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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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## *City Offices Closed for Holidays*

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Friday, December 24, and Monday, December 27, in observation of Christmas, and Friday, December 31, in observation of New Year's Day.

## *December Holiday Trash and Recycling Schedule*

There will be no trash or recycling collection on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, or New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31. As a result, your collection day will be one day earlier. Thursday collections will take place Wednesday, December 22, and December 29, and Friday collections will be Thursday, December 23 and December 30. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).

## *December City Council Meeting*

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesday, December 7 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. Council meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and online at greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

## *Tree and Wrapping Disposal*

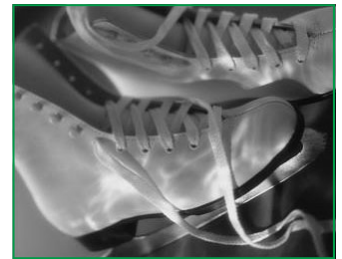
When it's time to take down the Christmas tree, remember that they can be collected on your trash collection day. Trees should be placed at the curb by 7 am and should have all lights, ornaments, wire, tinsel and tree stands removed. Trees that are over five-feet tall should be cut in half or into manageable pieces. Trees can also be disposed at the City's landfill, but normal yard waste disposal fees apply.

As a reminder, wrapping paper and decorations are not recyclable, but can be reused or disposed of in your trash collection bins.

## Outdoor Ice Skating Downtown

The WFMY News 2 Winterfest ice skating rink is open to the public through January 21 at Festival Park, 200 N. Davie St. The rink is open from 4-9 pm Mondays through Thursdays while public school is in session, 4-10 pm on Fridays, 11 am to 10 pm on Saturdays, and 12 noon to 6 pm on Sundays. On school holidays, Monday through Thursday hours are 11 am to 10 pm.

Admission to the rink, including skates, is \$8 per person. Groups of 20 or more skate for \$6 per person. For more information, call 852-1515.



## New City Attorney Named

City Manager Rashad Young has named Julia McNeil Danish as the new City Attorney. Danish's selection concludes the City's national search, which included a phone interview with each of the finalists, a leadership assessment evaluation, and interview panels with the executive staff, city department heads and the staff of the City Attorney's office.

Danish comes to the City of Greensboro from Cincinnati, where she served as vice president for government affairs for the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber. She also has worked with municipalities as city solicitor for the City of Cincinnati and director of law for Dayton, Ohio.



## Get Ready for Winter Weather

With winter weather upon us, it's time to make sure your home is ready for the colder temperatures. Follow these quick tips to be prepared:

- Have sufficient heating fuel in case regular fuel sources run out or is cut off.
- Protect pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves in case pipes burst.

## Kids, Cans & Cash Winners

Winners of the fifth annual Kids, Cans & Ca\$h elementary school recycling challenge were Nathanael Greene Elementary, Allen Jay Elementary and Shadybrook Elementary. Each school received a trophy, a cash award and a pizza party.

Winners were announced on November 15 in recognition of America Recycles Day. The Kids, Cans & Ca\$h challenge, sponsored by Guilford County and the cities of Greensboro and High Point, is held each fall to promote that nationally recognized day dedicated to the promotion of US recycling programs. For more information, contact Yvonne Foust, Field Operations Department education specialist, at 336-373-2053.

## Greensboro Historical Museum Holiday Tea Party and MadieDelux Handbag Trunk Show

The Greensboro Historical Museum hosts a holiday tea party Sunday, December 19 from 2-5 pm. During the party, swing by the Museum Shop to view the MadieDelux Handbag Trunk Show, featuring one-of-a-kind fabric handbags designed by local artist Rebecca Nash. Each handbag is woven of Dupioni silk, sophisticated tweeds and twills, plush chenille, intricate European cut velvets, and detailed embroidery. For more information, contact the Greensboro Historical Museum at 373-2043.



## Greensboro's "Cold Cases"

*The Greensboro Police Department continues to try to solve old cases, called "cold cases." Each month on its Web page — [greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Police/coldcases](http://greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Police/coldcases) — previously unsolved cases like the one below are randomly highlighted. The police ask for information and assistance in apprehending those responsible for these crimes.*

**Marshall Smith** was found deceased in his home at 1233 Elmer Street during the early morning hours of August 21, 2005. There is a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible. Calls are not traced or taped.



If you have any information related to this case, please call Crime Stoppers at 373-1000.

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## New Safety Measures Approved for Downtown

At its November 16 meeting, Greensboro City Council approved three ordinance changes designed to maintain a safe and welcoming nighttime environment in downtown Greensboro. Among the changes, the City will enact a curfew that will require individuals 17 and under to be accompanied by a parent or guardian (18 or older) while in the downtown vicinity between 11 pm and 6 am. In addition, Council strengthened its crowd control and public health ordinances and penalties by strengthening laws to prevent anyone from blocking or obstructing free passage into or out of City parking decks and businesses, and by banning loitering within 50 feet of businesses that serve alcohol.

For more details on these ordinances or information related to the City of Greensboro, call 373-CITY (2489).

## Can Your Holiday Cooking Grease

As the holiday season arrives it brings with it food, family, friends and fun. The City of Greensboro Water Resources Department would like to ensure your holiday remains enjoyable by reminding you not to pour cooking oil and grease down the drain in your kitchen sink.



Grease and oil poured into a kitchen or other drain, or even a toilet, can harden inside your home's plumbing pipes. This can lead to a clog and potential sewage backup in your home. This year, pour your cooled cooking grease into a container, seal it, and put it in the trash rather than pouring it down the drain.

## Library Offers Genealogy Collection

The Greensboro Public Library offers extensive research materials for anyone seeking to learn more about their family history. The Genealogy Collection includes print and microfilm materials, as well as how-to books, directories, family histories, and genealogical records. You can find published genealogies and pedigree charts from the Guilford County Genealogical Society. The Library also has a North Carolina biography file, composed largely of newspaper clippings.



In addition to print and microfilm materials, the Library provides online genealogy resources, including free access to Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest. Call Information Services at 335-5430 for more details.

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