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

Council Members to Be Sworn In

Newly-elected Council members will take the oath of office on December 4 following the regular Council meeting.

Greensboro's new slate of City Council members will begin their two-year terms when they take the oath of office on Tuesday, December 4. The regular meeting will take place beginning at 5:30 pm with the current Council. After all Council business is conducted, the Council will adjourn to meet in an organizational session. When the current Council leaves the dais, the newly-elected Council members will take their seats, and the Clerk will administer the oath of office to Mayor-elect Yvonne Johnson and to the Council members. The Mayor Pro Tem will also be selected at the December 4 meeting.

The new Council is comprised of: Mayor Yvonne Johnson; Sandra Anderson Groat, Robbie Perkins and Mary Rakestraw (At Large); T. Dianne Bellamy-Small (District 1); Goldie Wells (District 2); Zack Matheny (District 3); Mike Barber (District 4); and Trudy Wade (District 5).

Festival of Lights Celebration

Find your holiday spirit in downtown Greensboro during the Festival of Lights.



The 19th annual Festival of Lights Celebration in downtown Greensboro is scheduled for Friday, November 30, through Sunday, December 2. Family entertainment and activities abound, and all events are free and open to the public.

On Friday evening take a musical stroll along Elm Street and participate in the lighting of the Community Tree at Hamburger Square Park. On Saturday, kick off the day at the Greensboro Jaycee's Holiday Parade from 12 noon to 2 pm. More festive events are planned throughout the day and on Sunday.

> **Web Link:** [Get the list of all activities, times, and locations.](#)

Annexation Approved

Did You Know

Applications are now available for the 2007-08 Neighborhood Initiatives Grants Program for beautification and ecology efforts in Greensboro. Grants awarded under this program range from \$250 to \$1,000 and will be announced in March 2008. Neighborhood associations, civic groups and clubs are encouraged to apply for funding. The application deadline is February 1, 2008. For more information, call 373-2199.

The National Association of Town Watch has selected Greensboro as a National Award Winner for the City's participation in the 24th Annual National Night Out on August 7. Greensboro was one of three cities in the state selected in the population category of 100,000 to 299,000 residents and one of only 33 in the country.

The City's loose leaf collection program is underway. Leaves that were placed at the curb (not in the street) by November 12 will be picked up by December 15. Leaves that are curbside by December 17 will be picked up by January 25. This [interactive map](#) will show you where leaf collection trucks are working now.

The Greensboro Youth Council needs community volunteer organizations to help sort and clean donated toys for the Santa's Workshop Toy Drive. All toys collected will be distributed to local underprivileged families during the holiday season. [Get more information.](#)

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Twelve areas will be annexed into the city effective June 30, 2008.

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In one of its last official acts, the outgoing City Council approved ordinances for the City-initiated annexation of 12 areas. Approval of the ordinances followed an annexation schedule that began on September 4 when the resolutions of intent to annex were presented to City Council. In late October, the City conducted one public informational meeting and two drop-in sessions to provide information about the proposed annexations to residents in the areas, and Council held a public hearing on the annexations on November 5. The effective date of the annexation is June 30, 2008.

> **Web Link:** [Descriptions and maps of all 12 annexation areas.](#)

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