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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

JULY 2010



National Night Out

Celebrate National Night Out, a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the Greensboro Police Department, on Tuesday, August 3, with events all over the city. Events include neighborhood block parties and cookouts, visits from local police and fire departments, parades, flashlight walks, and much more. Residents interested in participating should call GPD's Community Affairs Office at 373-2636.

Small Business Briefing

Learn how your business can survive and thrive during tough economic times at an upcoming Small Business Breakfast Briefing titled "How to Market Your Company During an Economic Recession." The free briefing, held by the City's Minority and Women's Business Enterprise, will take place Thursday, August 5, from 8:30-9:45 am in the Central Library's Nussbaum Room, 219 N. Church St. RSVP and learn about upcoming briefings by calling 387-8322 or 373-2674.

Watermelon Day

Enjoy free tastings and purchase different varieties of melons during Watermelon Day on Saturday, August 14, from 6 am to 12 noon at the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville St. For more information, call 373-2199.

August Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council will meet on Monday, August 2, and Tuesday, August 17, 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 at greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

***View more City of Greensboro events at greensboro-nc.gov/calendar.**

Changes to Trash Collection Schedule Coming in August

Beginning the week of August 9, the City will change trash and recycling collection service days for some residential customers in order to make services more efficient. As a result of these changes, some residents will have a new trash collection day and/or recycling collection week. All residents – whether or not their service day changes - will receive a postcard in July that identifies their collection day and recycling week.



Also, beginning August 9, residential bulk waste will be collected every other week, instead of weekly. Residents' bulk waste will be collected the same week as their recycling collection.

Questions? Call 373-CITY (2489) or visit greensboro-nc.gov/ServiceChanges.

New McGirt-Horton Library Opens

The new McGirt-Horton Library Branch opens July 29! The 10,000 square foot building, located at the corner of Phillips and Woodbriar avenues, is one of only a few Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified libraries in the state. Features include a special collections area that showcases the African-American collection and the Home Improvement Center; a children's area containing special interactive features that encourage discovery and literacy; a wing for teens, featuring a video lounge and multimedia lab; two covered exterior spaces totaling almost 3,000 square feet; and much more!

Construction of this new library was made possible by a 2006 voter-approved library facilities bond. Learn more about this new facility and other branches of the Greensboro Public Library at greensborolibrary.org.

The Greensboro Historical Museum will unveil renovations and a new exhibit called "Voices of a City" that tells the history of our city on July 27 at 12 noon! Learn more at greensborohistory.org.

Greensboro Named Citizen-Engaged Community



The City of Greensboro, along with eight other local governments from across the US, has been designated as a Citizen-Engaged Community for 2010-2012 by the Public Technology Institute (PTI). PTI is a nonprofit organization that

advances the use of technology to improve the management and delivery of services to citizens.

Greensboro was recognized for its use of multi-channel public access to government services and information. Highlighted were the City's use of Citizen Relationship/Records Management, its Contact Center (373-CITY), website (greensboro-nc.gov), Interactive Voice Response and telephone systems, and mobile communications infrastructure that are used to advance new standards for citizen participation and government performance reporting.

Field Operations Recognized for Safety

The City's Field Operations Department recently received the Public Sector Star Award from the NC Department of Labor for its commitment to safety. The department, which oversees solid waste and recycling collection, street and stormwater maintenance, and landscape and mowing services, has worked to improve safety for its 350 employees with increased emphasis on training and compliance with city and state standards.

Since 2006, Field Operations has reduced personal injuries by more than 45 percent and reduced vehicle/equipment accidents by 33 percent. These safety improvements translate into fewer lost work days, and reduced vehicle accident and repair costs—an estimated cost savings of \$750,000.

Get Bike Directions with Google Maps

You can now access easy-to-follow directions for your bicycle anywhere in Greensboro using Google Maps. Enter your starting point and your destination and Google Maps will display routes based on safety, existing bicycle routes and off-road trail / greenway availability. Get more details at



maps.google.com.

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 -- previously unsolved cases like the one below are randomly highlighted. The police ask for information and assistance in apprehending those responsible for these crimes.



On January 24, 2005, Brian Winslow was found murdered in his home at 805 Carrieland Dr. Anyone with information that may help solve this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 373-1000. Crime Stoppers has offered a cash reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s)

responsible. Calls are not traced or taped.

City's Drinking Water Continues to Meet All Regulations



By now, you should have received the annual water quality report, the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that shows the City's drinking water continues to meet all state and federal regulations. The report was prepared in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act amendments, which mandates that all municipal water supplies provide a CCR to their customers for each calendar year by July 1, 2010.

The CCR provides information about where water comes from, possible substances in the water, and compliance with state and federal limits. It also provides residents with specific public

health information, enabling consumers to make informed decisions regarding any potential health risks related to the use of their public drinking water.

To receive a copy of the report, call the City Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489) or visit greensboro-nc.gov/water.

Are You Funny? Enter GTA's 'Heckle the Pump' Contest

Tired of paying high prices at the pump? So frustrated that at this point it's becoming comical? Well, the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) is giving you a chance to "Heckle the Pump!" Submit the best joke you've heard about gas pumps, fuel prices or automobiles at Twitter.com/gtaheat or ridegta.com by Friday, July 30. The winner will receive a fuel-free weekend pass that includes tickets to The Idiot Box Comedy Club, dinner at Natty Greene's and GTA passes to get there. The winner will also receive four tickets to the North Carolina Zoo and PART Express passes to get there. And, best of all, the winning joke will be on display on all GTA buses. Learn more by visiting ridegta.com.



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