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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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Holiday Trash/Recycling Schedule

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no trash or recycling collection on that day. Instead, Monday's collection will take place Tuesday, July 6, and Tuesday's collection will take place Wednesday, July 7. For more information, call 336-373-CITY (2489).

Fun Fourth Festival



Celebrate the Fourth of July in downtown Greensboro with the annual Fun Fourth Festival. Festivities start Saturday, June 26, at 8 am with the Freedom Run & Walk, followed by the Kick-off Block

Party from 7-11 pm on Friday, July 2 and the parade and street festival on Saturday, July 3, from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm. Other activities include performances of the musical "1776," held July 1, 2 and 4, and the Pops Concert and fireworks display on Saturday, July 4, from 7:30-10 pm. Get more details about the festival by visiting funfourthfestival.org.

City Arts Present "Oklahoma!"

Enjoy Rodgers & Hammerstein's first musical, "Oklahoma!," when Parks & Recreation's City Arts present the play July 9-11 and July 16-18 at Weaver Academy's Theatre, 300 S. Spring St. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 336-335-6426.

July Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council will meet on Tuesday, July 20, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. The July 6 Council meeting has been canceled. Council meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and at greensboro-nc.gov.

City Increases Water Deposit Fee

Beginning July 1, it will cost residential and commercial renters a little more to get their water turned on. Water deposits for residential rental properties will increase to \$150, while deposits for commercial rental properties will increase to a minimum of \$200. The \$15 service fee for setting up new accounts will not change. This resolution was passed by Greensboro City Council in October 2009.

Also, as part of the resolution, starting July 1, tenants will be solely responsible for unpaid water bills when the account is held in their name.

Current deposits on accounts paid prior to July 1 will not increase. For more information, call 336-373-CITY (2489).

City pools open this month! Get a list of locations and hours at greensboro-nc.gov/leisure.

City Recognizes Outstanding Police Officers and Residents



The Greensboro Police Department and the Greensboro Merchants Association (GMA) recently recognized police officers and residents for their commitment to serving and protecting the community. Award recipients are as follows:

Police Officer of the Year and Recipient of the David Lee Taylor Jr. Memorial Scholarship—

Officer A.T. Griffiths (pictured left)

Greensboro Police Club Rookie of the Year—

Officer T.J. Bloch
Medal of Valor— Kerry Cross, Guilford County Paramedic EMS and Special Response Team

Certificate of Merit— Detectives C. Bruscino and E.J. Bruscino, and officers M.W. Ridgill, J.J. Farrar, M.R. Leahey, and J.E. Tucker

Lifesaving Medal— Detective G.M. Naquin, Officer M.T. Edwards, Officer M.E. Hamilton, Officer J.W. Kleitches, and Officer V.H. Sanchez

Police Employee of the Year— Jeanette L. Dockery

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Crime Stoppers Reaches Milestone

The Greensboro-Guilford Crime Stoppers program, a community policing program of the Greensboro Police Department, has reached a new milestone in the dollar amount of recovery. Since its inception in 1981, the program has recovered \$17,200,000 worth of stolen property and illegal drugs in the community.

Coliseum Breaks Ground on New Projects

A groundbreaking ceremony was recently held for the Greensboro Aquatic Center and the ACC Hall of Champions. Both facilities, located on the grounds of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, will feature state-of-the-art designs and will serve as new attractions for residents and visitors of Greensboro. The aquatic center and Hall of Champions are scheduled to open next spring.



'Make a Splash' with Summer Reading

Keep kids reading this summer with trips to the library. Fun and exciting events are planned around this year's theme: "Make a Splash!" Starting on June 1, pick up a reading record and calendar of events at any library. Learn more

about the program by visiting greensborolibrary.org or by calling 336-373-2471.

No HEAT? Ride GTA

Higher Education Area Transit (HEAT) services ended May 14; however, HEAT students from Bennett College, Elon Law, Guilford College, NC A&T, and UNCG can ride the entire Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) system fare-free all summer. Students simply swipe their college ID or spring 2010 semester fare card on any GTA bus. Learn more about GTA's services by visiting rideheat.com or calling 336-335-6499.

Police and Citizens Awards (cont.)

Citizens Certificate of Merit— Curtis Peterson, Steve Smith, Daryl Richardson, and Sonya Desai

Superior Service Bar— Sgt. W.J. Graves, Officer D.R. Gregory, Officer R.T. Briles, Lt. G.M. Richey, Cpl. J.M. Golden, Cpl. R.E. Edwards, Officer T.D. Dell, Detective K.A. Davis, Officer H.B. Harris, Officer A.T. Brown, Officer J.B. Stanley, Officer T.J. Bloch, and Officer J.A. Buchanan

Chief's Awards— Citizens Youth Council for Leadership Enrichment (CYCLE), Greensboro Neighborhood Congress, Win-Win Resolutions, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, and Guilford Merchants Association

GMA/Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Crime Prevention— Stephanie's Restaurant

GMA Distinguished Service Award— Officer J.J. Farrar

GMA Business and Industry Crime Prevention Service Award— Detective E.J. Bruscano

Have a Fun & Safe Summer

While we enjoy the nice weather and warm temperatures that spring and summer bring, it's important to remember that there's also an unpleasant aspect of life to contend with—the risk of crime. Follow the tips below to have a safe spring and summer:

- Keep a close eye on your children when you're at public places like the swimming pool or park.
- Securely lock your home when you go on vacation.
- When you're done working on your yard, secure all lawn equipment.
- When you're hanging out at public places, don't leave personal items out in the open.
- When you go on vacation, postpone newspaper deliveries and ask the post office to hold your mail until you return.

Get more spring/summer safety tips at greensboro-nc.gov/SpringintoSafety.



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.



Shortly after midnight on January 22, 2009, officers were sent to 2416 Phillips Ave., where they found Octavious Wilson suffering from a gunshot wound. Anyone with information that may help solve this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 336-373-1000. 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.

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For Your Information

~ A revised version of the **Downtown Design Manual**, a blueprint for promoting quality design and enhancing urban character in Downtown Greensboro, is now available at greensboro-nc.gov/downtowndesign.

~ Looking for something fun for your kids to do this summer? Check out **Summer Day Camps** offered by Parks & Recreation. There's a little something for every child including arts and crafts, music, drama, sports and much more. For more information, visit greensboro-nc.gov/leisure.

~ Take the **Triad Commute Challenge** by signing up at part-nc.org. Choose an alternative form of commuting such as carpooling or riding the bus once between April 10 and July 10 and you could win great prizes while helping the environment.