



At Your Service

News & Information

City Council Approves \$543.5 Million Budget

City Council recently approved a \$543.5 million budget for FY 2018-19. The budget maintains the current City property tax rate of 63.25 cents per \$100 property valuation for the ninth consecutive year. The budget fully funds the 2008, 2009 and 2016 bond referenda passed by Greensboro voters. Review the budget at www.greensboro-nc.gov/AdoptedBudget.

HHW Hours Now Extended

The City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center is now open six days a week to better serve residents. New hours are 10 am to 6 pm Mondays through Fridays, and 8 am to 2 pm on Saturdays. The center is located at 2750 Patterson St.



For more information about what items qualify as household hazardous waste, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/HHW.

Need Help Buying a Home?

The City's homebuyer down payment and closing cost assistance program (DPA) now offers more financial assistance to low- and moderate-income individuals and families and broadens the eligibility requirements and loan terms.

The goal is to allow more people to be eligible to apply. For more program details, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/HomebuyerAssistance.

The new DPA particulars are one of four aspects of the City's home initiatives that have been re-modeled under a new name, "Housing Connect GSO."



Housing Connect GSO aims to help homebuyers and homeowners make informed choices in selecting and buying a home, maintaining and keeping the home, as well as understand their DPA obligations.

For full details about all aspects of Housing Connect GSO available to you, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/HousingConnectGSO.

Annual Drinking Water Report Now Available

The City's 2017 Drinking Water Quality Report, which provides details on water quality monitoring results for January 1 to December 31, 2017, is now available for public review at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CCR.

Waterman Named HR Director



Jamiah Waterman has been named the City's new Human Resources (HR) Director. He has served as the interim director since

February 1 after the retirement of former director Connie Hammond. Waterman joined the City as a member of its legal staff in 2007 before serving as the HR attorney and senior HR manager.

Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays beginning at 5:30 pm in Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St., unless otherwise noted. For the full schedule, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.

City Offices Closed Labor Day

City offices and facilities close on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash/recycling collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, September 4, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, September 5. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

GCAMP Findings Available September 12

More than 1,500 people have participated in Creative Greensboro through forums, discussion groups and a survey for Greensboro Cultural Arts Master Plan (GCAMP). Results and preliminary priorities will be presented Wednesday, September 12, at Union Square Campus auditorium, 124 E. Gate City Blvd. (time TBD). Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/GCAMP for more details.



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City Services Features

Couple Finds Housing After Tornado

"The dumbest question is the one you don't ask," says Blossom Overby, sitting on a new sectional sofa next to her husband



Robert, pastor of God's Grace Outreach Ministry, 2910 E. Market St. The couple are two of hundreds of east Greensboro residents who were displaced from their homes by the April 15 tornado.

In the aftermath of the storm, the Overbys ironically became part of the 'in need' masses they have personally served for years throughout Greensboro through various ministries. Suddenly, it was their turn to ask for help - food, water, clothing, shelter, the basics needed to live.

A lead from the American Red Cross put the couple in touch with the Greensboro Housing Coalition, both members of the newly formed Storm Recovery Alliance.

The coalition worked with the Overbys to find adequate housing and arranged funding for it.

Read the full story at www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecoveryResources.

Share your thoughts on our new back page feature articles by e-mailing us at newsletter@greensboro-nc.gov. And don't forget that this publication will now come out every other month. See you in October.

Inclusion Specialists Help Individuals Enjoy Recreation

The moment Yolanda Towns-Lymas stepped into the Lewis Recreation Center gym, a little girl with pink-streaked hair called out to her. "Miss Yo-yo!" she yelled, running full speed across the basketball court into Towns-Lymas' arms. "Let's do a puzzle."

Towns-Lymas' is part of a small crew of inclusion specialists who work to ensure that individuals with disabilities or special needs can enjoy all Parks and Recreation offers. It's a free service Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation (AIR) offers for children and adults.



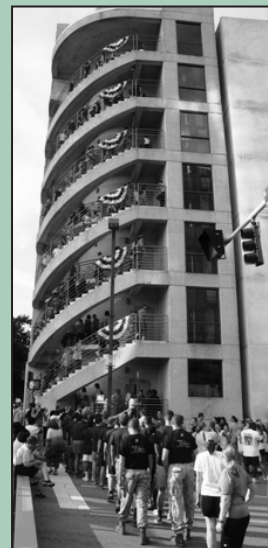
She has worked with day camp participants on the autism spectrum, to help them stay engaged with activities and give them space to regroup when camp is overstimulating. And, she has worked with children with ADHD to stay on task in the after-school program.

Each participant has an action plan of goals they want to achieve, and Towns-Lymas' gives daily progress reports to parents.

For more information about AIR inclusion services, call Sharon Williams at 336-373-2954.

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is September 15

The City's eighth annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb begins at 7:30 am Saturday, September 15, with registration in front of Bellmeade Parking Deck, 220 N. Greene St., followed at 9 am by the climbing of 78 flights of



stairs. That was the highest floor reached by New York firefighters at the World Trade Center in 2001, where 343 firefighters and 72 police officers perished. Questions? Call 336-373-2449.

Big Sweep is September 15



This year's Big Sweep is slated for 9 am to 12 noon Saturday, September 15. Volunteers clean litter from community lakes, creeks and streams as part of this event. Learn how you can participate by visiting www.greensborobeautiful.org/cleanups/bigswEEP.php.

Made in GSO Feature

From the moment her eyes laid on the Expo marker in kindergarten, Guilford County school teacher Kadrien Wilson knew she wanted to be a teacher.

It sounds funny, but it's true, she says. She always wanted to be called on to write on the whiteboard.

The Bennett College graduate and past Simkins Jr. Elementary School student-teacher says: "The classroom is my therapy."

Read the full story at www.madeingso.com.



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