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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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April City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesdays, April 5 and 19, 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 www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

City Offices Closed, 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 take place Wednesday April 20, while Friday's collections take place Thursday, April 21.

Website Photo Contest Deadline Extended

Due to a large number of entries and interest in the project, the deadline to enter the City's photo contest for its new website has been extended to March 31, 2011.



To find out more, or to enter the contest, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/photocontest.

Sewer and Water Announcement

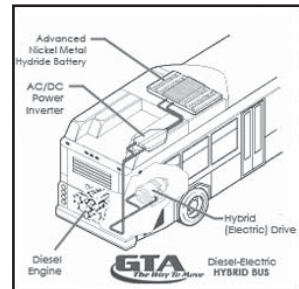
The 2010 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Plant Report is available at all City Water Resources facilities, Libraries, the Melvin Municipal Office Building, and on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/water. The report provides information on how the system operates, overall performance, and any violations that have occurred for the year.

City Buses Go Green

With a history of using the latest advancements in technology, the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) is taking another step forward with this month's arrival of Greensboro's first diesel-electric hybrid buses. Manufactured by California-based Gillig Bus Corporation, the transit vehicles rise to a new level in environmental sustainability by using the popular hybrid propulsion system.

Unlike a standard diesel bus, which uses 100 percent engine power to move, GTA's new hybrids use electricity stored in rooftop batteries for propulsion at lower speeds found on most city streets. As the bus gains momentum, the propulsion is provided by a calculated mixture of electric and engine power. When finally reaching highway speeds, the bus then relies solely on the engine for propulsion, which is where the motor offers optimal fuel efficiency.

The three new hybrid buses will begin service this month and will be easily recognizable by the low profile hump on the back third of the rooftop. The hybrid buses come in various service sizes, but GTA's buses are 40 feet long, five feet longer than its current diesel fleet, to provide much-needed additional capacity on high-use routes and during peak commuting hours. Like all of GTA's newer buses, the hybrids will offer a convenient kneeling feature, bicycle racks, wheelchair accessibility, and various safety cameras. For more information on the hybrids, including photos of the buses in construction, visit www.ridegta.com.



New Channel 13 Segment Casts Spotlight on the City

A new feature on Channel 13 highlights City employees, programs and services making an impact on the Greensboro community.

Called Spotlight, the segment airs as part of the City's award-winning *City Connections* program. Tune in each month to learn more about exciting programs and services, and employees going above and beyond to benefit Greensboro residents.



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HUD Awards City \$3.1 Million to Continue Lead-Based Paint Program

The City has received a \$3.1 million grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue funding its Lead Safe Housing Program. The grant assists the City's efforts to protect children in low-income households from lead-based paint and other public health and safety hazards. For more information, call 336-373-CITY (2489).

Community Meetings Upcoming

The City is preparing its new slate of spring outreach events, designed to bring representatives from the City to the residents to discuss important topics like the City budget and neighborhood issues. Log on to www.greensboro-nc.gov for up-to-date information on event dates and locations for budget discussions and the next round of neighborhood walks.

Greensboro Youth Council in Need of Prom Dresses

Throughout the month of March, the Greensboro Parks and Recreation's Greensboro Youth Council (GYC) is collecting new and gently-used prom dresses and accessories. The efforts benefit the fourth annual Camille's Magic Closet.



Camille's Magic Closet provides formal wear for low-income teenage girls throughout the community for prom night. Donations can be dropped off at the GYC office, 501 Yanceyville St., Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 6 pm. For more information, contact the GYC office at 336-373-2740.

Historical Museum Hosts Documentary on Jewish Life

Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina, an exhibit documenting the history of Jewish life in North Carolina, opens at the Greensboro Historical Museum on April 3. Admission is free. *Down Home* recounts the personal stories of Jewish immigrants to our state and their contributions to North Carolina's economic, social, cultural and educational welfare.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Greensboro Public Library holds its semi-annual used book sale April 30, at Central Library, 219 North Church St.

Readers can find fiction, history, children's books, self-help, business titles and many other subject areas. Also available will be books-on-tape and on CD as well as music CDs and DVDs. There will also be an assortment of rare and collectible books on sale.

Most hardbacks are priced at \$2 and most paperbacks are 50 cents. Various prices and bulk offers will be considered. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Greensboro Public Library. For more information, call 336-373-3777.

Reader's Digest Contest Provides \$10,000 for Community Nonprofits

In a celebration of Greensboro's selection as one of the best cities in America by *Reader's Digest*, Greensboro City Council has recently approved the donation of \$10,000 to two community nonprofits. The City earned the cash from the publication after receiving online "cheers" from the Greensboro community as part of the *Reader's Digest* "We Hear You America" campaign.

At its February 15 meeting, Council accepted a resolution approving the distribution of \$10,000 evenly between the Greensboro Chapter of the American Red Cross, in support of its "Salute to Heroes" celebration, and the United Way of Greater Greensboro.

Greensboro was selected as the runner-up in the category of cities with a population between 250,000 and 499,999. In addition to the cash winnings, Greensboro will be one of ten cities featured in May's "Best of America" issue of *Reader's Digest*.



Celebrate with Greensboro Beautiful

Greensboro Beautiful Inc. has several events on tap for April that give residents an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. On Saturday, April 2, Greensboro Beautiful hosts its annual Great American Cleanup in celebration of Earth Day. Volunteers are needed from 9 am to 12 noon to help clean up litter and trash scattered around



community parks, streams, streets and thoroughfares. Advance registration is required by contacting the Greensboro Beautiful office at 336-373-2199.

On Sunday, April 10, Greensboro residents are invited to celebrate the completion of Phase I of Gateway Gardens, corner of E. Lee and Florida streets, from 2-5 pm. The event schedule includes guest speakers, food and entertainment, and attendees will have the opportunity to visit Greensboro's newest public garden.

New Program Established to Assist Small Business Owners

The City's Human Relations Department (HRD) and Commission (HRC) have launched a new initiative to assist small business owners with creating a sustainable workforce. The "Partnering with Business" initiative provides free training and education on fair employment laws and other consulting services.



Services provided through the initiative include training, consultation, and mediation. The focus is for HRD and HRC to educate employers and small business owners in an effort to overcome or prevent employment law issues.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment with an HRD representative, contact HRD's Robert Nunn at 336-373-2038.