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City of Greensboro News & Information

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City Kicks Off \$1 Million Challenge



The City is seeking a \$1 million economic development strategy to accelerate the local economy. Requests-for-proposals are being solicited from multi-disciplinary teams across the country for economic development strategies that will result in jobs, investment, and business opportunities in Greensboro.

Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/SC2. Also, visit www.GreensboroIdeas.com, which is an idea-sharing hub for challenge participants, local residents, business owners, and economic development enthusiasts.

Free Summer Teen Program Now Underway

The City's new Summer Night Lights (SNL) program for teens is now underway. SNL provides teens ages 13-18 more than 60 free events in safe environments to help deter juvenile crime during the summer months.

Weekly programs such as movies, concerts, sports and gaming competitions, and dances will be held from June through August at locations such as the Greensboro Sportsplex, Festival Park in Downtown Greensboro, local recreation centers, and City outdoor pools.



For the Summer Night Lights schedule of events, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SNL.

City Strengthens its "Safe Place" Program

For Greensboro teens, help is as close as the nearest City facility. More than 45 City-owned buildings are now locations for teenagers in need with the renewed establishment of the Safe Place/City of Greensboro partnership, which nearly doubles its numbers from a year ago.

City fire stations, police stations, recreation centers, libraries, Greensboro

Transit Authority (GTA) buildings, and GTA, HEAT and SCAT buses are now sporting the new national Safe Place signs, signifying that at those facilities youth in crisis situations can find shelter and assistance.

To see a full list of City Safe Places, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SafePlaceLocations. Learn more about the City's program at www.greensboro-nc.gov/SafePlaces.

Have a Neighborhood Issue to Report?

Do you have a concern about an overgrown lot or other potential health or safety hazards in your neighborhood? Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/NeighborhoodIssues to submit a complaint and a City inspector will be assigned to investigate.

This Web page also includes a list of typical property upkeep issues,



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Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm June 4 and 18, and July 16. 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.

City Offices Closed July 4

City offices and facilities close Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There are no trash, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, or appliance collections that day. Instead, Thursday's collections take place Wednesday, July 3. Friday's collections remain the same. Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489).

Stay Informed About the Budget Process

The City's fiscal year 2013-14 budget is expected to be approved by City Council in June. Stay informed about the process by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/BudgetProcess.

City Pools Now Open

City pools are now open for public swimming, lap swimming, classes, swim teams, and more. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Pools for a list of locations, phone numbers, fees and hours.



Fun Fourth Events Posted

The 2013 Fun Fourth Street Festival kicks off with a Block Party on July 3, followed on July

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which may be violations of the City's ordinances. On the page, you will also find a link to the City's online Code Compliance Tracking system to monitor your complaint.

Nominate City Employees for Recognition

BE: *Motivating*

Beginning June 3

BE: *Inspiring*

through

BE: *A leader*

August 30,

BE: *Greensboro*

the City

will hold

the second

annual "Be: Greensboro" campaign to recognize its employees for outstanding service to the community.

Greensboro residents are encouraged to call 373-CITY (2489) and nominate any City employee who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in delivering exceptional customer service with courtesy and professionalism.

All nominees will be recognized at a future Greensboro City Council meeting and on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BeGreensboro.

Blanton Named Library Director

Brigitte Blanton has been named the City's library director. A long-time assistant library director,



Blanton has served as interim director since March 2012. With the library system since 1988, she leads the multi-branch system and the Greensboro Historical Museum, and oversees the department's \$8 million-plus annual budget.

GIVE of Your Time/Talents



Looking for something fun and meaningful to do? Greensboro's Inclusive Volunteer Experience (GIVE) program matches residents and businesses with their interests and expertise for activities such as community clean-ups, after school programs, summer day camps, coaching, and performing arts opportunities. To get involved, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/GIVEopportunities or call the volunteer office at 373-7507.

Sign Up Now for Library's Summer Reading Program

The City Libraries' Summer Reading program offers something for young children and teens. Young children can "Dig into Reading" with adventure, festivals, celebrations, and of course, reading. And teens can go "Beyond the Surface" to discover learning through science, technology and reading. Sign up by visiting your local library branch.

City Academy Taking Applications

Registration for the City's tenth annual City Academy is open until July 15. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CityAcademy or call the City's Community Relations Office at 373-2723.

4 by the annual Independence Day Parade and Street Festival, all in downtown Greensboro. That night, there is a Pops Concert and Fireworks at White Oak Amphitheatre at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. For full details, visit www.funfourthfestival.org or call 274-4595.

MUSEP Offers Free Summer Concerts

Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP) is now underway at various venues throughout the community, all free of charge. For a schedule of concerts, call the City Arts Music Center at 373-2549 or visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/MusicCenter.

Crews Set to Resurface City Streets

Street resurfacing takes place throughout the summer in Greensboro. To learn which streets will be resurfaced, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/resurfacing and click on the 2013 Street Resurfacing Map link.

What's Really Recyclable?

Are you sometimes unsure what you should and should not put in your City recycling bin?



Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/recyclables to see what is and is not recyclable.

Traveling this Summer? Be Prepared

If you are involved in a traffic accident or you witness one while on the roadways this summer, would you know what to do? Be prepared by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/TravelSafety.

Water Quality Report Available for Review

The City's 2012 Water Quality Report contains information on drinking water sources, detected substances, and more from the EPA for sensitive individuals. Review the report at www.greensboro-nc.gov/water.



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