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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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No Trash/Recycling on July 4

City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, or appliance collections on that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, July 5, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, July 6. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

July City Council Meetings

In observance of Independence Day, the July 5 Greensboro City Council meeting has been canceled. Council will meet Tuesday, July 19, 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 online at www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

Fun Fourth Festival Events

Annual Fun Fourth Festival events begin in downtown Greensboro with a Freedom Run and Walk at 8 am Saturday, June 25. Other events include the Kickoff Block Party from 7-11 pm Saturday, July 2; the parade and street festival from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm Monday, July 4; and a pops concert and fireworks that evening from 7:30-10 pm. Fireworks take place at the new White Oak Amphitheatre at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, 1921 W. Lee St. Admission and parking are free.



During the July 4 parade and street festival, the Greensboro Historical Museum, 130 Summit Ave., will be open from 10 am to 5 pm.

For more information about any of these events, visit www.funfourthfestival.org.

MUSEP Kicks Off Summer Concerts

Get out your lawn chairs, bring the family, and relax at Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP). It's back and better than ever! From Sunday, June 5 through Sunday, August 28, you'll enjoy some of the finest performing ensembles in the area, all free of charge.

From swing, jazz, and blues to classical, beach, and bluegrass, people of all ages will find a rhythm they like. Pack a picnic and bring the whole family for this time-honored tradition.

For the complete MUSEP schedule and locations, visit online at www.musep.info or call the City Arts Music Center at 373-2547.



Electronics Banned From Landfill

Beginning July 1, North Carolina adds televisions and computer equipment to its list of items banned from landfill disposal. This includes laptops, desktops, monitors, video displays, printers, scanners, fax machines, mice, and keyboards.

Since these items will be prohibited from landfills starting July 1, the solid waste transfer station at 6310 Burnt Poplar Rd. will no longer accept them after June 30. City and Guilford County residents may instead take electronic items to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 2750 Patterson St.

Operating hours are from 10 am to 6 pm Wednesdays through Fridays and 8 am to 2 pm Saturdays. For more information, call 373-2196.



Library's Summer Reading Program Begins June 1

Sign up for Summer Reading at your nearest branch of the Greensboro Public Library starting June 1 to enjoy this year's theme, "One World, Many Stories." Children keep a log of the books they read or that are read to them. The program offers something for toddlers to teens, along with prizes and fun designed to keep them reading through the summer. Prize drawings include tickets to Wet 'n Wild Emerald Pointe, tickets to the NC Zoo, coupons for free food and ice cream, and more.

For more information, visit your local branch of the library.



City Pools Now Open

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of ways to stay cool this summer. City pools are now open for public swimming, lap swimming, classes, swim teams, and more.

Grimsley and Smith high schools have indoor pools open for public swimming. Outdoor pools are Lindley, Peeler, Warnersville, and Windsor.

Other swimming facilities include Smith Senior Center Pool for adults age 55 and older, Bur-Mil Family Aquatic Center, Barber Park Sprayground, and Hagan-Stone Park's Camp Joy Pool.

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/leisure for a list of locations, phone numbers, fees, and hours.



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 often.



Free Neighborhood Playground Program Operates for Summer

The Parks and Recreation Department is operating free summer neighborhood playground programs for children ages 5-15 at seven sites, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 am to 5 pm, weather permitting. The programs begin Monday, June 20, and run through August 5. Sessions will not be held Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Each week children will enjoy supervised activities such as sports, games, arts, crafts, and special events. Children must have completed kindergarten. Free lunches will be provided at all sites.

Playground locations are Arlington, Douglas, East White Oak, Eastside, Hampton, Hannaford, and Steelman parks.

For more information, contact Weesie Person at 373-3268.



Local Recreation Centers Offer Summer Day Camps, Reduced Fees

Parks and Recreation is also offering summer day camps at 10 local recreation centers this summer for children ages 5-12. Camps start Monday, June 13, and run through August 12, operating from 7:30 am to 6 pm Mondays through Fridays. Children must have completed kindergarten.

Each week, campers will enjoy arts, crafts, sports, games, outdoor education, field trips, and more.

Registration is \$70 a week per child at the following centers: Brown, Craft, Leonard, Lewis, Lindley, and Trotter. The cost is \$60 a week per child at Glenwood, Peeler, Warnersville, and Windsor.

The centers offer a reduced fee program based on a family's qualification for the free and reduced lunch programs offered by Guilford County Schools. A child on the free lunch program at school gets a 90 percent fee reduction for the summer day camp. A child gets a 70 percent fee reduction if on the reduced lunch program.

For more information, contact Weesie Person at 373-3268.



City Academy Now Taking Applications

The City is preparing for its seventh annual free program Government Works: A City Academy, with registration opening June 1.

Classes are held weekly from 5:45-9 pm from September 1 through November 10, with graduation slated for November 15 during the City Council meeting. The program also offers extra evening and Saturday elective Greensboro Police sessions.

City Academy is open to Greensboro residents. Twenty-five people representing all City Council districts and various backgrounds will be selected. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, able to attend 80 percent of classes, and submit a written statement of desire to participate.

Activities include a simulated "balanced budget" exercise, tour of the Guilford Metro 9-1-1 center, and other interactive opportunities at City facilities.

To apply for the fall session, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov or call the City's Community Relations office at 373-2723. Deadline to apply is July 15.