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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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## *Greensboro Youth Council Carnival*

The Greensboro Youth Council's (GYC) Carnival will be held May 11-16 at the Greensboro Coliseum, 1921 W. Lee St. Come out and enjoy rides, food and live entertainment. The GYC Carnival has an annual attendance of almost 50,000 people, making it the largest youth-run event in the state. Learn more and download a coupon for \$1 off gate admission by visiting [greensboro-nc.gov/leisure](http://greensboro-nc.gov/leisure).

## *Strawberry Day at The Market*

The Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market invites you to enjoy fresh, locally grown strawberries at its Strawberry Day event taking place Saturday, May 8, from 6 am to 12 noon at the Market, 501 Yanceyville St. Also, Alex Amoroso of Cheesecakes by Alex will be preparing a strawberry pancake breakfast. For more information, call 336-373-2402.

## *Greensboro's First Triathlon*

Sign up now for the first ever Greensboro Triathlon being held Sunday, May 23, at Hagan-Stone Park. The event features a beautiful lake swim, a rolling two-loop bike course and a championship 5K run course, as well a celebration with live music after the race. Proceeds benefit Friends of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Parks and Recreation programs, services and facilities. To register, visit [setupevents.com](http://setupevents.com). For more information, call Marcie Richardson at 336-373-2559.

## *May Council Meetings*

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesdays, May 4 and 18, beginning 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 are aired live on Channel 13 and online at [greensboro-nc.gov](http://greensboro-nc.gov). Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

## Can Greensboro Count on You?

Have you completed and returned your Census 2010 form? If not, come on and get counted. The number of people counted determines how much federal money Greensboro gets for healthcare, housing, roads, schools, social services, job training, and other services. It also determines where district lines are drawn for political

elections and the number of representatives our state gets in Congress.

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census form takes only 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including whether a housing unit is rented or owned, the address of the residence, and the names, genders, ages, and races of people living in the household. Your citizenship is not asked.

All your answers are private and confidential. No court of law, welfare or immigration agency can see what you say.

Ten questions, ten minutes...that's it. So fill out your Census form today and help Greensboro's future. Learn more at [2010.census.gov](http://2010.census.gov).

The logo for the United States Census 2010, featuring the text 'United States' in a smaller font above 'Census' in a large, bold font, and '2010' in a large, bold font below it, all enclosed in a red rectangular border.

## April is Fair Housing Month



Since April is Fair Housing Month, the City wants to make sure that 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.

Unfortunately cases of housing discrimination still occur, but 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.

## New Business Search Feature

In an effort to support the economic growth of Greensboro's business community, the City of Greensboro is now making it easier to look up businesses with a new privilege licensees search feature on its Web site at [greensboro-nc.gov/businesses/privilegelookup.htm](http://greensboro-nc.gov/businesses/privilegelookup.htm). You can now search for a business by its name or its owner's name and by type.

To be included on this database, business owners must purchase a business privilege license and renew it annually. Being included on the list is optional.

For more information about this listing, contact the City's Collection Division at 336-373-2501.

## Greensboro Concert Band Announces New Conductor

Evan Feldman has been selected as the new conductor of the Parks and Recreation Department's 65-member Greensboro Concert Band. The group's first concert under Feldman's direction will be held at 7:30 pm on Saturday, May 15, at Guilford College's Dana Auditorium, 5800 W. Friendly Ave. Admission is free.

Previously, Feldman was director of the wind ensemble and associate professor at UNC-Chapel Hill.



## Participate in Pier Big Fish Contest

The City's watershed parks are hosting a Pier Big Fish Contest at Lake Higgins, Lake Brandt and Lake Townsend now through the end of February 2011. To be eligible, fill out a contest entry form at one of the lakes and pay a \$5 entry fee. All pier fishing rules and fees apply and fish caught must be weighed by lake staff.

Monthly winners will receive an annual pier fishing pass and a plaque will be awarded to the angler who catches the biggest fish of the year. Learn more by calling George Thomasson at 336-373-3741.

## Take the Triad Commute Challenge

Want to know how you can help reduce air pollution and traffic congestion in our region? Simply put your car in park and join the Greensboro Transit Authority and the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) for the Triad Commute Challenge.



Participating in the challenge is easy. All you have to do is choose an alternative form of travel such as carpooling, biking, catching the bus, or even walking at least once between April 10 and July 10.

Last year, more than 2,500 people participated and helped reduce automobile travel in the Triad by 1.2 million vehicle miles.

Do your part to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion by signing up for the challenge today at [partnc.org/challenge](http://partnc.org/challenge). Also, by signing up you can be eligible to win prizes such as running shoes, bike helmets, gift certificates, and much more.

## Youth Speaker and Workshop Series

The City's Hope Project and McGirt-Horton Library are sponsoring a free series of workshops and activities for youth ages 11-18, called "Third Thursdays." The series, which kicked off in March, is designed to teach youth the necessary tools for positive decision-making, personal growth and community involvement.

Each month, local professionals, educators and residents will lead discussions and other activities that help motivate and inspire teens. Each event will be followed by a teen reflection session, refreshments and giveaways.

**Need help filing your taxes?** If so, the Greensboro Public Library has you covered with free tax preparation help from trained professionals. Learn more by visiting [greensborolibrary.org](http://greensborolibrary.org) or by calling 336-373-2715.

Third Thursdays will be held from 6:30-8 pm April 15, May 20, June 17, and July 15 at the McGirt-Horton Library, 2509 Phillips Ave. Teens must register to attend the series by contacting the Hope Project at 336-373-4673 or the library at 336-373-5810.

## 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.*



On September 14, 2008, Steven Sturdivant was shot while in the parking lot of Iguana's Bar and Billiards, 405 Rocky Knoll Rd. Several other patrons were injured. 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

~ The City's 2009 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation Report is available at [greensboro-nc.gov](http://greensboro-nc.gov) and at all Water Resources facilities, City libraries and the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. The report provides information on how the City's water system operates, overall performance and any violations that have occurred for the year.

~ Phase I of the Downtown Greenway, a 4.2 mile multi-use trail, is now open. Go for a walk, run or a bike ride on the trail today!

~ Guilford Metro 9-1-1 reminds you to dial 9-1-1 only in the event of an emergency. Call 9-1-1 any time you need police, fire or other emergency services.