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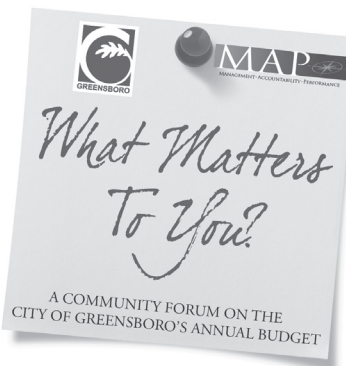
City of Greensboro News & Information

March 2012



Input Sought on City Budget

The City's 2012-13 budget planning process has begun. City Council members and City officials will meet in March and April to discuss the upcoming budget and you are encouraged to share your thoughts by attending any of the community meetings listed below or sending your comments to the City online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BudgetProcess.



All meetings are open to everyone, regardless of what Council District they live in.

- March 1, 6-7:30 pm, Natural Science Center - District 3
- March 5, 6-8 pm, Lindley Recreation Center - District 4
- March 15, 6-7:30 pm, Eastern Division Police Station - District 2
- March 24, 10-11:30 am, Warnersville Recreation Center - District 1
- April 12, 6:30-8 pm, Western Division Police Station - District 5

Fair Housing Conference Set for April 3

The City's Human Relations Department is hosting a one-day training conference beginning at 9 am April 3 on Fair Housing (anti-discrimination laws in housing), with an emphasis on protection for persons with disabilities.

The event is geared towards housing providers who offer any type of rental opportunities or manage rental properties and homeowner association board members and their legal representatives. For more information about the conference, including the location, please contact Marion Davis at 336-373-2038.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

Whenever you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time, the Greensboro Fire Department encourages you to also test your smoke alarms and replace the batteries if more than one year old.



If your home's smoke alarms do not work, or you don't have any alarms installed, call the Fire Department's Community Affairs office at 336-574-4088 to schedule free smoke alarm installation. If you are renting your home, contact your landlord directly for this service.

Plastic Bottle Collection Blitz Highlights Earth Day Events

Residents, groups and organizations are invited to participate in a plastic bottle collection contest in celebration of Earth Day 2012. The "Plastic Bottle Collection Blitz" runs through April 21, Earth Day, when all bottles collected should be taken to Price Park at the Kathleen Clay Library, 1420 Price Park Rd., for

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Upcoming City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm Tuesdays, March 6 and 20, and April 3 and 16. 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.

City Trends Highlighted in New Report

The City's Department of Planning and Community Development (PCD) has prepared a Growth and Development Trends report that highlights trends in Greensboro during the past 10 years. The report includes trends in population, housing, employment, and land use based on data collected by the City, as well as data from federal and state resources. Review the report at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Trends.

Spring 'Green Way' Classes Scheduled

Want to grow your own vegetables, have a productive garden regardless of your yard's layout, or use organic pest control methods in your yard? Check out the free spring Growing the Green Way classes, sponsored by the City and the NC Cooperative Extension. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/EnvironmentalClasses.



weigh-in from 1-3 pm, with results announced at 4:30 pm.

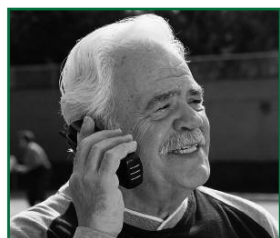


All bottles should be empty and dry with caps removed. Participants must collect a minimum of 10 pounds of plastic bottles to participate. Cash prizes include: \$500 for the top amount of bottles by weight, \$250 for the second highest amount, \$100 for the third highest.

The Blitz is part of the City's annual Earth Day event held at Kathleen Clay Library. April 21 festivities include free activities for the entire family. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/EarthDay.

Do Not Become a Victim of a Telephone Scam

The Greensboro Police Department has recently received complaints



from local senior citizens about telephone calls claiming their grandchildren are in need of cash or are in prison and then requesting money be sent to a particular location.

These calls are scams and should be reported to the police department by calling 336-373-2222, option 3.

The police warn residents to never give personal information over the telephone or agree to send money to anyone without first checking the

call out by contacting their relatives personally.

Also, if you are called by a scammer, let the Federal Trade Commission know. File a complaint at <http://ftc.gov> or call 1-877-FTC-HELP.

IRS Services Located at Koger Boulevard

Anyone needing tax forms and walk-in assistance from the Internal Revenue Service should go to the Alamance Building, 4905 Koger Blvd., and not to the agency's former location at 320 Federal Place. The IRS has been operating out of the Alamance Building since December 2011.



The General Services Administration awarded the 320 Federal Place building to the Greensboro Police Department in July 2011.

Police Re-Launch Citizens' Academy

The Greensboro Police Department has re-launched its Police Citizens' Academy. Designed to be hands-on and interactive, the academy covers topics such as problem-oriented policing, Constitutional law, forensic services, special teams, vice/narcotics, youth outreach programs, and patrol operations.

The academy meets every other week beginning March 1 and concludes with a graduation ceremony on September 6. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CitizensAcademy.

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Nonprofit Resource Center Opening is April 24

The Nonprofit Resource Center (NRC), part of the Greensboro Public Library, will now be housed at the Central Library. Join the Guilford County Nonprofit



Consortium for the center's grand opening from 2:30-4 pm April 24 and learn about effective online tools that can help with donor development.

Registration is requested by calling Martha Larson at 336-373-4559.

City Opens NeighborWoods Grant Program

Now through July 2, the City is accepting applications for its 2012 NeighborWoods Grant. The program provides trees to Greensboro neighborhoods to help replace those that have been damaged. Applications and more information are available on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/neighborwoods.

Summer Day Camp Registration Now Underway

Register now for Summer Day Camp, offered this year from 7:30 am to 6 pm Mondays through Fridays, June 11 through August 10 for boys and girls ages 5-12.

Registration fee is \$70 per child, per week and scholarships are available. For more information, contact the recreation center in your area or call Weesie Person, recreation center superintendent, at 336-373-3268.



Water Resources' Report Available for Review

The 2011 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Plant Report is now available for public review at all City Water Resources facilities, libraries, and on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/water.