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Did You Know

The Greensboro Fire Department is conducting fire hydrant tests during April. All City hydrants will be tested to ensure that they are operable. Opening hydrants can sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by letting the water run for a few minutes. For more information, call Leslie Lippa at 574-4088.

The Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department will host historical walks at Green Hill Cemetery, 901 Wharton St., on Thursdays from April 12 through May 3 from 2-3:30 pm. The walks are guided by community volunteer and historian Bill Craft Sr., who provides information on indigenous trees, monuments, mausoleums and prominent families interred in the cemetery. For more information, call Bill Craft at 274-0036.

Greensboro will celebrate its 200th birthday in 2008. Planning for the observance is underway. The Bicentennial Commission needs your historical photos and trivia for a calendar and website. [Find out more!](#)

If your pet comes in contact with any wild animal such as a raccoon, skunk, bat, fox, or coyote, or any domestic animal such as a dog, cat, or horse that is exhibiting unusual behavior, call the Guilford County's Animal Control Program at 641-5990, Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm. After 5 pm, call 911. The most important way to protect yourself and your family from rabies is to vaccinate your pet and to avoid touching a wild or unfamiliar domestic animal under any circumstances.

City Connections

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

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Proposed Budget Cuts

[Recommendations would help prevent a tax increase.](#)

At City Council's request, City Manager Mitch Johnson has prepared a list of potential budget cuts and revenue increases for consideration in the 2007-08 budget in order to prevent a tax increase. At the March 27 Council briefing, Johnson shared the City's recommendations for reducing expenses.

The process started with City department heads, who came up with ways to reduce the budget by \$6 million. They then met with the City Managers at a three-day retreat in February where they prioritized the proposed cuts. The recommendations were presented to Council members for their review. [See the proposed cuts.](#)

Downtown Design Kickoff

[Your suggestions can help guide the future look of downtown Greensboro.](#)

Downtown Greensboro is changing! In the past few years, renewed interest and development in the downtown area has blossomed, creating an exciting buzz for the area throughout North Carolina. With increased interest from residents, property owners, and developers, the City is poised to encourage new development that celebrates downtown Greensboro's unique character and the areas that support it. [Find out more about the downtown streetscape.](#)

On Thursday, April 12, the City of Greensboro will conduct a kickoff meeting to get public feedback to create a design and compatibility manual that will guide future development in downtown. The manual will encourage high quality design and infill to enhance urban character. Anyone interested in the look of downtown's future buildings is invited to attend the meeting at the Regency Room at the Elm Street Center on April 12 from 6-8 pm. For more information, call Mary Sertell at 373-4769.

Celebrate Earth Day

 Earth Day

The City of Greensboro is gearing up for Earth Day events on April 14. You can [volunteer for the citywide litter clean-up](#) sponsored by

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Greensboro Beautiful in the morning from 9-11 am. Then, you're invited to spend a [fun-filled, environmentally friendly afternoon](#) in picturesque Price Park at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library, 1420 Price Park Road. Events will include educational exhibits, hands-on activities, nature crafts, live animals, local entertainment, games and more.

Questions or comments about this newsletter should be addressed to: Nancy Lindemeyer, Communications Manager, 373-2105 or [email](#).

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