

# AT YOUR SERVICE

## GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

### APRIL 2011



### No Trash/Recycling on April 22

All City offices and facilities are closed April 22, in observance of Good Friday and there will be no garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste or appliance collections. Instead, Thursday's collections will take place Wednesday, April 20, while Friday's collections will take place Thursday, April 21.

### May City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesdays, May 3 and 17, 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 online at [greensboro-nc.gov](http://greensboro-nc.gov). Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

### Neighborhood Walks Coming Soon

The City's Neighborhood Walks Program is preparing for spring. The walks will occur in a different neighborhood in each City Council district. The program provides opportunities for community leaders and residents to discuss issues that are important with the City's executive team. Each walk lasts two hours and includes breaks for refreshments and discussions.

Walk dates and route details will be released soon. Stay up-to-date by checking the City's website at [www.greensboro-nc.gov](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov).

### Check Out This Month's Spotlight Feature

Tune in to City Connections on Channel 13 throughout the month to catch the latest Spotlight feature.

This month, the Greensboro Youth Council is highlighted with a focus on teenagers becoming leaders within the community. City Connections airs daily at 9:30 am, 8 pm, and 11 pm.



### GYC Youth Carnival

The annual Greensboro Youth Council (GYC) Carnival is coming to town May 10-15. Make plans to head out to the Greensboro Coliseum for one of the largest youth-run events in the state. The GYC Carnival includes over 25 exciting rides, community game booths and great entertainment for all ages. Gate admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for seniors and youth, ages 6-17. Children under age 5 are admitted free of charge. All proceeds support the events, programs and services provided to the community by GYC.

For carnival hours, ride prices, and daily discounts, visit [www.GreensboroYouthCouncil.com](http://www.GreensboroYouthCouncil.com) or call the GYC office at 336-373-2734.

### New Energy Efficiency Program Offered

The City has launched a program to assist residential and commercial property owners in making energy efficient upgrades to their homes and businesses. The Early Adopters Program is an element of a \$5 million BetterBuildings grant awarded to the City by the Department of Energy.

To participate in the program, property owners must first have an energy assessment of their building conducted by a BPI or RESNET certified professional. Once completed, owners must submit a copy of the assessment along with an Early Adopters application to the City for approval. If approved, the City will rebate 50 percent of the cost of the assessment, up to \$150 for single-family homes.

After the assessment rebate is approved, recommended energy upgrades should be completed by a contractor. If enough improvements are made to make a building 15 percent more energy efficient, the City will then rebate 20 percent of the total cost of the home improvements, up to \$4,000 for single-family homes. Rebate amounts for other types of buildings, including multi-family and commercial properties, are also available.

More information about the program can be found online at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/GreensboroGoesGreen](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/GreensboroGoesGreen).



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## National Police Week Coming in May

May 15-21 is National Police Week and the Greensboro Police Department is honoring the men and women of law enforcement who lost their lives in the line of duty. A variety of memorial events are scheduled, including:

- Annual Police Memorial 5K for Special Olympics, May 14
- The Berkley Blanks Golf Tournament, May 17
- Annual Police Memorial Banquet, May 19

For more information, contact the Police Department at 336-373-2636.

## Parks and Recreation Summer Camps Upcoming

Each summer, Greensboro Parks and Recreation offers a variety of day camps for children of all ages. From arts, music, and drama, to sports, environmental education, and exciting field trips, there's something for everyone. For a complete list of summer day camps, go to [www.greensboro-nc.gov/leisure](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/leisure) and click on the Summer Camps link, or call 336-373-2574.



## Senior Workshop Focuses on Elder Abuse, Financial Security

The City is hosting a workshop for senior adults on Thursday, May 19, from 8:30 am to 12 noon, at Smith Senior Center, 2401 Fairview St. Topics include identifying and preventing elder abuse and achieving financial security by avoiding internet and phone scams. The workshop is free and a light breakfast will be served. To register or find out more, contact Community Relations at 336-373-2723.

## Performance Tells Story of Cone Mills Man's Life at Historical Museum

The Greensboro Historical Museum hosts a performance about James Evans, a man who spent 25 years as a weaver at Cone Mills until union organizing cost him his job. The shadow puppetry, theatre and dance presentation takes place in the Mary Norris Preyer Hall on Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 1, at 3 pm. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for Museum members, and \$5 for students. To purchase by credit card, visit the Museum Shop or call 336-272-0160.

## Sewer and Water Report Now Available

The 2010 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Plant Report is available at all City Water Resources facilities, Libraries, the Melvin Municipal Office Building, and on the City's website at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/water](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/water).

## City's FY 2011-12 Budget Process is Underway

The City's next fiscal year begins July 1, 2011, and ends June 30, 2012. State statutes requires municipalities to adopt a balanced budget by July 1 of each year. With the City's budget process underway, residents are encouraged to participate by attending a budget meeting or submitting an online feedback form.

Community budget meetings have been scheduled in several Council districts throughout the months of April and May. Residents are invited to attend any meeting, not just one in their district, to learn more about the budget process and to discuss budget-related topics with members of City Council and staff.

### April and May budget meetings include:

- District 2 - April 4, 6-8 pm, Eastern Division Police Station, 1106 Maple St.
- District 3 - April 11, 6-8 pm, Natural Science Center, 4301 Lawndale Dr.
- District 5 - April 28, 6:30-8:30 pm, Trotter Recreation Center, 3906 Betula St.  
May 12, 6:30-8:30 pm, Oak Ridge Meadows Club House, 5400 Sportime Pl.

Residents can also offer feedback on the budget process through the City's website at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/budgetprocess](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/budgetprocess).



## April is Fair Housing Month

April is Fair Housing Month and the City wants to make sure you know your housing rights. Under the City's Fair Housing Ordinance, it is against the law for you to be discriminated against in housing based on race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, or family status.

It is also illegal for anyone to be discriminated against in any public or private residential real estate transaction, including buying, selling, renting, financing, and advertising. The City's Human Relations Department serves as the enforcer of the ordinance and works with individuals to resolve cases when they occur.

If you feel you have been a victim of housing discrimination, call the Human Relations Department at 336-373-2038.



## City Academy: Looking for a Few Good Residents

The next class of City Academy is right around the corner and future leaders of Greensboro are encouraged to participate. The Academy consists of a series of classes that use hands-on activities to offer participants a real-world look at how City services impact the quality of life in Greensboro.

City Academy is free and open to any resident who lives within the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro. Twenty-five residents, representing all Council districts and various backgrounds, will be chosen. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, able to attend at least 80 percent of the classes, and submit a written statement of desire to participate.

For more information, contact Community Relations at 336-373-2723.

