

# At Your Service

## City of Greensboro News & Information

December/January  
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### Residents Elect New Council

Greensboro voters elected a new City Council on November 5. Nancy Vaughan was elected mayor, while Sharon Hightower (District 1), Jamal Fox (District 2) and Tony Wilkins (District 5) were elected for the first time; Wilkins had been appointed to the vacant seat in 2012.

Meanwhile, incumbent Council members Marikay Abuzuaiteer and Yvonne Johnson (At-Large), Zack Matheny (District 3) and Nancy Hoffmann (District 4) were re-elected. Mike Barber, a former Councilmember, was elected for an At-Large seat.

### Loose Leaf Program Underway



The City's annual Loose Leaf Collection program is underway. Leaves that were curbside by November 13 will be picked up by December 21 and leaves curbside by December 26 will be picked up by January 26.

To view an interactive map showing leaf collection status in your area, go to [www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeafCollection](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeafCollection). To learn more about the program, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves).

### Longtime City Leader Retires

Assistant City Manager Sandy Neerman has retired from the City,

bringing to a close a 38-year career with Greensboro. Neerman was the director of the library from 1996 until 2012 and spearheaded the restructuring of the library system, including the addition of Sunday library hours.

In 2012, Neerman moved from the library to the City Manager's Office, serving as an assistant city manager for the City's Community Services Result Area, including the library, parks and recreation, human relations and neighborhood development departments.

### Piedmont Winterfest Returns

Now through February 1, WFMY News 2 Piedmont Winterfest offers public ice skating and special events at Festival Park, 200 N. Davie St., in downtown Greensboro. This year, an ice roller coaster has been added to the park.

Admission is \$10 per person, which includes skate and saucer rental for two hours. For information on skate times, pricing and group activities, visit [www.PiedmontWinterfest.com](http://www.PiedmontWinterfest.com).



### Be Safe During the Holidays

Visiting family and friends during the holidays? If so, make sure your home is safe while you are away and your travel shopping

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### Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on December 3 and 17, and January 7. Meetings are open to the public, and aired live on Greensboro Television Network and [www.greensboro-nc.gov](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov). Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck. For January and February meeting dates, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings).

### City Offices Closed Four Days

In December, City offices and facilities close Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25, in observance of Christmas. Trash and recycling collections remain the same the week of December 23-27.

In January, City offices and facilities close on Wednesday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day, and Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Trash and recycling collections remain the same the week of December 30 to January 3, but collections regularly scheduled for Monday, January 20, will instead take place Tuesday, January 21, and Tuesday's collections will take place Wednesday, January 22.

### MLK Memorial Breakfast is January 20

Greensboro's Human Relations Commission hosts the 27th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast at 7:30 am Monday, January 20, at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons/Koury Convention Center. The breakfast is in honor

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experiences are drama-free. Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/SafetyFirst](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/SafetyFirst) for public safety information provided by various City departments and programs.

### Recycle Holiday Refuse Properly

The relatives have gone home, the holiday gifts have been put away and the cleaning up is beginning. The City's Field Operations Department reminds you that live Christmas trees will be collected on your regular trash collection day if they are curbside by 7 am that day. Guilford County also has three drop-off sites for Christmas tree disposal for your convenience.



Also remember that electronic waste cannot be put in your garbage or recycling cans. These items must be taken to Household Hazardous Waste Center. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/HolidayRecycling](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/HolidayRecycling).

### Dispose of Holiday Cooking By-Products Correctly

The City's Water Resources Department reminds you to properly dispose of your holiday cooking fats, oils and greases. Build up of these materials in your house's pipes can lead to raw sewage overflowing into your home or from a nearby manhole. Follow these tips:

~ Never pour grease down the kitchen sink, garbage disposal or

into toilets

~ Remove food and grease from all cookware before washing or disposing in trash can

~ Place used cooking oils in a container and place in trash can. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Fats](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Fats).



### Stay Posted on Trash/Recycling Collections

Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/TrashSchedule](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/TrashSchedule) to stay posted on when the City collects trash and recycling during holiday weeks and follow these rules of thumb:

- When a holiday falls on a Monday, both Monday and Tuesday collections occur one day later.
- When a holiday falls on Tuesday, Tuesday collection occurs one day later.
- When a holiday falls on Wednesday, there is no change in collection services.
- When a holiday falls on a Thursday, Thursday collection occurs one day earlier.
- When a holiday falls on Friday, both Thursday and Friday collections occur one day earlier.

### New Northeast Library Named Glenn McNairy

The City has named the new northeast library the Glenn McNairy Branch Library after a Greensboro family who played major roles in the fields of education, law and business locally. The facility, located at 4584 Lake Jeanette Rd., is scheduled to open in spring 2014.

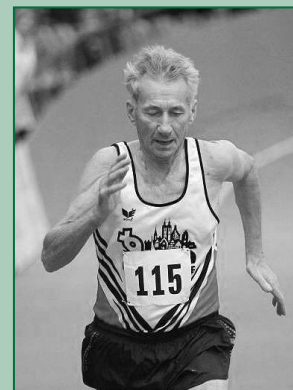
of King's contributions to human rights. For more information about the event, how to become a sponsor, or purchase tickets to attend call Marion Davis at 373-2038.

### 2014 Housing Summit is February

On February 26, from 8:15 am to 3:30 pm at Ashtae Galleria, 1325 S. Eugene St., residents will have the opportunity to learn about how to raise healthy children in safe homes. The theme of this year's summit is "No One Wants to Hurt a Child" and sessions include information such as how to reduce asthma hospitalizations through housing interventions, how to support intergenerational housing, and ways to prevent homelessness for school children. To purchase tickets or to learn more about the summit, call the Greensboro Housing Coalition at 691-3521 or visiting [www.guilfordnonprofits.org](http://www.guilfordnonprofits.org).

**Senior Games & SilverArts Registration Begins February**  
Registration for the 2014 Greater Greensboro Senior Games and SilverArts begins February for seniors 50 years and over in Guilford County and surrounding areas. Competition includes a

variety of sporting events as well as the performing, literary, heritage and visual arts. Registration packets will be available in early February



at Smith Senior Center, 2401 Fairview St., and online at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames). For more information or to have a packet mailed to you, call the center at 373-7564. Registration deadline is March 7. The games run from April 8 to May 15 and volunteers are needed for all events.



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