



GREENSBORO

At Your Service

News & Information

GPD Reminds Residents/ Business Owners About Nextdoor Network

Now in its second year, the Greensboro Police Department's (GPD) partnership with social network Nextdoor is deemed a success. Residents are creating virtual community watch programs and sharing information with each other about public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets.

Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor websites. Police are not able to access residents' websites, contact information, or content.

Interested in joining your neighborhood's Nextdoor site? Learn more and sign up at www.nextdoor.com by entering your address.

City Drama Center Joins Regional Theater League

The Drama Center of City Arts has joined with 28 other local theater companies to launch the North Carolina Triad Theatre League, an organization that jointly promotes performances and auditions across the region.

The new organization allows actors, directors, and other theater professionals to connect with multiple theater groups at one time during open



cattle call auditions and portfolio presentations. It gives local theater

buffs one place -- www.triadtheatre.com -- to find event listings for community, college, and professional theaters across the Triad.

Plastic Bottle Blitz Underway

Want to help the environment and possibly earn \$500 doing so? Join the City's annual Plastic Bottle Blitz by collecting, cleaning, and drying plastic bottles and jugs. Do it with friends, family, a school group, community organization, or by yourself, and bring the bottles to be weighed from 1-3 pm Saturday, April 1, at the Jefferson Elementary School parking lot, 1400 New Garden Rd.



Winners will be announced at 5 pm Saturday, April 1, at the City's Earth Day celebration at Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Library, 1420 Price Park Dr. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/PlasticBottleBlitz.

City/County Employees Earn United Way Campaign Honor

The annual City/County Employee Campaign, which raises funds for the local United Way and its agency programs, has received the 2016 Spirit of North Carolina Award for Campaign Excellence.

City and Guilford County employees raised \$247,970 for United Way, besting the previous year's total by \$23,000 -- a 21 percent increase. This is the fourth consecutive year the City/County has been honored with this award.

Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on March 7 and 21 and April 4 and 18. Meetings are open to the public and air live on Greensboro Television Network. Review the council's full meeting schedule at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.

City Offices Closed April 14

City offices and facilities are closed Friday, April 14, in observance of Good Friday. There are no trash/recycling collections Friday. Instead, that day's collections take place Thursday, April 13, and Thursday's take place Wednesday, April 12. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

Earth Day is April 1



Spend the day celebrating the planet Earth on Saturday, April 1, with Greensboro Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, a city-wide anti-litter initiative, from 9 am to 12 noon throughout the city, then with Earth Day from 1-5 pm at Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Library, 1420 Price Park Dr. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/EarthDay.

Senior Games Begin April 4

The Greater Greensboro Senior Games kick off April 4 and run through May 5, with SilverArts events set for May 11-12.

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Annual Sewage and Water Report Available for Review

The City's 2016 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation report is now available at the Vance Chavis, McGirt-Horton, and Central libraries, and at City wastewater facilities and www.greensboro-nc.gov/Water.

The report on how our wastewater system operates, how well it performed during the 2016 calendar year, what violations occurred, and other relevant information about the system.

Glenwood Skate Spot Now Open



The Glenwood Skate Spot located at Glenwood Recreation Center, 2010 Coliseum Blvd., is now open.

It is the first skate spot owned by the City and one of two under construction this year. The facility is a 4,000-square-foot plaza that mimics an urban streetscape environment with rails, a platform, and two ramps.

Dispose of Cooking By-Products Properly

Did you know improper disposal of cooking fats, oils, and greases can build up in your home's pipes and lead to a raw sewage overflow? Avoid this by never pouring grease down a kitchen sink, garbage disposal, or into toilets. Always remove food and grease from cookware before washing or throwing it away. And, always place cooking oils in a closable container and then in the trash can. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Fats.

Continuing Feature

Each month, At Your Service will publish a feature from "Made in Greensboro," a photo series and social media campaign that celebrates local entrepreneurs, creative professionals, community builders, and the next generation of leaders. Launched in 2015, the campaign is a joint effort of Action Greensboro and the City. Learn more at www.madeingso.com.

Ivan Canada's post-grad job in Washington, DC evaporated when the dotcom bubble burst. It was unfortunate, but fortuitous, because it led him back to his hometown – where he would reinvent himself as a leader of Greensboro's young professional and nonprofit community.

He soon became an active member of the community, participating in Action Greensboro's early efforts to engage young professionals in the city. From there, Canada began volunteering with other local civic and nonprofit groups and landed at the Guilford Green Foundation, an LGBTQ organization, as project manager and executive director.

"Greensboro is one of [fewer than] 15 cities in the country that has a dedicated LGBTQ foundation," he says. "It speaks to whatever the secret thing in our soil is. Why is it here and not in Raleigh and Charlotte?"



Canada is third from the left.

Perfecta Visuals

Designed to promote healthy lifestyles, the Senior Games feature a variety of events for all abilities. Volunteers are needed at the many event venues. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames to learn how you can help.



Participatory Budgeting Needs Your Ideas

Residents can help the City decide how to spend \$500,000 through participatory budgeting. Come to an Idea Collection Meeting to submit your project:

- District 1 - 6:30-8:30 pm, April 6, Caldcleugh Multicultural Center, 1700 Orchard St.
- District 2 - 1-3 pm, April 11, McGirt-Horton Library, 2501 Phillips Ave.
- District 5 - 10 am to 12 noon, April 13, Griffin Recreation Center, 5301 Hilltop Rd.
- District 3 - 6:30-8:30 pm, April 20, McNairy Library, 4860 Lake Jeanette Rd.
- District 4 - 6:30-8:30 pm, April 27, Benjamin Library, 1530 Benjamin Pkwy.

For more information, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/PB.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is April 29

Join in the fun as Greensboro Public Library and community partners host this annual celebration of literacy and culture translated as Day of the Child/Day of the Book. Festivities take place from 1-4:30 pm Saturday, April 29, at Central Library, 219 N. Church St., and feature live music, ethnic food, cultural crafts, books, and fun. For more information, call 336-335-5430.



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