



# **At Your Service**

### **News & Information**

#### **New City Budget Recommended**

City Manager Jim Westmoreland presented his recommended budget for FY 2017-18 to City Council last month. City Council is expected to adopt a budget this month. To see the full recommended budget, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecommendedBudget.

### Summer Teen Program Begins its Fifth Year

This year will be the fifth season of Summer Night Lights (SNL), four months of free programs and



events for local teens at Greensboro recreation centers and libraries.

This summer's events include classes on upcycling, cooking, science, technology, videography, dance, crafts, yoga, and DIY beauty products, as well as movies and special events like a Positive Youth Rap Contest and Gamga Con, an anime, manga, and graphic novel convention. Visit www. greensboro-nc.gov/SNL for all event information.

### **City Launches Cultural Arts Master Plan Task Force**

In recognition of the important role arts play in the local economy and culture, City Council has created a Greensboro Cultural Arts Master Plan (GCAMP) Task Force that is



leading the effort to create a master plan for the arts.

Task force members

include artists, art educators, philanthropists, and business and nonprofit leaders. The group is exploring the viability, synergy, and sustainability of local arts groups and the arts within the community.

As part of this work, the GCAMP Task Force aims to create an inclusive inventory of organizations of all sizes. If you lead a Greensboro arts group, please submit your information at www.greensboro-nc.gov/GCAMP.

## Sign Up Now for Library's Summer Reading Program

Greensboro Public Library's Summer Reading program offers something for young children and teens. This

year's theme is Build a Better World.

Sign up to participate and get a reading log to keep track of personal reading



goals. Every week the library hosts dozens of programs to make reading and library visits exciting and memorable. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Library.

# City Academy Taking Applications

Registration for the 14th annual City Academy is now open. One of the nation's first government education programs, City Academy demonstrates government through hands-on learning and detailed exercises.

Classes are held weekly from September through November. To apply, complete an online

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

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on June 6 and 20, and July 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 July 4



City offices and many facilities are closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There are no trash/recycling collections Tuesday. Instead, that day's collections take place Wednesday, July 5. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

#### **Downtown Hosts July 4 Events**

Downtown Greensboro will be a busy place in celebration of Independence Day. The annual Fun Fourth Festival begins with a Freedom Run 10K at 7:30 pm Monday, July 3.

Other events include an American Block Party from 7-11 pm on Monday, and the Fun Fourth Street Festival on Tuesday, July



4, from 1-8 pm, followed by the GSO Fireworks Concert at 6:30 pm with fireworks starting at 9 pm. For full details, visit www. funfourthfestival.com.

application at www.greensboronc.gov/CityAcademy or call the Community Relations Office at 336-373-2723.

#### Free Summer Playground **Program Offered**

Kids 5-15 are invited to enjoy ENERGY at the Park, a summer playground program that offers sports, games, crafts, and free lunch for children June 26 to August 10.



The program runs from 12 noon to 3 pm Mondays through Thursdays at Arlington Park, Douglas Park, Eastside Park, Hampton Park, Hannaford Park, Heath Park, and Woodmere Park. For more information, visit www.greensboronc.gov/Energy or call 336-373-7502.

#### **Public Selects Hidden Figures** as Next One City, One Book Selection

Following a public voting process in

ONE CITY ONE BOOK April, residents

have chosen Margot Lee Shetterly's Hidden Figures as this year's One City, One Book community read scheduled to begin in the fall.

The 2015 event had more than 7,000 readers participating in discussions and programming that mirrored the themes found in that year's book, and more readers are expected to participate this year.

#### **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.

No matter where pimento cheese dip was first concocted, it has found a home here in the South. And thanks to an orthodontist who retired early due to a back injury, it has found a home in Greensboro.

In 2010, Dr. Cheryl Barnett was ready to start her second career as a "cheese lady." After experimenting for years to capture the flavor of a beloved friend's pimento cheese, Barnett finally settled on a recipe. Her dream of having a little pimento cheese factory was about to come true.

On a whim, Barnett called Greensboro-based The Fresh Market about the possibility of bringing in a sample. After an interview and going through a tasting committee, My Three Sons Gourmet Pimento Cheese was born. It made its debut at The Fresh Market in October 2010 and sold out immediately.



Egyptian and Mexican dancers

and musicians, as well as a Chicago blues band and a Tuvan throat singer have been



added to the National Folk Festival taking place in downtown Greensboro September 8-10.

More Acts Added to Folk

About 300 artists of all types and walks of life will take part in the three-day event, performing on as many as seven outdoor performance venues. Learn more at www.nationalfolkfestival.com.

#### **Join Operation Bed Roll 2017**

The City's Operation Bed Roll project is back for its second year of turning non-recyclable plastic bags into sleeping mats for homeless residents.

This year, City Recycling Educator Tori Carle will train people how to teach others to make plastic bag yarn - or plarn, the basis for bed rolls. Free workshops are scheduled through September. Visit www. greensboro-nc.gov/Plarn for a full schedule.

#### **Drinking Water Report Available to Customers**

Greensboro water customers will soon receive in the mail a copy of the 2016 water quality report. The annual report describes drinking water sources, testing conducted on the water, substances detected, health effects information related to violations of drinking water standards, and other information of interest.

The report is a performance measure of the quality of water against the compliance standards established by the **US Environmental Protection** Agency and the NC Division of Water Resources, Ouestions? Call the City Contact Center at 336-373-CITY (2489) or visit www. greensboro-nc.gov/Water.



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