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An e-newsletter from
the office of City Manager Mitch Johnson



The City of Greensboro is one step closer to receiving water from the Randleman Reservoir. Allan Williams (third from left), director of the City's Water Resources Department, is one of several local officials who participated in a groundbreaking on Thursday, August 7, for the Regional Water Treatment Plant at the reservoir. Water Resources is acquiring right-of-ways and developing engineering specifications for the pipeline to bring water from the reservoir to Greensboro residents.

City Council to Follow Progress on Recommendations

Police will routinely fill out a reporting template showing what actions have been taken.

On Monday, August 4, the Greensboro City Council approved using a [reporting template](#) for tracking progress made by the Police Department in implementing recommendations from the Buracker Report. The template will be updated every 60 days, beginning September 1, 2008. Items in red have been completed; completed items will be removed in subsequent versions of the progress report. Items in green may change dramatically based on budgetary issues.

Adopted 2008-2009 City Budget is Available

The public is welcome to review the City's new budget.

The City of Greensboro's adopted 2008-2009 budget is now posted on the [City's website](#). Printed copies are also available for review at all City library branches.

Did You Know

You're invited to the next Greensboro Neighborhood Congress meeting to learn how *your* neighborhood can benefit from the many grant and project programs that are available. The meeting takes place Thursday, August 14 from 7-9 pm in the Nussbaum Room of the Central Library. Just a few of the grant and project programs available are the Building Stronger Neighborhoods Grants, Fund for Democratic Communities, Neighborhoods Program, Honor Tree Program and Community Gardens Opportunities.

Express your opinion on proposed War Memorial Stadium improvements during a public comment session of the Parks & Recreation Commission's regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 13 at 6 pm at Smith Senior Center, 2401 Fairview St. For more information, call Dan Maxson at 412-6225.

The Greensboro Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve re-accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards. As part of the assessment, the public is invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, August 25 at 7 pm in the City Council Chamber, 300 W. Washington Street. For more information, visit the [Police Department's website](#).

Construction has begun on Phase I of the All Person's Handicap Accessible Nature Trail at Country Park and to help fund the project, engraved bricks and walkway sections are now on sale. Bricks are \$200 each and walkway sections are \$50 per foot. The project includes a six-foot wide concrete paved sidewalk for wheelchair accessibility to lakeside areas, ADA compliant restrooms, handicap accessible children's playground, picnic shelter and fishing pier. To purchase a brick or walkway section, contact Larry Barham at 373-3648.

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Greensboro firefighter Mark Westmoreland assists with fire truck tours during National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. More than 100 Greensboro neighborhoods participated in the annual crime prevention and awareness event.

Workshop Offers Tips on Keeping Apartment Communities Safe

Managers of apartment communities are invited to attend this free workshop on Tuesday, September 9.

The Greensboro Police Department will sponsor a "Crime Free Multi-Housing Program" that helps teach apartment managers how to use proven crime prevention techniques, such as proper lighting, landscaping and security features, to help ensure the safety of their residents. Participants attend an eight-hour workshop, followed by an on-site "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" survey, and community awareness training.

Only properties within the city limits are eligible to participate. The workshop will take place at the Western Division Police Substation, 300 Swing Road.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program was developed in Mesa, Arizona in 1992 based on studies that showed residents in rental communities were less likely than homeowners to focus on crime prevention. In designing the program, the Mesa Police Department worked to address the three elements that lead people to commit crimes: target, desire and opportunity. Since its inception, the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program has been implemented in nearly every US state and a number of countries.

For more information about the workshop or to register, call 373-7706.

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