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City of Greensboro News & Information

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Westmoreland Tapped as Deputy City Manager

A familiar face has rejoined the City's executive leadership team. City Manager Denise Turner Roth has selected Jim Westmoreland to serve as deputy city manager starting October 15.

Westmoreland previously served the City as assistant city manager for economic development from 2008-2009 and was the City's transportation director from 1999-2008. Westmoreland was the deputy secretary for transit for the North Carolina Department of Transportation from 2009-2011. He rejoins the City from the private sector where he has served as principal of Stantec Consulting Inc. for the past year.

City Conducting Pilot Program for Food Trucks

The City is conducting a two-month program to study the feasibility of allowing food trucks to operate in downtown



Greensboro. Mondays through Fridays, from October 1 through November 30, food trucks will be allowed to operate on Commerce Place, between Bellemeade Street and Sternberger Place. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/FoodTrucks.

Hydrant Testing Begins

The Greensboro Fire Department conducts its semi-annual fire hydrant testing in October to make sure all function correctly. Opening hydrants sometimes causes temporary, harmless discoloration in

nearby homes. Clear water flow by running water for a few minutes.

City Website Offers Easy Access to Kids' Activities

Parents and their kids interested in finding City of Greensboro events and programs aimed at specific ages now have an easy way to do so. By going to www.greensboro-nc.gov/Kids, residents will find pages of links to youth programs, events, and news organized by school-age categories. Most of the programs and events are free.



Leaders Assume New Roles in City Management

Interim Assistant City Manager Sandy Neerman, longtime director of the Greensboro Public Library, has assumed permanent assistant city manager duties. Brigitte Blanton will continue serving as the interim libraries director while the City conducts a formal search for a director. Also, Interim Assistant to the City Manager Mary Vigue is now assistant to the city manager.

GTN Now on AT&T U-verse

Greensboro Television Network (GTN), the official City government channel, is now available for AT&T U-verse subscribers on channel 99. GTN is still available to Time Warner Cable subscribers on Channel 13.

Police Special Response Team Earns National Award

The National Tactical Officers Association has awarded the

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Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on October 2 and 16, November 7 and 13, and December 4 and 18. Meetings are open to the public and aired live on Greensboro Television Network and at www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 4

On Sunday, November 4, turn your clocks backward one hour



to return to standard time.

Also, change your smoke alarm batteries. Don't have working smoke alarms? Contact the Greensboro Fire Department at 574-4088 for free equipment and installation.

City Offices Closed Three Days in November

City offices and facilities close on Monday, November 12, in observance of Veteran's Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, in observance of Thanksgiving. There are no trash and recycling collections on November 12 and 22. Instead, November 12's collections take place Tuesday, November 13, and that day's collections take place on Wednesday, November 14. And, November 22's collections instead take place on Wednesday, November 21. Collections on Friday, November 23, remain the same. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).

Greensboro Police Department's Special Response Team one of its highest honors, the Unit Citation for Valor, for its response to a barricaded suicidal man in March.



Recycle & Win

Want to win a \$50 Harris Teeter gift card and help the environment? Join the City, Coca-Cola and Harris Teeter in the Recycle and Win program. To be eligible, place a "Give it Back" sticker on your brown recycling container and put your cart on the curb with proper recyclables in it on your collection day. Learn more at www.cokerecycleandwin.com.

City Offers Pickup Reminders

e-Waste

Need to dispose of old electronics such as televisions and computer equipment? Call 373-CITY (2489) to schedule next day collection service or take items yourself to the City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center at 2750 Patterson St. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489) or visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/HHW.

Cardboard Boxes

Need to dispose of large cardboard boxes? You must break them down flat before placing them in your recycling container. You can also use one of 20 conveniently located drop-off sites for overflow recycling. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Dropoff for locations.

Know the Facts About Flooding

Hurricanes, clogged drainage systems, and rapid accumulation



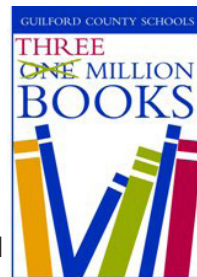
of rainfall can cause flooding in our area, which can result in significant damage to property and threaten personal safety. Preparing before a flood occurs can make all the difference. The Water Resources Department urges you to visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Flooding to learn how.

Library Offers Live Homework Help

Is your child stuck on a school homework problem? Does he need help studying for a test? Free help is just a mouse click away! Tutor.com provides trained one-on-one tutors that cover all grade levels and all subjects. All you need is a library card to access this service. Go online to www.greensborolibrary.org and click on the Homework Help link to access the Online Tutors service.

Read Your Share of Books

Greensboro Public Library is playing an active role in supporting Guilford County School's three million books initiative. Head out to your neighborhood library, grab a book and start reading today. Together, we will read three million books.



NeighborWoods Tree Planting Seeks Volunteers

Benbow Preserve, a new neighborhood nature preserve in City Council District 1, has been selected as the recipient of Greensboro Beautiful Inc.'s 2012 NeighborWoods Tree Planting Grant. This year's planting is set for 8:30 am Saturday, November 3, near the intersection of Britton Street and South Side Boulevard, and volunteers are needed to help neighborhood residents. Interested? Call Karen Markovics at 412-5759.



Kids, Cans, Cash – A Winning Combo

The Ca\$h & Cans Recycling Challenge is November 15, in recognition of America Recycles Day. Open to all elementary and middle schools within the city limits of Greensboro, the challenge involves students collecting aluminum beverage cans, placing them in clear plastic bags (make sure cans are clean and dry), and bringing them to the FCR Recycling Center, 706 Patton Ave. Schools that collect the most aluminum cans win a trophy, a check for the amount of aluminum collected, and a celebration event for their school.

2012-13 OPUS Concert Series Underway



From classical to jazz to bluegrass, the City's free OPUS Concert Series offers something for everyone. Check out the talented musical ensembles at these events. Get a full schedule by calling the Music Center at 373-2549 or visiting www.city-arts.org and clicking on "The Music Center" link.



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