Ever wonder what some of the City departments' responsibilities actually are in the community? Learn all about Greensboro City government and the services it provides from 10 am to 2 pm Friday, October 7, at City Government Expooutside the Melvin Municipal Office

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trained for search and rescue to help track suspected criminals and search for missing persons.

In November, Sully and her handler Officer Kenny Jones will test their proficiency at a week-long seminar held by the National Police Bloodhound Association (NPBA) in Matthews. If the team meets the criteria established by NPBA, it will be certified to perform official police search and rescue operations. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Sully.

### Public Reminded to Watch Out for Cyclists

As the cooler weather of fall approaches, motorists are reminded to keep their eyes open for bicyclists and to share the road safely. Always follow these rules:



- A bike has the same rights and must follow the same rules as cars
- Cars may not travel in a bike lane to pass another car
- Cars may not park in a bike lane.

For more information, visit www. gsosharestheroad.org.

### Social Media Posts Show Lighter Side of Police Work

A new social media campaign called #FunnyCopFriday has debuted on

the Greensboro Police Department's (GPD) social media platform.

The year-long campaign is intended to show



a light-hearted look at police work. The campaign consists of one post a week on Fridays at 5 pm, which are visible on the department's Facebook and Twitter pages.

#### Neighbors Connect with Each Other and Police with Nextdoor

Interested in creating virtual Community Watch programs and private neighborhood websites to share information about public safety issues, community events and activities,



local services, even lost pets?

Check out www.nextdoor.com, a private social network where Greensboro neighborhoods have their own private websites, accessible only to their residents. GPD posts news, services, programs, free events, and emergency notifications to Greensboro's Nextdoor websites. Learn more at www. greensboro-nc.gov/Connect.

# City Hosts Events Celebrating Community Planning Month

October is National Community Planning Month and to recognize the occasion, the City's Planning Department will schedule free community events to celebrate the value and importance of planning.

Details of activities will soon be posted on the department's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ GreensboroPlanning. Events will include school visits to talk to children about what city planning is and why it's important and recognition of local residents who volunteer to serve on City boards and commissions to help improve the community.

Building, 300 W. Washington St. The event features food trucks, display booths and City vehicles, which will be set up across the street in the Greensboro Police Department's parking lot.

#### Fire Prevention Activities Planned October 9-15



In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, the Greensboro Fire Department is offering a "Be Fire Smart" program daily from October 9-15 at Fire Station 1, 1514 N. Church St. Programs are at 9 am and 10:30 am and are appropriate for children in pre-school through second grade. To register, groups should call 336-373-2103.

### **OPUS Concert Series Kicks Off** with Men's Chorus October 15

This fall's OPUS Concert Series begins with a performance by the Tarheel Men's Chorus at 7:30 pm October 15 at the Christ United Methodist Church, 401 N. Holden Rd. For the full OPUS schedule, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS.

### **Ghoulash! Halloween Festival** is October 22



The annual Ghoulash! Halloween Festival is from 2-6 pm October 22 at the corner of E. Lindsay and N. Church streets. The event features games, inflatables, face-painting, candy and costume contests for different age groups of children. Questions? Call the Greensboro Youth Council at 336-373-2738 or visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Ghoulash.



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