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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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No Trash/Recycling September 5

City offices are closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, or appliance collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, September 6, and Tuesday's collections are Wednesday, September 7. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

City Converts to Chloramines Water Process

On July 25, the City changed its disinfection process for drinking water from chlorination to chloramination to meet new federal drinking water regulations. Chloraminated water provides quality improvements in taste and odor reduction from chlorine. The City will continue to seek methods to improve water quality provided to all consumers. This effort is coordinated with other local water providers in a regional partnership.

To read more, go to www.greensboro-nc.gov/chloramines or call 373-CITY(2489).

September City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesday, September 13, and Tuesday, September 20, 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.

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City's First Aquatic Center Opens

The Greensboro Aquatic Center (GAC), scheduled to open in late August, is a 78,323-square-foot indoor state-of-the-art facility featuring leading edge concepts in aquatic design. It is the City's first aquatic center. GAC is located on the campus of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, adjacent to the Special Events Center and the Atlantic Coast Conference Hall of Champions.

GAC will bring together all major aquatic activities: competitive swimming and diving, water polo, synchronized swimming, and other unique sports in one venue. GAC offers Greensboro the opportunity to host high school and collegiate events, USA swimming meets, Master's swimming and US Water Polo events as well as a myriad of local, regional, national, and international competitions.

The multi-purpose facility will also serve local residents with diverse program offerings including therapeutic rehabilitation, and "Learn to Swim" classes in conjunction with the Guilford County School system and other organizations.

Three bodies of water are included in the innovative aquatic complex: a 50-meter stretch competition pool, a warm-up/teaching pool, and a diving vessel.

The combined water surface area of these pools is 17,895 square feet or approximately 1.5 million gallons of water. Seating capacity for spectators is 2,500. For more information, visit www.greensboroaquaticcenter.com.

2011-12 OPUS Concert Series Starts in Fall

This fall, the City Arts Music Center kicks off its free 2011-12 OPUS Concert Series. The series continues through May 2012 at various venues throughout the city with the sounds of the Philharmonia of Greensboro, Greensboro Concert Band, Greensboro Big Band, Choral Society of Greensboro, Greensboro Youth Chorus Choirs and the Piedmont Youth Jazz Orchestra, along with other community ensembles.

For more information, call 336-373-2549, or go to www.greensboro-nc.gov/leisure.



Sportsplex Hosts Zumba Fitness Parties in August



In collaboration with the City, RUSH Fitness Center hosts a series of Zumba fitness parties at the Greensboro Sportsplex, 2400 16th St. The cost is \$5 per class for RUSH members and \$10 for non-members. Pre-registration is encouraged. Minimum age to participate is 12. Class times are Saturday, August 6, 10-11 am and Wednesday, August 31, 6-7 pm. For more information, call 336-373-3272.

Cultural Center Offers Beginning West African Dance Lessons

The Greensboro Cultural Center offers beginning West African dance classes from Friday, September 17, to Friday, September 30, at 6:45-7:45 pm. Sunday classes are 4-5:15 pm. Participants will also learn about West African culture, music, and song. Fees are \$35 for four classes or \$70 for eight classes. Individual classes are \$12. For more information, call 336-373-2712.

City's Collection Division Moves to New Location

The City of Greensboro's Collections Division and Privilege License office has moved to a new location in the Melvin Municipal Office Building. Residents can now access those services via the main entrance of the building at 300 W. Washington St. or by taking the elevator to the upper ground (UG) level.

There is no change to services with the move. For more information, contact 336-373-CITY (2489).

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.



Back to School Driving and Pedestrian Safety Tips

When school is back in session, use caution when driving after school hours in school zones and neighborhoods. Here are a few tips from the Greensboro Police Department on ways to ensure the safety of our children and to avoid an unnecessary tragedy.



When you drive:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, medians, and on curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving.

Remind your kids to:

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars
- Always walk in front of the school bus where the driver can see them.

City Unveils New Website

A city's website is often its most important communications tool. Effective sites provide information on how government works, what services and programs it provides, and how residents can best be serviced by its various departments.

To better communicate all this to Greensboro residents, the City has redesigned and updated its website to be more informative, user-friendly, attractive and intuitive. The new site debuts at www.greensboro-nc.gov on August 8. Navigate through the site to learn more about what the City has to offer.

Police Department Moves Headquarters

The City will take ownership of the former IRS building, 320 Federal Pl., to use it for public safety functions. The Greensboro Police Department will move its central division and headquarters, along with other support functions, to the new location. The move is expected to make the City's central police division more efficient and effective. The five-floor building is valued at approximately \$20 million and is 100,000 square feet. The City is expected to receive the deed in September.

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