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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6

On Sunday, November 6, turn your clocks backward one hour to return to standard time. It is also a good time to change your smoke alarm batteries. If your smoke alarms don't work or you don't have one, contact the Greensboro Fire Department at 336-574-4088 for free alarms and installation.

Thanksgiving and Trash/Recycling Schedule

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. No garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, and appliance collections take place on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. Thursday's collection will take place on Wednesday, November 23. Friday's collections remain the same.

November City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesday, November 1, and Tuesday, November 15, 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 Launches Job Initiative



In an effort to encourage area companies to hire at least one new employee and boost the local economy, the City of Greensboro, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Guilford Merchants Association, and an advisory council of area companies have partnered to launch One Job for Greensboro, an initiative to put Greensboro back to work. One Job for Greensboro was unveiled in August at the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce's State of Our Community Luncheon. The goal is to add 1,000 new jobs by August 2012.

The official rollout of One Job for Greensboro is January 2012. Additional information is available at www.onejobgreensboro.org or by calling 336-373-CITY (2489), and choosing the One Job option (#2).

2011 NeighborWoods Tree Planting



The City is soliciting volunteers for the 2011 NeighborWoods tree planting, scheduled for 8:30 am Saturday, November 5, in the Kirkwood neighborhood, located near the intersection of Lawndale Drive and Cornwallis Avenue.

The Kirkwood Neighborhood Association is the 2011 recipient of the NeighborWoods Grant. Organizations, clubs, groups, and individuals interested in volunteering should contact Karen Markovics, City planner, at 336-412-5759. For more information about NeighborWoods, contact Mike Cusimano at 336-373-2150.

City's New Website Offers E-Notify Service



Imagine getting an e-mail letting you know about specific City news and events. It's a reality now with the City's new website – www.greensboro-nc.gov. The site features E-Notify, a free subscription service that allows you to receive automatic News and Events alerts via e-mail on a variety of topics. Simply click on the E-Notify button from the home page of the website or go to www.greensboro-nc.gov/e-notify to sign up for whatever News and Events you want to receive by entering your e-mail address and checking the appropriate boxes. Whenever needed, you can go back to the system to change your choices. News items are currently sent via e-mail daily and Events items are sent every Wednesday.

City Neighborhood Walks Resume

Join City Manager Rashad Young and other members of the City's executive team for neighborhood walks in each of the five City Council districts in Greensboro. The walks are part of the Neighborhood Walks Program initiative designed to provide opportunities for conversation between city officials, community leaders, and residents and to build a sense of community. Go to the City website for schedule of walks. For more information, call Donna Gray at 336-373-2723.

SMARxT Disposal Program

To dispose of expired, unused prescriptions and over the counter prescription, residents can go to participating Greensboro Walgreens on Saturday, October 29 from 11 am to 1 pm. The SMARxT Disposal program prevents accidental poisoning, protects the environment, and keeps medications out of the hands of recreational drug users. For more information, visit www.GreensboroBeautiful.org.

City Loose Leaf Program



Picking up leaves can be a chore, but the City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program, which runs from November 14

through January 27, 2012, makes it easy. The City will pick up leaves during two collection periods. Leaves that are curbside by:

- November 14 will be picked up by December 17.
- December 19 will be picked up by January 27.

Halloween Safety Tips

The excitement of Halloween can cause children to forget to be careful. To prevent accidents review these tips to ensure a fun filled event that is safe for all.



Motorists should:

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- Watch for children who might be hard to see due to dark costumes.

Parents should:

- Make sure children under age 12 are supervised by an adult.
- Plan and discuss an established route for trick-or-treaters to follow.
- Tell children to stop only at houses that are well-lit.
- Tell children to never enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Instruct youngsters not to eat treats until they return home.
- Throw out treats that look suspicious.

For additional tips, visit the Fire Department's Fire and Life Safety section of its website at www.gfdnc.com.

Hydrant Testing and Fire Protection Week Promote Safety

The Greensboro Fire Department conducts its semi-annual fire hydrant testing October 1 through November 1. All City hydrants will be tested to ensure they're operable and able to produce the required water pressure when needed.

Residents should be aware that opening hydrants sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful and can be cleared up by running water for a few minutes.

Testing serves as an evaluation indicator by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), which rates cities according to their fire protection. The ISO rating for Greensboro's Fire Department is a Class 1 protection rating, the best rating possible.

Additionally, Fire Prevention Week is October 9 -15. Activities include a daily Fire and Life Safety carnival from 10 am to 12 noon at Greensboro Fire Department at 1514 N. Church St. Children can visit with BlisterZ the Clown, run an obstacle course, and more. Schools and community groups should schedule their visits to the carnival due to space restrictions each day by calling 336-373-2177.

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