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# City Connections

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

## Storm Debris Assessment and Clean Up Continues

*Structural damage to businesses and homes is estimated at \$3 million.*

Storms that ripped through northwest Greensboro late Thursday night caused an estimated \$3 million in structural damage to businesses in the Triad Business Park and nearby homes. But David Jones, the City's chief building inspector, said that figure does not take into account the loss of building contents or the economic toll on the community.

"Most of these buildings in the Business Park are block and brick buildings, so the damage was mostly roof damage, except for the I.H. Caffey building, which had a structural collapse,"



Jones said. "So you really couldn't tell from looking at the outside of the buildings how much damage there was. That \$3 million number could go way up when you consider the content damage and the economic impact to that area in terms of jobs."

Jones and other City inspectors began working in the wee hours of Friday morning to start assessing the damage and the dangers posed by structural issues and exposed electrical wires. Their efforts were only one aspect of a City-wide team effort that included police, fire, emergency management, street crews and others who were tasked with making the area safe for business and property owners.

Jones encouraged those affected by the storm damage to use caution when hiring contractors to assist with repairs.

"Just make sure that your work is being done by licensed contractors," he said. "By hiring a state-licensed contractor, you can make sure that your repair work is being done properly and that it meets the City's building code."

City crews have cleared streets that were blocked by trees and storm debris and will begin clean up and removal efforts today. At

## Did You Know

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. Monday's trash and recycling collection will take place on Tuesday, May 27. Tuesday's collection will take place on Wednesday, May 28.

Greensboro Partnership's May 12 Business Town Hall forum features Mayor Yvonne Johnson who will discuss the city's economic future. The event takes place from 6-8 pm in the Greensboro Historical Museum Auditorium. For more information, call Kathleen Patterson at 387-8331.

With the kids almost out of school and summer just around the corner, now is a great time to check out the summer day camps, clinics, and workshops offered by Greensboro Parks & Recreation! [Read the complete listing.](#)

The bicentennial *Parade of Decades* will be Saturday, May 17 at 11 am in downtown Greensboro. The parade will focus on entries for each decade over the past 200 years of Greensboro's history from 1808 to 2008. [More information.](#)

City Council member Zack Matheny has planned a meeting for District 3 residents at Lawndale Baptist Church's Christian Life Center, 3505 Lawndale Drive, on Monday, May 19 beginning at 6 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to allow Matheny to hear from constituents – their concerns, comments and questions.

Do you have a family member with special needs? An elderly parent or a child confined to a wheelchair? Then you need to be a part of the Greensboro Fire Department's Signal 3 program. Signal 3 lets firefighters "know before they go" that your family needs extra attention. Call 574-4088 to sign up today.

[November 13, 2006](#)

this time, the City does not plan to relax yard waste restrictions, but will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis.

[November 26, 2007](#)[October 13, 2008](#)

For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

[October 22, 2007](#)

### **Manager Presents 2008-09 Budget with No Tax Increase**

[October 23, 2006](#)

*Council requests a zero-increase budget due to current state of economy.*

[October 27, 2008](#)[October 9, 2006](#)[September 10, 2007](#)

At a May 7 briefing session, City Council members agreed on [budget reductions](#) presented by the City Manager that, if approved in June, would ensure no tax increase for fiscal year 2008-09. Council directed the manager to prepare a zero-increase budget based on the current state of the economy. In preparing the proposed reductions, the Manager focused on maintaining adequate service levels, while keeping expenses down. In June, Council will vote on the final budget.

[September 11, 2006](#)[September 22, 2008](#)[September 24, 2007](#)[September 25, 2006](#)[September 8, 2008](#)[April 10, 2006](#)

### **Officers to Receive Awards for Excellence**

[January 31, 2006](#)

*Awards will be presented May 15 at the Police and Citizens Appreciation Dinner.*

[March 13, 2006](#)[March 27, 2006](#)[April 24, 2006](#)[May 8, 2006](#)

Every day, police officers in Greensboro and throughout the country don their uniforms and head out into the streets to prevent crime, protect lives and property, and arrest those who violate laws. Their efforts often go unnoticed by average citizens; in fact, many of us don't think about crime until it touches our lives.



But during one week each year – National Police Week – the public is called upon to recognize the dedication and commitment of officers who routinely make sacrifices for the public welfare. This year, National Police Week is May 10-17, and Peace Officers' Memorial Day is May 15.

The Greensboro Police Department will honor the memory of [officers who have died](#) and recognize those who have made a difference in the community during a Police and Citizens Appreciation Dinner and Memorial Ceremony on May 15 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greensboro.

During the banquet, a number of police officers and Greensboro residents will receive awards commemorating their work to enhance public safety in the city. Tickets are still available for the Appreciation Dinner. For more information, call Holly Smart at 378-6350.

> [See a list of the awards that will be presented at the banquet.](#)

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