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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

July 2011



August City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Monday, August 1, and Tuesday, August 16, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and at www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

Celebrate National Night Out

Safety is highlighted in the annual National Night Out, a crime and drug prevention program sponsored by the Greensboro Police Department (GPD), on Tuesday, August 2, with events throughout the city. On tap this year are neighborhood block parties and cookouts, visits from local police and fire department representatives, parades, flashlight walks, and much more. Residents interested in participating should call GPD's Community Affairs Office at 373-2636.

Crime Stoppers at Horizon Park

On Saturday, July 30, watch the Greensboro Grasshoppers vs. Savannah Sand Gnats and learn what role Crime Stoppers plays in the community. See McGruff the police dog and watch Chief Ken Miller and Guilford County Sheriff BJ Barnes throw out the first pitch. Tickets are available for \$7 at the park box office or a small block of tickets may be purchased at the Crime Stoppers Office. Gates open at 6 pm. For more information, contact Rebecca Fallon at 574-4020.

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Firefighters Commemorate 9-11

The Greensboro Fire Department commemorates the anniversary of September 11, 2001 by inviting residents to participate in a stair climb on September 10 at the Wachovia Tower, 300 N. Greene St. At least 343 participants are needed to honor the 343 New York firefighters who died during the collapse of the World Trade Center. Participants will do two laps up-and-down

the stairs at the Wachovia Tower. Registration fee is \$25 and participants must be 16 years of age or older. Participants who register prior to August 22 will receive a commemorative "challenge coin" designed by the Greensboro Fire Department in honor of 9-11. All proceeds will be donated to local nonprofit groups in Greensboro. For more information and to register, go to www.greensborostairclimb.com.



City Adopts New Water Standards

On July 25, the City changes its current water treatment process from chlorine to chloramines to meet new drinking water standards. New federal regulatory drinking water standards require water utilities to maintain lower concen-



tration levels of disinfection by-products (DBPs). DBPs are formed when chlorine mixes with organic material naturally found in lakes. Chloramines are an effective disinfectant used by many water utilities across the US.

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Guilford County Schools Afterschool Program Starts in August

As the lazy days of summer slip away, kids are already busy packing their book bags to head back to school. Greensboro Parks and Recreation is also preparing for its popular Afterschool program to welcome boys and girls in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Each year, all ten local recreation centers provide not only supervised daycare after school hours, but plenty of time for homework, tutoring, recreation, and fun with friends before the children head home. Program hours are Mondays through Fridays from 2-6 pm. The fee is \$35 per week per student. To register, contact the recreation center in your area or call 373-3268.



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Safety Measures Prevent Burglaries

Residential burglaries tend to increase in summer months, and most occur in the daytime. Reduce your chances of being victimized by locking doors and windows while away from home, trimming trees and bushes to improve visibility of your home, installing monitored alarm systems, knowing your neighbors, and reporting suspicious persons.



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City's MAP Plan

Learn more about the City's comprehensive plan to provide greater transparency and an increased level of insight into the performance of City government. Called MAP, which stands for management, accountability, and performance, the plan offers detailed reports that track the City's progress and use of resources.

For more information, visit the MAP website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/MAP.

New Water Standards Continued...

In the chloramination process, ammonia is added to chlorine at carefully controlled levels. Chloramine disinfection is just one of the economical alternatives that can provide better protection against bacteria. It will provide a higher quality of drinking water because it lasts longer in the distribution system, controls harmful biofilm in pipes, and reduces the level of DBPs. Chloraminated water is safe for drinking, bathing, cooking, and all other everyday water uses.

However, there are three groups that need to take special precautions when using chloraminated water: kidney dialysis patients, fish, pond and amphibian owners, and specialized businesses using highly treated water.

Similar to chlorine, chloramines must be removed from the water during dialysis treatment before it enters the bloodstream. Dialysis centers and medical facilities have been notified of the process change.

Chloraminated water is harmful to fish in a similar manner, and must be removed or neutralized before it enters the bloodstream. Local pet supply stores should be able to provide additional details, and specialized business owners using highly treated water are encouraged to contact their equipment or manufacturer suppliers for guidance.

For more information on the conversion, call the City Contact Center at 373-2489 or visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/water.

Museum Relives Civil War in 3-D

Experience the feeling of the Civil War by attending a digitized, 3-D documentary slide show on Wednesday, August 3, at 7:30 pm. at the Greensboro Historical Museum. The journey features Abraham Lincoln and his role in the war. Wearing 3-D glasses gives participants the opportunity to step back into time against the backdrop of some of the wars' most famous photographs of Lincoln and other Civil War images.



In the digitized show, viewers will see about 170 stereo images, including a dozen portraits of Lincoln and his inauguration, the White House, hanging of conspirators, and more. The show also includes a dramatic, in-depth look at the two images taken at the Gettysburg Address ceremony in which Lincoln appears.

To reserve a space at the free event, call 373-2610. Space is limited.

City Expands Focus on Small Businesses

The City is launching a service for new, existing, and future small business owners. The creation of the Office of Economic Development and Business Support is a part of the City's strategic focus, through its MAP plan, on economic development. The office is designed to spur job growth and creation by assisting businesses get started, grow, and expand within City limits.

The concept is designed to make it easier for those in the business community to do business in and with the City. More information about the Office of Economic Development and Business Support will be available soon. Stay tuned to www.greensboro-nc.gov for more details.

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