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

Budget & Bonds Update

A public hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 budget was held at the June 6 Council meeting. Approximately 30 citizens gave input on the budget. Council met on June 8 to discuss the input provided and to finalize the budget. They tentatively agreed to a 4.75-cent increase in the property tax rate. They will vote on whether to adopt the proposed budget at the June 20 Council meeting.

Also, at the June 6 meeting, Council voted to approve the next step in the bond process, authorizing the application for approval of the bonds with the Local Government Commission. Council has tentatively selected [11 items](#) to appear on a fall bond referendum. At the June 20 Council meeting, the bond items will be finalized and dates set for public hearings.

Learn More About Your City Government



[Government Works: A City Academy](#) is gearing up for its third year. Applications are now being accepted for this 10-week program that teaches Greensboro residents about the inner workings of their City government. You may [apply online](#) or by calling 373-CITY (2489).

The Next Generation of Meter Reading

The Water Resources Department is implementing RadioRead, an automated meter reading technology designed to improve customer service. This technology has become an industry standard among water, gas, and electric utilities across the nation. RadioRead uses a transmitter installed on a water meter to electronically collect readings. The transmitter then sends meter readings via radio frequency, allowing meter readers to collect multiple readings from one location. RadioRead improves upon the manual method of collecting data by providing superior speed, accuracy and reliability.

Portions of the city have already been converted to RadioRead, but the entire process will take approximately two to three years. During installation, residential customers may experience a slight change in water flow and pressure, due to the entry of air into the lines. This will clear up by running your water for a few moments. For additional information, call 373-CITY (2489) or visit the [Water Resources Department's website](#).

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

Did You Know

Council members will discuss their thoughts on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report on July 18 at 4 pm in the Plaza Level Conference Room in the Melvin Municipal Office Building. The session will be open to the public, but audience members will not be invited to speak.

The East Market Street Development Corporation, United House of Prayer, and the City of Greensboro will hold a public meeting to gather feedback on the future development of the former post office site on East Market Street. Three concepts will be presented for residents to view and comment on. Plan to attend on June 20 at 6:30 pm at Bennett College for Women in the Little Theater, 900 East Washington Street.

Help your kids stay sharp this summer by signing up for the Library's Summer Reading Program, *Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales*. This year's program offers storytelling, crafts, magic, movies and more, so pick up a Summer Reading calendar and sign up at your nearest branch library. For more information, visit the [Library's website](#).

Greensboro Beautiful is seeking nominations for its annual awards. Each year Greensboro Beautiful recognizes individuals, organizations, community efforts, businesses, clubs and schools for projects and programs that conserve and enhance the beauty of the community. For more information, call Greensboro Beautiful at 373-2199. Deadline for nominations is July 15.

Plans for this year's Fun Fourth are underway. The parade begins at 9:30 am on Tuesday, July 4, and parade organizers invite groups to participate. For more information, contact Brenda Studdt, Fun Fourth Operations Manager, at 274-4595.

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